

Florida, located adjacent to Cape Canaveral Air Station on the east coast of Florida; (2) California Spaceport, located at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California; (3) and Kodiak Launch Complex, near Kodiak, Alaska. Foreign launch sites, such as Russia, Japan, China, Canada, and India, are not considered reasonable alternative sites. NASA also considered the "no action" alternative.

Impacts to the human environment associated with the proposed action can be divided into short-term (construction phase) and long-term (operational phase) impacts. The construction phase would last approximately 12–15 months. The EA evaluated the environmental consequences of both the construction and operational phases including, but not limited to, air and water quality, noise, flora and fauna, threatened and endangered species, health and safety, solid and hazardous waste management, socioeconomic, land use, wetlands and floodplain management.

Overall impacts individually and cumulatively to the human environment are not anticipated to be substantial. Neither construction nor operational activities will have a substantial impact on air quality at WFF. The highly localized, short duration air emissions from rocket launches quickly dissipate and are well below exposure standards established to protect human health. Neither construction nor operational noise levels will differ substantially from current noise levels at WFF. During launch operations, the noise is maintained for only a few seconds, is of low frequency, attenuates rapidly, and occurs infrequently.

Construction activities will disturb some vegetation. Operational activities may include the searing of vegetation within approximately 200 to 300 meters (660 to 980 feet) of the combustion path. The proposed construction area is dominated by *Phragmites australis* (common reed) and no longer supports indigenous hydrophilic floral species. Construction activities will not disturb wildlife in the vicinity. Operational activities may include injury or death to fauna within 200 to 300 meters of the combustion path. Some temporary interruption of foraging and nesting activities within a 1,000 meter (3300 feet) radius of the launch pad for 2 to 10 minutes during launch operations may be expected. Construction activities will not disturb any federally or state listed threatened or endangered species or critical habitat. There are no known endangered species within a 1,000 meter (3300 foot) radius of the launch pad. However, a piping plover nesting

area is adjacent to this 1,000 meter zone. Pursuant to formal Section 7 consultation, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has issued a biological opinion that WFF's proposed action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the piping plover. Monitoring the piping plover will take place during the first three launches from pad 0–B that take place during the nesting season.

Relatively small amounts of toxic substances may be needed for payload processing, and limited amounts of solid and hazardous wastes will be generated. No water quality or cultural resource impacts are anticipated, and there are no environmental justice concerns. The proposed action is consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the Virginia coastal zone management program. The proposed construction will occur in a 100-year floodplain and will convert 1,280 square meters (approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ acre) of low quality wetlands to industrial use. There are no practicable alternatives which avoid the floodplain or conversion of the wetlands. Wetlands will be established or improved to compensate for the loss created by the project. There will be some positive socioeconomic benefit to the surrounding community through job creation and purchases of goods and services. There are no other issues of potential environmental concern.

NASA sought public and agency review and comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed action through: (1) a notice of availability of the Draft EA concerning expansion of launch range operations at WFF in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1997 (62 FR 47223); (2) notice of availability of the Draft EA in local news media; (3) consultations with state and federal agencies; and (4) direct mailing of the Draft EA to interested parties. No environmental concerns were raised during the 30-day public comment on the Draft EA.

On the basis of the EA for the expansion of launch range operations at WFF and underlying reference documents, NASA has determined that the environmental impacts associated with the proposed action will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Mission to Planet Earth.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40–7580]

Consideration of License Amendment Request for the Fansteel, Inc., Facility in Muskogee, OK and an Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of license amendment request for the Fansteel, Inc., Facility in Muskogee, Oklahoma and an opportunity for hearing.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering amendment of Source Material License SMB–911, issued to Fansteel, Inc., for modification of the operation at its processing facility in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Fansteel is authorized to reprocess acid "Work-In-Progress (WIP)" residues, which were generated from previous operations at its facility, to extract tantalum, niobium and scandium. The WIP residues contain, by weight, more than 0.05 percent natural uranium and thorium, which are source materials and require an NRC license under 10 CFR Part 40. Fansteel has requested an amendment of its license to authorize processing of wastewater treatment residues concurrently with the WIP residues and to generate three additional products: calcium sulfate, sodium sulfate, and sodium fluoroaluminate.

Prior to approving the amendment application, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment. The amendment of the license will be documented in the issuance of an amended SMB–911 license.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to Section 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of the **Federal Register** Notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

(1) By delivery to the Docketing and Services Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requester in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requester should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205 (h);

(3) The requester's concerns in the area of licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205 (d).

Each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

(1) The applicant, Fansteel, Inc. to the attention of Mr. John Hunter, Number Ten Tantalum Place, Muskogee, Oklahoma, 74403-9296; and

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the NRC's Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Material Licensing Proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L.

