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NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Supplement—Research and Development Abstracts**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action withdraws the proposed rule published Friday, October 31, 2003 (68 FR 62048—62049). NASA will issue internal guidance to automate the collection and transfer of Research and Development (R&D) abstracts to an appropriate central repository where they will be available for use by government agencies and other users.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: In the proposed rule published Friday, October 31, 2003 (68 FR 62048—62049), NASA proposed to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to include a requirement for the electronic submission of abstracts of the planned research to be conducted under contracts containing research and development (R&D) effort valued at over \$25,000. The proposed rule added a new section 1835.003-70, NASA Research and Development (R&D) Abstracts, and a related clause, 1852.235-75, NASA Research and Development (R&D) Abstracts. The new clause provided for the collections of abstracts or summaries for NASA-funded-awards with R&D effort greater than \$25,000. The requirements of section 207(g) of the E-Government Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347) provide the basis for this change. Section 207(g)

mandates the development and maintenance of a repository that integrates information on research and development funded by the Federal Government. In furtherance of this requirement, NASA had also established a Web-based database system to collect summaries or abstracts for all the Agency's procurements containing research and development effort valued over \$25,000. A NASA Web site was further established for recipients of NASA R&D contracts to enter their abstract data. The proposed rule is withdrawn because the automation of the requirements of section 207(g) of the E-Government Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347) voids the need for the proposed rule.

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