

of the MS 01 spacecraft at CCAFS and VAFB. The potential for off-site consequences would be limited primarily to a liquid propellant spill during fueling operations of the Delta II second stage and a launch failure at or near the launch pad. A launch vehicle failure on or near the launch area during the first few seconds of flight could result in the release of the propellants (solid and liquid) onboard the Delta II, the upper stage, and the spacecraft. The resulting emissions would resemble those resulting from a normal launch. Liquid propellants would largely burn with some unburned propellant dispersed in the atmosphere. Some unburned solid and liquid propellants could enter surface water bodies and the ocean. Falling debris would be expected to land on or near the launch pad, resulting in secondary ground-level explosions and localized fires.

For both normal launches and non-radiological environmental impacts arising from an accident, there would be no impacts on cultural resources or floodplains. No other non-radiological environmental impacts of concern have been identified. The launch of Delta II vehicles from CCAFS are covered by existing U.S. Air Force (USAF) Environmental Assessments and FONSI's. There have been no subsequent substantial changes to the Delta II launch vehicle that are relevant to environmental concerns. In addition, there are no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns that bear on the launch of the Delta II class vehicle.

The DEIS also addressed a concern associated with launch of the MS 01 lander/rover spacecraft involving potential launch accidents that could result in release of some of the radioactive material onboard the lander/rover spacecraft. NASA's cooperating agency, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), performed a radiological risk assessment of potential accidents for the MS 01 lander/rover. The DOE's risk assessment for the MS 01 lander/rover indicated that the expected impacts of released radioactive material on or near the launch area, and on a global basis, would be small.

The 45-day public comment period on the DEIS closed on January 17, 2000. A total of six comment letters were received: two from Federal agencies, three from State agencies, and one from a local agency. The comments addressed the following issues: NASA's compliance with the Endangered Species Act at the VAFB launch site; NASA's use of Best Management Practices; and questions regarding the methodologies used to estimate

radiological consequences. These comments provided no new information or analyses that indicated a need to change the DEIS risk assessment of impacts presented in the DEIS.

Following the loss of the Mars Polar Lander, NASA instituted comprehensive reviews by high-level panels of experts not just of this spacecraft, but also of its overall approach to Mars exploration. These reviews resulted in a number of reports that have been publicly released. NASA is responding to these reports and recommendations, and is developing a broad restructuring of its approach to Mars exploration. Recommendations were also made that would directly affect implementation of the MS 01 mission. Specifically, it was recommended that launch of the MS 01 lander/rover spacecraft mission component be delayed to a future date yet to be determined, and that the orbiter spacecraft be launched in 2001 as originally proposed in the DEIS for the MS 01 Mission with the exception that the launch take place from CCAFS instead of VAFB. In March 2000, NASA adopted these recommendations regarding the Mars Surveyor 2001 mission.

The assessment of non-radiological environmental impacts in the DEIS was prepared on the basis of the larger Delta II 7925 vehicle at both launch sites. Therefore, the assessment of impacts both for a normal launch of the MS 01 lander/rover from CCAFS and for potential launch accidents that do not involve release of radioactive material is directly applicable to launch of the MS 01 orbiter from CCAFS and provides a conservative upper bound on those impacts. Furthermore, since the MS 01 orbiter does not utilize radioactive material, the risk assessment of potential radiological consequences for a launch accident involving the MS 01 lander/rover at CCAFS does not apply. Finally, the question submitted during the public comment period regarding compliance with the Endangered Species Act at VAFB does not pertain to the proposed MS 01 orbiter launch from CCAFS. Thus, given that the proposed reconfiguration of the Mars Surveyor 2001 mission to an orbiter-only launch from CCAFS does not entail any new or substantial changes to the potential environmental impacts evaluated in the DEIS, NASA has concluded that the DEIS adequately and accurately reflects the environmental impacts of the launch of a MS 01 orbiter spacecraft from CCAFS using a Delta II 7925 launch vehicle.

