

to connect key wildlife areas with the river and other wildlife areas; and evaluate the impacts associated with the alternatives under consideration. Significant issues which have been identified to be addressed in the EIS include but are not limited to affects on: (a) Fish and wildlife; (b) terrestrial habitat; (c) endangered species; (d) aquatic habitats; (e) cultural resources; and (f) water quality.

Coordination has been ongoing and will continue with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to insure compliance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Cultural resources reconnaissance for the project area will be coordinated with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, CEQ Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), other appropriate federal regulations, and the USIBWC procedures for compliance with those regulations. Copies of the EIS will be transmitted to federal and state agencies and other interested parties for comments and will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with 40 CFR parts 1500–1508 and USIBWC procedures.

The USIBWC anticipates the Draft EIS will be made available to the public by November, 1999.

Dated: August 20, 1998.

**William A. Wilcox, Jr.,**  
*Legal Advisor.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (98–110)]

### Notice of Prospective Patent License

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

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that Chancepts, LTD., L.L.C., of Charlotte, NC, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,423,400, entitled, "Mechanical Energy Absorber," which is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective

grant of a license should be sent to Johnson Space Center.

**DATE:** Responses to this notice must be received by October 26, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James M. Cate, Patent Attorney, Johnson Space Center, Mail Code HA, Houston, TX 77058–3696; telephone (281) 483–1001.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

**Edward A. Frankle,**  
*General Counsel.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (98–112)]

### Notice of Prospective Patent License

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

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that Modern School Supplies, Inc. of Bloomfield, Connecticut, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention disclosed in NASA Case No. ARC 15007–1LE, entitled "Mars VE The Virtual Exploration Mission CD-ROM," for which a U.S. Provisional Patent Application was filed and assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to NASA Ames Research Center.

**DATE:** Responses to this notice must be received by October 26, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Dal Bon, Patent Counsel, NASA Ames Research Center, Mail Stop 202A–3, Moffett Field, CA 94035–1000, telephone (650) 604–5104.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

**Edward A. Frankle,**  
*General Counsel.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (98–111)]

### Notice of Prospective Patent License

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

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice the SOFTKAT, Incorporated, of Petaluma, California, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention disclosed in NASA Case No. ARC 15007–1LE, entitled "Mars VE The Virtual Exploration Mission CD-ROM," for which a U.S. Provisional Patent Application was filed and assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to NASA Ames Research Center.

**DATE:** Responses to this notice must be received by October 26, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Dal Bon, Patent Counsel, NASA Ames Research Center, Mail Stop 202A–3, Moffett Field, CA 94035–1000, telephone (650) 604–5104.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

**Edward A. Frankle,**  
*General Counsel.*

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

### International Watch; Technology Watch; Notice of Meeting

**TYPE:** Advisory Committee Conference Calls.

**AGENCY:** National Council on Disability (NCD).

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule of forthcoming conference calls for NCD's advisory committees—International Watch and Technology Watch. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(1)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463).

**INTERNATIONAL WATCH:** The purpose of NCD's International Watch is to share information on international disability issues and to advise NCD's International Committee on developing policy proposals that will advocate for a foreign policy that is consistent with the values and goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**DATES:** September 16, 1998, 12:00 noon–1:00 p.m. EDT.

**FOR INTERNATIONAL WATCH INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Mark S. Quigley, Public Affairs Specialist; National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 1050, Washington, D.C. 20004–1107; 202–272–2008 (Voice), 202–272–2074 (TTY), 202–272–2022 (Fax), mquigleyncd.gov (e-mail).

**TECHNOLOGY WATCH:** NCD's Technology Watch (Tech Watch) is community-

based, cross-disability consumer task force on technology. Tech Watch provides information to NCD on issues relating to emerging legislation on technology and helps monitor compliance with civil rights legislation, such as Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

**DATES:** September 18, 1998, 1:15 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

**FOR TECHNOLOGY WATCH INFORMATION,**

**CONTACT:** Jamal Mazrui, Program Specialist, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20004–1107; 202–272–2114 (Voice), 202–272–2074 (TTY), 202–272–2022 (Fax), jmazruincd.gov (e-mail).

**AGENCY MISSION:** The National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, regardless of the nature of severity of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

These committees are necessary to provide advice and recommendations to NCD on international disability issues and technology accessibility for people with disabilities.

We currently have balanced membership representing a variety of disabling conditions from across the United States.

**OPEN CONFERENCE CALLS:** These advisory committee conference calls of the National Council on Disability will be open to the public. However, due to fiscal constraints and staff limitations, a limited number of additional lines will be available. Individuals can also participate in the conference calls at the NCD office. Those interested in joining these conference calls should contact the appropriate staff member listed above.

Records will be kept of all International Watch and Tech Watch conference calls and will be available after each conference call for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 21, 1998.

**Ethel D. Briggs,**

*Executive Director.*

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## NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

### Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** At its fifth on-site meeting the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, established under Public Law 104–169, dated August 3, 1996, will hear presentations from invited panels of speakers, receive public comment, and conduct its normal meeting business.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 10, 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting site will be: Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531.

**DATE:** Friday, September 11, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting site will be: Radisson Hotel New Orleans, 1500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Written comments can be sent to the Commission at 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to the public both days. However, the Commission will enter executive session during its lunch period from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11.

**CONTACT PERSONS:** For further information contact Craig Stevens at (202) 523–8217 or write to 800 North Capitol St., N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will take place over a two-day period in two separate locations, Biloxi, Mississippi on September 10, and New Orleans, Louisiana on September 11. The meeting agenda will include presentations from State and Local Officials; staff briefings on Gambling Economics, Regulations, Treatment, and Crime; testimony from invited panels of speakers on Gambling and the National Economy, Gambling and Community Development, State Regulation, Pathological Gambling, and Gambling and Crime; normal meeting business; executive session; and an open forum period for public comment at both venues. An open forum for public participation will be held both days on issues relevant to the Commission's work. On September 10 in Biloxi, it will be held from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. On September 11 in New Orleans, it will be held from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at

either location must contact Mr. Tim Bidwill by telephone only at (202) 523–8217 no later than 5:00 p.m., September 4, 1998. No requests will be accepted before 9:00 a.m. (EST), the day this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Callers must specify which day they wish to speak. Callers will then be asked to provide name, organization (if applicable), address, and daytime telephone number. Call-backs from staff may be required. No requests will be accepted via mail, facsimile, e-mail, or voice mail. A waiting list will be compiled once the allotted number of slots becomes filled. Oral presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. If this is not enough time to complete comments, please restrict to three minutes a summary of your comments and bring a typed copy of full comments to file with the Commission. Persons speaking at a forum are requested, but not required, to supply twenty (20) copies of their written statements to the registration desk prior to the public comment period. Members of the public, on the waiting list or otherwise, are always invited to send written comments to the Commission at any time. However, if individuals wish to have their written comments placed into the official record of the meeting, the Commission must receive them by October 1, 1998. Each speaker is kindly asked to be prepared prior to their presentation; to refrain from any use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene signage; to refrain from making any comments or disrupting sounds during the presentation of another speaker; and to remain seated. If visual aids are necessary during the course of a speaker's presentation, each speaker is responsible for providing the equipment to run the visual aid. A complete list of guidelines is available on the Commission's web site: [www.ngisc.gov](http://www.ngisc.gov).

**Tim Bidwill,**

*Special Assistant to the Chairman.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Public Workshop To Develop Improvements to the Performance Assessment and Regulatory Oversight Processes

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a public workshop to develop improvements to