

Subject: Guidance to Limit Commitments in Advance of SMD Apportionment

Center CFOs,

The following direction is provided in advance of incoming OMB guidance and applies until further notice.

With the exception of payroll charges, please pause all activities that would create new financial commitments on the Science projects listed below using the SCEx22026D fund. This includes, but is not limited to, contract actions, credit card purchases, and travel requests. This guidance applies only to program year (PY) 2026 funding; PY 2025 is not restricted.

This pause in commitments is intended to prevent negative work; once the signed apportionment is received from OMB—which could be as soon as Tuesday, February 17th—all unobligated commitments in these projects will need to be decommitted, Centers will be asked to move available funding up to ALLOBJECTS for RMO action, and budget levels will be locked to temporarily prevent obligations. This temporary hold is expected to last for 10 business days, but may be extended.

Any exceptions to this guidance should be coordinated with the SMD RMO, Holly Degn.

We will follow-up with additional instructions once formal guidance from OMB is received.

# (Order)	Mission Project Project Title
1	Science 304029 Earth System Observatory Future Missions
2	Science 477215 Surface Biology and Geology - TIR
3	Science 740087 Surface Biology and Geology
4	Science 979940 Surface Biology and Geology – VSWIR*
5	Science 750406 GRACE-Continuity
6	Science 761210 Atmosphere Observing System-Sky*
7	Science 174390 Earth System Explorers Future Missions
8	Science 394490 Precipitation Measuring Mission
9	Science 612932 Habitable Worlds Observ Tech Maturation

# (Order)	Mission Project	Project Title
10	Science 565555	Geospace Dynamics Constellation
11	Science 558133	Apophis Explorer
12	Science 397424	Chandra X-Ray Observatory (CXO)
13	Science 244904	Physics of the Cosmos SR&T
14	Science 297455	Astrophysics Probes Future Missions
15	Science 605423	Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography and Spectroscopy
16	Science 748208	Deep Atmospheric Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry & Imaging
17	Science 565980	Science Activation

*No PY26 execution to date; including for completeness.