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can be appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

The Board reviews regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management and has the authority to require agencies to cease compliance with any regulation that could constitute a prohibited personnel practice. It also conducts special studies of the civil service and other executive branch merit systems and reports to the President and the Congress on whether the Federal work force is being adequately protected against political abuses and prohibited personnel practices.

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The National Aeronautics and Space Administration was established by the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2451 *et seq.*).

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Planning, coordinating, and controlling Administration programs are vested in Headquarters. Directors of NASA centers are responsible for the execution of agency programs, largely through contracts with research, development, and manufacturing enterprises. A broad range of research and development activities are conducted in NASA Centers by Government-employed scientists, engineers, and technicians to evaluate new concepts and phenomena and to maintain the competence required to manage contracts with private enterprises.

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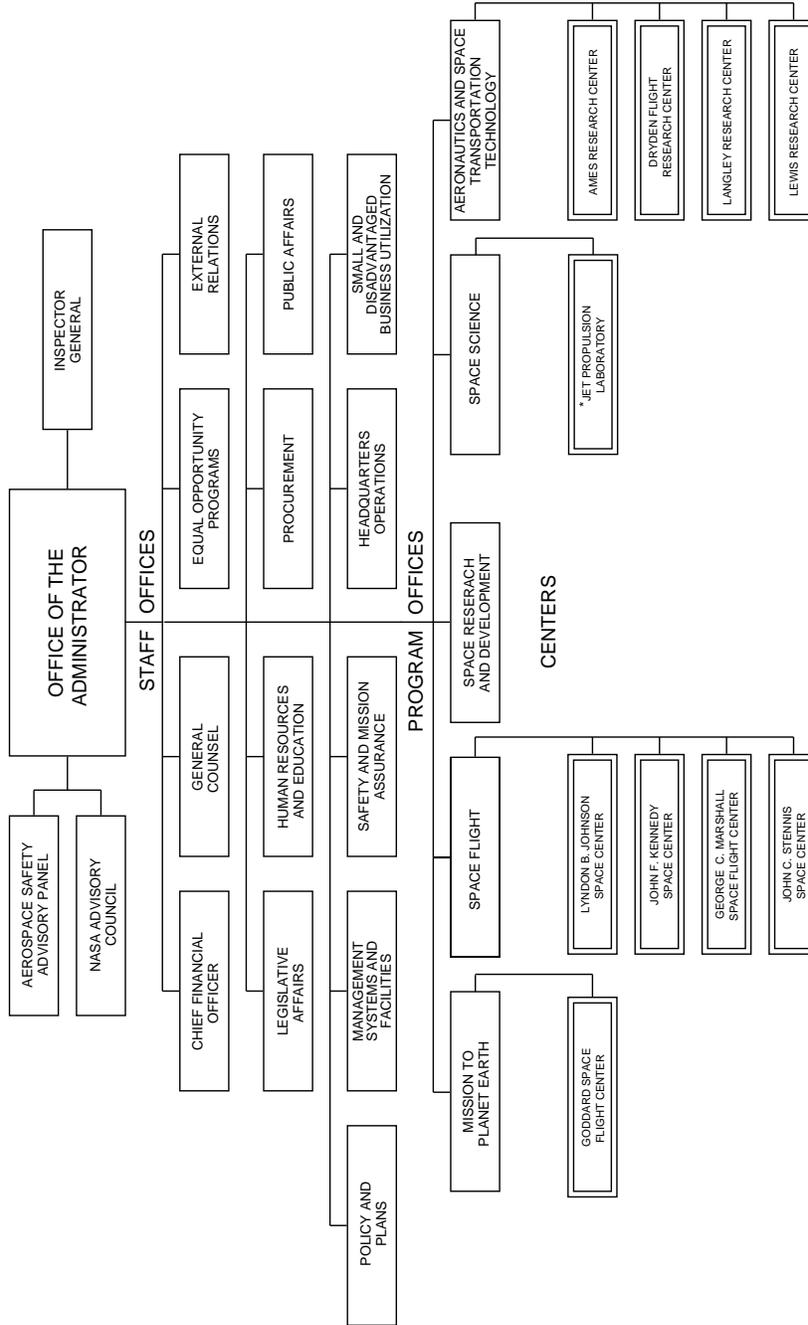
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and ground measurements and research, as well as data and information systems needed to support the objectives of the U.S. Global Change Research Program. The Office also has institutional management responsibility for the Goddard Space Flight Center and maintains contact with the National Academy of Sciences and other science advisory and coordinating boards and committees.

