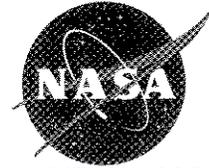


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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: Assistant Administrator for Internal Controls and Management Systems

FROM: Chief Information Officer

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SUBJECT: Requirement Waiver Request for NASA Interim Directive (NID) NM1600-54,
Safeguarding Sensitive But Unclassified Information

Requirement:

NASA Procedural Requirements (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."

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) requests a waiver from the above requirement for NM 1600-54 so it remains effective until requirements contained in this NID have been incorporated into a new NASA Policy Directive (NPD) and NPR currently being drafted. Projected completion date is December 31, 2011.

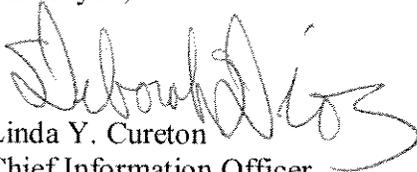
Justification:

In 2008, the OCIO worked closely with the Office of Protective Services (OPS), formerly the Office of Security and Program Protection (OSPP) to ensure that NASA sensitive information is appropriately protected and to clearly define requirements, roles and responsibilities. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memorandum entitled, "Information Technology Management Structure and Governance Framework", which states that "the CIO has the authority to set Agency-wide IT policy, including... IT security and operations, and information security". This resulted in OCIO and OSPP clarifying roles and responsibilities related to protecting NASA information and information systems, particularly Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) information, effective December 3, 2008. Therefore, OCIO further requests that the responsible office for NM 1600-54, NM 1600-55 and NID: 5.24 Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) be changed from the Office of Protective Services to the OCIO within the NODIS Library.

As a result of the shift in responsibility, requirements and guidance regarding identification and protection of SBU has been removed from the pending revision of NPR 1600.1, NASA Security Program Procedural Requirements currently under review within NODIS. Until the OCIO develops a new NPD and NPR for SBU, NM 1600-54 must remain effective to ensure that NASA has policy in place to continue SBU ongoing protection and allow time to incorporate requirements related to training, logistics and infrastructure under the new policy.

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Thank you,


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