NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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NASA Information Security Protection

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: This direct final rule makes nonsubstantive changes to align with and implement the provisions of Executive Order (E.O.) 13526, Classified National Security Information, and appropriately to correspond with NASA’s internal requirements, NPR 1600.2, Classified National Security Information, that establishes the Agency’s requirements for the proper implementation and management of a uniform system for classifying, accounting, safeguarding, and declassifying national security information generated by or in the possession of NASA. The revisions to these rules are part of NASA’s retrospective plan under E.O. 13563 completed in August 2011. NASA’s full plan can be accessed on the Agency’s open Government Web site at http://www.nasa.gov/open/.

DATES: This direct final rule is effective on March 25, 2013. Comments due on or before February 25, 2013. If adverse comments are received, NASA will publish a timely withdrawal of the rule in the Federal Register.

ADRESSES: Comments must be identified with RINs 2700–AD61 and may be sent to NASA via the Federal E-Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Please note that NASA will post all comments on the Internet with changes, including any personal information provided.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background


Part 1203 is the foundation for establishing NASA’s information security program implementation requirements. It prescribes security and protective services requirements for NASA Headquarters, NASA Centers, and component facilities in order to protect the Agency’s employees, contractors, property, and information. Therefore, it is being amended to comply with the Order and the Implementing Directive and to clarify the requirements for establishing an Information Security Program and handling National Security Information.

Additional provisions of part 1203 are implemented in NASA Procedural Requirements (NPR) 1600.2, NASA Classified National Security Information, to further ensure compliance. NPR 1600.2 can be accessed at http://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/displayDir.cfm?t=NPR&c=1600&s=2.

Direct Final Rule and Significant Adverse Comments

NASA has determined this rulemaking meets the criteria for a direct final rule because it involves clarifications, updating, and nonsubstantive changes to existing regulations. NASA does not anticipate this direct final rule will result in major changes to its security procedures. However, if NASA receives significant adverse comments, NASA will withdraw this final rule by publishing a note in the Federal Register in order to revisit the commented-on language. In determining whether a comment necessitates withdrawal of this final rule, NASA will consider whether it warrants a substantive response in a notice and comment process.

Statutory Authority


Regulatory Analysis

Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review and Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review

Executive Orders 13563 and 12866 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This rule has been designated as “administrative” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, the rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Review Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) requires an agency to prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis to be published at the time the proposed rule is published. This requirement does not apply if the agency “certifies that the rule will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities” (5 U.S.C. 603). This rule does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

This direct final rule does not contain any information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

Review Under Executive Order of 13132

E.O. 13132, “Federalism,” 64 FR 43255 (August 4, 1999) requires regulations be reviewed for Federalism effects on the institutional interest of states and local governments, and, if the
effects are sufficiently substantial, preparation of the Federal assessment is required to assist senior policy makers. The amendments will not have any substantial direct effects on state and local governments within the meaning of the Order. Therefore, no Federalism assessment is required.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 1203

National security information, security information.

Accordingly, under the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Act, as amended, [51 U.S.C. 20113], NASA amends 14 CFR part 1203 as follows:

PART 1203—INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAM

1. The authority citation for part 1203 is revised to read as follows:


Subpart A—Scope

2. Amend § 1203.100 as follows:

a. In paragraph (a), remove E.O. number “12958” from the heading and add in its place E.O. number “13526” and remove the citation “(E.O. 12958, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 333),” as amended (See, Order of October 13, 1995, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 513)”.

b. Revise paragraph (c)(1) introductory text.

c. In paragraph (c)(2) introductory text, add the word “Space” in front of the word “Act”.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 1203.100 Legal basis.

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(1) The National Aeronautics and Space Act (51 U.S.C. 20113) (Hereafter referred to as, “The Space Act”), states:

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3. Amend § 1203.101 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 1203.101 Other applicable NASA regulations.

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(c) NASA Procedural Requirements (NPR) 1600.2, NASA Classified National Security Information (CNSI).

Subpart B—NASA Information Security Program

4. Amend § 1203.200 as follows:

a. Revise paragraph (b) introductory text.

b. In paragraph (c), remove the quotation marks from around the words “The Order”.

