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DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to NOAA Technology Partnerships Office, SSMC4 Room 7605, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Derek Parks, NOAA Technology Transfer Program Manager, at: derek.parks@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce. It is in the public interest to so license this invention, as Handix, LLC of Boulder, Colorado, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the NOAA Technology Partnerships Office receives written evidence and argument which establishes the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Dated: January 21, 2016.

Jason Donaldson,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE132

NOAA Commercial Space Policy

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the NOAA Commercial Space Policy.

SUMMARY: NOAA has released the final NOAA Commercial Space Policy (Policy). On September 1, 2015, NOAA released a draft Commercial Space Policy for a 30-day public comment period. During this comment period, 15 sets of comments were received (see www.regulations.gov/ [#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2015-](#)

[0109](#)). All comments were reviewed, adjudicated and, where appropriate, incorporated or reflected in the final Policy.

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the Policy please go to: http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/ames/administrative_orders/chapter_217/217-109.html or www.regulations.gov and search NOAA-NMFS-2015-0109, or contact Mr. Troy Wilds, Executive Director, Office of the Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Suite 51032, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington DC 20230. (Phone: 202-482-3193, troy.wilds@noaa.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information regarding the Policy, please contact Mr. Troy Wilds, Executive Director, Office of the Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Suite 51032, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington DC 20230. (Phone: 202-482-3193, troy.wilds@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NOAA's Commercial Space Policy sets a broad framework for use of commercial space-based approaches by the agency to meet its observational requirements. Changes in the commercial space services arena are happening rapidly, yielding new technical and business approaches to building, launching, and operating satellites, and selling private satellite capabilities as services. NOAA is interested in exploring these emerging commercial capabilities to better understand how they might complement the agency's current offerings.

The draft policy was published on September 1, 2015 (80 FR 52745). The final policy establishes critical components for improved engagement with the commercial sector: Designating the Office of Space Commerce as a single point of entry for commercial providers thereby streamlining the process for easier engagement; establishes an open and transparent marketplace; defines guiding principles, implementation considerations, and strategic planning for potential commercial data buys; and establishes the possibility of demonstration projects, where appropriate, to test and evaluate new potential data sources, and provides an avenue to operational commercial data buys.

As demand for information about the changing state of our planet grows,

NOAA strives to support and grow an observing enterprise that is flexible, responsive to evolving technologies, and economically sustainable. This policy will allow NOAA to seek solutions that meet these needs while also supporting and upholding the international data sharing commitments upon which we depend for global data and data products.

Dated: January 15, 2016.

Manson K. Brown,

Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2016-OS-0006]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: National Guard Bureau, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to add a new system of records.

SUMMARY: The National Guard Bureau proposes to add a new system of records, INGB 005, entitled "Special Investigation Reports and Files". Information is collected and maintained for the purpose of conducting investigations on allegations of sexual assault, fraud, or other complex incidents involving National Guard forces when requested by an Adjutant General of a State, Territory, or the District of Columbia or by other appropriate authority and approved IAW Chief of the National Guard Bureau authorities and policy.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before February 26, 2016. This proposed action will be effective the day following the end of the comment period unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

* *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

* *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for