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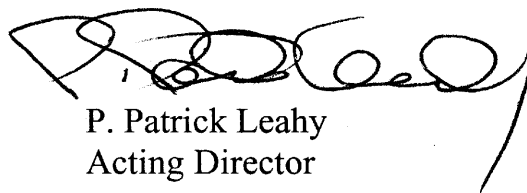
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for taking time from your busy schedules to come and speak with the USGS Science Strategy Team and senior leadership during the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Customer Listening Session held May 1, 2006. The listening session is always a great opportunity for us to continue the dialogue with our many customer, partners and stakeholders.

The purpose of this year's listening session was to solicit your thoughts and ideas in the development of a USGS science strategy for the future--a comprehensive vision, with goals and priorities that will unite our capabilities toward meeting the future societal challenges facing the Nation and the world. Enclosed is a summary of our conversations on May 1st. The report is also available online at <http://www.usgs.gov/customer/conversation>. You are welcome and encouraged to share this report with others in your organization.

Your thoughtful comments and ideas, along with those of others inside and outside of the USGS, are being considered by the Science Strategy Team. The Team is currently in the process of preparing their report which should be completed in draft in early September. After review, we will be making the report available for wide consideration.

Again, let me thank you for your contributions in the development of our science strategy for the future and helping us ensure that the science of the USGS meets the needs of our customers, partners, and the Nation.

Sincerely,



P. Patrick Leahy  
Acting Director

Enclosure  
Summary of Conversations