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**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**14 CFR Ch. V**

**Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** NASA's regulatory agenda describes those regulations being considered for development or

amendment by NASA, the need and legal basis for the actions being considered, the name and telephone number of the knowledgeable official, whether a regulatory analysis is required, and the status of regulations previously reported.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB guidelines dated January 29, 2003, "Spring 2003 Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions" require a regulatory agenda of those regulations under development and review to be published in the **Federal Register** each April and October.

**Dated:** March 19, 2003.

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
3474	Investigation Research Misconduct .....	2700-AC50
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3478	NASA Astronaut Candidate Recruitment and Selection Program .....	2700-AC56

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3480	Miscellaneous Administrative Changes to the NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (NFS) .....	2700-AC33
3481	Code of Conduct for International Space Station Crew .....	2700-AC40
3482	NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook—Miscellaneous Changes .....	2700-AC53

National Aeronautics and Space Administration—Discontinued Entries

Regulation Identification Number	Title	Date	Comments
2700-AA29	Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System; Use and Reimbursement Policy for Non-U.S. Government Users	03/18/2003	Withdrawn
2700-AC43	Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)	03/18/2003	Withdrawn
2700-AC49	National Environmental Policy Act and Executive Order 12114 Implementing Procedures	03/18/2003	Withdrawn

## National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

## Proposed Rule Stage

**3474. INVESTIGATION RESEARCH MISCONDUCT****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2473**CFR Citation:** 14 CFR 1275**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is proposing this rule to implement the "Federal Policy on Research Misconduct," issued by the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Federal Register (FR) on December 6, 2000 (65 FR 76260). This proposed rule sets out the definition of research misconduct, the procedures for investigating allegations of research misconduct and recommending findings, and the procedure for adjudicating and appealing such findings. Findings of research misconduct must be accompanied by recommendations for administrative action by NASA in order to discourage such behavior and ensure the integrity of research funded by NASA.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
NPRM	12/00/03

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 2700-AC50**3475. NASA GRANT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT HANDBOOK****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2473**CFR Citation:** 14 CFR 1260**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** NASA is amending 14 CFR 1260 to provide guidance on the format and content of its Cooperative Agreement Notices (CANs).

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
NPRM	12/00/03

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 2700-AC55**3476. • TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL- ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HOME-TO-WORK TRANSPORTATION****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 31 USC 1344; PL 101-194; 70 Comp Gen 196; 40 USC 486(c)**CFR Citation:** 14 CFR 1204.1600**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The proposed rule is designed to remedy a situation, which often arises at certain NASA installations. Employees who are authorized to use motor vehicles for temporary duty travel must pick up their vehicles at the installation at the start of the travel period, even in cases where the employee's residence is closer to the temporary duty destination than the installation. Such unnecessary travel can result in a significant waste of official time and resources. This rule is proposed pursuant to section 503 of the Ethics Reform Act of 1989 (Pub. L. 101-194), 31 U.S.C. 1344 note, which authorizes agency heads to issue directives carrying out the regulations of the General Services Administration (GSA), in this case the GSA rules for the use of Government vehicles at 41 CFR part 301-10, subpart C, "Government Vehicles."

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
NPRM	12/00/03

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 2700-AC57

## National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

## Final Rule Stage

**3477. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, AND AGE IN PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 794; 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-7; 42 USC 6101 to 6107; EO 12250**CFR Citation:** 14 CFR 1250; 14 CFR 1251; 14 CFR 1252**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** NASA proposes to make amendments to its regulations implementing title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (title VI), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972 (section 504), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Age Discrimination Act). Together, these statutes prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, and age in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. The amendments are being made as the results of added definitions

of "program or activity" and "program" introduced by the Civil Rights Restoration Act (CRRRA) of 1987. The added definitions were designed to clarify the broad scope of coverage of recipients' programs or activities under the aforementioned statutes. NASA proposed regulations were published as part of a joint Notice of Proposed Rulemaking involving up to 24 Federal agencies.

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## Final Rule Stage

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
NPRM	12/06/00 65 FR 76460
NPRM Comment Period End	01/05/01
Final Action	09/00/03
Final Action Effective	10/00/03

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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**RIN:** 2700-AC41

### 3478. • NASA ASTRONAUT CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PROGRAM

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 2473, National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended

**CFR Citation:** 14 CFR 1214

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** NASA's astronaut candidate selection process, developed to select highly qualified individuals to perform as mission specialist and pilot astronauts in human space programs, is regulated at 14 CFR part 1214. As currently written, recruitment and selection activities for astronauts are conducted by the Astronaut Selection Office at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Assigning this responsibility exclusively to Johnson Space Center was well suited for the historical Astronaut Candidate Program but does not enable enhancements to the program that are needed to accommodate a new component of the Astronaut corps: Educator Astronauts. The Educator Astronaut Program will recruit educators to join NASA's Astronaut Corps to perform educator, as well as mission specialist, duties in support of NASA's education outreach program. Involvement of appropriate elements of the education community is integral to the conduct of activities associated with the recruitment, evaluation, and selection of Educator Astronauts. Involvement by NASA's Office of Education at NASA

Headquarters in activities leading to identification of candidates who meet the Educator requirements of the position is necessary and appropriate. Accordingly, the CFR is amended to permit organizational elements that are not part of Johnson Space Center to perform activities associated with recruitment and selection of astronaut candidates.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
Direct Final Rule	04/23/03 68 FR 19947
Comment Period End	05/23/03
Direct Final Rule Effective	07/22/03

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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## National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

## Long-Term Actions

## 3479. CROSS-WAIVER OF LIABILITY

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**CFR Citation:** 14 CFR 1266

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
Final Action	05/00/04

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 2700-AB51

### 3480. MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE NASA FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION SUPPLEMENT (NFS)

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 1801 to 1872

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
Final Rule	05/07/02 67 FR 30602
Next Action	Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 2700-AC33

### 3481. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION CREW

**Priority:** Other Significant

**CFR Citation:** 14 CFR 1214, subpart 1214.4

**Timetable:**

Action	Date
Interim Final Rule Effective	10/01/00
Interim Final Rule	12/21/00 65 FR 80302
Final Rule	05/00/04

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 2700-AC40

### 3482. NASA GRANT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT HANDBOOK—MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other

**CFR Citation:** 14 CFR 1260; 14 CFR 1274

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**NASA****Long-Term Actions**

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**Timetable:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Final Rule	05/07/02 67 FR 30544
Next Action	Undetermined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Rita Svarcas

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**Related RIN:** Duplicate of 2700-AC51**RIN:** 2700-AC53

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