

Subject: NSF Management Plan For NICL update

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Conversation: NSF Management Plan For NICL update

To: Ice Core Community

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Re: NSF Management Plan For NICL

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As you should be aware, the NSF/USGS Interagency Agreement for the operation of the National Ice Core Laboratory (NICL) will be expiring October 31, 2010. The USGS has assured NSF that they will work with NSF to ensure a smooth transition and the current plan is to extend the Agreement into FY 2011 with NSF assuming full costs of operations in November of 2010. The immediate priority are some infrastructure upgrades to the facility which are moving forward. Also in the transition continuity of the NICL staff is a high priority.

NSF plans to put out a Dear Colleague letter soon for the operation of the NICL facility. NSF would like to use this opportunity to develop plans for the future management of science and facilities important to the cryospheric research community. The Dear Colleague letter will give the opportunity to centralize cryospheric research projects along with the operation of the National Ice Core Laboratory.

We will forward the Dear Colleague to this mailing list when it is released. If you have questions about this Dear Colleague letter please contact Julie Palais of Cliff Jacobs at NSF.

Thanks

Names are added periodically to the National Ice Core Laboratory - Science Management Office's email list. If you know of someone who would like to be added, or you would like to be removed from the email list please send a message to: nicl.smo@unh.edu

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