§ 1245.109 Assignment of title to NASA.

(a) The instrument of waiver set forth in §1245.115(c) shall be voided by NASA with respect to the domestic title to any invention for which a patent application has not been filed within 1 year (or a reasonable time thereafter for good cause shown) from notification to NASA of election of title, as required by §1245.104(c)(2), for an advanced waiver pursuant to §1245.104, or within 1 year from the granting of a waiver for an individual invention granted pursuant to §1245.105.

(b) The instrument of waiver set forth in §1245.115(c) shall be voided by NASA with respect to title in any foreign country for which waiver has been granted pursuant to §1245.106, if a patent application has not been filed in that country (or in the European Patent Office or under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and that country designated) within either 10 months (or a reasonable time thereafter for good cause shown) from the date a license is granted by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to file foreign patent applications where such filing has been prohibited by a Secrecy Order.

(c) In any country in which the waiver recipient decides not to continue prosecution of any application, to pay maintenance fees on, or defend in reexamination or opposition proceedings on a patent on a waived invention, the waiver recipient shall notify the patent representative within sufficient time for NASA to continue prosecution, pay the maintenance fee or defend the reexamination or opposition, and upon written request, convey title to NASA and execute all papers necessary for NASA to proceed with the appropriate action.

§ 1245.110 Content of petitions.

(a) Each request for waiver of domestic or foreign rights under §1245.104, §1245.105, or §1245.106 shall be by petition to the Administrator and shall include:

1. An identification of the petitioner, its place of business, and address;

2. If the petitioner is represented by counsel, the name, address, and telephone number of the counsel;

3. A citation to the section (§1245.104, §1245.105, or §1245.106) under which the petition is submitted, the nature and extent of the rights requested, and a positive statement that waiver of rights under the cited section is being requested;

4. If the petitioner is an employee inventor of the contractor, a statement from the contractor that the contractor does not object to this petition.

5. Information identifying the proposed contract or resulting contract, if any;

6. A designation of the country or countries, the United States of America and/or foreign, in which waiver of title is requested;

7. A copy of the invention disclosure if the request is for an individual identified invention (under §1245.105);

8. The name, address, and telephone number of the party with whom the Board is to communicate when the request is acted upon;

9. Whether the petitioner is an entity of or under the control of a foreign government;

10. The signature of the petitioner or its authorized representative; and

11. The date of the petition.

(b) No specific forms need be used. Requests for advanced waiver should, preferably, be included with the proposal, but in any event in advance of negotiations.

(c) Petitions for waiver under contracts funded by another agency. The content of the petitions for waiver of title to inventions made under contracts awarded by NASA on behalf of the Department of Energy under §1245.103(c) shall follow the procedures and form prescribed by and shall be acted on by that agency. Petitions under contracts awarded by NASA on behalf of other agencies will be coordinated with the agency before action is taken by the Board.