On the basis of the DEIS and USAF NEPA documentation on the Delta II

class of launch vehicles, NASA has determined that the preparations for and launch and operation of an MS 01 orbiter-only mission would not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Should NASA decide to launch the MS 01 lander/rover to Mars at some future date, additional environmental documentation will be prepared.

Therefore, NASA has made a finding of no significant impact and has determined that issuance of a Final Environmental Impact Statement is not appropriate. NASA will take no final action prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period.

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Associate Administrator for Space Science.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

National Historical Publications and Records Commission; Programs Subject to Title IX

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of NHPRC programs covered by 36 CFR Part 1211 (Title IX).

SUMMARY: This notice describes the types of financial assistance that are provided by National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) that are covered by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended ("Title IX"). Title IX prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of sex in education programs or activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NHPRC, Nancy Copp, at 202-501-5603, email address, nancy.copp@arch1.nara.gov, fax number 202-501-5601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NHPRC provides grants for projects that focus on documentary publications, records projects and other educational programs. The emphasis is placed primarily on the dissemination, accessibility and preservation of historical records bearing on U.S. history and also to further an understanding and appreciation of U.S. history. The program is carried in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) as 89.003, National Historical Publications and Records Grants.

The final common rule for the enforcement of Title IX was published in the **Federal Register** by 21 Federal

agencies, including NARA, on August 30, 2000 (65 FR 52857-52895). NARA's portion of the final rule will be codified at 36 CFR Part 1211. Subpart F of the Title IX common rule requires each Federal agency that awards Federal financial assistance to publish a notice of the federal financial assistance covered by the Title IX regulations within 60 days after the effective date of the final rule. This notice fulfills that requirement for NARA. Failure to list a type of federal assistance in this notice does not mean, if Title IX is otherwise applicable, that a program or activity is not covered by Title IX.

Recipients of federal financial assistance from NARA are subject to Title IX, but Title IX's anti-discrimination prohibitions are limited to the educational components of the recipient's program or activity, if any. The following types of NHPRC grants may involve educational activities that are covered under 36 CFR part 1211:

1. Educational Programs and Fellowships. NHPRC provides fellowships in Archival Administration (9-10 month training experience in archival management), fellowships in Advanced Historical Documentary Editing, and the Institute for the editing of Historical Documents.

2. Records Grants. These grants ensure that records documenting the American Experience are saved and made available for public use.

3. Electronic Records Grants. These grants seek ways to ensure that records created today will be useable on tomorrow's technology.

4. State Boards Grants. These grants provide support for advisory bodies for historical records planning and for many projects carried out within the states to strengthen the Nation's archival infrastructure.

5. Publication Grants. These grants provide support for the publication of documentary editions that explore the lives and actions of important figures and/or to bring to light major themes of U.S. history.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

John W. Carlin,

Archivist of the United States.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura S. Nelson, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 29, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* December 5, 2000.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Library & Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 2000 deadline.

2. *Date:* December 6, 2000.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 430.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Schools for a New Millennium, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the October 1, 2000 deadline.

3. *Date:* December 7, 2000.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Collaborative Research in Western Hemisphere, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the September 1, 2000 deadline.

4. *Date:* December 8, 2000.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 430.

Program: This meeting will review applications for National Education Projects, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the October 15, 2000 deadline.

5. *Date:* December 8, 2000.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for National Heritage Preservation Program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 2000 deadline.

6. *Date:* December 8, 2000.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Collaborative Research in Long-Term Projects I, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the September 1, 2000 deadline.

7. *Date:* December 11, 2000.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Collaborative Research in Long-Term Projects II, submitted to the Division of Research Programs at the September 1, 2000 deadline.

8. *Date:* December 11, 2000.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 430.

Program: This meeting will review applications for National Education Projects, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the October 15, 2000 deadline.

9. *Date:* December 11, 2000.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 714.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the November 1, 2000 deadline.

10. *Date:* December 11-12, 2000.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 426.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museum and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the November 1, 2000 deadline.

11. *Date:* December 12, 2000.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for United States Newspaper Program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 2000 deadline.

12. *Date:* December 13, 2000.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 430.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Schools for a New