

service data on aircraft component failure. The FAA form 5200-7, Bird/Other Wildlife Strike Report, is most often completed by the pilot-in-charge of an aircraft involved in a wildlife collision or by Air Traffic Control Tower personnel, or other airline or airport personnel who have knowledge of the incident.

*Respondents:* Approximately 7,666 pilots, air traffic control personnel, or other airline or airport personnel.

*Frequency:* Information is collected as needed.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 613 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Kathy DePaepe, Room 126B, Federal Aviation Administration, AES-200, 6500 S. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73169.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 15, 2013.

**Albert R. Spence,**

FAA Assistant Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Office of Commercial Space Transportation; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the SpaceX Texas Launch Site

**AGENCY:** DOT, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), lead Federal agency; and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Park Service, U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, cooperating agencies.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability, Notice of Public Comment Period, Notice of

Public Hearing, and Request for Comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA; 42 United States Code [U.S.C.] 4321 et seq.), Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500 to 1508), and FAA Order 1050.1E, Change 1, the FAA, Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST) is announcing the availability of and requesting comments on the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the SpaceX Texas Launch Site* (Draft EIS). This Draft EIS is also submitted for review pursuant to the following public law requirements: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Section 303); Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470); Executive Order 11988, *Floodplain Management*; DOT Order 5650.2, *Floodplain Management and Protection*; Executive Order 11990, *Protection of Wetlands*; and DOT Order 5660.1A, *Preservation of the Nation's Wetlands*.

An electronic version of the Draft EIS is available on the FAA/AST Web site: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ast/environmental/nepa\\_docs/review/documents/progress/spacex\\_texas\\_launch\\_site\\_environmental\\_impact\\_statement/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents/progress/spacex_texas_launch_site_environmental_impact_statement/). In addition, copies of the Draft EIS were sent to persons and agencies on the distribution list (found in Chapter 11 of the Draft EIS). A paper copy and an electronic version of the Draft EIS may be reviewed during regular business hours at the following Brownsville locations:

- Brownsville Public Library Main Branch, 2600 Central Blvd.
- Southmost Branch Library, 4320 Southmost Blvd.
- University of Texas at Brownsville, Oliveira Library, 80 Fort Brown St.

The FAA will hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the public concerning the scope and content of the Draft EIS.

- May 7, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the International Technology, Education, and Commerce (ITEC) Center, located at 301 Mexico Boulevard, Suite G-1, Brownsville, TX 78520.

The public hearing will include a poster information session from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., FAA presentation from 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., followed by a public statement period in which members of the public may provide up to a 3-minute statement. The FAA will transcribe all oral comments. All

comments received during the comment period will be given equal weight and be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Final EIS.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the Draft EIS begins with the issuance of this Notice of Availability and last 45 days. The FAA encourages interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments concerning the scope and content of the Draft EIS by June 3, 2013. Comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts and the adequacy of the Proposed Action or merits of alternatives and the mitigation being considered. Reviewers should organize their participation so that it is meaningful and makes the agency aware of the reviewer's interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the Draft EIS and related documents. Matters that could have been raised with specificity during the comment period on the Draft EIS may not be considered if they are raised for the first time later in the decision process. This commenting procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the FAA in a timely manner so that the FAA has an opportunity to address them.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments or questions regarding the Draft EIS to Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, SpaceX EIS c/o Cardno TEC Inc., 275 West Street, Suite 110, Annapolis, MD 21401. Comments may also be submitted via email to [faaspacexeis@cardnotec.com](mailto:faaspacexeis@cardnotec.com) or by fax to (410) 990-0455.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey M. Zee, Environmental Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; email [Stacey.Zee@faa.gov](mailto:Stacey.Zee@faa.gov); or phone (202) 267-9305.

