

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act**

On November 23, 2015, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed partial consent decree with the United States District Court for the District of Arizona in *El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC v. United States of America, et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:14-cv-08165-DGC.

The proposed consent decree would resolve the claims of the United States included in this action for the past response costs incurred by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in addressing the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at and from 19 historical uranium mines located on the Navajo Nation Reservation in and around Cameron, Arizona ("the Mine Sites"). The Mine Sites are a subset of a larger number of abandoned uranium mines on Navajo lands. The United States included a claim for recovery of its response costs at the Mine Sites under section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) in a counterclaim it brought against El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC ("EPNG") in this action after EPNG sued the United States under sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA to recover EPNG's response costs at the Mine Sites. Under the consent decree, EPNG will pay the United States \$502,500, plus interest, to be deposited in an EPA special account for cleanup of the Mine Sites. In return, the United States agrees not to sue EPNG under section 107 of CERCLA for EPA's past response costs incurred in connection with the Mine Sites. The consent decree is a partial settlement in that it would not resolve, and would be without prejudice to, the claims EPNG asserted against the United States in this action, or the portion of the United States' counterclaim asserting that EPNG is liable to the United States in contribution under section 113 of CERCLA. Nor does the consent decree address response costs incurred and to be incurred in cleaning up hazardous substances at or from other abandoned uranium mines located on the Navajo Nation that are not involved in this action.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural

Resources Division, and should refer to *El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC v. United States of America, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-11170. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email .....	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the consent decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department Web site: <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the consent decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$7.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

**Henry S. Friedman,**

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (15-109)]

**Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive license in the United States to practice the inventions described and claimed in USPN 8,343,740, Micro-Organ Device, NASA Case No. MSC-23988-1; USPN 8,580,546, Micro-Organ Device, NASA Case No. MSC-23988-2; and USPN 9,023,642, Miniature Bioreactor System for Long Term Cell Culture, NASA Case No. MSC-24210-1 to GRoK Technologies, LLC, having its principal

place of business in Houston, Texas. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective exclusive license will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**DATES:** The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. Competing applications completed and received by NASA within fifteen (15) days of the date of this published notice will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

**ADDRESSES:** Objections relating to the prospective license may be submitted to Patent Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, NASA Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Parkway, Mail Code AL, Houston, Texas 77058; Phone (281) 483-3021; Fax (281) 483-6936.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Michelle P. Lewis, Technology Transfer and Commercialization Office, NASA Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Parkway, Mail Code AO52, Houston, TX 77058, (281) 483-8051. Information about other NASA inventions available for licensing can be found online at <http://technology.nasa.gov>.

**Mark P. Dvorscak,**

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 15-112]

**Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive Patent License**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive Patent License

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant a partially

exclusive patent license in the United States, to practice the inventions described and claimed in the following U.S. Patents: “USPN 8,160,728, Methods of determining complete sensor requirements for autonomous mobility; USPN 8,095,485, System and method for embedding emotion in logic systems; USPN 8,041,661, System and method for determining stability of a neural system; USPN 7,769,488, Reconfigurable Structure; USPN 7,512,568, Evolvable synthetic neural system” to Sentient Cyber, having its principal place of business in New York, NY. The fields of use may be limited to, but not necessarily be limited to, e-Commerce Transactional Security Monitoring & Protection. For the purpose of this license, e-Commerce (electronic commerce or EC) is defined as the buying and selling of goods and services, or the transmitting of funds or data, over an electronic network, primarily the Internet. These business transactions occur either business-to-business, business-to-consumer, consumer-to-consumer or consumer-to-business. The patent rights in these inventions as applicable have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective partially exclusive license will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. NASA has not yet made a determination to grant partially exclusive licenses and may deny the requested licenses even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

**DATES:** The prospective partially exclusive license may be granted unless, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of exclusives licenses would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. Competing applications completed and received by NASA within fifteen (15) days of the date of this published notice will also be treated as objections.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

**ADDRESSES:** Objections relating to the prospective license may be submitted to Mr. Bryan A. Geurts, Chief Patent Counsel, Goddard Space Flight Center, Code 140.1, Greenbelt, MD 20771, (301) 286-7351.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Darryl Mitchell, Innovative Technology Partnerships Office, Goddard Space Flight Center, Code 504, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301) 286-5810. Information about other NASA inventions available for licensing can be found online at <http://technology.nasa.gov/>.

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 15-113]

### Notice of Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This is a request to reinstate OMB control number 2700-0092 with changes to include all NASA financial assistance awards, not just awards to commercial firms.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to Ms. Frances Teel, NASA PRA Clearance Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Mail Code JF0000, Washington, DC 20546 or [frances.c.teel@nasa.gov](mailto:frances.c.teel@nasa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Frances Teel, NASA PRA Clearance Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Mail Code JF0000, Washington, DC 20546 or [frances.c.teel@nasa.gov](mailto:frances.c.teel@nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

This is a request to reinstate OMB control number 2700-0092 with changes. This collection is required to ensure proper accounting of Federal funds and property provided under

financial assistance awards (grants and cooperative agreements). Reporting and recordkeeping are prescribed at 2 CFR part 1800 for awards issued to non-profits, institutions of higher education, government, and commercial firms when cost sharing is not required and 14 CFR part 1274 for awards issued to commercial firms when cost sharing is required. This information collection was formally titled Cooperative Agreements with Commercial Firms.

#### II. Method of Collection

Proposals are filed through the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES) or [grants.gov](http://grants.gov). The use of these systems reduces the need for proposers to submit multiply copies to the agency. It further allows them to submit multiple proposals to different funding announcements without registering each time. Electronic funds transfer is used for payment under Treasury guidance, for commercial firms and through the HHS Payment Management System for other recipients. In addition, NASA encourages the use of computer technology and is participating in Federal efforts to extend the use of information technology to more Government processes.

*Basis of Estimate.* Approximately 6,500 NASA financial assistance awards are open at any one time. It is estimated that out of the 7,100 proposals received each year, NASA awards approximately 1,600 new awards. The period of performance for each financial assistance award is usually three to five years. NASA had approximately 120 awards with commercial firms. Commercial firms submit quarterly payment requests directly to NASA, while other recipients submit Financial Reports (SF 425) on a quarterly bases to the HHS Payment Management System. Performance, Property, and Patent Reports are filed annually. Historical records indicate that, on average, 1,625 changes are submitted annually. The total number of respondents is based on the average number of proposals that are received each year and the average number of active grants that are managed each year. The total number of hours spent on each task was estimated through historical records and experience of former recipients. Using past calculations, the total cost was estimated using the on the average salary (wages and benefits) for a GS-12 step 5.