

FY 2018 NASA Statement of Assurance

Summary: The Mission Support Council (MSC) met on September 13, 2018, and evaluated the Senior Assessment Team's (SAT's) recommendation to report an Unmodified ("Clean") Statement of Assurance with no material weaknesses for FY 2018 in the Administrator's annual Statement of Assurance (SoA) letter.

Per the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA), the Agency must provide annual assurance to the Office of the President and Congress, that the Agency's controls are achieving their intended objectives. NASA's SAT is tasked with making recommendations regarding Agency material weaknesses reported by the Agency, as required by statute and OMB guidance, and as included in the Administrator's annual Statement of Assurance.

The SAT met on August 29th to review the status of the Agency's internal controls. The SAT determined that none of the internal control weaknesses reflected in the report are considered material.

The Mission Support Council made the decision after consultation by the recommender with the following stakeholders, the SAT and several others, based on the data and analyses provided.

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GSFC Nancy Abell	MSFC Jonathan Pettus	OGC Dave Barrett	SSC Ken R. Human	

Decision: Based on this review, the Mission Support Council accepted the SAT's recommendation of reporting an Unmodified Statement of Assurance with no material weaknesses for FY 2018 in the Administrator's Annual Statement of Assurance Letter.

Acceptance of the recommendation was granted based on the SAT recommendation that the SoA:

- 1) Has identified all knowable internal control issues
- 2) Certifies that the required evaluation of management controls was conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-123, as amended
- 3) Verifies that the Agency's systems of management control, taken as a whole, complies with GAO standards
- 4) Identifies significant deficiencies, if any, in the Agency's systems of management control
- 5) Provides reasonable assurance that Agency programs are effectively carried out in accordance with applicable laws

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Decision execution responsibility

R. Brade, SAT Chair

Accountable for:

Shall ensure accurate reporting on the state of internal controls, in keeping with the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act

Execution milestone

Milestone Date

Responsible Party

QAD provides final SoA letter to OCFO/SID, OIG/CLA and obtains Administrator Signature

10-26-2018

F. Peterson, Director,
Quality Assurance Division

Issue NASA's FY2018 Agency Financial Report

11-15-2018

J. Bridenstine, Administrator

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Decider:

(b) (6)

M. Saunders, MSC Chair

Signatures represent concurrence that this decision was reached in compliance with Mission Support Council procedures, and ownership of amplifying comments relative to the decision.

Signature

Amplifying Comments

(b) (6)

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