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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Introduction**

Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 8.24, "Health Physics Surveys During Enriched Uranium-235 Processing and Fuel Fabrication" was issued with a temporary identification as Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-8040 on March 22, 2010 (75 FR 13599). This guide specifies the types and frequencies of surveys that are acceptable to the NRC's staff for the protection of workers in plants licensed by the NRC to process enriched uranium and fabricate uranium fuel.

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 20.1501(a), requires each licensee to make or cause to be made such surveys that may be necessary for compliance with the regulations in 10 CFR part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation." Section 20.1003, the definitions section of 10 CFR part 20, defines the term "survey" as "an evaluation of the radiological conditions and potential hazards incident to the production, use, transfer, release, disposal, or presence of radioactive material or other sources of radiation."

This guide does not relate to the processing of uranium-233, nor does it deal specifically with the following aspects of an acceptable occupational health physics program that are closely related to surveys: (1) The number and qualification of the health physics staff, (2) instrumentation, including types, numbers of instruments, limitations of use, accuracy, and calibration, (3) personnel dosimetry, and (4) bioassays.

**II. Further Information**

On March 22, 2010, DG-8040 was published with a request for public comments (75 FR 13599). The public comment period closed on May 3, 2010. Electronic copies of Regulatory Guide 8.24, Revision 2 are available through the NRC's public Web site under "Regulatory Guides" at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> and through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, under Accession No. ML110400305. The regulatory analysis may be found in ADAMS under Accession No.

ML110400310. Staff's responses to public comments on DG-8040 are available under ML110400315.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4209, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by email to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of May 2012.

**Edward O'Donnell,**

*Acting Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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**OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY**
**Expediting Transition of Government Performed and Sponsored Aeronautics Research and Development**

**AGENCY:** National Science and Technology Council, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science and Technology Council seeks public comment on potential means to expedite the transition of government performed or sponsored research and development (R&D) to the private sector for use in developing new civil and military applications that foster economic growth, the creation of high-quality jobs, and national security. In addition, as a means to improve future national aeronautics R&D plans and progress assessments, the Council seeks public comment on the utility of certain national aeronautics R&D planning documents for providing transparency of goals, priorities, and outcomes, with an emphasis on understanding their utility in aiding investment strategies of non-Federal stakeholders.

**DATES:** Comments will be received through July 16, 2012, 11:59 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Concise comments are requested and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [aero@ostp.gov](mailto:aero@ostp.gov). Include "AERONAUTICS COMMENTS" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Office of Science and Technology Policy, National Science and Technology Council, Eisenhower Executive Office Building, 1650 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20504. Attention: "AERONAUTICS COMMENTS."

All submissions must be in English and must include your name and return or email address, if applicable. At the discretion of the ASTS, responders may be contacted to seek further clarification or additional information; if you do not wish to be contacted please so indicate in your response. Submitted comments may be subject to public release under applicable law. Submitters are advised to not submit any personally identifiable information (such as social security numbers), or classified or copyrighted material. Any proprietary or business confidential information that is submitted in response to this notice should be clearly labeled at the top of each page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dr. Michael C. Romanowski, 202-456-4444. Questions about the content of this notice should be sent to [aero@ostp.gov](mailto:aero@ostp.gov). Include

"AERONAUTICS COMMENTS" in the subject line of the message. Questions may also be sent by mail (please allow additional time for processing) to: Office of Science and Technology Policy, Eisenhower Executive Office Building, 1650 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20504. Attention: "AERONAUTICS COMMENTS."

Further information or updates related to this notice may be posted at <http://www.aeronautics.nasa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Purpose**

The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), through the Aeronautics Science and Technology Subcommittee (ASTS) of the Committee on Technology (CoT), seeks public comment on ways to maximize the benefits of Federal aeronautics research and development (R&D) investments.

**Background**

ASTS seeks to identify innovative means whereby Federal agencies conducting or sponsoring aeronautics R&D can accelerate the transition of advancements to the non-Federal community, thereby further increasing the effectiveness of the national aeronautics enterprise and supporting the creation of high-wage, high-skill jobs within the aerospace sector. ASTS has

particular interest in proposals that are actionable within existing legislative authorities, and that would have measurable anticipated payoffs. As rapid progress is desired, it would be helpful if responders identify near-term opportunities as well as improvements with medium-to-long-term payoffs. Responders are encouraged to rank their relative priorities if submitting multiple suggestions.

