

A Geophysicist Nominated Head of the USGS

News, gathered from *Science* (17 July 2009, p.251) points to the appointment of Marcia McNath, a geophysicist, to the USGS with 8800 employees and one billion dollar budget, an amalgam of geologists, biologists and hydrologists. She is a tectono-physicist who has worked on ocean-island volcanism of French Polynesia and on the mechanism of the uplift of the Tibetan Plateau.