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Dear Dr. Tregoning:

We have completed the evaluation of your proposal entitled “Ground Validation and Background Models for GRACE Data Analysis” (10-GRACE10-14), submitted to the Science Mission Directorate’s Earth Science Division, in response to NASA Research Announcement (NRA) NNH10ZDA001N, Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science (ROSES-2010), Program Element A.23: Recompensation of the GRACE Science Team. NASA received a total of 32 proposals in response to this NRA and selected **17**. A peer review panel evaluated all received proposals in terms of their intrinsic merit, relevance, and responsiveness to Earth Science goals and objectives, as well as realism of cost.

I am pleased to inform you that your proposal was accepted based on your proposed research activities. According to the terms of the solicitation you are selected to participate in the GRACE science team at no cost to NASA. You will be contacted by your Program Manager, Dr. Lucia Tsaoussi, for a discussion of any issues from your proposal. If you have any questions regarding this decision or the details of the review process related to your proposal, please contact Dr. Tsaoussi at (202) 358-4471 or [lucia.s.tsaoussi@nasa.gov](mailto:lucia.s.tsaoussi@nasa.gov).

A copy of the panel review summary for your proposal is enclosed. NASA will be listing the titles of all proposals and associated Principal Investigators that were selected for funding in response to this opportunity on the NSPIRES Web site, which is located at: <http://nspires.nasaprs.com/>. At this site, click on the link to “Solicitations,” then click on “Past Solicitations,” and then select “2010” to view the posting of the **17** proposals selected.

NASA considers the Proposal Title, the Principal Investigator's name and organization, and the Proposal Summary of selected proposals to be in the public domain and will post that information on an appropriate publicly accessible location.

Again, we would like to extend our personal congratulations to you on the selection of your proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack A. Kaye". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Jack A. Kaye  
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Science Mission Directorate

cc:  
Science Mission Directorate/ Dr. Tsaoussi

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