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Darlene Pokora began her career with NASA at Langley Research Center (LaRC) in 1998, after having worked at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center since 1985. She has been the Associate Director for Human Exploration and Operations (HEO) in the Space Technology and Exploration Directorate (STED) since 2016. As the Associate Director for HEO in STED, Darlene Formulates and manages a multi-disciplined portfolio of projects and work packages supporting Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV), Space Launch System (SLS), International Space Station , Commercial Crew Program (CCP), and reimbursable efforts.

Darlene currently oversees aero sciences, payload fairing , Universal Stage Adapter (USA), Guidance, Navigation & Control (GN&C), structures and materials, loads and dynamics, Development Flight Instrumentation (DFI) Flush Air Data System (FADS) Hardware, and Scientifically Calibrated In-Flight Imagery (SCIFLI), as well as a variety of small agreements. Darlene also ensures coordination of technology advancement, managing overlap and transition into HEO and works with commercial partners to develop agreements for infusion of technology into commercial sector. She served as the LaRC Orion Project Manager. At MSFC, she held positions in systems analysis, wind tunnel test at the 14" Trisonic Wind Tunnel and in preliminary design.



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