

that would be purchased or leased by SpaceX. In addition, a new underground utility line would be installed in the right-of-way of State Highway 4 from the control center area to the vertical launch area.

The FAA identified a range of reasonable alternatives; however, the alternatives identified that did not meet the purpose and need as well as those that were not technically, operationally, or economically prudent or feasible were excluded from detailed consideration in the Final EIS. The Final EIS provides a detailed evaluation of the Proposed Action (Preferred Alternative) and the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would not issue launch licenses and/or experimental permits to SpaceX for launch operations from the private site in Cameron County, Texas. Thus, SpaceX would not construct the proposed control center and vertical launch areas.

Resource areas were considered to provide a context for understanding and assessing the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action, with attention focused on key issues. The resource areas considered included Compatible Land Use (including Farmlands and Coastal Resources); Section 4(f) Properties; Noise; Light Emissions and Visual Impacts; Historical, Architectural, Archaeological, and Cultural resources; Air Quality; Water Resources (including Surface Waters, Groundwater, Wetlands, Floodplains, and Wild and Scenic Rivers); Biological Resources (Fish, Wildlife, and Plants); Hazardous Materials, Pollution Prevention, and Solid Waste; Socioeconomics, Environmental Justice, and Children's Environmental Health and Safety Risks; and Natural Resources and Energy Supply.

As stated in the ROD and supported by the Final EIS, the No Action Alternative is not consistent with the purpose and need for action, including the FAA's statutory direction from Congress under the Commercial Space Launch Act to encourage, facilitate, and promote commercial space launch and reentry activities by the private sector in order to strengthen and expand U.S. space transportation infrastructure. The Preferred Alternative, the applicant's Proposed Action, would allow the greatest development and growth of the U.S. commercial space launch industry. Adoption of this alternative will result in the construction and operation of a private launch site that is consistent with the purpose and need for the Proposed Action, while at the same time avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating

the harm to the environment. Therefore, the FAA has selected the Preferred Alternative.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2014-43]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before August 4, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2014-0397 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy:* We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the

comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

*Docket:* To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jake Troutman, (202) 267-9521, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, 20951.

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#### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2014-0397

*Petitioner:* Yamaha Motor

Corporation, U.S.A.

*Section of 14 CFR:* parts 21, 27, 137, 45.23(b), 61.113(a) and (b), 91.7(a), 91.9(b)(2), 91.103, 91.109, 91.119, 91.121, 91.151(b), 91.203(a) and (b), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(2), 91.417(a) and (b), and 91.1501.

*Description of Relief Sought:* Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. requests an exemption for the purpose of operating its remotely-piloted helicopter, the RMAX, to provide commercial agricultural-related services in the United States.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2014-45]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's