

Count 2—Violations of Pollution Prevention Regulations: Contents of Transfer Procedures

Count 3—Violations of Pollution Prevention Regulations: Requirements of Transfer

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Judicial Administrator, Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. Coast Guard.

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Office of Commercial Space Transportation

Environmental Impact Statement; Sierra and Doña Ana Counties, NM

AGENCY: Office of Commercial Space Transportation (OCST), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Office of Commercial Space Transportation (OCST) is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared and scoping meetings held on the proposed phased development of the Southwest Regional Spaceport in southern New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Transportation's (DOT) Office of Commercial Space Transportation (OCST), in cooperation with the State of New Mexico's Office of Space Commercialization (NMOSC) and Department of Economic Development, will prepare a joint Federal/State EIS for the proposed commercial Southwest Regional Spaceport in southern New Mexico. The operator of the spaceport will require a license from OCST in accordance with the Commercial Space Launch Act of 1984, as recodified at 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IX, ch. 701—Commercial Space Launch Activities, 49 U.S.C. §§ 70101-70119 (1994). An EIS is necessary for OCST to make a licensing determination and comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 *et seq.*

The State of New Mexico proposes the establishment of a commercial spaceport on lands located generally in the Sierra and Doña Ana Counties,

between the cities of Truth Or Consequences and Las Cruces, New Mexico, as a key element of the State's efforts to bring regional assets together as a consortium to form the Southwest Space Complex. Other major elements of the Southwest Space Complex include the Department of Defense-owned White Sands Missile Range and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration-owned White Sands Test Facility. The New Mexico State University's Physical Sciences Laboratory, USAF Phillips Laboratory, and the Department of Energy's Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories are among the research and development or educational institutions that would be available for additional support as required.

Development of the Southwest Regional Spaceport, and other elements of the Southwest Space Complex, will occur in phases over a number of years. The proposed action encompassed by the EIS includes the construction of launch and associated support facilities and the extension of roads and utilities necessary to parallel the phased development of single-stage-to-orbit (SSTO) technology and to support other existing or developmental rocket systems, such as sounding rockets and expendable launch vehicles. Initial launch operations are anticipated to begin as early as mid-1996. The State of New Mexico anticipates a completed Southwest Regional Spaceport early in the next century.

The purpose of the Southwest Regional Spaceport project is to provide launch, recovery, and associated support facilities to the developing commercial space industry. The State is proposing to locate the Southwest Regional Spaceport in southern New Mexico because it views the altitude, climatic, population density, and existing infrastructure conditions as highly favorable. The State anticipates that this project will enhance space-related economic development within the State of New Mexico generally and throughout the southwest, as well as increase the ability of the U.S. launch industry to recapture a share of the international satellite launch market.

Alternatives to the proposed action include no action and alternative sites for launch and support facilities within the general area.

Two public scoping meetings will be held in New Mexico to solicit comments on significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. The specific dates and locations are:

(1) March 22, 1995, 7:00-9:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 200 N. Church Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(2) March 23, 1995, 7:00-9:00 PM, Convention Center, 300 Daniel Street, Truth Or Consequences, New Mexico.

Comments are solicited from Federal, State, and local agencies, private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in this proposal. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties no later than March 27, 1995. Comments and questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to OCST in duplicate (i.e. two copies) at the address provided above.

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Director, Office of Commercial Space Transportation.

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Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review Greater Rockford Airport, Rockford, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Greater Rockford Airport Authority for Greater Rockford Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program that was submitted for Greater Rockford Airport under Part 150 in conjunction with the noise exposure map, and that this program will be approved or disapproved on or before July 30, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps and of the start of its review of the associated noise compatibility program is January 31, 1995. The public comment period ends April 3, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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