The revision reads as follows:

§ 1203.200 Background and discussion.

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(b) The Order was promulgated in recognition of the essential requirement for an informed public concerning the activities of its Government, as well as the need to protect certain national security information from unauthorized disclosure. It delegates to NASA certain responsibility for matters pertaining to national security and confers on the Administrator of NASA, or such responsible officers or employees as the Administrator may designate, the authority for original classification of official information or material which requires protection in the interest of national security. It also provides for:

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§ 1203.201 [Amended]

5. In § 1203.201(d), remove the words “interchange of information, techniques, or hardware” and add in their place the words “exchange or sharing of information, techniques, hardware, software, or other technologies”.

6. Amend § 1203.202 as follows:

a. Revise paragraph (a) introductory text.

b. In paragraph (a)(1), add the acronym “(NISP)” after the word “Program”.

c. In paragraph (a)(3), add the acronym “NISP” after the words “NASA Information Security Program Committee” and remove the words “NASA Information Security Program” and add in their place the acronym “NISP”.

d. Revise paragraph (a)(4).

e. In paragraph (a)(5), remove the word “issuing” and add in its place the word “issuing” and add in its place the words “are developed for NASA” before the word “programs”.

f. In paragraph (a)(6), remove the words “30-year-old” and add in its place the word “all”.

g. In paragraph (a)(7), add an apostrophe to the end of the word “records” at its second occurrence.

h. In paragraph (a)(8), remove the words “NASA Information Security Program” and add in their place the acronym “NISP”.

i. In paragraph (b), remove the words “NASA Information Security Program Committee” and add in their place the acronym “NISP” and remove the word “herein” and add in its place the words “in this section”.

j. In paragraph (c)(2), remove the words “NASA Information Security Program Committee” and add in their place the acronym “NISP”.

k. In paragraph (c)(3), add the words “within a reasonable period” after the word “guidelines”.

l. In paragraph (d) introductory text, remove the words “Officials-in-Charge of Headquarters Offices” and add in their place the words “supervisors of NASA offices”.

m. In paragraph (d)(2), remove the word “eliminate” and add in its place the word “redact” and add the words “contained therein” after the word “information”.

n. In paragraph (e) introductory text, remove the words “Directors of Field Installations” and add in their place the words “Chief of Protective Services at NASA Centers”.

o. In paragraph (e)(1), add the words “and submitting the guide to the Office of Protective Services for review and approval” after the word “Guides”.

p. In paragraph (e)(2), remove the word “installations” and add in its place the word “Center”.

q. In paragraph (e)(3), remove the word “eliminate” and add in its place the word “redact”.

r. Revise paragraph (e)(4).

s. In paragraph (f), remove the words “Senior Security Specialist, NASA Security Office” and add in their place the words “Director of the Office of Protective Services” and remove the words “NASA Information Security Program Committee” and add in their place the acronym “NISPC”.

t. In paragraph (g), remove the words “Director, NASA Security Management Office” and add in their place the words “Information Security Program Manager, Office of Protective Services (OPS)”.

The revisions read as follows:

§ 1203.202 Responsibilities.

(a) The Chairperson, NASA Information Security Program Committee (NISPC) (Subpart I of this part), who is the Assistant Administrator for Protective Services, or designee, is responsible for:

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(4) Coordinating NASA security classification matters with NASA Centers and component facilities and other Government agencies.

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(e) * * *

(4) Coordinating all security classification actions with the Center’s Protective Services Office.

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7. In § 1203.203, revise paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) to read as follows:

§ 1203.203 Degree of protection.

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(b)(1) Top Secret. Top Secret is the designation applied to information or material, the unauthorized disclosure of
which could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security.

(2) Secret. Secret is the designation applied to information or material, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause serious damage to the national security.

Subpart C—Classification Principles and Considerations

8. Revise §1203.302 to read as follows:

§1203.302 Compilation.

A compilation of items that are individually unclassified may be classified if the compiled information reveals an additional association or relationship that meets the standards of classification under the Order; and is not otherwise revealed in the individual items of information. As used in the Order, compilations mean an aggregate of pre-existing unclassified items of information.

9. Revise §1203.303 to read as set forth below.

§1203.303 Distribution controls.

