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Dr. J. Stephen Binkley
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Dear Dr. Binkley:

On January 16, 2018, you charged the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (FESAC) to establish a Committee of Visitors (COV) to review the management processes of the Fusion Energy Sciences (FES) program. We are pleased to transmit that report, and would like to thank Dr. Gertrude Patello and the members of her subcommittee of experts in answering your charge. The subcommittee made a conscious effort to produce a succinct report and set of actionable recommendations. They identified common themes that emerged among multiple groups, and coalesced a set of programmatic encompassing overarching findings, comments, and recommendations. The balance of their critiques were narrower, more aligned with specific programs, and collated within the set of recommendations on each topical program. The result is a total of nine recommendations.

Nineteen of the 21 FESAC members were present at the December 6-7, 2018 public meeting. They reviewed and discussed the subcommittee report, followed by an endorsement of this report by eighteen members with one abstention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald J. Rej".

Donald J. Rej
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Chair, Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee.