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Reply to Attn of:

Office of Chief Information Officer

TO: Deputy Associate Administrator, Mission Support Directorate

FROM: Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Waiver Request for NASA Interim Directive (NID) 1600.55, *Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU)*

The Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) requests a waiver from NPR.1400.1 for NID 1600.55 to ensure this NID remains effective until the requirements are incorporated into a new NPR. The NPR is currently being drafted in response to Executive Order (EO) 13556 issued November 4, 2010, *Implement Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)*.

NASA Procedural Requirement (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."

NASA's implementation NPR for EO 13556 will entirely replace NASA SBU within 12 – 24 months, contingent upon the finalization of 32 CFR Part 2002, targeted date October 2015 and currently in the regulatory approval process. Once finalized and published in the Federal Registry, the CUI Implementation Executive Authority (National Archives and Records Administration) will issue official guidance and directives for the new NASA CUI policies and procedures, and cancel all SBU related guidance.

Justification:

In 2008, the OCIO worked closely with the Office of Protective Services (OPS) to ensure that NASA's sensitive information was appropriately protected and had clearly defined requirements, roles, and responsibilities. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memorandum titled, *Information Technology (IT) 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." Resulting in protection of NASA information and information systems, particularly SBU. NASA issued a memorandum titled "*Roles and Responsibilities for Protecting NASA Sensitive But Unclassified Information*", on December 3, 2008. As a result the requirements and guidance for identification and protection of SBU has been removed from the current NPR 1600.1, *NASA Security Program Procedural Requirements*. Implementation of EO 13556, mandates a program to completely replace SBU, "For

Official Use Only”, and over 100 other sensitive information protection designations currently in use.

This waiver, when approved, stands as the sole SBU waiver associated with NID 1600.55. NASA Requirement Waiver (NRW) 1400.48, NRW 1600.34 and NID 1600.54 are cancelled effective immediately.

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