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.

P. Diane Rausch,
Advisor Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[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.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be required to sign a register when they enter the meeting room.

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

Dated: June 9, 2010.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[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 1290, 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
Scientific Balloon Program may be found on the internet at http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code820/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NASA has launched and monitored the flights of balloons from the Columbia Scientific Balloon Facilities (CSBF) located in Fort Sumner, New Mexico and Palestine, Texas for over 25 years. Balloons are used to collect scientific data and conduct research on the atmosphere and near-space environments primarily in support of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate. Significant finds, such as the discovery of the ozone hole above the Antarctic in the mid-1980s, have been made by instruments tested or operated on balloon missions launched from CSBF in recent years. NASA’s balloon program has seen a dramatic increase in sophistication of experiments and demands for service. Due to the flexibility and relatively low cost of the program, there is an increased need for balloon-based research and development missions. As such, NASA seeks to increase the annual number of balloons launched from the CSBF Fort Sumner facility.

The Draft PEA addresses the environmental impacts associated with balloon launch, flight, and recovery operations. Although balloons are typically launched from one of the two CSBF facilities, their flight paths are wind-driven, and they could land in adjacent states. An analysis of the past ten years of flights indicates that the majority of balloons and payloads are recovered from Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Only a handful of balloons or payloads have landed in the neighboring states of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado.

In preparing the Draft PEA, NASA requested input from over fifty potentially interested parties, including those in Federal, State, and Tribal governments. During this process, several commenters expressed an interest in potential effects on cultural resources; others either offered support of the proposal or did not comment. Accordingly, NASA has assessed the potential effects of the proposal and the No Action Alternative on physical, biological, and social resources and has tentatively concluded those impacts are not significant.

Olga M. Dominguez, Assistant Administrator for Office of Strategic Infrastructure.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

PLACE: NTSB Conference Center, 429 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20594.

STATUS: The one item is open to the public.


NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 314–6100.

The press and public may enter the NTSB Conference Center one hour prior to the meeting for set up and seating. Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Rochelle Hall at (202) 314–6305 by Friday, June 11, 2010.

The public may view the meeting via a live or archived Webcast by accessing a link under “News & Events” on the NTSB home page at http://www.ntsb.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Candi Bing, (202) 314–6403.

Dated: June 11, 2010.

Candi R. Bing,
Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2010–0195]

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to section 189a. (2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from May 20, 2010 to June 2, 2010. The last biweekly notice was published on June 1, 2010 (75 FR 30440).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission’s regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue the license amendment before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue the amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example in derating or shutdown of the facility. Should the Commission take action prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish in the Federal Register a notice of issuance. Should the Commission make a final No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, any hearing will take place after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch