

PMSI — Negative-Capability Operating Doctrine

Operator Restraint for a Non-Operating Reference System

Preamble (Micro-Refinement)

This document governs operator restraint under simulated conditions. It does not authorize action, interpretation, engagement, or system behavior beyond what is explicitly enumerated herein. Silence and inaction are the default state unless deviation is procedurally compelled by a defined test condition.

Purpose

This doctrine defines how a reference system preserves neutrality, sterility, and scope integrity by refusing to act. It exists to constrain operators, not to animate systems.

Foundational Principle

A reference layer survives only if it can remain useful without defending itself. If defense becomes necessary, the layer has already failed.

Silence Is the Default State

Silence is an affirmative operational posture. Action requires explicit procedural compulsion; absent that, inaction prevails.

Ignorance Is an Acceptable Outcome

The system is not required to know who uses it. Knowledge is optional; constraint adherence is mandatory.

Misdescription Is Preferable to Endorsement

Being described inaccurately is acceptable. Being claimed as authority is not.

Refusal Is a Primary Output

Requests for guidance, validation, or partnership are refused procedurally, without dialogue.

No Social Layer May Form

No community, no working groups, no outreach funding. Legitimacy is a liability.

Evolution Is Permitted Only for Mechanical Failure

Change is allowed only for reproducible mechanical ambiguity, fixed syntactically without rationale.

Stasis Is a Valid Terminal State

Inactivity signals stability. Completion does not require renewal.

Self-Invalidation Takes Precedence Over Adaptation

If scope is breached, withdrawal is correct. Deletion is preferable to drift.

Closing Constraint

This doctrine does not optimize outcomes. It optimizes non-reaction. The system endures by knowing when not to exist.

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