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Vice Admiral Joseph W. Dyer, USN (Ret.)
Chairman
Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington, DC 20546

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Dear Admiral Dyer:

Enclosed is NASA's interim response to Recommendation 2009-03-04 from the 2009 Third Quarterly Meeting of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel (ASAP). Once we complete an assessment of the robotics activities at the Centers, we will provide you with the results in late 2011.

I look forward to receiving continued advice from the ASAP that results from your important fact-finding and quarterly meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Bolden, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Charles F. Bolden, Jr.
Administrator

Enclosure

Tracking Number 2009-03-04
Integration of Robotics

Recommendation

The Panel continues to be disappointed in what it sees as a lack of integration of robotics across NASA. Most Centers have some robotic activity because they want to be “in the game.” There appears to be a loss of momentum and opportunity in this area. The Agency needs [to] examine the benefits of developing a consolidated and integrated robotics research program to capitalize on the numerous independent programs that have been developed and more fully exploit robotics utilization throughout all missions.

NASA Response

NASA will assess robotics activities at all Centers and determine if there are some efficiency and synergy opportunities. NASA will provide the results of this activity to the ASAP in late 2011.

Enclosure