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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the "Live From the Moon" Event on October 9, 2009

On October 9, 2009, NASA, the Newseum and Northrop Grumman Corporation will sponsor "Live from the Moon" to be held at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., from 6:30a.m.-8:00a.m. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend. Northrop Grumman will provide light refreshments such as coffee and bagels valued at approximately \$10.00 per person. The event will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, members of Congressman and/or Congressional staffers, academia, and other employees of Federal agencies. I find that this reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

There is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will afford NASA employees the opportunity to publicly view the mission impact of the NASA Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS), and to discuss its impact with attendees from other organizations and sectors. Moreover, because the refreshments provided by Northrop Grumman will be light refreshments that are not provided as part of a regular meal, all NASA employees, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to this event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone