

PUBLIC NOTICE

NASA INVITES COMMENTS ON POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED MARS 2020 MISSION AND ANNOUNCES SCOPING MEETINGS



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced its intent (78 FR 55762) to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed launch of the Mars 2020 mission.

The Mars 2020 mission would launch during the summer of 2020 from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Brevard County, Florida. The baseline electrical power source for the Mars 2020 rover would be a Multi-Mission Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator. This power source uses the heat from the natural decay of plutonium-238 to generate electricity for the rover and its instruments, and to help keep onboard systems at proper operating temperatures. Solar power options are also being considered as an electrical power source for the Mars 2020 rover.

Mars 2020 Mission EIS Public Scoping Meetings 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EDT	
October 9, 2013 Cocoa Beach Country Club 5000 Tom Warriner Blvd Cocoa Beach, FL 32931	October 10, 2013* Brevard County Government Center 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940

** To be televised on Space Coast Government TV*

6:00 p.m. – Speak informally with NASA officials and technical staff and review mission information. Register to provide verbal comments.

7:00 p.m. – Hear presentations, followed by an opportunity for public comment.

8:30 p.m. – Meeting adjourns.

Anyone requiring special accommodations to attend a meeting should contact NASA by telephone at (202) 358-0016 or via email at mars2020-nepa@lists.nasa.gov no later than one week prior to the meeting you wish to attend. Additional information about the Mars 2020 mission can be found at <http://www.nasa.gov/agency/nepa/mars2020eis>.

The scoping period will end on **October 30, 2013**. Written comments may be submitted by:

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