In December 2006, the National Aeronautics Research and Development Policy was published (see [http://www.aeronautics.nasa.gov/releases/national\\_aeronautics\\_rd\\_policy\\_dec\\_2006.pdf](http://www.aeronautics.nasa.gov/releases/national_aeronautics_rd_policy_dec_2006.pdf)), marking the first time that a national policy for government performed or sponsored aeronautics R&D was approved by the President. Since then, the first cycle of plans and progress assessments in response to the Policy were completed. The Federal Government published its initial National Plan for Aeronautics Research and Development in 2007, with follow-on updates published in 2010 and 2011. In 2008, an initial assessment of progress against the 2007 plan was also published. Likewise, in December 2011, an assessment against the 2010 aeronautics research and development plan was published. With the completion of the 2011 Progress Assessment of the 2010 National Aeronautics Research and Development Plan, ASTS has completed a five-year national aeronautics R&D planning and assessment cycle. ASTS seeks public comment on the contents and utility of these plans and assessment documents as a means to improve the effectiveness of the federal aeronautics enterprise.

We encourage responders to be specific and to identify innovative approaches, broader use of current best practices, and past practices no longer employed that might be re-implemented. No prioritization is implied by the order in which questions are asked. Please consider the following documents, as appropriate, when responding to the questions:

- National Plan for Aeronautics Research & Development and Related Infrastructure (2007) (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/documents/ostp/default-file/Final%20National%20Aero%20RD%20Plan%20HIGH%20RES.pdf>)

- Technical Appendix to the National Plan for Aeronautics Research and Development and Related Infrastructure (2008) ([http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/documents/ostp/default-file/technical\\_appendix\\_high.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/documents/ostp/default-file/technical_appendix_high.pdf))

- 2010 National Aeronautics Research and Development Plan (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/aero-rdplan-2010.pdf>)

[www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/aero-rdplan-2010.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/aero-rdplan-2010.pdf))

- 2011 Progress Assessment of the 2010 National Aeronautics Research and Development Plan ([http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/NARDP\\_2011\\_Progress\\_Assessment\\_final.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/NARDP_2011_Progress_Assessment_final.pdf))

### Questions on Technology Transfer and National Aeronautics R&D

Responders are encouraged to respond to any or all of the following questions, and to provide proposed metrics to index improvements where appropriate.

1. Through what mechanisms are you, or your organization, able to obtain visibility into the progress of aeronautics R&D activities conducted or sponsored by the Federal Government? In what ways could your visibility be improved?

2. Through what mechanisms, and to what extent, are you, or your organization, able to access the products of federally sponsored or conducted aeronautics R&D activities? In what ways could access be improved?

3. Since 2007, have you, or your organization, been able to transition any of the products from the specific Federal R&D activities that were performed under the National Aeronautics Research & Development Plans into the products or services developed by your organization? Please discuss, and provide examples of specific mechanisms that facilitated technology transfer or that impeded the process.

4. What other ideas or thoughts do you have for maximizing the benefits of Federal aeronautics R&D, or for increasing the effectiveness of technology transfer from Federally conducted or sponsored R&D to the private sector? Do you have recommendations for success criteria or metrics associated with these areas?

5. Through what mechanisms, and to what extent, are you, or your organization, able to provide input into overall priorities and goals for Federal aeronautics R&D, or into the specific department and agency R&D plans or programs? How could this be improved?

6. What do you perceive to be the impact of the National Aeronautics R&D Policy and its associated plans on the U.S. aeronautics enterprise?

7. To what extent have the national aeronautics plans and assessments helped you, or your organization, understand the overall goals and status of Federal aeronautics R&D?

8. To what extent have the national aeronautics plans and assessments helped you, or your organization, guide

your internal R&D strategies, planning or execution?

9. What recommendations would you provide to make future national aeronautics plans and assessments more useful to you or your organization?

**Ted Wackler,**

*Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant Director.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies will hold a public meeting on Friday, June 8, 2012, in Multi-Purpose Room LL-006 at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) and will be open to the public. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Visitors will be subject to security checks. The meeting will be Webcast on the Commission's Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

On May 22, 2012, the Commission issued notice of the Committee meeting (Release No. 33-9325), indicating that the meeting is open to the public and inviting the public to submit written comments to the Committee. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting includes discussions of provisions of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act and other matters relating to rules and regulations affecting small and emerging companies under the federal securities laws.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: June 1, 2012.

**Elizabeth M. Murphy,**

*Secretary.*

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