

## Alternatives

The EIS will consider a range of alternatives that meet NASA's needs for obtaining the requisite earth and space science data afforded by high-latitude sounding rocket launches in support of both NASA's science and educational missions.

Alternatives currently being considered for evaluation in the EIS include:

- Continuing the SRP in its present form and at the current level of effort;
- Continuing SRP launches from PFRR within the existing flight zones with differing requirements for identification and recovery of spent stages and payloads;
- Modifying the trajectories of the existing flight zones; and
- Conducting a subset of launches at other high-latitude launch sites, thereby avoiding the federally-managed lands.

The No Action Alternative is to discontinue sounding rocket launches from PFRR. NASA anticipates that the areas of potential environmental impact from each alternative of most interest to the public will be: The effects of rocket and payload landing and recovery on special interest lands (including Wilderness Areas and Wild Rivers), considerations to ensure public safety during rocket flight, and potential effects on subsistence uses on lands within the flight zones.

## Scoping Meetings

NASA and its Cooperating Agencies plan to hold three public scoping meetings to provide information on the PFRR EIS and to solicit public comments regarding environmental concerns and alternatives to be considered in the EIS. The public scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Tribal Hall, Third and Alder Streets, Fort Yukon, Alaska, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.
- Monday, May 2, 2011, at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, William R. Wood Student Center, 505 South Chandalar Drive, Fairbanks, Alaska, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.
- Monday, May 2, 2011, at the Pioneer Park, Blue Room, 2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Alaska Regional Office, Gordon Watson Conference Room, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 2 p.m.–4 p.m. and 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

As the EIS is prepared, the public will be provided several opportunities for

involvement, the first of which is during scoping. Even if an interested party does not have input at this time, other avenues, including reviews of the Draft and Final EIS, will be offered in the future. The availability of these documents will be published in the **Federal Register** and through local news media to ensure that all members of the public have the ability to actively participate in the NEPA process.

In conclusion, written public input on alternatives and environmental issues and concerns associated with NASA's SRP launches at PFRR that should be addressed in the EIS are hereby requested.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (11-035)]

### NASA Advisory Council; Space Operations Committee; Meeting.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC) Space Operations Committee.

**DATES:** Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. local time.

**ADDRESSES:** Doubletree Hotel, 2080 North Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jacob Keaton, NAC Space Operations Committee Executive Secretary, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-1507, [jacob.keaton@nasa.gov](mailto:jacob.keaton@nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Space Operations Mission Directorate FY2012 Budget.
- Commercial Crew Development Program status.
- Commercial Orbital Transportation System status.
- 21st Century Launch Complex status.
- Recommendation preparation and discussion.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (11-036)]

### NASA Advisory Council; Audit, Finance and Analysis Committee; Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Audit, Finance and Analysis Committee of the NASA Advisory Council.

**DATES:** Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 9 a.m.–11:45 a.m., Local Time.

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Headquarters, Conference Room 8D48, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Charlene Williams, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, Phone: 202-358-2183, fax: 202-358-4336.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Overview of the GAO Quick Look Book.
- Overview of the NASA Strategic Plan.
- Committee Discussion.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will need to show a valid picture identification such as a driver's license to enter the NASA Headquarters building (West Lobby—Visitor Control Center), and must state that they are attending the Audit, Finance, and Analysis Committee meeting in room 8D48 before receiving an access badge. All non-U.S. citizens