

Temporary Protected Status in the United States to eligible aliens who are nationals of a foreign state designated by the Attorney General (or who have no nationality and last habitually resided in that state). The Attorney General may designate a state upon finding that the state is experiencing ongoing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or certain other extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent nationals or residents of the country from returning in safety.

Effective on June 7, 1994, the Attorney General designated Rwanda for Temporary Protected Status for a period of 12 months, 59 FR 29440. The Attorney General extended the designation of Rwanda under the TPS program for a 12-month period until June 6, 1996, 60 FR 27790. Subsequently, the Attorney General extended the designation of Rwanda under the TPS program for an additional 6-month period until December 6, 1996, 61 FR 29428.

This notice extends the designation of Rwanda under the Temporary Protected Status program for an additional 6 months, in accordance with sections 244A(b)(3) (A) and (C) of the Act. This notice also describes the procedures that eligible aliens who are nationals of Rwanda (or who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Rwanda) must comply with in order to re-register for TPS.

In addition to timely re-registrations and late re-registrations authorized by this notice's extension of Rwanda's TPS designation, late initial registrations are possible for some Rwandans under 8 CFR 240.2(f)(2). Such late initial registrants must have been "continuously physically present" in the United States since June 7, 1994, must have had a valid immigrant or non-immigrant status during the original registration period, and must register no later than 30 days from the expiration of such status. An Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, must always be filed as part of either a re-registration or as part of a late initial registration together with the Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821. The appropriate filing fee must accompany Form I-765 unless a properly documented fee waiver request is submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service or unless the applicant does not request employment authorization. The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires TPS registrants to submit Form I-765 for data-gathering purposes.

#### Notice of Extension of Designation of Rwanda under the Temporary Protected Status Program

By the authority vested in me as Attorney General under section 244A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, (8 U.S.C. 1254a), and pursuant to sections 244A(b)(3) (A) and (C) of the Act, I have had consultations with the appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government concerning (a) the conditions in Rwanda; and (b) whether permitting nationals of Rwanda (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States. After these consultations, I do not determine that Rwanda no longer meets the conditions for Temporary Protected Status designation under paragraph 244A(b)(3)(C) of the Act. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

(1) The designation of Rwanda under section 244A(b) of the Act is extended for an additional 6-month period from December 7, 1996, to June 6, 1997.

(2) I estimate that there are approximately 200 nationals of Rwanda (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) who have been granted Temporary Protected Status and who are eligible for re-registration.

(3) In order to maintain current registration for Temporary Protected Status, a national of Rwanda (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) who received a grant of TPS during the initial period of designation from June 7, 1994, to June 6, 1995, must comply with the re-registration requirements contained in 8 CFR 240.17, which are described in pertinent part in paragraphs (4) and (5) of this notice.

(4) A national of Rwanda (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) who previously has been granted TPS, must re-register by filing a new Application for Temporary Protected Status, Form I-821, together with an Application for Employment Authorization, Form I-765, within the 30-day period beginning on November 14, 1996, and ending on December 16, 1996, in order to be eligible for Temporary Protected Status during the period from December 7, 1996, to June 6, 1997. Late re-registration applications will be allowed pursuant to 8 CFR 240.17(c).

(5) There is no fee for Form I-821 filed as part of the re-registration application. The fee prescribed in 8 CFR 103.7(b)(1), currently seventy dollars (\$70), will be charged for Form I-765,

filed by an alien requesting employment authorization pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this notice. An alien who does not request employment authorization must nonetheless file Form I-821 together with Form I-765, but in such cases both Form I-821 and Form I-765 should be submitted without fee.

(6) Pursuant to Section 244A(b)(3)(A) of the Act, the Attorney General will review, at least 60 days before June 6, 1997, the designation of Rwanda under the TPS program to determine whether the conditions for designation continue to be met. Notice of that determination, including the basis for the determination, will be published in the Federal Register.

(7) Information concerning the TPS program for nationals of Rwanda (and aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Rwanda) will be available at local Immigration and Naturalization Service offices upon publication of this notice.

Dated: November 5, 1996.

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*Attorney General.*

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#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 96-135]

#### National Environmental Policy Act; Advanced Space Transportation Program

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Engine Technology Support for NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR Part 1216, Subpart 1216.3), NASA has prepared and issued a DEIS for the Engine Technology Support of NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program. The proposed action by NASA is to test new and advanced engines, and components, and to modify facilities to support the programmatic development of future launch vehicles. NASA is considering a wide variety of liquid-fueled engines to accommodate

the propulsion requirements of new space vehicle(s). The primary sites being evaluated for the testing activities are NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville, Alabama, and John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) in Hancock, Mississippi. In addition, Edwards Air Force Base near Lancaster County, California, is also being considered as a potential test site.

