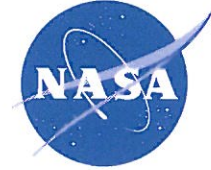


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Reply to Attn of:

TO: Deputy Associate Administrator for Mission Support

FROM: Assistant Administrator, Office of Strategic Infrastructure

SUBJECT: NASA Procedural Requirement (NPR) 1400.1G, Section 3.5.1 Waiver for NPR 7900.3B, NASA Aircraft Operations Management

The Office of Strategic Infrastructure (OSI) is requesting a formal waiver from the requirement of NPR 1400.1D, Section 3.5.1, which delineates the writing style to be used for policy documents so that the NPR 7900 can be placed on the review calendar for this month. Revisions to 7900 have been in work for over a year and are required to comply with the following external requirements:

- Public Aircraft Operations - Public Law 106-181, codified in Title 49 U.S.C.; Chapter 401, Sections 40102(a)(37) and 40125;
- OMB Circular A-126;
- 41 CFR 102-33; and
- FAA Advisory Circular 00-1.1A

Specifically, the revision contains new policy that is required to achieve a standard approach for the management and use of NASA aircraft (including UAS). This document establishes Agency requirements, responsibilities and procedures to ensure compliance with these external requirements to perform public use operations. Major changes include:

- Standardized airworthiness processes;
- Standardized flight readiness review processes;
- Alignment of NASA policy on age with the FAA requirements;
- Implementation of AMD Capability Leadership specifically for acquisition and disposition;
- Clarity and standardization of commercial aircraft services oversight processes; and
- Integration of new UAS classification and flight crew qualification, currency, medical and training in alignment with new FAA regulation.

OSI will work with NODIS staff during the Agency review period to ensure that all NPR 1400 compliance issues are resolved prior to submitting the document for final signature.

Should you have any questions or need further explanation regarding this request please contact Fatima Johnson, Directives Manager for OI at 202-358-1631.

  
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