

## II. Information About This Peer Review

OMB is seeking nominations of individuals with demonstrated and nationally recognized expertise in ecosystem services and natural assets. OMB seeks diverse perspectives, including relevant natural science (e.g., ecology, biology, marine sciences, or hydrology), systems science (e.g., ecosystem ecology or biogeochemistry), applied science (e.g., civil or environmental engineering), and environmental and resource economics disciplines. Nominations of individuals with expertise in multiple disciplines and perspectives are encouraged. A balanced review panel should include experts who together possess the necessary domains of knowledge and a breadth of economic and scientific perspectives to provide rigorous peer review. All nominations will be evaluated for real or perceived conflicts of interest and independence.

To form the list of candidate external reviewers, nominations submitted in response to this notice will be considered along with candidates identified using traditional techniques (e.g., a literature search) to identify additional qualified candidates in the disciplines listed above. After consideration of public nominations, a final multi-disciplinary panel of four to six peer reviewers will be selected from the pool. Selection criteria to be used for panel membership include: (a) distinguished and nationally recognized technical expertise, as well as experience; (b) availability and willingness to serve; and (c) real or perceived conflicts of interest and independence.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:* Any person or organization may nominate individuals qualified in the areas described above. Self-nominations are permitted. Submit your nominations by email to [MBX.OMB.OIRA.ESGuidancePeerReview@omb.eop.gov](mailto:MBX.OMB.OIRA.ESGuidancePeerReview@omb.eop.gov) (subject line: Peer Review Nomination for Ecosystem Services Guidance). To receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the following information: contact information for the person making the nomination; the nominee's contact information and institutional affiliation; the nominee's disciplinary and specific areas of expertise; and the nominee's résumé or curriculum vitae or equivalent information about their current position, educational background, expertise, and experience. To assess conflicts of interest and independence for nominees being considered for the peer review, OMB will seek to identify, among other

factors, professional affiliation with the Executive Office of the President within the last 3 years, current contracts with the Federal government to conduct regulatory impact analysis or other decision support analyses, and regular business streams to advocate for or critique regulatory impact analyses on behalf of non-federal entities.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[NOTICE: (22-XXX)]

### National Environmental Policy Act; Mars Sample Return Campaign

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Mars Sample Return (MSR) Campaign Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA); Executive Order 12114, *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*; the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA implementing regulations, NASA's procedures for implementing NEPA, and Department of the Air Force (DAF) procedures for implementing NEPA, NASA announces the availability of the MSR Campaign Final PEIS. The Final PEIS provides information and analysis related to the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action to retrieve a scientifically selected set of samples from Mars and transport them to Earth for scientific analysis and research. Cooperating agencies for this effort include the DAF for Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida; the Department of the Army for Dugway Proving Ground; the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**DATES:** NASA will document its decision regarding alternative implementation in a Record of Decision (ROD), which would be signed no sooner than June 26, 2023, after the 30-day mandatory Final PEIS waiting period is complete as required by 40 CFR 1506.11(b)(2).

**ADDRESSES:** The Final PEIS and other informational materials are available at

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/nepa-mars-sample-return-campaign>. All comments received on the Draft EIS are available in their entirety on the MSR Campaign Docket at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/NASA-2022-0002-0175>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steve Slaten, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, by electronic mail at [Mars-sample-return-nepa@lists.nasa.gov](mailto:Mars-sample-return-nepa@lists.nasa.gov) or by telephone at 202-358-0016. For questions regarding viewing the Docket, please call Docket Operations, telephone: 202-366-9317 or 202-366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NASA, in coordination with the European Space Agency, proposes to conduct a campaign to retrieve samples from Mars and transport them to Earth. A scientifically selected set of samples (i.e., Martian rocks, regolith, and atmosphere), acquired and cached on the surface of Mars by the Perseverance rover, would be returned to Earth for scientific analysis and research. The proposed sample landing location is the DAF-managed Utah Test and Training Range, with additional activities potentially occurring on the U.S. Army's Dugway Proving Ground. The Final PEIS provides information and analysis related to the potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed action.

The proposed action and a no action alternative were evaluated in the Final PEIS. Under the no action alternative, the MSR Campaign would not be undertaken and investigation of Mars as a planetary system would be severely constrained due to the cost and complexity of sending into space (and operating) science instruments capable of conducting the appropriate level of sample analysis in space or on Mars where in situ analyses could be performed. The environmental resource areas analyzed in the Final PEIS include health and safety, cultural resources, hazardous materials and waste, soils and geology, biological resources, water resources, air quality and climate, land use, socioeconomic, environmental justice/protection of children, noise, and infrastructure. No significant adverse impacts were identified in the Final PEIS.

Comments and stakeholder input received within the Draft PEIS comment period were considered during the development of the Final PEIS. NASA released the Draft PEIS for comment from November 4, 2022, through December 19, 2022. During the 45-day review and comment period, NASA held two virtual and two in-person

public meetings (one in Wendover, UT and the other in Salt Lake City, UT). The Final PEIS provides details on substantive comments received during the comment period and the public meetings, as well as NASA responses to those comments.

NASA provided press releases to local newspapers and distributed letters to stakeholders, Native American tribes, and other interested parties. In addition to availability on the website (<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/nepa-mars-sample-return-campaign>), hard copies of the Final PEIS will be made available at the following public libraries.

- Cocoa Beach Public Library, 550 N Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
- Central Brevard Library and Reference Center, 308 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922
- Cape Canaveral Public Library, 201 Polk Avenue, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
- Titusville Public Library, 2121 S Hopkins Avenue, Titusville, FL 32780
- Melbourne Library, 540 E Fee Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32901
- Merritt Island Public Library, 1195 N Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32953
- NASA Headquarters Library, 300 E Street SW #1120, Washington DC 20024
- Tooele City Public Library, 128 West Vine Street, Tooele, UT 84074
- Grantsville Library, 42 Bowery Street, Grantsville, UT 84029
- Brigham City Public Library, 26 E Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302
- Tremont Municipal Library, 210 N Tremont Street, Tremont, UT 84337
- West Wendover Branch Library, 590 Camper Drive, West Wendover, NV 89883
- Garland Public Library, 86 W Factory Street, Garland, UT 84312

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2022-0079]

### Draft Interim Staff Guidance: Advanced Reactor Content of Application Project Chapter 12, "Post-Construction Inspection, Testing, and Analysis Program"

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft guidance; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting public

comment on its draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) DANU-ISC-2022-06, Chapter 12, "Post-Construction Inspection, Testing, and Analysis Program." The purpose of this proposed ISG is to provide guidance to assist the NRC staff in determining whether an application for a non-light water reactor (non-LWR) design that uses the Licensing Modernization Project (LMP) process meets the minimum requirements for construction permits, operating licenses, manufacturing licenses, standard design approval, or design certifications.

**DATES:** Submit comments by July 10, 2023. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website.

- *Federal rulemaking website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2022-0079. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Orenak, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-3229, email: [Michael.Orenak@nrc.gov](mailto:Michael.Orenak@nrc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

##### *A. Obtaining Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2022-0079 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2022-0079.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the "Availability of Documents" section.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents, by appointment, at the NRC's PDR, Room P1 B35, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

##### *B. Submitting Comments*

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC-2022-0079 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

#### **II. Background**

The NRC anticipates the submission of advanced power-reactor applications within the next few years based on preapplication engagement initiated by several prospective applicants. Because many of these designs are non-LWRs,