NASA shall establish controls over the distribution of classified information to ensure that it is dispersed only to organizations or individuals eligible for access to such information and with a need-to-know the information.

10. Amend §1203.304 by removing the words “in light of” and add in their place the words “and weighed against”.  

11. Amend §1203.305 by adding the words “or by operation of law” after the word “originated,” adding the words “and Formerly Restricted Data” after the third occurrence of the word “Data”, and adding the words “and/or Department of Defense” after the word “Energy”.

Subpart D—Guidance for Original Classification

12. Revise §1203.400 to read as follows:

§1203.400 Specific classifying guidance.

Technological and operational information and material, and in some exceptional cases scientific information falling within any one or more of the following categories, must be classified if its unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause some degree of damage to the national security. In cases where it is believed that a contrary course of action would better serve the national interests, the matter should be referred to the Chairperson, NISPC, for a determination. It is not intended that this list be exclusive; original classifiers are responsible for initially classifying any other type of information which, in their judgment, requires protection under §1.4 of “the Order.”

(a) Military plans, weapons systems, or operations;
(b) Foreign government information;
(c) Intelligence activities (including covert activities); intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology;
(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources;
(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to the national security;
(f) United States Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities;
(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to the national security; or
(h) The development, production, or plans relating to the use of weapons of mass destruction.

§1203.403 [Reserved]

13. Remove and reserve §1203.403.

§1203.405 [Amended]

14. Amend §1203.405 by removing from the last sentence “, General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20405,” after the word “Office.”

15. Amend §1203.406, in paragraph (b), by adding a new second sentence to read as follows:

§1203.406 Additional classification factors.

(b) * * * * * The Office of Protective Services will coordinate with the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) Committee and the National Declassification Center to determine what classification guides are current.  

16. Revise §1203.407 to read as follows:

§1203.407 Duration of classification.

(a) At the time of original classification, the original classification authority shall establish a specific date or event for declassification based on the duration of the national security sensitivity of the information. Upon reaching the date or event, the information shall be automatically declassified. Except for information that should clearly and demonstrably be expected to reveal the identity of a confidential human source or a human intelligence source or key design concepts of weapons of mass destruction, the date or event shall not exceed the timeframe established in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) If the original classification authority cannot determine an earlier specific date or event for declassification, information shall be marked for declassification 10 years from the date of the original decision, unless the original classification authority otherwise determines that the sensitivity of the information requires that it be marked for declassification for up to 25 years from the date of the original decision.

(c) An original classification authority may extend the duration of classification up to 25 years from the date of origin of the document, change the level of classification, or reclassify specific information only when the standards and procedures for classifying information under this Order are followed.

(d) No information may remain classified indefinitely. Information that is marked for an indefinite duration of classification under predecessor orders, for example, information marked as “Originating Agency’s Determination Required,” or classified information that contains either incomplete or no declassification instructions, shall have appropriate declassification information applied in accordance with part 5 of this order.

17. Section 1203.408 is amended as follows:

a. Revise the section heading.

b. Amend the introductory text and paragraphs (a) and (d) by removing the word “installation” wherever it appears and adding in its place the word “Center”.

c. Add paragraph (e).

The revision and addition read as follows:

§1203.408 Assistance by Information Security Specialist in the Center Protective Services Office.

(e) Forwarding all security classification guides to the Office of Protective Services, NASA Headquarters, for final approval.

18. Amend §1203.409 as follows:

a. Revise paragraph (a).

b. Amend paragraph (c) by removing number “30” and adding in its place the number “90” and removing “CSA.”.

The revision reads as follows:

§1203.409 Exceptional cases.

(a) In those cases where a person not authorized to classify information
originates or develops information which is believed to require classification, that person must contact the Center’s or installation’s Information Security Officer in the Protective Services Office to arrange for proper review and safeguarding. Persons other than NASA employees should forward the information to the NASA Central Registry at 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546, Attention: Office of Protective Services.

§ 1203.410 Limitations.

