

We realize there are several important scientific/technical conferences coming up in the next few weeks. We have no way of knowing whether the furlough will end before the conferences. We will wait as long as possible to cancel travel in case last minute developments end the furlough in time. If the furlough does not end prior to these conferences, and if you choose to attend a conference during the shutdown on personal time and using personal resources for travel and paying your own registration, that is your prerogative. However, your participation needs to be clearly in your private capacity. That means that you should not be presenting results of official NASA work if you are a furloughed civil servant participating as a private citizen, or participating on panels as a NASA employee. If you are registered as a NASA civil servant you must re-register as a private individual. No travel will be paid by NASA as we are not able to except the conference activities for civil servants because they do not meet the threshold as necessary to protect against an imminent threat to life or property.