

MESSAGE TO ALL NASA HQ CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES:

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Notice of Furlough Status for NASA Headquarters Civil Service Employees

As discussed in Administrator Bolden's message on Tuesday evening, it is possible that the current Continuing Resolution will expire at midnight on April 8, 2011, with no further agreement reached to fund federal agencies. In this event, federal departments and agencies will not be permitted to incur further financial obligations performing activities funded by annual appropriations, except those related to the orderly suspension of operations or performance of excepted activities. This means that employees who do not perform activities excepted by law will be furloughed and unable to work.

All NASA Headquarters employees, unless individually informed today, April 7, 2011, via an email message from Yvette Coles, Acting Director, Headquarters Human Resources Management Division, are designated as non-excepted. This means that, if funding lapses, you will be furloughed.

Our contingency plan assumes that International Space Station activities will continue to protect the lives of the crew members on orbit and the safety and security of the space station. Existing satellite missions in operation also will continue to protect the satellites and the data being collected. In addition, all other activities involving protection of life and property will continue. All other agency activities not determined to be legally exempt will close, including all satellites in development.

Our contingency planning for the potential funding lapse includes legal determination of which agency functions are excepted from a furlough. These determinations have been made.

We will continue to update you as more information becomes available and provide guidance about what you should do on Monday morning if no funding resolution has been achieved by then.