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RE: Monterey Accelerated Research System (MARS): Projects Report
Permit # MBNMS-2007-030

Dear Deirdre, Mark, and Dave,

Last year, MBARI submitted an application and received approval for a number of projects to be deployed on MARS starting in 2008. One condition of permits was to submit an annual report of the previous year's activities as well as plans for the upcoming year. As you know, the MARS system has been inoperable for the majority of 2008, and repair work has just been completed. Consequently, the bulk of 2008 plans have been delayed until 2009 and beyond. Therefore, in lieu of the project activities report for 2008, I have enclosed a brief summary report of the projects that were previously approved with updated plans for deployments and project durations.

I hope this approach is acceptable for this year, but if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (831) 775-1885 or at mandy@mbari.org.

Best regards,

Mandy Allen

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