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U.S. Department of Education
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Subject: Science Peer Review for Montana

Dear Director Roney,

Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 20-9-603 grants authority to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer federal education programs in Montana. The authority to adopt cut scores and performance descriptors for the statewide assessment required by federal education programs is derived from this statutory authority.

The cut scores and performance descriptors for the science Criterion-Referenced Test and the Criterion-Referenced Test-Alternate in grades 4, 8, and 10 were approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in July 2008.

Regards,

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