(a) In no case shall information be classified, continue to be maintained as classified, or fail to be declassified in order to:

(1) Conceal violations of law, inefficiency, or administrative error;
(2) Prevent embarrassment to a person, organization, or agency;
(3) Restrain competition; or
(4) Prevent or delay the release of information that does not require protection in the interest of the national security.

(c) Information may not be reclassified after declassification after being released to the public under proper authority unless:

The reclassification is based on a document-by-document review by NASA and a determination that reclassification is required to prevent at least significant damage to the national security and personally approved in writing by the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, or the Assistant Administrator for Protective Services. All reclassification actions will be coordinated with the Information Security Oversight Office before final approval; the information may be reasonably recovered without bringing undue public attention to the information; the reclassification action is reported promptly to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (the National Security Advisor) and the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office; and for documents in the physical and legal custody of the National Archives and Records Administration (National Archives) that have been available for public use, the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, or the Assistant Administrator for Protective Services, after making the determinations required by this paragraph, shall notify the Archivist of the United States (hereafter, Archivist), who shall suspend public access pending approval of the reclassification action by the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office. Any such decision by the Director may be appealed by the agency head to the President through the National Security Advisor. Public access shall remain suspended pending a prompt decision on the appeal.

(d) Information that has not previously been disclosed to the public under proper authority may be classified or reclassified after an agency has received a request for it under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. 2204(c)(1), the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), or the mandatory review provisions of section 3.5 of this Order only if such classification meets the requirements of this Order and is accomplished by document-by-document review with the personal participation or under the direction of the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, or the Assistant Administrator for Protective Services. The requirements in this paragraph also apply to those situations in which information has been declassified in accordance with a specific date or event determined by an original classification authority in accordance with section 1.5 of this Order.

(e) Compilations of items of information that are individually unclassified may be classified if the compiled information reveals an additional association or relationship that:

(1) Meets the standards for classification under this Order; and
(2) Is not otherwise revealed in the individual items of information.

§ 1203.412 Classification guides.

(a) * * *

(3) State the duration of each specified classification in terms of a period of time or future event. If the original classification authority cannot determine an earlier specific date or event for declassification, information shall be marked for declassification 10 years from the date of the original decision, unless the original classification authority otherwise determines that the sensitivity of the information requires it be marked for declassification for up to 25 years from the date of the original decision.

(5) All security classification guides should be forwarded to the Office of Protective Services for review and final approval. The Office of Protective Services will maintain a list of all classification guides in current use.

Subpart E—Derivative Classification

§ 1203.500 Use of derivative classification.

(a) Persons who reproduce, extract, or summarize classified information, or who apply classification markings derived from source material or as directed by a classification guide, need not possess original classification authority.

(b) Persons who apply derivative classification markings shall:

(1) Be identified by name and position or by personal identifier, in a manner that is immediately apparent for each derivative classification action;
(2) Observe and respect original classification decisions; and
(3) Carry forward to any newly created documents the pertinent classification markings. For information derivatively classified based on multiple sources, the derivative classifier shall carry forward:

(i) The date or event for declassification that corresponds to the longest period of classification among the sources or the marking established pursuant to section 1.6(a)(4)(D) of the Order; and

(ii) A listing of the source materials.

(c) Derivative classifiers shall, whenever practicable, use a classified addendum when classified information constitutes a small portion of an otherwise unclassified document or prepare a product to allow for dissemination at the lowest level of classification possible or in unclassified form.

(d) Persons who apply derivative classification markings shall receive training in the proper application of the derivative classification principles of the Order, with an emphasis on avoiding over-classification, at least once every two years. Derivative classifiers who do not receive such training at least once every two years shall have their authority to apply derivative classification markings suspended until they have received such training. A waiver may be granted by the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, or the Assistant
Administrator for Protective Services if an individual is unable to receive such
training due to unavoidable
circumstances. Whenever a waiver is
granted, the individual shall receive
such training as soon as practicable.

Subpart F—Declassification and
Downgrading

§ 1203.601 [Amended]

22. Amend § 1203.601 by removing
the words “Officials authorized original
classification authority” and adding in
their place the words “Authorized
officials with Declassification Authority
(DCA)”.

23. Revise § 1203.602 to read as
follows:

§ 1203.602 Authorization.

