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Reply to Attn of: Office of the Chief Engineer

TO: Distribution
FROM: NASA Chief Engineer
SUBJECT: Space Asset Protection Requirements

The intent of this memorandum is to provide updated direction on Project Protection Plans (PPPs). This guidance supersedes the Space Asset Protection Program (SAPP) and threat summary requirements in NPR 7120.5E, NASA Space Flight Program and Project Management Requirements. It is important that this memorandum is disseminated to Programs/Projects and necessary action entities to ensure awareness and if necessary compliance.

In accordance with the National Space Policies Presidential Program Directives (PPD 4 and 21) and the National Aeronautics and Space Act, NASA is required to identify and protect its critical space assets, data, and supporting infrastructure. To partially help satisfy these requirements, PPPs will be implemented for designated projects in accordance with the process and prioritization criteria detailed in the updated Protection Plan Development and Approval Process (Enclosure 1). The list of projects requiring a PPP was approved by the NASA Chief Engineer on May 19, 2018, and is included as Protection Plan Prioritization and Implementation Requirements List (Enclosure 2). These updated SAPP requirements will be formally integrated into NPR 7120.5 during its next revision cycle.

Additional supporting documentation, such as a PPP template can be found on the NASA Engineering Network Community of Practice for SAPP or through your organization's SAPP working group member. If there are any additional questions, please contact Mr. Stephen J. Kapurch at 202-358-2376 or skapurch@nasa.gov.


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2 Enclosures:
Protection Plan Development and Approval Process
Protection Plan Prioritization and Implementation Requirements List

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