

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (08-007)]

NASA Advisory Committee; Renewal of NASA's International Space Station Advisory Committee Charter

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of renewal and amendment of the Charter of the International Space Station Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to sections 14(b)(1) and 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has determined that a renewal of the International Space Station Advisory Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on NASA by law. The renewed Charter is identical to the original Charter in all respects except that the Charter renewal is for nine months, rather than two years, and the minimum number of voting committee members has been reduced from ten to eight.

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[Notice 08-006]

National Environmental Policy Act; Constellation Program

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Constellation Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)

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), NASA's NEPA

policy and procedures (14 CFR Part 1216, subpart 1216.3), and Executive Order 12114, NASA has prepared and issued the Final PEIS for the proposed Constellation Program to assist in the NASA decision making process.

The Proposed Action (Preferred Alternative) is to continue preparations for and to implement the Constellation Program. The focus of the Constellation Program is the development of the flight systems and Earth-based ground infrastructure required to enable the United States to have continued access to space and to enable future human missions to the International Space Station, the Moon, Mars, and beyond. The Constellation Program also would be responsible for developing and testing flight hardware, and performing mission operations once the infrastructure is sufficiently developed. The only alternative to the Proposed Action discussed in detail is the No Action Alternative where NASA would not continue preparations for nor implement the Constellation Program and therefore, would forego the opportunity for human exploration of space using U.S. space vehicles.

DATES: NASA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed Constellation Program based on the Final PEIS no sooner than February 18, 2008, or 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the Final PEIS, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: The Final PEIS may be examined at the following locations:

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

(b) NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035 (650-604-3273)

(c) NASA, Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA 93523 (661-276-2704)

(d) NASA, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812 (256-544-1837)

(e) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301-286-4721)

(f) NASA, John C. Stennis Space Center, MS 39529 (228-688-2118)

(g) NASA, John F. Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899 (321-867-2745)

(h) NASA, John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field, Cleveland, OH 44135 (866-404-3642)

(i) NASA, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058 (281-483-8612)

(j) NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681 (757-864-2497)

(k) Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA 91109 (818-393-6779).

Limited hard copies of the Final PEIS are available, on a first request basis, by contacting Kathleen Callister, NASA HQ, Environmental Management Division, 300E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546, telephone 1-202-358-1953, or electronic mail at

Kathleen.E.Callister@nasa.gov. The Final PEIS also is available on the internet in Adobe® portable document format at http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/constellation/main/peis.html. NASA's ROD will be made available, once issued, on the same Web site as above and by request to the contact information provided above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ZA/Environmental Manager, Constellation Program, NASA Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Parkway, Houston, Texas 77058, telephone (toll free) 1-866-662-7243, or electronic mail at *nasa-cxeis@mail.nasa.gov*. Additional Constellation Program information can also be found on the internet at http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/constellation/main/index.html. Information specific to the Constellation Program NEPA process can be found at http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/exploration/main/eis.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final PEIS addresses the environmental impacts associated with continuing preparations for and implementing the Constellation Program. The Constellation Program would build a new crew vehicle called the Orion and two new launch vehicles, Ares I to transport crew and Ares V to transport cargo (for lunar or Mars missions). The environmental impacts of principal concern are those that would result from fabrication, testing, and launch of the Orion spacecraft and the Ares I and Ares V launch vehicles.

The Constellation Program would be an extremely large and complex program spanning decades and requiring the efforts of a broad spectrum of talent located throughout NASA and many commercial entities. Under NASA's Proposed Action, Constellation Program activities would be expected to occur at the following NASA sites:

—John F. Kennedy Space Center, Brevard County, Florida
—John C. Stennis Space Center, Hancock County, Mississippi
—Michoud Assembly Facility, New Orleans, Louisiana
—Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas
—George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama