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Margaret A. Cavanaugh joined the Directorate for Geosciences at the National Science Foundation as Deputy Assistant Director in 2004. For the five previous years, she served as Staff Associate for the Environment in the Office of the Director, during which time she chaired a staff advisory committee on environmental research and education that guided the Foundation's *Biocomplexity in the Environment* competition and was the Executive Secretary for the NSF Advisory Committee on Environmental Research and Education (AC-ERE).

Dr. Cavanaugh came to NSF in 1989 as Program Director for the Inorganic, Bioinorganic, and Organometallic Chemistry Program. While in the Chemistry Division, she managed programs on *Environmentally Benign Chemical Synthesis & Processing*, *Environmental Molecular Science Institutes*, and *Environmental Geochemistry and Biogeochemistry*.

Prior to joining the NSF, Dr. Cavanaugh was Professor and Chair of the Chemistry Department of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Dr. Cavanaugh received her B.S. degree from the University of Pittsburgh, her Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America, and carried out postdoctoral research at Louisiana State University in New Orleans.

She currently chairs the ACS (American Chemical Society) Committee on Ethics. She is a founding member of COACH, the Committee on the Advancement of Women Chemists. In 1995, she was honored by the ACS with the Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences.