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Reply to Attn of: **Office of the Chief Information Officer**

TO: Assistant Administrator for Internal Controls and Management Systems

FROM: Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Requirement Waiver Request for NASA Interim Directive (NID) NM 1600-54, Safeguarding Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) Information and NM 1600-55, Sensitive But Unclassified Information

Requirement:

NASA Procedural Requirement (NPR) 1400.1, *NASA Directives Procedural Requirements*, requires that NIDs be issued for short-term immediate use. Specifically, paragraph 3.5.2.3 states, "NIDs expire upon the effective date of the permanent directive or 12 months after the effective date of the interim directive, whichever is earlier."

Waiver Request:

The Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) requests a waiver from the above requirement for NM 1600-54 and NM 1600-55 so they remain effective until requirements contained in these directives have been incorporated into a new NPR currently being drafted in response to Executive Order (EO) 13556 issued November 4, 2010, *Implement Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)*.

The currently projected completion date of CUI implementation is June 2013, as established by the assigned Executive Agent, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

Justification:

EO 13556, *Implement Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)*, was signed by the President on November 4, 2010 and mandates the implementation of a new program to completely replace SBU, For Official Use Only, and over 100 other sensitive information protection designations currently in use throughout the U.S. Government.

As a result of this new Federal mandate, the development of a new policy under CUI is required within the next 12 - 18 months. Until the OCIO develops the new NPR for CUI, NM 1600-54 and NM 1600-55 must remain effective to ensure that NASA has policy in place regarding SBU information protection and to allow time to incorporate the new requirements related to training, logistics, and infrastructure under the CUI program. The extension of these

NIDs ensures current guidance and policy under SBU remains intact during this implementation, and precludes the redundant and duplicative expenditure of man-hours in developing new SBU policy that will be replaced by CUI policy.

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