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Reply to Attn of: Office of the General Counsel

TO: Director for Internal Controls and Management Systems

FROM: Deputy General Counsel

SUBJECT: Requirement Waiver Request for NPD 1050.2, Authority to Enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA)

Requirement: NPR 1400.1E, paragraph 2.12.1, The Responsible Offices shall prepare NASA directives in accordance with the requirements of this NPR to include the following:

g. Submitting directives signature packages for final approval by the established suspense dates; and,

h. Requesting extensions, on a suspense date, 10 calendar days prior to the suspense date to submit signature package in order to obtain more time to resolve and respond to substantive issues related to the directive.

Waiver Request: The Office of the General Counsel has already received three 30-day extensions on the suspense date for NPD 1050.2 and now requests a waiver from the requirements described above so that NPD 1050.2 can be released coincident with the Program Implementation Package (PIP). OGC's target date for completion of the PIP, as provided in the October 2012 Mission Support Council charts, is June 2013. As planned, completion of the PIP may require another month or more to be finalized.

Justification: The Mission Support Council on October 1, 2012, required release of NPD 1050.2 be accompanied by guidance in the form of a CRADA PIP for NASA Centers that explains how to implement CRADA processes associated with negotiation, execution, amendment, and termination.

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Approval:

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