

site. The FAA has assumed that SpaceX would conduct up to 70 annual suborbital launches of the Grasshopper RLV under an experimental permit at the McGregor test site. This estimation is a conservative number and considers potential multiple launches per day and potential launch failures.

The only alternative to the Proposed Action analyzed in the Draft EA is the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the FAA would not issue an experimental permit to SpaceX for operation of the Grasshopper RLV at the McGregor test site. Existing SpaceX activities would continue at the McGregor test site. Please refer to Section 2.2 of the Draft EA for a brief discussion of existing SpaceX activities.

The resource areas considered in the Draft EA include air quality; noise and compatible land use; land use (including U.S. Department of Transportation Section 4(f) Properties); biological resources (fish, wildlife, and plants); historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources; hazardous materials, pollution prevention, and solid waste; light emissions and visual resources; natural resources and energy supply; water resources (surface waters and wetlands, groundwater, floodplains, and water quality); socioeconomic, environmental justice, and children's environmental health and safety; and secondary (induced) impacts. Potential cumulative impacts of the Proposed Action were also addressed in the Draft EA.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Meeting of the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council

AGENCY: Maritime Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MarAd) announces that the Marine Transportation System National

Advisory Council (MTSNAC) will hold a meeting on October 12-13, 2011 to assess its priorities for the coming year, and to discuss other issues of importance to the Marine Transportation System. During the two day meeting, a public comment period is scheduled for 1 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact Richard J. Lolich by October 5, 2011. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for each individual will be limited to three minutes. We hope to be able to accommodate everyone who would like to speak at the meeting, but if there are more interested participants than time available, we will limit participants in order of date and time of registration. Commenters will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, time will be allotted to those attending the meeting to speak, even if they had not previously registered to speak. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting. Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed with Richard Lolich by October 14, 2011. [See also **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**]

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, October 13, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Media Center at the U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Authority: 5 U.S.C. App 2, Sec. 9(a)(2); 41 CFR 101-6. 1005; DOT Order 1120.3B)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Date: September 22, 2011.

Christine Gurland,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2011-0157; Notice No. 11-6]

Clarification on the Division 1.1 Fireworks Approvals Policy

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Clarification.

SUMMARY: In this document, PHMSA is seeking comment on its intent to clarify its fireworks approvals policy whereby the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS), Approvals and Permits Division will accept only those classification approval applications for Division 1.1 fireworks that have been examined and assigned a recommended shipping description, division and compatibility group by a DOT-approved explosives test laboratory, or that have been issued an approval for the explosive by the competent authority of a foreign government acknowledged by PHMSA's Associate Administrator. If the Associate Administrator finds the approval request meets the regulatory criteria, the new explosive will be approved in writing and assigned an EX number.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by identification of the docket number (PHMSA-2011-0157 (Notice No. 11-6)) by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Routing Symbol M-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* To Docket Operations, Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice at the beginning of the comment. All comments received will be posted without change to the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS), including any personal information.