



Wallops Flight Facility Alternative Energy Project

Draft Environmental Assessment Available

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has identified the need to implement a technologically-proven renewable energy source that would enable NASA to meet Federal renewable energy requirements while reducing its utility costs. NASA is considering constructing two 2.0-megawatt “utility-scale” wind turbines on Wallops Island, and up to five 2.4-kilowatt “residential-scale” wind turbines at the Main Base and Mainland. Alternatives to the proposal include several combinations of solar panel arrays and wind turbines.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) established a national policy to protect the environment by requiring Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on the human environment prior to

implementing the action and to give the public the opportunity to participate in the process. NASA is pleased to announce the availability of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) Alternative Energy Project Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The Draft EA is available for review at the following locations:

Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague, VA
Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomac, VA
Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox, VA
NASA WFF Technical Library, Wallops Island, VA

Hard copies of the Draft EA are available by contacting 250/NEPA Manager, WFF Alternative Energy Project, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Virginia 23337; phone 757-824-2319; or e-mail: Joshua.A.Bundick@nasa.gov. The Draft EA is also available on the internet in Adobe® format at http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/AltEnergy_DEA.pdf

Comments are requested by April 5th, 2010.

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