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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Public Access to the Results of Department of Defense-Funded Research

Reference: White House Office of Science and Technology Policy memorandum, "Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research," February 22, 2013

The referenced memorandum directs each Federal agency with over $100 million in annual research and development expenditures to support increased public access to published research and digital scientific data. Data sharing will enhance scientific inquiry, accelerate scientific breakthroughs and innovation, promote entrepreneurship, and strengthen economic growth and job creation. The Department of Defense (DoD) intends, to the fullest extent possible, to make available to the public all unclassified, unlimited peer-reviewed scholarly publications and digitally formatted scientific data arising from research and programs funded wholly or in part by DoD.

To this end, I direct all Components to comply with policies, programs, and procedures that meet the goals set out in the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) memorandum. This applies to any scientific or technical research effort, regardless of the funding appropriation used to support it.

DoD Public Access Policy applies to any published, peer-reviewed scholarly publication and digital scientific data that is publicly releasable and arises from any direct funding from a DoD grant or cooperative agreement, contract, or DoD intramural program consistent with applicable law, policy, agency mission, and resource constraints.

This policy requires that authors submit final, peer-reviewed journal manuscripts to the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) system upon acceptance for publication. This policy further requires that these final peer-reviewed manuscripts be freely available to the public not later than 12 months following publication.

This policy also requires that investigators, at no more than incremental cost and within a reasonable time, ensure public access to unclassified publicly releasable primary data, samples, and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of work. Each DoD-funded effort must be governed by a Data Management Plan, which either conforms to an established institutional format or formulates a construct that meets local and policy requirements. Digitally formatted scientific data sets should be stored and publicly accessible to search, retrieve, and analyze.

DoD will implement and sustain a compliance monitoring and reporting system and will evaluate compliance metrics and submit implementation effectiveness reports to the OSTP twice yearly.

Nothing in this policy alters or supersedes existing laws, regulations, or policies that require safeguarding or dissemination controls, including but not limited to national security, economic security, export control, proprietary information, and personally identifiable information.

DTIC is the duty lead for this effort. My point of contact is Mr. Christopher Thomas, DTIC, at 703-767-9200 or cthomas@dtic.mil.

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