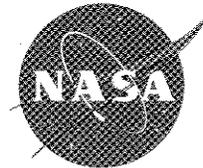


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NPD 1000.0

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TO: Associate Administrator for Institutions and Management

FROM: Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: NPD 1000.0A, NASA Governance and Strategic Management Handbook -  
Request for Requirement Waivers

On behalf of the Office of the Associate Administrator, the requirement waivers listed below are requested for the subject directive that has been revised and will be approved soon:

Identification of Requirement:

NASA Directives Procedural Requirements, NPR 1400.1, requires that all paragraphs in NASA directives be numbered. Specifically, paragraph 3.6.1.b states that "responsible offices shall ... number all paragraphs."

Justification to Waive the Requirement:

The NASA Governance and Strategic Management Handbook, NPD 1000.0A, is the 2008 update of NPD 1000.0. The purpose of the update is to correct content where the original would now be in error by making the minimum changes necessary. The revision of NPD 1000.0 adopted the same numbering system as the original, for ease of understanding and continuity. The document is in the final stages of NODIS comment resolution. The revision of the 2008 update of NPD 1000.0 to accommodate the prescribed paragraph numbering would change the accessible character of the document, change the flow and interpretation of the text, and potentially confuse the users of this important NASA policy. The document does have a substantial numbering system that was adequate for the purpose of the NODIS review.

Identification of Requirement:

On December 5, 2003, the former Associate Deputy Administrator for Institutions and Asset Management issued a memo during the Agency's 2003 – 2005 Rules Review to eliminate confusion between directive requirements and non-directive requirements (such as best practices). It eliminated the use of the term NASA Procedures and Guidelines that replaced NASA Handbooks during the Agency's 1994 – 2000 Directives Review.

Justification to Waive the Requirement:

NPD 1000.0A is clearly a NASA Policy Directive and has the designation of “NASA Policy Directive 1000.0A – NASA Governance and Strategic Management Handbook.” Use of the appellation “Handbook” in its title is intended to enable the directive’s accessibility to the user and does not negate the requirements of the directive.

It is requested that the duration of these waivers remain in effect until the directive expires or is revised, whichever comes first. These waivers: 1) do not conflict with any other requirement, 2) are necessary to achieve the purpose of this directive, 3) have no cost or scheduling considerations, and 4) have no risks that will incur once waivers are granted.

If you have any questions, please contact Merle McKenzie on 358-1474.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Morrell".

Paul Morrell

cc:  
OICMS/Mr. Becker