

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Astrophysics Division Update
- Ethics Briefing
- Government Performance and Results Act Discussion
- Update of Flight Missions

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID, before receiving an access badge. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide a copy of their passport, visa, or green card in addition to providing the following information no less than 10 working days prior to the meeting: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa/green card information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee. To expedite admittance, attendees with U.S. citizenship can provide identifying information 3 working days in advance by contacting Marian Norris via e-mail at mnorris@nasa.gov or by telephone at (202) 358-4452.

Dated: June 9, 2010.

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[Notice (10-065)]

NASA Advisory Council; Ad-Hoc Task Force on Planetary Defense; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Ad-Hoc Task Force on Planetary Defense of the NASA Advisory Council.

DATES: Thursday, July 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., and Friday, July 9, 2010,

8 a.m.–12:45 p.m. (all times are Mountain Daylight Savings Time).

ADDRESSES: Millennium Harvest House, 1345 28th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302 (room will be posted in hotel lobby).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jane Parham, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-1715; jane.parham@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda topics for the meeting will include:

- Work plan and timeline.
- Report on fact-finding meetings.
- Asteroid detection, warning, response, and concepts for deflection.
- International coordination on planetary defense against asteroids.

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For questions, please call Ms. Jane Parham, at (202) 358-1715.

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[Notice (10-064)]

National Environmental Policy Act; Scientific Balloon Program

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for NASA's Scientific Balloon Program.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and NASA NEPA policy and procedures (14 CFR Part 1216, Subpart 1216.3), NASA has prepared a Draft PEA that analyzes scientific balloon launch and flight operations originating from NASA's

Columbia Scientific Balloon Facilities (CSBF) in Fort Sumner, New Mexico and Palestine, Texas. NASA has launched and monitored the flights of balloons from these locations for over 25 years. NASA is not proposing to change the launch locations and is only proposing to increase the number of scientific balloons launched each year. Balloon flights originating from CSBF Fort Sumner would increase from 15 to 25 annually; balloons launched from CSBF Palestine would continue at approximately 6 per year. The No Action Alternative, under which balloon launch and flight operations would not increase, is also analyzed in detail in the Draft PEA.

In accordance with its NEPA procedures, NASA has also prepared a Draft FONSI that preliminarily concludes that an Environmental Impact Statement is not needed for the proposal.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the draft PEA and the draft FONSI, preferably in writing, no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted via mail should be addressed to: Joshua A. Bundick, NEPA Program Manager, Scientific Balloon Program, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, VA 23337. Comments also may be submitted via electronic mail to: wff-nepa@lists.nasa.gov.

The Draft PEA and Draft FONSI may be viewed at the following locations:

- (a) Fort Sumner Public Library, 235 West Sumner Avenue, Fort Sumner, New Mexico 88119 (575-355-2832).
- (b) Palestine Public Library, 1101 North Cedar Street, Palestine, Texas 75801 (903-729-4121).

- (c) NASA Headquarters Library, Room 1J20, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546-0001 (202-358-0168).

The Draft PEA and Draft FONSI are also available on the internet in Adobe® portable document format at the following address: http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/BPO_PEA.php. Limited hard copies of the Draft PEA and Draft FONSI are available, on a first request basis, by contacting Joshua Bundick at the address or telephone number indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Bundick, NEPA Program Manager, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility; telephone 757-824-2319; or electronic mail at Joshua.A.Bundick@nasa.gov. Additional information about the