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Reply to Attn of: **Office of the Director**

TO: NASA/SSC Employees  
FROM: Director  
SUBJECT: Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement

Diversity and inclusion fosters creativity and innovation in the workplace and encourages more effective engagement with each other. Stennis Space Center (SSC) recognizes and respects the differences and unique talents each team member brings to their job. We are committed to using those differences to help us succeed in the workplace. This creates a work environment where team members feel valued and motivated.

As your Diversity Champion, I appreciate the varied talents and perspectives that each of you brings to the workplace. Leveraging our differences to accomplish our mission, and respecting each other while doing so, is a cornerstone for our success.

Even though SSC has numerous resources already in place to promote diversity and inclusion, there is always room for improvement. I want to ensure that SSC is an inclusive, open, and productive workplace where we are always receptive to good ideas. With this as an objective, SSC has developed diversity and inclusion initiatives to support the Agency's efforts by creating the SSC Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan and establishing the SSC Diversity and Inclusion Board.

I encourage all managers, supervisors, and employees to join me in making SSC a model for diversity and inclusion. For further information, please contact Jake Jacobs, Diversity and Inclusion Manager at 688-3931 or [jake.jacobs@nasa.gov](mailto:jake.jacobs@nasa.gov). You may also visit the Stennis Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity webpage:  
<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/stennis/about/organization/odeo/index.html>

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