



NASA Sounding Rockets Program Poker Flat Research Range



Environmental Impact Statement

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NEPA establishes a framework for considering environmental values early in the Federal decision-making process. When Federal agencies propose projects that may significantly impact the environment, NEPA requires the following steps to be taken before final decisions are made:

- Evaluation and consideration of potential environmental consequences
- Consideration of public and government agency comments

This evaluation is presented in an environmental impact statement (EIS), that:

- Identifies and describes the affected environment
- Evaluates the potential environmental consequences from a range of reasonable alternatives
- Identifies environmental permits and specific mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, or reduce environmental impacts

Please take this opportunity to:

- Learn about the proposal and Draft EIS
- Ask questions and Identify issues
- Comment on the Draft EIS
- Make sure you are included on our mailing list



Public comment period

The Draft EIS and its Appendices are available online at http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/pfrr_eis.html

Please submit comments on the Draft EIS by **November 28, 2012** to:

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A toll-free telephone number, (800) 521-3415, is also available for persons outside the local calling area. When using the toll-free number, please follow the menu options and enter the "pound sign (#)" followed by extension numbers "2319."

There are numerous opportunities to be involved in the EIS process.

The EIS Timeline

Opportunities for Public Involvement

Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS
Published in *Federal Register*
April 13, 2011

Public Scoping Period
April 13 – June 1, 2011

Preparation of Draft EIS
2011 – 2012

60-day Draft EIS Review and
Public Comment Period
September 28 - November 28, 2012

Preparation of Final EIS
Spring 2013

Notice of
Availability of Final EIS
Summer 2013

30-day Waiting Period
Summer 2013

Record of Decision
Late Summer 2013

Your involvement and participation are essential to the EIS process.

For more information, please visit http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/pfrr_eis.html