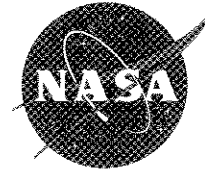


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Reply to Attn of:

Office of Security and Program Protection

TO: Assistant Administrator for Internal Controls and Management Systems

FROM: Administrator for Security and Program Protection

SUBJECT: Request for NASA Interim Directives (NID) NM1600-54 Requirement Waiver

The Office of Security and Program Protection requests a requirement waiver for NID NM 1600-54, Safeguarding Sensitive But Unclassified Information, which is due to expire October 2, 2008.

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."


Justification to Waive the Requirement:

While trying to maintain pace with national level guidance and internal Agency needs to protect Sensitive But Unclassified Information (SBU) within NASA, our NASA Procedural Requirements(NPR) to cover the requirements of SBU have had to adjust and re-adjust to incorporate the recommended changes we have received from Mission Directorates, Program offices and other support offices throughout the Agency. On May 9, 2008, the President released the Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies on the Designation and Sharing of Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) which is the framework for replacing SBU in the future. At this time, we are not required to meet the 5 yr requirement outlined for CUI, but the framework requires us to continue to work with the Director of CUI and to prepare for implementing policies and procedures that will be forthcoming from this office. So, before publishing a new NPR, we want to firm up the current SBU policies and procedures before completing the final SBU procedures that will be incorporated into NPR 1600.1.

For these reasons, it is requested that NASA Interim Directive (NID) NM 1600-54 be reissued and remain effective until the requirements contained in this NID have been incorporated in the current NPR 1600.1. The projected completion date of this document was moved back due to the fact that the NASA Security Rewrite team was diverted to KSC to address NASA responses to the protest against the NASA Protective Services Contract. Additionally, it is requested that this NID maintain the current number to alleviate confusion in the field and at Headquarters.

This waiver does not 1) conflict with any other requirement, 2) is necessary to achieve the purpose of HSPD-12, along with additional external guidance, 3) has no cost or scheduling considerations, and 4) has no risks that will incur once this waiver are granted.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Frank Martin on 358-0062.

  
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