Information shall be declassified or
downgraded by an authorized DCA
official. If that official is still serving in
the same position, the originator’s
successor, a supervisory official of
either, or officials delegated such
authority in writing by the
Administrator or the Chairperson,
NISPC, may also make a decision to
declassify or downgrade information.

24. Revise § 1203.603 to read as
follows:

§ 1203.603 Systematic review for
declassification:

(a) General. (1) NASA must establish
and conduct a program for systematic
declassification review of NASA-
originated records of permanent
historical value exempted from
automatic declassification under section
3.3 of this Order. The NASA Office of
Protective Services shall prioritize the
review of such records in coordination
with the Center Protective Service
Offices.

(2) The Archivist shall conduct a
systematic declassification review
program for classified records:

(i) Accessioned into the National
Archives;

(ii) Transferred to the Archivist
pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2203; and

(iii) For which the National Archives
serves as the custodian for an agency or
organization that has gone out of
existence.

(3) The Chairperson, NISPC, shall
designate experienced personnel to
assist the Archivist in the systematic
review of U.S. originated information
and foreign information exempted from
automated declassification. Such
personnel shall:

(i) Provide guidance and assistance to
the National Archives and Records
Service in identifying and separating
documents and specific categories of
information within documents which
are deemed to require continued
classification; and

(ii) Develop reports of information or
document categories so separated, with
recommendations concerning continued
classification.

(iii) Develop, in coordination with
NASA organizational elements,
guidelines for the systematic review for
declassification of classified information
under NASA’s jurisdiction. The
guidelines shall state specific limited
categories of information which,
because of their national security
sensitivity, should not be declassified
automatically, but should be reviewed
to determine whether continued
protection beyond 25 years is needed.
These guidelines are authorized for use
by the Archivist and the Director of the
Information Security Oversight Office,
with the approval of the Senior Agency
Official, which is the Assistant
Administrator, Office of Protective
Services, for categories listed in section
3.3 of the Order. These guidelines shall
be reviewed at least every five years and
revised as necessary, unless an earlier
review for revision is requested by the
Archivist. Copies of the declassification
guidelines promulgated by NASA will
be provided to the Information Security
Oversight Office, National Archives and
Records Administration (NARA). All
security classified records exempt from
automatic declassification, whether held
in storage areas under installation
control or in Federal Records Centers,
will be surveyed to identify those
requiring scheduling for future
disposition.

(A) Classified information or material
over which NASA exercises exclusive or
final original classification authority
and which is to be declassified in
accordance with the systematic review
guidelines shall be so marked.

(B) Classified information or material
over which NASA exercises exclusive or
final original classification authority
and which, in accordance with the
systematic review guidelines is to be
protected, shall be listed by
category by the responsible custodian
and referred to the Chairperson, NASA
Information Security Program
Committee. This listing shall:

(1) Identify the information or
material involved.

(2) Recommend classification beyond
25 years to a specific event scheduled to
happen or a specific period of time in
accordance with the Order.

(3) The Administrator shall delegate
to the Senior Agency Official the
authority to determine which category
shall be kept classified and the dates or
event for declassification.

(4) Declassification by the Director of
the Information Security Oversight
Office (DISOO). If the Director
determines that NASA information is
classified in violation of the Order, the
Director may require the information to
be declassified. Any such decision by
the Director may be appealed through
the NASA ISPC to the National Security
Council. The information shall remain
classified pending a prompt decision on
the appeal.

(b) [Reserved]

25. Amend § 1203.604 as follows:

a. Revise paragraphs (a) and (b).

b. Amend (c)(1) by removing the
words “installation which originated
the information” and adding in their
place the words “Office of Protective
Services”.

c. Revise paragraph (c)(2).

d. Amend paragraph (d)(1) by
removing the words “shall be processed
in accordance with part 1206 of this
chapter” and adding in their place the
words “cannot be processed under the
MDR process”.

e. Revise paragraphs (d)(2)
through (4).

f. Revise paragraphs (e)(1), (3) and (5).

g. Amend paragraph (e)(2) by
removing the word “installation” and
adding in its place the words “Office of
Protective Services”.

h. Revise paragraph (g)(2)
The revisions read as follows::

§ 1203.604 Mandatory review for
declassification.