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Through its centers, the Office plans, directs, and executes the development, acquisition, testing, and operation of all elements of the Space Shuttle Program; plans, directs, and manages execution of prelaunch, launch, flight landing, post-flight operations, and payload assignments; maintains and upgrades the design of ground and flight systems throughout the operational period; procures recurring system hardware; manages *Spacelab* development, procurement, and operations; develops and implements necessary policy with other government and commercial users of the space shuttle; and coordinates all associated research. The Office is working with the Russian Space Agency to plan and execute a series of joint missions that will involve flying cosmonauts aboard the space shuttle and

astronauts aboard the *Mir* space station. In January 1997, the fifth of nine planned space shuttle missions to *Mir* and the second involving an exchange of U.S. astronauts was launched. Two more space shuttle/*Mir* docking missions are planned for 1997. The space shuttle/*Mir* docking missions are precursors to assembly and utilization of the international space station.

NASA is leading an international effort to build and deploy a permanently manned space station into Earth's orbit. Elements of the space station will be provided by Canada, Japan, Italy, Russia, and 11 European nations represented by the European Space Agency. The space station will be a permanent outpost in space where humans will live and work productively for extended periods of time. It will provide an advanced research laboratory to explore space and employ its resources, as well as the opportunity to learn to build, operate, and maintain systems in space. U.S. elements of the space station will be launched aboard the space shuttle and assembled in orbit. The first flight is currently scheduled for 1997.

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Space Science The Office of Space Science conducts programs and research designed to understand the origin, evolution, and structure of the universe and the solar system. The Office also manages NASA's activities at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and maintains contacts with the Space Studies Board of the National Academy of Sciences and with other science advisory boards and committees.

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NASA Centers

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Dryden Flight Research Center The Center, which is located in Edwards, CA, conducts safe, timely aerospace flight research and aircraft operations in support of agency and national needs. It assures preeminent flight research capability through effective management and maintenance of unique national expertise and facilities, and provides operational landing support for the national space transportation system.

Goddard Space Flight Center The Center, which is located in Greenbelt, MD, conducts Earth-orbiting spacecraft and experiment development and flight operations. It develops and operates tracking and data acquisition systems and conducts supporting mission operations. It also develops and operates *Spacelab* payloads; space physics research programs; Earth science and applications programs; life science programs; information systems technology; sounding rockets and sounding rocket payloads; launch vehicles; balloons and balloon experiments; planetary science experiments; and sensors for environmental monitoring and ocean dynamics.

Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center The Center, which is located in Houston, TX, is the NASA center of excellence for human operations in space. The Center strives to advance the national capability for human exploration and utilization of space by research, development, and operation of the space shuttle, the international space station (ISS), and other space systems and by developing and maintaining excellence in the fields of project management, space systems engineering, medical and life sciences, lunar and planetary geosciences, and crew and mission operations. It is also the lead center for several agencywide programs and initiatives, including the space shuttle and ISS program, space operations, extra-vehicular activity (EVA)

projects, Phase I program, astromaterials sciences, biomedical research, advanced human support technology, and space medicine.

John F. Kennedy Space Center The Center, which is located in Florida, is the NASA center of excellence for launch and payload processing operations and is the lead center for the *Spacelab* program. The Center is home to the space shuttle fleet, which transports astronaut crews, space station elements, *Spacelab*, and a wide variety of payloads into Earth orbit and beyond. It also provides Government oversight of NASA expendable vehicle launches and the launch of NASA-sponsored payloads.

Langley Research Center The Center, located in Hampton, VA, provides leadership in airframe systems and atmospheric science and is a center of excellence for structures and materials. It conducts research in the critical disciplines of fundamental aerodynamics, propulsion/airframe integration, and hypersonic propulsion and operates unique national facilities in support of national research programs.

Lewis Research Center The Center, located in Cleveland, OH, provides leadership in aeropropulsion, space power, and microgravity science and technology. The Center also conducts research in critical disciplines of materials, structures, internal fluid mechanics instrumentation, and controls and electronics. All of these efforts are supported by unique research and development facilities.

George C. Marshall Space Flight Center The Center, which is located in Huntsville, AL, is the principal NASA center for design, development, integration, and testing of propulsion systems, launch vehicles, and space transportation systems, including propulsive stages for orbital transfer and deep space missions. It develops, integrates, and operates astrophysics, space physics, and microgravity sciences payloads and experiments. It has a supporting role in developing capabilities in the astronomy, astrophysics, and Earth sciences disciplines. It is the prime center for

integrated payload utilization across all science disciplines.

John C. Stennis Space Center The Center, which is located in Stennis Space Center, MS, operates, maintains, and manages a world-class propulsion testing facility for the development, certification, and acceptance testing of the space shuttle main engine. It has a supporting role in technology utilization, applications, and commercialization programs in environmental system sciences and observations, remote sensing, and image processing systems.

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Jet Propulsion Laboratory The Laboratory, which is operated under contract by the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA, develops spacecraft and space sensors and conducts mission operations and ground-based research in support of solar system exploration, Earth science and applications, Earth and ocean dynamics, space physics and astronomy, and life science and information systems technology. It is also responsible for the operation of the Deep Space Network in support of NASA projects.

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