

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)****Statement of Regulatory Priorities**

NASA's mission, as stated in its 2006 Strategic Plan, is "To pioneer the future in space exploration, scientific discovery, and aeronautics research." In the 50 years since Congress enacted the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, NASA has challenged its scientific and engineering capabilities in pursuing its mission, generating tremendous results, and benefits for all of humankind.

Through a framework of six strategic goals, NASA's 2006 Strategic Plan guided the following Agency activities:

1. Fly the Shuttle as safely as possible until its retirement, not later than 2010.
2. Complete the International Space Station in a manner consistent with NASA's International Partner

commitments and the needs of human exploration.

3. Develop a balanced program of science, exploration, and aeronautics consistent with the Agency's new exploration focus.
4. Bring a new Crew Exploration Vehicle into service as soon as possible after Shuttle retirement.
5. Encourage the pursuit of appropriate partnerships with the emerging commercial space sector.
6. Establish a lunar return program having the maximum possible utility for later missions to Mars and other destinations.

Through pursuit of these goals, NASA embraced its mission for space exploration and continued scientific discovery and aeronautics research. Under a new Administrator, NASA is planning to publish an updated Strategic Plan in early 2010. The 2010

NASA Strategic Plan will reflect progress since 2006 and priorities of the new Administration.

Effective regulation supports NASA activities related to its Vision, Mission, and Goals. The following are narrative descriptions of the most important regulations being planned for publication in the Federal Register during fiscal year (FY) 2010.

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), 48 CFR chapter 1, contains procurement regulations that apply to NASA and other Federal agencies. NASA implements and supplements FAR requirements through the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS), 48 CFR Chapter 18. NASA does not plan any major NFS revisions in FY 2010. In a continuing effort to keep the NFS current and to implement NASA initiatives and Federal procurement policy, minor revisions to the NFS will be published.

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