



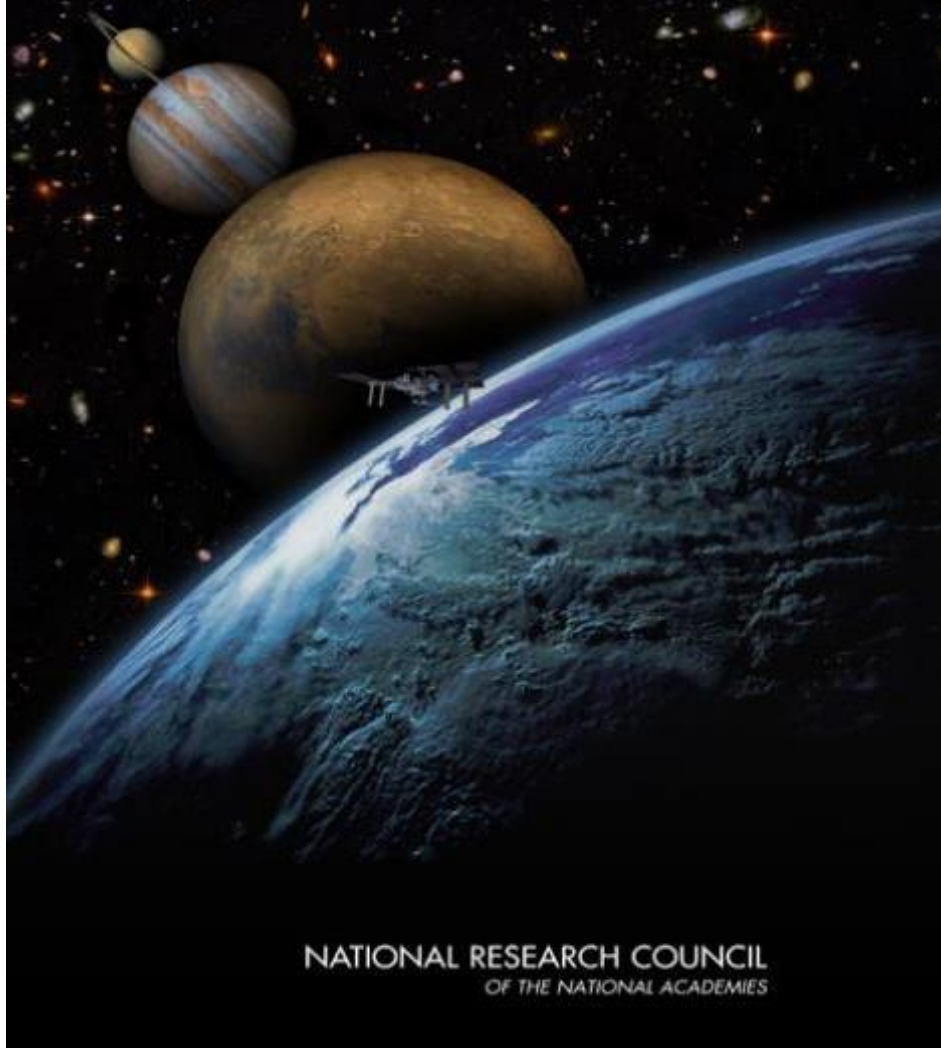
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# GOALS

- Reestablish leadership for protection of Earth through the use of Space research and technology
- Sustain U.S. Leadership in Science by seeking knowledge of the universe and searching for life beyond Earth.
- Expand the frontiers of human activities in Space.
- Provide technological , economic , and , societal benefits that contribute solutions to the nations most pressing problems.
- Inspire current and future generations in Space.
- Enhance U.S. Global strategic leadership through leadership in civil Space activities.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Understand and address national imperatives
- Lead Climate and Environmental monitoring.
- Continue Scientific Inquiry.
- Advance Space technology
- Pursue International Cooperation.
- Continue leadership in Human Spaceflight.
- Organize to meet national needs.