

GEO DI-01 Disasters Task Team

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To:
Dr. Michael Poland
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Dear Dr. Poland,

Thank you for your proposal to CEOS to establish the Hawaii permanent Supersite. On behalf of the Scientific Advisory Committee, I am happy to inform you that your proposal has been positively reviewed and that we have recommended to CEOS to support your data requests.

We congratulate the HVO for the open data policy, which is an excellent example for the spirit of GEOSS. We trust that the CEOS satellite data will lead to the development of a larger community investigating the Hawaiian volcanoes, and ultimately to better hazard assessment.

The vision of the GSNL initiative is to provide online access to new and historic geophysical data. We understand that the pre-2011 seismic data are currently in a format that can't be ingested into IRIS. We encourage you to work with IRIS to convert the older data into the International FDSN standard format of SEED. This will ensure that the permanent Supersite status can be swiftly renewed when the Hawaii Supersite will be reviewed for its continuous relevance for the GSNL objectives in fall 2014.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Scientific Advisory Committee