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Reply to Attn of: Office of Chief Information Officer

TO: Officials in Charge, Center Directors, CIOs, CISOs

FROM: NASA Chief Information Officer and Senior Agency Official for Controlled Unclassified Information

SUBJECT: NASA Controlled Unclassified Information Internal Marking Waiver

The Office of the Chief Information Officer is establishing policy pertaining to Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). In accordance with Executive Order 13556, the CUI program standardizes the way the Federal Government handles how sensitive information is marked, managed, and shared, while ensuring the information remains appropriately protected.

NID 2810.135, Controlled Unclassified Information, outlines the NASA CUI program implementation. Implementation of the CUI program will be a major change to our operations and will take some time to adjust. Therefore, the existing Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) and the new CUI programs will co-exist until October 1, 2021.

During this transition period from SBU to CUI, NASA personnel have the option to use either the SBU or CUI unclassified information control programs. It is strongly recommended that organizations examine the CUI program to understand how it will impact their operations and begin to use CUI only as soon as practical. CUI is required to be fully implemented at NASA by December 31, 2021.

Please direct any questions about this waiver or CUI safeguarding requirements to the NASA CUI Program Manager, Stayce Hoult, at 256.544.7705, stayce.d.hoult@nasa.gov and/or NASA-CUI@mail.nasa.gov.

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