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Reply to Attn of:

Office of Safety and Mission Assurance

TO: Deputy Associate Administrator for Mission Support Directorate

THRU: Chief, Safety and Mission Assurance

FROM: Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate

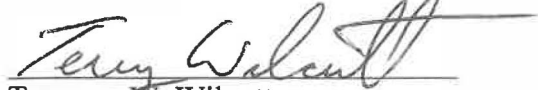
SUBJECT: Request for Official Transfer of NASA Policy Directive (NPD) 8020.7, Biological Contamination Control for Outbound and Inbound Planetary Spacecraft

The Office of Safety and Mission Assurance (OSMA) requests official transfer of NPD 8020.7, Biological Contamination Control for Outbound and Inbound Planetary Spacecraft” from the Science Mission Directorate to OSMA.

In a May 2017 meeting, the Agency Program Management Council decided to transfer the authority for planetary protection from the Science Mission Directorate to OSMA. Rationale included a better alignment with the Technical Authority model as it is implemented for orbital debris mitigation. The decision included an action to document the transfer of responsibility via a NASA Interim Directive to be in place for NPD 8020.7 in an intermediary manner.


We appreciate your organization’s support as we work to improve safety and mission assurance.

Concurrence:


Terrence W. Wilcutt
Chief, Safety and Mission Assurance

7/12/2017
Date

Concurrence:


Thomas H. Zurbuchen
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7/19/17
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