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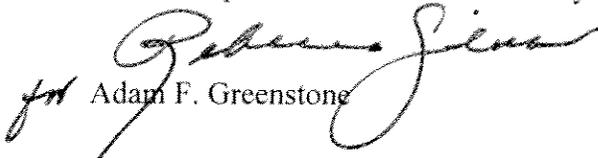
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at an STS-132 Post-Launch Reception hosted by Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne (PWR) on May 14, 2010

NASA invitees, accompanied by their spouse or a guest, may attend a post-launch reception sponsored by Pratt-Whitney Rocketdyne at the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Cocoa Beach, in Florida, on May 14, 2010, from 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of approximately 300 representatives of government, the aerospace industry and the community. Food and refreshments will be served at a cost of approximately \$35 per person. I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2). I have determined that attendance at the above mentioned reception is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations. The event will provide NASA employees an opportunity to discuss the mission and other NASA programs with representatives of the communities participating in the reception.

Accordingly, NASA employees who have been invited to attend may accept the gift of attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Pratt-Whitney Rocketdyne, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(3)(i), regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

Moreover, NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which the Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge may only attend if they reimburse the sponsors the cost of the reception for themselves and any accompanying guest.

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

Adam F. Greenstone