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Reply to Attn of: **Office of the Chief Engineer**

**TO:** Deputy Associate Administrator for Mission Support Directorate  
**FROM:** NASA Chief Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** Requirement Waiver for NPD 7120.4E, NASA Engineering and Program/Project Management Policy

The Office of the Chief Engineer (OCE) requests a waiver to NASA Procedural Requirement (NPR) 1400.1G, Section 3.6.3.b. This section specifies for NASA Policy Directives (NPDs) the Section 1 Policy content include an introduction to the policy and a general statement of the principles, fundamental values, and general direction of the Agency or Center that is used to determine present and future decisions.

For NPD 7120.4E, OCE included in Section 1 Policy an introduction and general statement as per NPR 1400.1G, Section 3.6.3b. In addition, OCE included descriptive information necessary to cover the breadth of subject matter covered by the NPD and to support the needs of the Engineering and Program/Project Management user community.

In the initial NPD 7120.4E NASA Online Directives Information System (NODIS) review draft, OCE included the descriptive information in an attachment to the NPD. However, based on numerous comments submitted by and from the Centers and Headquarters functional offices through the NODIS review process, the user community prefers the descriptive information up front in the NPD in Section 1 Policy. As such, when OCE incorporated the NODIS review comments into NPD 7120.4E, the descriptive information was moved from the attachment to Section 1 Policy. Since this does not align with requirement NPR 1400.1G, Section 3.6.3b, OCE requests a waiver in order to support the NPD 7120.4 user community.

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