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Summary of the Office of Inspector General's Audit of Antideficiency Act Violations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Report No. IG-06-009, "Antideficiency Act Violations at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration," April 10, 2006, has been posted to the NASA Office of Inspector General (OIG) Web site at <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/oig/hq/audits/reports/FY06/index.html>.

NASA, as a result of actions by officials in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), violated the Antideficiency Act by authorizing and obligating funds without apportionment from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Specifically, during fiscal year (FY) 2005, NASA authorized and obligated about \$1.6 billion in unobligated balances carried over from FY 2004 before requesting apportionment from OMB. During FY 2004, NASA authorized and obligated about \$30.4 million more than the amount of funds that OMB had apportioned for one account.

After NASA violated the Antideficiency Act by authorizing and obligating the unapportioned funds, NASA requested, and OMB approved, FY 2005 apportionments of about \$2 billion in unobligated balances carried over from FY 2004. In addition, in September 2005, NASA requested that OMB reapportion about \$30.4 million in FY 2004 funds from one account to cover an overobligation, but OMB denied the request. NASA corrected the overobligation by modifying two contracts to change the funding source from 2004 to 2005.

The Antideficiency Act violations occurred because of the lack of internal controls within the OCFO and OCFO personnel's misunderstanding of OMB apportionment requirements.

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