

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE SPACE LAUNCH DELTA 30

MEMORANDUM FORALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL PARTIES

FROM: 30 CES/CEI

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SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Test and Operation of the Stratolaunch Talon-A Hypersonic Research Testbed Vehicle, Vandenberg Space Force Base (SFB), California

- 1. Attached as public and agency notification, to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality's implementing regulations, is the Draft EA/FONSI for the Test and Operation of the Stratolaunch Talon-A Hypersonic Research Testbed Vehicle, Vandenberg SFB, California.
- 2. This Draft EA/FONSI is available at: the Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Santa Barbara Public Libraries, and the Vandenberg SFB Library. The Draft EA/FONSI is also available at the Ray D. Prueter and E.P. Foster Public Libraries in Ventura County. The purpose of Stratolaunch's Proposed Project is to perform tests and operation off the coast of central and southern California of the Talon-A hypersonic research testbed vehicle via a Carrier Aircraft based out of the Mojave Air and Space Port. Resources analyzed in the Draft EA include air quality, climate, biological resources, hazardous materials and waste management, occupational safety and health, noise, socioeconomics, solid waste management, transportation, and water resources. The Draft EA/FONSI concludes that there will be no significant environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action.
- 3. The public comment period for this Draft EA/FONSI will be from August 10, 2022 through September 9, 2022. Comments may be sent to Space Launch Delta 30, Installation Management Flight Environmental Assets, Building 11146, Vandenberg SFB, California 93437, attention of Ms. Tiffany Whitsitt-Odell, e-mailed to tiffany.whitsitt-odell@spaceforce.mil, or faxed to (805) 606-6137. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tiffany Whitsitt-Odell at (805) 606-2044.

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Attachment:

Draft EA/FONSI for the Test and Operation of the Stratolaunch Talon-A Hypersonic Research Testbed Vehicle, Vandenberg SFB, California