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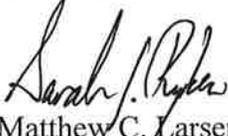
August 16, 2013

Mr. George Morrow  
Flight Projects Director, Code 400  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
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Dear Mr. Morrow:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) acknowledges responsibility for the transfer of the Landsat Data Continuity Mission (LDCM) Mission Operation Center (MOC) information systems within the authorization boundary of the Land Satellite Data System (LSDS), and formally accepts the responsibility for security and support of these systems. An analysis of the information security posture of the MOC was completed and the current state and effectiveness of the required security controls was documented and provided to USGS. Appropriate measures are in place and will be followed to ensure management and operations of the MOC are appropriately integrated into the current LSDS authorization boundary. LSDS accepts responsibility from NASA for information systems operations of the LDCM MOC, effective May 30, 2013.

Cordially,

  
for Matthew C. Larsen  
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