



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Dr. Judy Wood

Dear Dr. Wood:

I am in receipt of your August 22, 2007, with replacement pages submitted on August 23, 2007, appeal submitted under the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Guidelines, Information Quality Standards, and Administrative Mechanism. Your appeal requests the reconsideration of NIST's initial denial of your March 16, 2007 request for correction (#07-04) and your March 29, 2007 and April 20, 2007 supplements, which challenged the premises and "probable collapse sequence" proposed by NIST in NCSTAR 1 and asserted that Applied Research Associates (ARA) had a conflict of interest in performing work for the NIST World Trade Center (WTC) Investigation because ARA is a "significant manufacturer of directed energy weapons and/or components thereof."

The preparation of a response to your appeal requires time to conduct thorough and comprehensive review of the materials submitted and to hold discussions with key NIST staff. While NIST's goal is to respond to appeals within 60 days, due to the complexity of the NIST World Trade Center Investigation, we are unable to do so in this case. I anticipate that a response to your appeal will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest in the quality of information disseminated by NIST.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Kayser
Acting Deputy Director

NIST