Attachment 20A

Explanatory Note for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) Report May 2, 2011

As of March 31, 2011, NASA is reporting a total of 14 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects/activities. This is the same number reported on the September 30, 2010, report. As previously reported, NASA has completed a total of 91 NEPA actions, including 79 Categorical Exclusions (CE) actions, 11 Environmental Assessment (EA) actions, and one Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) action in support of all four NASA programs funded under the ARRA (Science, Cross Agency Support, Exploration, and Aeronautics).

NASA has obligated a total of $999,683,449 which represents 100% of NASA's total ARRA appropriations received for programs and activities. While 100% of the appropriated funding has been obligated, the total obligations reported at the end of the last quarter ($999,691,821) differs slightly from the total obligations reported at the end of this quarter ($999,683,449). This is because as the agency approaches contract close-out financial true-ups are made to the commitments and obligations.

Funds have been obligated in all four ARRA Program Areas as scheduled. NASA has not identified any projects where NEPA is not applicable and no projects/activities have been withdrawn. As of December 31, 2010, NASA has no pending NEPA actions. As such, NASA will not have any additional obligations to report relative to appropriations associated with ARRA and associated reporting to the Council on Environmental Quality.

UPDATES (By ARRA Program and Project/Activity)

By March 2010, NASA had completed 100% of the NEPA actions for the ARRA funded programs and projects/activities. In the last quarterly report NASA reported 100% of the appropriated funding has been obligated. As such, NASA will not have any additional programs or projects. Thus, no new NEPA actions are expected as the agency brings the programs and projects to a close.

The NASA Office of Inspector General continues to support a performance audit on funded activities. Additional information on NASA's ARRA funded projects/activities can be found at http://www.nasa.gov/recovery/. NASA has no additional NEPA information to report.

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