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FROM: Chief Information Officer (Acting)

SUBJECT: Delegation of Waiver Authority and Responsibility for Selected
Requirements for Managing Elevated User Privileges on NASA IT
Devices

Requirements for managing elevated user privileges on NASA IT devices are stated in NITR 2810-14A, *Managing Elevated User Privileges on NASA IT Devices*.

The NASA IT Waiver Process requires:

1. That waivers to IT policies, procedures, standards or requirements standards, shall be granted by the NASA CIO; and
2. That the NASA CIO may delegate authority and responsibility to Center CIOs for a specific type of IT waiver or for a specific program or issue.

As permitted under the NASA IT Waiver Process, authority and responsibility for waivers of the following requirements are hereby delegated to the Center CIOs:

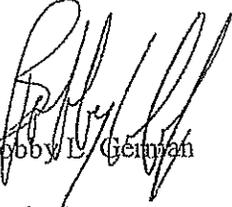
- Qualification requirements in section 1.3 of NITR 2810-14A.

Waiver authority and responsibility for all other requirements in NITR 2810-14A is retained by the NASA CIO. The following are examples of requirements for which waivers must have NASA CIO approval:

- The requirement to manage elevated user privileges on a particular information system, group of systems, device, or group of devices;
- The requirement to use NAMS for managing elevated user privileges; and
- The requirement to use a single NAMS workflow for all devices covered under a System Security Plan.

Requests for waivers of any requirements related to management of elevated user privilege must be for specific IT devices, specific information systems, or specific individuals requesting elevated privileges. Waiver requests must also be for specific time periods, not to exceed one year. All waiver requests must follow the NASA IT Waiver Process as identified in NITR 2800-1 (enclosed).

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Marion Meissner at marion.meissner@nasa.gov or (202) 358-0585.

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Bobby L. German

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NASA Information Technology Requirement

NITR-2800-1

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NASA Information Technology Waiver Requirements and Procedures

Responsible Office: OCIO/ Chief Information Officer

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PREFACE

P.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this NASA Information Technology Requirement (NITR) is to establish policy and requirements regarding waivers to NASA's information technology policies, procedures, standards, or Federal Requirements.

P.2 APPLICABILITY

- a. This NITR applies to systems at NASA Headquarters and Centers, including Component Facilities and Technical and Service Support Centers. To the extent specified in their respective contracts or agreements, it applies to the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, other contractors, grant recipients, or parties to agreements for information systems that they use or operate on behalf of the Agency or that support the operations and assets of the Agency.
- b. The requirements of this document apply to all services connecting to NASA Information Technology (IT) systems or NASA networks. NASA networks and systems include those that support NASA facilities, employees, contracts, grants and cooperative agreements.
- c. This waiver process applies only to those policy documents for which the Office of the CIO is responsible.

P.3 AUTHORITY

Same as NPR 2800.1B.

P.4 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

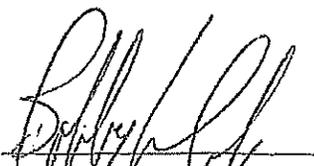
- a. NPD 2800.1, Managing Information Technology.
- b. NPR 2800.1, Managing Information Technology.

P.5 MEASUREMENT AND VERIFICATION

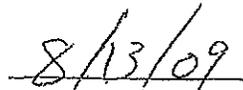
None.

P.6 CANCELLATION

The next version of NPR 2800.1 cancels this NITR.



Bobby L. German
Chief Information Officer (Acting)



Date

1.0 NASA Information Technology Waiver Process

1.1. Requirement

1.1.1 Waivers to IT policies, procedures, standards or requirements standards, shall include:

- a. The NASA IT policy, procedure, standard, and/or Federal requirement to be waived.
- b. The reason and justification for the waiver is required and shall include:
 - 1) Risk Assessment;
 - 2) Cost-Benefit Analysis;
 - 3) Business Impact Assessment;
 - 4) Identification of compensating controls/actions;
 - 5) Proposed period of time for the waiver;
 - 6) The proposed date by which the Center will be compliant with the NASA IT standard, security control, and/or Federal requirement; and
 - 7) For an IT security control waiver or for any waiver that results in an unmitigated security weakness or deficiency, an Authorization Official (AO) approved Program of Action and Milestone (POA&M) shall be included with the waiver request.

1.1.3 The applicable Center CIO will evaluate the waiver and either concur or non-concur within 30 calendar days of receipt.

- a. Non-concurred waivers will be returned to the requester.
- b. Non-concurred waivers may be escalated to the Center Director or designee.

1.1.4 The Center CIO will forward the waivers with concurrence to the NASA CIO.

1.1.5 The NASA CIO will evaluate the waiver request and the Center concurrence and either approve or disapprove the request within 30 calendar days of receipt.

1.2 Delegation

1.2.1 The NASA CIO may delegate authority and responsibility to Center CIOs for a specific type of IT waiver, or for a specific program or issue.

1.2.2 The NASA CIO delegation of waiver authority and responsibility must be in writing for the specific delegated authority, or be as specified in NASA policy, e.g. in an NPD or NPR.