

4975(c)(1)(B) and (D) of the Code, shall not apply to the lending of money or other extension of credit from a party in interest or disqualified person to an employee benefit plan, nor to the repayment of such loan or other extension of credit in accordance with its terms or written modifications thereof, if:

(a) No interest or other fee is charged to the plan, and no discount for payment in cash is relinquished by the plan, in connection with the loan or extension of credit;

(b) The proceeds of the loan or extension of credit are used only:

(1) For the payment of ordinary operating expenses of the plan, including the payment of benefits in accordance with the terms of the plan and periodic premiums under an insurance or annuity contract; or

(2) For a period of no more than three days, for a purpose incidental to the ordinary operation of the plan;

(c) The loan or extension of credit is unsecured; and

(d) The loan or extension of credit is not directly or indirectly made by an employee benefit plan.

Section II: Temporary Exemption

Effective November 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000, the restrictions of section 406(a)(1)(B) and (D) and section 406(b)(2) of the Act, and the taxes imposed by section 4975(a) and (b) of the Code by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(B) and (D) of the Code, shall not apply to the lending of money or other extension of credit from a party in interest or disqualified person to an employee benefit plan, nor to the repayment of such loan or other extension of credit in accordance with its terms or written modifications thereof, if:

(a) No interest or other fee is charged to the plan, and no discount for payment in cash is relinquished by the plan, in connection with the loan or extension of credit;

(b) The proceeds of the loan or extension of credit are used only for a purpose incidental to the ordinary operation of the plan which arises in connection with the plan's inability to liquidate, or otherwise access its assets or data as a result of the Y2K problem.

(c) The loan or extension of credit is unsecured;

(d) The loan or extension of credit is not directly or indirectly made by an employee benefit plan;

(e) The loan or extension of credit begins on or after November 1, 1999 and is repaid or terminated no later than December 31, 2000.

Section III: Definition

For the purposes of section II, a Y2K problem is a disruption of computer operations resulting from a computer system's inability to process data because such system recognizes years only by the last two digits, causing a "00" entry to be read as the year "1900" rather than the year "2000."

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of November, 1999.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: The Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation will meet on November 29, 1999 via conference call. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m and continue until conclusion of the Board's agenda.

LOCATION: 750 First Street, NE, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20002, in Room 11026.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Consider and act on the Board of Directors' Semiannual Report to Congress for the period of April 1, 1999 to September 30, 1999.
3. Consider and act on a staff proposal to move funds from Grant Recoveries to Grants line in order to fund an emergency grant to Legal Services of North Carolina.
4. Consider and act on staff request to revise the Corporation's FY 2000 Consolidated Operating Budget to add to U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals line an additional \$15,000 received from the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals.
5. Consider and act on other business.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Victor M. Fortuno, Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, at (202) 336-8810.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Shannon Nicko Adaway, at (202) 336-8810.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Victor M. Fortuno,

Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[NOTICE 99-147]

National Environmental Policy Act; Mars Surveyor 2001 Mission

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for implementation of the Mars Surveyor 2001 (MS 01) mission.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (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 policy and procedures (14 CFR Part 1216 Subpart 1216.3), NASA has prepared and issued a DEIS for the MS 01 mission. The DEIS addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with continuing the preparations for and implementing the MS 01 mission. The purpose of this proposal is to continue global reconnaissance of Mars and perform surface exploration.

The mission is planned to consist of two components. NASA proposes to launch an orbiter spacecraft from Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California in March-April 2001, and a lander/rover spacecraft from Cape Canaveral Air Station (CCAS), Florida in April 2001. The orbiter would be launched aboard a Delta II 7925, while the lander/rover would be launched aboard a Delta II 7425. The lander/rover would include four small radioactive sources for instrument calibration and would use three radioisotope heater units (RHU's) for thermal control. The orbiter would carry no radioactive material.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments or environmental concerns on or before January 13, 2000, or 45 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the MS 01 mission DEIS, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Mr. Mark R. Dahl, NASA Headquarters, Code SD, Washington, DC