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Reply to Attn of: SA-C

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FROM: SA-C/Chairman, ISS Ground Safety Review Panel

SUBJECT: Ground Safety Review Panel (GSRP) Jurisdiction Over NASA Space Station Depot (Depot) Activities

Relatively early in the Space Station Program a decision was made to exempt the Depot from the requirement to have their work approved by the GSRP. This was based on the fact that the items going through the Depot should have been already reviewed and that the work would be enveloped by previous approvals. This system was particularly appropriate for those operations involving standard repairs and refurbishments; however, operations involving potentially hazardous commodities were not envisioned as being part of this exemption. The exemption also was only meant to apply to activities in Building M7-505.

In general, Depot activities in the SSPF High Bay have been submitted through the GSRP. However, recent information indicates that Depot activities involving potentially hazardous materials have been or are planned to be conducted in the SSPF, but not in the High Bay, without approval of the GSRP using the exemption described above. This caused a review to be conducted on the process that resulted in the discovery that the exemption had never been documented.

This letter documents the jurisdiction of the GSRP for Depot activities as follows:

All Depot activities involving potentially hazardous commodities, occurring anywhere, shall require approval of the GSRP. Non-hazardous Depot activities occurring in Building M7-505 or the SSPF do not require approval of the GSRP. Case-by-case variances, that either expand or exempt jurisdiction, will be considered and documented.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 321-867-6568.

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