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Message from the Administrator, Jim Bridenstine

“While NASA has dedicated, capable safety employees at every center, I would like to personally remind you that we are ALL dedicated, capable safety employees.

If you see a colleague doing something unsafe, speak up. If you spot a hazard at your center, report it. If you feel you’re lacking the proper protective gear, ask for it. If you believe a process or procedure is lacking a protective measure, tell your supervisor. Know the policies and practices that are in place to keep you safe while doing your job. Finally, as members of the NASA family, look out for one another. “

Watch Out For Fellow Employees

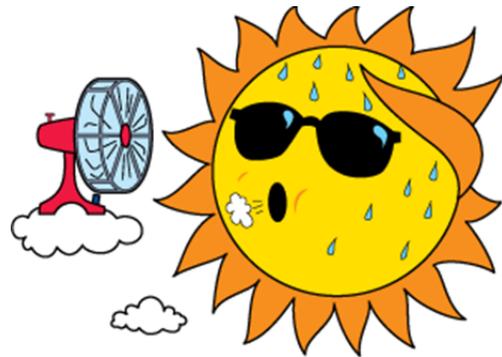


With the warmer weather we have more pedestrians and bikes on the roads. Make sure to observe proper speed limits and keep an eye out for your fellow coworkers enjoying the nice weather.

REMEMBER: Pedestrians have the right away at crosswalks.



Plan for Summer Heat



Make sure to plan accordingly when working in the summer heat.

- Hydrate
- Take breaks,
- Seek shade,
- Know and understand the signs of heat stress.
- Work with a buddy system and watch out for one another.

Help Protect Our Service Workers



Before placing sharp objects in trash cans, please wrap the sharp objects in thick paper or place them in a separate closed container. Broken fluorescent tubes should not be placed in the trash can, but can be disposed of by calling the Hazardous Waste Hotline at x1718. Medical syringes should be placed in a Sharps Container and not placed in the trash.

Instead of creating one very heavy trash bag, place your items in multiple trash bags to lighten the load. Avoid placing office trash on top of heavier items in your trash can. Office trash can camouflage the heavier items underneath, which could result in lifting injuries.

These precautions can help prevent those who empty the trash from becoming injured.





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Wallops Flight Facility Site-Wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Public Comment: May 4—June 18, 2018

The National Environment Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) establishes a framework for considering the scope of environmental issues and concerns early in the Federal decision making process. Public involvement is an essential part of the process. Through involving the public and completing detailed environmental analysis, the NEPA process helps the decision-maker arrive at the best possible informed decision.

NASA sought input and suggestions from the public on proposed activities to be addressed in the Site-wide PEIS. Following an extensive data collection and research effort, the potential effects of proposed projects on resources was analyzed and the type and extent of impacts was identified.

The Draft Site-wide PEIS is currently available for public review. WFF is seeking public comments on the analysis and findings presented in the Draft Site-wide PEIS during the 45-day (May 4 to June 18, 2018) public comment period. Written comments will be accepted throughout the public comment period. Responses to relevant comments on the Draft Site-wide PEIS including supplemental, modified, or improved analysis based on comments received, will be included in the preparation of the Final Site-wide PEIS.

What is the Proposed Action?

The Site-wide PEIS evaluated the potential environmental impacts from institutional support projects and operational missions and activities under the **Proposed Action** that would meet NASA's need to ensure continued growth at WFF while also preserving the ability to safely conduct its historical baseline of operations. The **Proposed Action includes:**

- Facility projects ranging from new construction, demolition, and renovation;
- Replacement of the Causeway Bridge;
- Maintenance dredging between the boat docks at the Main Base and Wallops Island;
- A North Wallops Island deep-water port area;
- Additional launch vehicle launch sites;
- New NASA and DoD programs;
- Expansion of the launch vehicle program with liquid-fueled intermediate class and solid-fueled heavy class launch vehicles;
- Consideration of human spaceflight missions; and
- Return of launch vehicles to the launch site.

How Can You Be Involved?

Your involvement in the decision-making process is important to NASA. Please visit the project website: http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/site-wide_eis.html.

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Please provide your comments no later than **June 18, 2018**.

