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

JOE
Dear ~~Admiral~~ Dyer:

NASA has decided not to implement the ASAP recommendations (2006-03-04, 2010-04-03, and 2011-01-01) pertaining to alcohol testing in cases of post Type A and Type B mishaps.

After a thorough review of the regulatory changes and resources required to implement this policy, NASA has decided to accept the risk in this area. As mitigation to the risk we are accepting, NASA has reviewed policies, tools, and programs available to supervisors across the Agency regarding alcohol consumption. These tools and programs assist supervisors to recognize the signs of impairment that may be caused by either drug or alcohol use.

The reviews of NASA's alcohol policies and practices have identified personnel practices already in place, numerous checklists for accident investigators trained in alcohol awareness as a contributing factor, and identification of testing contractors in Testing Designated Positions, when permitted by contract.

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

Sincerely, *Charles F. Bolden, Jr.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles F. Bolden, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles F. Bolden, Jr.
Administrator

cc:
Associate Administrator/Mr. Lightfoot
Office of Chief Health and Medical Officer/Dr. Williams
Office of Chief Health and Medical Officer/Mr. Michaud

*THIS WAS TOO LONG
COMING, BUT THIS HOPES
CLOSED THIS OUT.*

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