**DATES:** Comments on the Engine Technology Support for NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program must be submitted in writing to NASA on or before December 29, 1996, or 45 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the Engine Technology Support for NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program DEIS, whichever notice is later.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Dr. Rebecca McCaleb, Director, Environmental Engineering and Management Office, Code AE01, Marshall Space Flight Center, Alabama 35812. The DEIS may be reviewed at the following locations:

- (a) NASA Headquarters, Library, Room 1J20, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546.
- (b) NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, Library, Building 4200, Huntsville, AL 35812.
- (c) Huntsville Library, 915 Monroe Street, SW, Huntsville, AL 35801.
- (d) Huntsville Library, Madison Branch, 181 Hughes Road, Suite 6, Madison, AL 35758.
- (e) Triana Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Triana, AL 35758.
- (f) NASA, Stennis Space Center, Maury Oceanographic Library, Building 1003, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000.
- (g) Hancock County Library, 312 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.
- (h) Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library, 900 Goodyear Boulevard, Picayune, MS 39466.
- (i) St. Tammany Parish Library, 555 Robert Avenue, Slidell, LA 70458 and
- (j) Palmdale City Library, 700 East Palmdale Boulevard, Palmdale, California 93550

In addition, the Engine Technology Support for NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program DEIS may be reviewed at the following NASA locations by contacting the pertinent Freedom of Information Act Office:

- (a) NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035 (415-604-4190).
- (b) NASA, Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA 93523 (805-258-3448).

(c) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301-286-0730).

(d) Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Visitors Lobby, Building 249, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91109 (818-354-5179).

(e) NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23665 (804-864-6125).

(f) NASA, Lewis Research Center, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135 (216-433-2313).

(g) Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899 (407-867-2497)

(h) Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058 (713-483-8612)

Limited copies of the Engine Technology Support for NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program DEIS are available, on a first request basis, by contacting the Marshall Space Flight Center at the address or telephone number indicated below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Dominic Amatore, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, Code CA01, MSFC, AL 35812; Telephone 205-544-0031, or Ms. Myron Webb, NASA Stennis Space Center, Code PAOO, SSC, MS 39529-6000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To meet the technical and programmatic challenges of developing a new space vehicle(s), key advanced technologies in propulsion systems must be explored. The activities would be designed to demonstrate the technology maturity levels necessary to reduce the development risk of the selected propulsion system(s) to an acceptable level and to produce a highly operable, high thrust-to-weight propulsion system(s). Therefore, NASA is proposing to develop and test one or more liquid engines so components could be used in the final configuration(s) of a new space vehicle(s). Engines under consideration would use liquid oxygen as the oxidizer. The fuel would be liquid hydrogen, kerosene, or a combination of the two.

Facilities under consideration for testing these engines include, but are not necessarily limited to, those located at MSFC and SSC. Existing test facilities at these two NASA Centers may need to be upgraded to accommodate objectives. Modifications may include addition of a kerosene tank on the test stand(s), a common structural and functional interface, and an engine mounting adapter. Many aspects of the program would be similar to test activities of propulsion systems undertaken in the 1960's for the Apollo program.

All test facilities at MSFC are located in the southern portion of the center and in the center of Redstone Arsenal's

15,400 hectares (38,000 acres). The closest private property is approximately 4 kilometers (2.4 miles) from the proposed MSFC test facilities. SSC occupies 5,585 hectares (13,800 acres) and is surrounded by 50,616 hectares (125,071 acres) of acoustical buffer zone primarily in western Hancock County, Mississippi and eastern St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Alternatives for this proposal include, but are not necessarily limited to: (1) alternative test sites; (2) test facility construction and modification options; (3) fuels, engines and components; (4) cancellation of the proposed activities ("no action").

The DEIS considers potential environmental impacts associated with the activities and any needed construction or modification of facilities. The areas of Environmental concern include impacts on air quality and from noise. However, analyses indicate that air quality will remain within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards at both MSFC and SSC. If MSFC and/or SSC were selected, no substantial environmental impact is anticipated on biological resources, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, wetlands, and recreational or scenic areas. A public meeting will be held near MSFC at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama on December 2, 1996, starting at 7:00 p.m. Another such meeting will be held near SSC at the Hancock County High School, 7084 Stennis Airport Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on December 11, 1996, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Comments were solicited at public scoping meetings and from federal, state, and local agencies, organizations and members of the general public through a Federal Register NASA notice published on November 20, 1994 (59 FR 61346), newspaper advertisements, and direct mailing to interested parties.

Comments received have been addressed in the DEIS. Written public input and comments on environmental issues of the proposed program are hereby solicited. These issues include, but are not limited to, test site and facility options, fuel and engine alternatives, and related environmental concerns.

Dated: November 7, 1996.

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*Associate Administrator for Management Systems and Facilities.*

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