

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE: KSC-02-20

National Environmental Policy Act: John F. Kennedy Space Center, Kennedy Space Center (KSC), Florida

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ACTION: Availability of the Kennedy Space Center 2020 Vision Plan Environmental Assessment (EA), KSC, Florida

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 United States Code 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA; 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §1500–1508; and NASA policy and procedures, (14 CFR §1216.3), NASA has prepared and issued a Draft EA for the Kennedy Space Center 2020 Vision Plan, KSC, Florida. The purpose of the proposed action is the adoption and implementation of the KSC Vision Plan. The Proposed Action reflects future and preliminary concept development projects within identified developable areas on KSC.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on environmental concerns on or before August 3, 2020 or 30 days from the date of this notice publication, whichever is later.

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The Draft EA is available in Acrobat® format at:
<https://environmental.ksc.nasa.gov/EnvironmentalPlanning/NEPA/nepa-comments>

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

The KSC 2020 Vision Plan will serve as a framework for stewarding KSC's physical assets over the next 20 years and guide the development of the 2020 Master Plan update. NASA last updated the KSC Master Plan in 2012, and an update is needed to meet changing NASA and partner needs and address several newly proposed developments within KSC's property boundaries. The Vision Plan is needed to establish the guiding framework for this update and to ensure future development that minimizes adverse mission impacts and maximizes concurrent operations while preserving KSC's most environmentally sensitive areas and planning for resiliency.

This EA addresses potential impacts associated with the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action is to adopt and implement the KSC Vision Plan. The Vision Plan describe the process through which the Proposed Action (i.e., Vision Plan) was developed and details the future development vision for KSC. Under the No Action Alternative, the proposed Vision Plan would not be adopted, and NASA would continue to manage KSC under the existing Master Plan. NASA would continue to maintain and upgrade existing facilities according to the existing Master Plan but would not implement some of the management and development actions specified in the Vision Plan.