

Request for Waiver to NPR 1400.1, NASA Directives Procedural Requirements

<p>Requirement(s) to be Waived: Per NPR 1400.1E, paragraph 1.2.6, Note 1, The Office of Safety and Mission Assurance (OSMA) requests a waiver to the following requirement: 2.12.1.g [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."</p>	
<p>Duration of the Waiver: OSMA requests this waiver for the duration of the processing for NPR 8735.2B, "Management of Government Quality Assurance Functions for NASA Contracts," not to exceed June 30, 2013.</p>	
<p>Purpose/Rationale: Due to competing priorities, staffing shortages, and travel schedules, OSMA needs additional time to complete the final signature package. As documented in OSMA's 2012 Statement of Assurance, OSMA is experiencing schedule creep in the routine updating of requirements documents due to increased workload and loss of key personnel. In CY 2012, OSMA has lost more than 20% of its workforce due to retirements and reassignments. OSMA is in the process of backfilling vacant positions to rebuild the staffing needed to solve these delays. (1 GS position has been hired, 3 executive and 2 GS positions are in the process of being advertised and filled.)</p>	
<p>Conflicts with Other Requirements: None identified</p>	
<p>Necessary to Achieve the Underlying Purpose of the Requirement: OSMA believes that the application of these requirements in this particular circumstance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the requirements. The NODIS timeline is designed to ensure that directives actions are pursued to completion and are not allowed to linger unresolved. OSMA believes that the additional time will allow OSMA to deliver a better product for the Agency.</p>	
<p>Other Data: None</p>	
<p>Additional Risk: None</p>	
<p>Environment, Safety, Health, or Security Requirements: This request does not require a waiver to environment, safety, health, or security requirements.</p>	
<p> Requesting Office Directives Manager: Lynne Loewy</p>	<p>12/5/2012 Date:</p>
<p> Requesting Office Official-in-Charge: Thomas Whitmeyer</p>	<p>12/5/2012 Date</p>
<p>Approved  Denied 2/25/2013</p>	<p>2/25/2013 Date</p>
<p>Office of Internal Controls and Management Systems</p>	