#### Additional Information

The Proposed Action is for the FAA to issue launch licenses and/or experimental permits to SpaceX that would allow SpaceX to launch the Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy orbital vertical launch vehicles and a variety of reusable suborbital launch vehicles from a launch site on privately-owned property in Cameron County, Texas. As part of the Proposed Action, SpaceX plans to construct facilities, structures, and utility connections in order to support the launch of the Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launch vehicles. The facilities would be located in two areas:

vertical launch area and control center area. The proposed vertical launch area site is currently undeveloped and is located directly adjacent to the eastern terminus of Texas State Highway 4 (Boca Chica Boulevard) and approximately 3 miles north of the Mexican border on the Gulf Coast. It is located approximately 5 miles south of Port Isabel and South Padre Island. At the vertical launch area, the new facilities required would include an integration and processing hangar, a launch pad and stand with its associated flame duct, a water tower, a retention basin for deluge water, propellant storage and handling areas, a workshop and office area, and a warehouse for parts storage.

The command and control functions for a launch are required to be conducted at a safe separation distance from the actual launch pad. The control center area would be located inland, approximately 2 miles west of the vertical launch area and would include control center buildings, payload processing facilities, a launch vehicle processing hangar, generators and diesel storage facilities, and a satellite fuels storage facility. All facilities would be constructed through private funding, on currently undeveloped private property that would be purchased or leased by SpaceX. In addition, new underground power lines would be installed in the State Highway 4 Right-of-Way from the control center area to the vertical launch area.

Operations would consist of up to 12 launches per year with a maximum of two Falcon Heavy launches. All Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches would be expected to have commercial payloads, including satellites or experimental payloads. In addition to standard payloads, the Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy may also carry a capsule, such as the SpaceX Dragon capsule. All launch trajectories would be to the east over the Gulf of Mexico.

Alternatives under consideration include the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would not issue a license or experimental permit to SpaceX. The Draft EIS evaluates the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative on several environmental impact categories, including compatible land use (including farmlands and coastal resources); Section 4(f) properties; noise; visual resources and light emissions; historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources; air quality; water resources (including wetlands, floodplains, surface waters,

groundwater, and wild and scenic rivers); biological resources (including fish, wildlife, and plants); hazardous materials, pollution prevention, and solid waste; socioeconomic, environmental justice, and children's environmental health risks and safety risks; energy supply and natural resources; and secondary (induced) impacts. Additional resources were also considered including airspace, health and safety, and ground traffic and transportation. The Proposed Action would include a significant encroachment on floodplains per DOT Order 5650.2, *Floodplain Management Protection*.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on State Highway 99 (Segment C) in Texas

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA and Other Federal Agencies.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA and other Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The actions relate to a proposed highway project, Grand Parkway (State Highway 99) Segment C, from US 59 (S) to SH 288 in Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties, Texas. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

**DATES:** By this notice, the FHWA is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before September 16, 2013. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gregory Punske, P.E., District Engineer, District B (South), Federal Highway Administration, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826 Austin, Texas 78701; telephone: (512) 536-5960; email: [gregory.punske@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:gregory.punske@fhwa.dot.gov). The

FHWA Texas Division Office's normal business hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (central time) Monday through Friday. You may also contact Mr. Carlos Swonke, Environmental Affairs Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704; telephone: (512) 416-2734; email:

[Carlos.Swonke@txdot.gov](mailto:Carlos.Swonke@txdot.gov). The Texas Department of Transportation normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (central time) Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the FHWA and other Federal agencies have taken final agency actions by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of Texas: Grand Parkway (State Highway 99) Segment C from US 59 (S) to SH 288 in Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties; FHWA Project Reference Number: FHWA-TX-EIS-03-03-F. The project will be a 41.8 km (26 mi) long, four-lane controlled access toll road with intermittent frontage roads, grade-separated intersections with exit and entrance ramps at eight intersections, while the need for elevated directional interchanges will be determined during final design. It will begin at SH 288 in Brazoria County and then proceeds northwest through Fort Bend County and end at US 59. The purpose of the project is to efficiently link the suburban communities and major roadways, enhance mobility and safety, and respond to economic growth. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project, approved on August 8, 2012, in the FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) issued on March 29, 2013, and in other documents in the FHWA administrative record. The FEIS, ROD, and other documents in the FHWA administrative record file are available by contacting the FHWA or the Texas Department of Transportation at the addresses provided above. The FHWA FEIS and ROD can be viewed and downloaded from the Grand Parkway Association Web site at <http://www.grandpky.com/segments/c/>.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. General: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4335]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].

2. Air: Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q).