(a) Information covered. Except as
provided in paragraph (b) of this
section, all information classified under
the Order or predecessor orders shall be
subject to a review for declassification
by the originating agency if:

(1) The request for a review describes
the document or material containing the
information with sufficient specificity to
enable the agency to locate it in a
reasonably timely manner;

(2) The document or material
containing the information responsive
to the request is not contained within an
operational file exempted from search
and review, publication, and disclosure
under 5 U.S.C. 552 in accordance with
law; and

(3) The information is not the subject
of pending litigation.

(b) Presidential papers. Information
originated by the President or Vice
President; the President’s White House
Staff, or the Vice President’s Staff;
committees, commissions, or boards
appointed by the President, or other
entries within the Executive Office of
the President that are solely advise and
assist the President are exempted from
the provisions of paragraph (a) of this
section. However, the Archivist shall have the authority to review, downgrade, and declassify papers or records of former Presidents and Vice Presidents under the control of the Archivist pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2107, 2111, 2111 note, or 2203. Procedures developed by the Archivist shall provide for consultation with agencies having primary subject matter interest and shall be consistent with the provisions of applicable laws or lawful agreements that pertain to the respective Presidential papers or records. Agencies with primary subject matter interest shall be notified promptly of the Archivist’s decision. Any final decision by the Archivist may be appealed by the requester or an agency to the Panel. The information shall remain classified pending a decision on the appeal.

(c) * * * *

(2) For the most expeditious action, requests from other Governmental agencies or from members of the public should be submitted directly to the NASA Office of Protective Services only. The requestor may submit the request to: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Central Registry, 300 E Street SW., Washington DC 20546, Attention: Office of Protective Services/Information Security Program Manager. The phrase, “Mandatory Declassification Review,” must be stated in the request.

(d) * * * *

(2) The request describes the document or material containing the information with sufficient specificity, such as accession numbers, box titles or numbers, date and title of document, in any combination, to enable NASA to locate it with a reasonable amount of effort, not to exceed 30 days. If more time is required, NASA will notify the requester. After review, the information or any portion thereof that no longer requires protection shall be declassified and released unless withholding is otherwise warranted under applicable law.

(3) The requester shall be asked to correct a request that does not comply with paragraph (d)(2) of this section, to provide additional information, or to narrow the scope of the request; and shall be notified that no action will be taken until the requester complies.

(4) If the request requires the rendering of services for which fees may be charged under 31 U.S.C. 483a (1976), the rates prescribed in §1206.700 shall be used, as appropriate.

(e) * * * *

(1) The NASA Office of Protective Services review upon receiving the initial request shall be completed within 365 days.

(3) All appeals of denials of requests for declassification shall be acted upon and determined finally within 120 working days after receipt, and the requester shall be advised that the appeal determination is final. If the requester is dissatisfied with NASA’s appeal decision, the requester may initiate an appeal to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP), within the Information Security Oversight Office. If continued classification is required under the provisions of this part 1203, the requester shall be notified of the reasons thereof.

(5) When the NASA Office of Protective Services receives any request for declassification of information in documents in its custody that was classified by another Government agency, it shall refer copies of the request and the requested documents to the originating agency for processing and may, after consultation with the originating agency, inform the requester of the referral.

(2) Material not officially transferred. When NASA has in its possession classified information or material originated by an agency which has since ceased to exist and that information has not been officially transferred to another department or agency or when it is impossible for NASA to identify the originating agency and a review of the material indicates that it should be downgraded or declassified, NASA shall be deemed to be the originating agency for the purpose of declassifying or downgrading such material. NASA will consult with the Information Security Oversight Office to assist in final disposition of the information.

Subpart G—[Removed and Reserved]

(a) Meetings will be held at the call of the Chairperson.

Subpart H—[Removed and Reserved]

(a) Meetings will be held at the call of the Chairperson.
(b) Records produced by the Committee and the minutes of each meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary.

Subpart I—NASA Information Security Program Committee

§ 1203.900 Establishment.

