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Responsible Office: Office of Infrastructure and Administration

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

The purpose of this NID is to issue interim requirement changes to NASA Procedural Requirement (NPR) 7900.3B, NASA Aircraft Operations Management, with respect to a minimum pilot qualification policy.

This NID shall be in effect for one year from the date of this memorandum, or until the release of an update to NPR 7900.3B, NASA Aircraft Operations Management, whichever occurs first. This NID applies to NASA Headquarters and NASA Centers, including Component Facilities.

This NID will be incorporated in addition to all requirements of the current manual, which remain in effect.

As discussed in NPR 7900.3B, Chapter 12, paragraph 12.2.1, designated NASA pilots/aircrew are those who perform piloting/aircrew duties as a part of their official position description or fly in accordance with an interagency agreement, such as a military pilot on loan to NASA.

This NID requires that to be eligible to be assigned to flight status, aircrew members must be assigned as either a:

- GS-2181, Aircraft Operations Series
- GS-0861, Aerospace Engineering Series or
- Meet the applicable series and grade requirements of the OPM qualification standard for a GS-2181, Aircraft Operations Series in addition to the requirements laid out in chapters 3 and 4 of NPR 7900.3B.

All series and grade requirements of OPM qualification standard for a GS-2181 apply for new hires (including contracted pilots flying NASA owned aircraft) and current NASA pilots. Selecting officials may consider new hires who do not meet recency requirements when these candidates are otherwise qualified for the position and exceed all other GS-2181 series and grade requirements. For current NASA pilots, recency requirements in NPR 7900.3B shall apply.

These changes take effect upon the date of signature. Questions regarding this NID should be forwarded to Mr. Joseph Walker at (202) 358-4637.