

Re: Pluto's OK

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On Sat, 26 Aug 2006 14:13:09 +0100, in a place far, far away, gax.slee@xxxxxxxxxxxxx (Gareth Slee) made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a way as to indicate that:

The IAU decided this week to remove Pluto from the list of planets. A spokesman released this statement, "We're awfully sorry to have to let Pluto go, but this restructuring is necessary to move this solar system forward. We've got to tighten our asteroid belt and make difficult decisions. We've really enjoyed working with Pluto in the past and wish it no ill will. We look on this event as a great opportunity to revitalize our system."

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