REAL ID Act of 2005 impact on access to NASA facilities.

Starting on 7/21/2014, all US Government Agencies are required to adhere to the REAL ID act phase two requirements. For visitors using state-issued ID to access controlled federal facilities, only driver's licenses or identifications cards that meet REAL ID standards may be used. Other forms of identification utilized for access are not affected, including employee badges, passports, military identification cards, or Enhanced Driver's Licenses. Visitors without acceptable identity documents will require escort in order to obtain access to the facility.

The specific impact to NASA facilities are the following:

- Visitors (individuals accessing NASA for 29 days or less in a calendar year) cannot use a state-issued ID from a non-conformant state as a form of identification.
- Access control points at NASA centers can no longer accept state-issued ID from non-conformant states to grant access.
- Visitors without acceptable identity documents require escort at all times by their host while in NASA controlled space.
- Each denial of access should be recorded and reported to OPS Security Management Division at the end of each month until further notice. No PII should be recorded, only the number of encounters, which state the ID was from, and the NASA center where it occurred. This number will be reported to DHS to assess the impact of REAL ID enforcement.

Use of state-issued ID for other official purposes is not affected, including enrollment for PIV or NASA credentials.

Alternate Identification accepted by NASA:

- Federal employee badges
- Passports
- Military identification cards
- Enhanced Driver's Licenses
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- Native American tribal document

Important notes:

- The REAL ID Act was passed by Congress and applies all Federal agencies
- The decision to accept or not accept a state-issued ID should be based on the STATE OF ISSUANCE only, not on if the ID itself is REAL ID compliant.
- Credential enrollment is not affected unless ID is presented to gain access to the area that the enrollment will occur. In this case an alternate ID or escort to the enrollment location would mitigate requirement.
- Current noncompliant states and territories as of April 18th, 2014 are:
    - Alaska
    - Am. Samoa
    - Arizona
    - Kentucky

    - Louisiana
    - Maine
    - Massachusetts
    - Minnesota
    - Montana
    - New York
    - Oklahoma
    - Washington
- Of the eleven noncompliant states, Minnesota, New York, and Washington have an Enhanced Drivers license available. These can be utilized as an acceptable identity document for access control. EDLs are identifiable by the American Flag on the face of the card (http://www.dhs.gov/enhanced-drivers-licenses-what-are-they)

Thank you for your assistance in implementing these important changes to our access control policy.

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