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Rodger Schlickeisen  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
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Mr. Schlickeisen:

Thank you for your letter dated September 25, 2009, regarding your "Complaint About Information Quality" about information presented by USGS Director Mark D. Myers in a memorandum to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior dated May 14, 2008, concerning "The Challenges of Linking Carbon Emissions, Atmospheric Greenhouse Gas Concentrations, Global Warming, and Consequential Impacts."

Please consider this reply as the official notification of USGS receipt (by electronic email on September 28 and by courier on September 29) of your request for information correction. We will be following the USGS guidelines published at URL [http://www.usgs.gov/info\\_qual/](http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/) to evaluate your concerns. Unless we hear otherwise from you, any further responses from USGS regarding your inquiry will be sent to the following contact information indicated in your letter:

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We are also copying Mr. Davison on this reply. Within 60 calendar days of the first receipt of your letter, and after the appropriate science discipline and the Acting Director have completed their evaluation, Mr. Davison will be notified of their conclusions.

If you have any questions regarding this evaluation process, please contact me by phone (703-648-5771) or email ([mmcdermo@usgs.gov](mailto:mmcdermo@usgs.gov)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. McDermott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Michael P. McDermott  
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