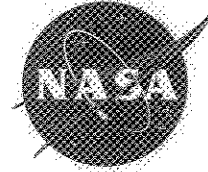


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Reply to Attn of: Office of Infrastructure

TO: Assistant Administrator, Office of Internal Controls and Management Systems

FROM: Assistant Administrator, Office of Infrastructure

SUBJECT: NASA Interim Directive (NID): NASA Procedural Requirement (NPR) 7900.3B, NASA Aircraft Operations Management

The Office of Infrastructure (OI) is requesting a formal waiver from the requirement of NPR 1400.1D, Section 3.5.2.3, which states that an NID expires 12 months after its effective date. The above NID, which was properly executed in 2008 and has recently expired, requires that NASA pilots must be classified in one of three GS series. At the time of enactment, OI's goal was to incorporate these new pilot qualification requirements into the existing NPR within the one-year timeframe. However, due to the recent focus and still undefined requirements for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) by the Federal Aviation Administration, OI has not been able to comply with that requirement in NPR 1400.1D. Once promulgated by the FAA, the UAS requirements and the pilot qualifications requirements will be incorporated into NPR 7900.3B and go through the formal NODIS process. Please extend the current NID dealing with pilot proficiency for one year which will allow us time to incorporate both the pilot qualifications and the UAS requirements into the current document.

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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