Pursuant to Executive Order 13526, “Classified National Security Information,” and The Space Act, in accordance with U.S.C. Title 51, National and Commercial Space Program Sections 20132 and 20133, there is established a NASA Information Security Program Committee (as part of the permanent administrative structure of NASA). The NASA Assistant Administrator for Protective Services, or designee, shall be the Chairperson of the Committee. The Information Security Program Manager, NASA Office of Protective Services, is designated to act as the Committee Executive Secretary.

§ 1203.901 [Amended]

■ 30. Amend § 1203.901, in paragraph (d), by removing the words “NASA Security Office, NASA Headquarters” and adding in their place the “Office of Protective Services”.

■ 31. Add subpart J to read as follows:

Subpart J—Special Access Programs (SAP) and Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) Programs

§ 1203.1000 General.

A SAP or SCI program shall be created within NASA only upon specific written approval of the Administrator and must be coordinated with the Assistant Administrator for Protective Services, or designee, to ensure required security protocols are implemented and maintained.

§ 1203.1001 Membership.

The Committee membership will consist of the Chairperson, the Executive Secretary, and one person nominated by each of the following NASA officials:

(a) The Associate Administrators for:
(1) Aeronautics.
(2) Science Missions Directorate.
(3) Human Exploration and Operations.

(b) The Associate Administrator.

(c) The General Counsel.

(d) The Chief Information Officer.

(e) Other members may be designated upon specific request of the Chairperson.

§ 1203.1002 Ad hoc committees.

The Chairperson is authorized to establish such ad hoc panels or subcommittees as may be necessary in the conduct of the Committee’s work.

§ 1203.1003 Meetings.

(a) Meetings will be held at the call of the Chairperson.

(b) Records produced by the Committee and the minutes of each meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary.

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Administrator.

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14 CFR Parts 1203a, 1203b, and 1204

[Docket No NASA–2012–0007]

RIN 2700–AD89

NASA Security and Protective Services Enforcement

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: This direct final rule makes nonsubstantive changes to NASA regulations to clarify the procedures for establishing controlled/secure areas and to revise the definitions for these areas and the process for granting access to these areas, as well as denying or revoking access to such areas. Arrest powers and authority of NASA security force personnel are also updated and clarified to include the carrying of weapons and the use of such weapons should a circumstance require it. The revisions to these rules are part of NASA’s retrospective plan under E.O. 13563 completed in August 2011. NASA’s full plan can be accessed on the Agency’s open Government Web site at http://www.nasa.gov/open/.

DATES: This direct final rule is effective on March 25, 2013. Comments due on or before February 25, 2013. If adverse comments are received, NASA will publish a timely withdrawal of the rule in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be identified with RIN 2700–AD89 and may be sent to NASA via the Federal E-Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Please note that NASA will post all comments on the Internet with changes, including any personal information provided.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Direct Final Rule and Significant Adverse Comments

NASA has determined this rulemaking meets the criteria for a direct final rule because it involves clarifications, updating, and minor substantive changes to existing regulations. NASA does not anticipate this direct final rule will result in major changes to its security procedures. However, if NASA receives significant adverse comments, NASA will withdraw this final rule by publishing a note in the Federal Register to review the commented-on language. In determining whether a comment necessitates withdrawal of this final rule, NASA will consider whether it warrants a substantive response in a notice and comment process.

Background

• Part 1203a, NASA Security Areas, that describes the legal basis and other applicable NASA regulations related to NASA’s security and law enforcement services implementation requirements, was promulgated March 28, 1972, [38 FR 8056]. Changes are being made to align this part with Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 12, Policies for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors, dated August 27, 2004. HSPD 12 establishes a mandatory, Government-wide standard for secure and reliable forms of identification issued by the Federal Government to its employees and contractors to increase Government efficiency, reduce identity fraud, and protect personal privacy.

• Part 1203b, Security Programs; Arrest Authority and Use of Force by NASA Security Force Personnel, that describes guidelines for the exercise of arrest authority, was promulgated February 11, 1992, [57 FR 4926]. Changes are being made to align this part with the guidelines described in Executive Order 12977, Interagency Security Committee (ISC) [60 FR 5441]. The ISC is responsible for establishing policies for the security in and protection of Federal facilities, ISC Standards, Physical Security Criteria for Protection of Federal Facilities, ISC

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