For further details with respect to this action, the licensee's renewed license dated September 30, 1997, and amendment application dated July 30, 1997, are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555. Questions should be referred to NRC's project manager for the Fansteel, Inc., facility, Susan D. Chotoo, at (301) 415-8102.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of October, 1997.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael F. Weber,

Chief, Licensing Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

The Combined Federal Campaign

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on the recognition of national federations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) regulations at 5 CFR Section 950.301(a) which states that "the Director may from time to time place a moratorium on the recognition of national federations, I hereby establish such action for a two year period, beginning with the national application process for the 1998 campaign.

This moratorium will provide an opportunity for the Office of Personnel Management to strengthen the monitoring and auditing process, as well as capability to ensure that national federations meet and operate in accordance with the public accountability standards of 5 CFR Section 950.203 and conform to the requirements of 5 CFR Section 950.301.

This action does not prohibit any charity from applying to the CFC national listing as an unaffiliated organization, or from applying to the 20 existing federations, which currently represent 804 of the 1158 charitable organizations. A list of the existing federations is attached.

EFFECTIVE DATES: 1998 and 1999.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Carol Hill Lowe, Director, Office of Extragovernmental Affairs, Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 5450, Washington, DC 20415-0001, (202) 606-2564.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Acting Director.

National Federations, 1997

American Red Cross

Paul Carter, 430 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, Phone: 202/639-3334, FAX: 202/634-6184, e-mail:

America's Charities

Don Sodo, Arnold Swope, Mary, 12701 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 370, Fairfax, VA 22033, Phone: 703/222/3861, FAX: 703/222-3867, e-mail: arnold@acharities.org; don@acharities.org

Animal Funds of America

John Pettitt, President, c/o Guide Dogs of America, 13445 Gleanoaks Boulevard, Sylmar, CA 91342, Phone: 818/362-5834, FAX: 818/362-6870, e-mail: guidedogsofamerica@charitiesusa.com

Children's Charities of America

Jodie Darragh, 4040 Crabapple Lake Court, Roswell, GA 30076-4253, Phone: 770/442-0415, FAX: 770/552-0129, e-mail:

Christian Service Organizations of America
Mike Howland, Jeff Lee, 7002 Little River Turnpike, Suite C, Annandale, VA 22003, Phone: 703/916-8855, FAX: 703/916-7588, e-mail:

mikehowlandcsoa@mindspring.com;
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Conservation and Preservation Charities of America

Amy Owens, President, c/o Appalachian Trail Conference, Director of Development, P.O. Box 807, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425, Phone: 304/535-6331, FAX: 304/535-2667, e-mail: acwcn@atconf.org

Do Unto Others: America's Emergency Relief, Devel, Etc. (Formerly World Service Organizations)

Paul McCombs Maxey, 24 New Windsor Road, Suite 102, Westminster, MD 21157-4413, Phone: 410/857-9144, FAX: 410/857-9144, e-mail:

Earth Share

Kal Stein, Steve Karlin, 3400 International Drive, NW, Suite 2K, Washington, DC 20008, Phone: 202/537-7100, FAX: 202/537-7101, e-mail:

Educate America

Jim Aiello, 1320 Jamesville Avenue, Box 131, Syracuse, NY 132-0131, Phone: 315/422-9376, Ext. 224, FAX: 315/422-6369, e-mail:

Health and Medical Research Charities of America

Kimberly Frye, 7777 Leesburg Pike, Suite 202-S, Falls Church, VA 22043, Phone: 888/756-4769, FAX: 505/299-3392, e-mail:

Human & Civil Rights Organizations of America

Marshall Strauss, 615 Third Street, NE, Unit 5, Washington, DC 20002, Phone: 202/547-4105, FAX: 202/547-4106, e-mail:

Human Service Charities of America

Marti Maust, 6509 Lanese Court, Springfield, VA 22152, Phone: 703/697-8250, FAX: 703/697-2870, e-mail:

International Service Agencies

Renee Acosta, Felipe Lulli, Mike Coburn, Phone: 703/548-2200, FAX: 703/548-7684, e-mail: isa@charity.org

Medical Research Agencies of America

Mike Howland, Jeff Lee, 7002 Little River Turnpike, Suite C, Annandale, VA 22003, Phone: 703/916-8855, FAX: 703/916-7588, e-mail:

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Military, Veterans & Patriotic Service Organizations

David Coker, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, Phone: 301/294-8560, FAX: 301/294-8562, e-mail: Dacoker@aol.com; 301/294-8560

National Black United Federation of Charities

Charlene Taylor, Rosslyn Spriggs, 1212 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005, Phone: 202/289-7888, FAX: 202/289-5950, e-mail: nbuafc@usbol.com

National Voluntary Health Agencies

Dan Snare, Pam Haberstroh, 1925 K Street, NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20006,