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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING

The Hearing Concerning
THE DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT RENEWAL
LOCKHEED MARTIN/MICHOUD ASSEMBLY FACILITY
held, at DEQ, 602 North 5th Street, Natchez
Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00
p.m., on April 11, 2006.

BEFORE: Megan B. Welch
Certified Court Reporter
In and For the State of
Louisiana

A P P E A R A N C E S ²

HEARING OFFICER:
OLLIE CASWELL SMITH, III

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MR. SMITH:

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1 Good evening. Let the record reflect that ³
2 the time is now 6:02 p.m. My name is O.C.
3 Smith, III. I am employed with the Louisiana
4 Departmental of Environmental Quality. I will
5 be serving as the hearing officer this evening,
6 Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

7 Due to the situation in Orleans Parish after
8 the hurricanes and to assure a better
9 opportunity for the public to attend this public
10 hearing, LDEQ is holding this public hearing

11 again this evening. LOCKHEEM This public hearing was
12 previously held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 in
13 New Orleans, Louisiana to receive comments
14 regarding the draft hazardous waste permit
15 renewal for Lockheed Martin.

16 This hearing is scheduled to accept public
17 comments concerning the draft hazardous waste
18 permit renewal and the associated environmental
19 assessment statement (EAS) for U.S.

20 NASA/Lockheed Martin, P.O. Box 29304, New
21 Orleans, Louisiana 70189 for the Michoud
22 Assembly Facility in Orleans Parish, Louisiana,
23 Agency Interest No. 9145, Permit No. LAD
24 4800014587-OP-RN-1 and Activity Tracking No.
25 PER19970001. The site is located at 13800 Old

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1 Gentilly Road, New Orleans, Louisiana 70129,
2 Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

3 U.S. NASA/Lockheed Martin proposes to renew
4 a hazardous waste permit for the operation of
5 three hazardous waste storage tanks and one
6 hazardous waste storage container unit, excuse
7 me, one hazardous waste container storage unit.
8 The original permit was issued on December 10,
9 1987. The operations at the Michoud Assembly
10 Facility consists of activities associated with
11 the manufacture of the external tank for the
12 space shuttle including metal cleaning, coating
13 and fabrication, assembly, testing and lab
14 analysis. From the above listed activities,
15 spent solvents and other by-products are created
16 as hazardous waste. The waste is placed in the

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17 storage tanks and a container storage unit prior
18 to shipment off-site to an authorized hazardous
19 waste disposal or treatment facility. No
20 hazardous waste is treated or disposed of on-
21 site.

22 The EAS submitted by the applicant addresses
23 avoidance of potential and real environmental
24 effects, balancing of social and economic
25 benefits against environmental impact costs, and

alternative sites, projects, and mitigative⁵
measures.

3 This hearing is not being conducted in a
4 question and answer format. Please remember
5 that the purpose of this hearing is for DEQ to
6 receive your comments concerning the Draft
7 Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal and the
8 associated Environmental Assessment Statement.

9 This hearing is to provide all individuals a
10 chance to be heard regardless of their position
11 on this Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal.

12 Courteous behavior is expected of everyone
13 at all times. You may speak in support of the
14 draft hazardous waste permit renewal, in
15 opposition to the draft hazardous waste permit
16 renewal, or simply provide additional
17 information. All interested persons will be
18 given a reasonable opportunity to comment,
19 unless testimony is not related to the purpose
20 of the hearing. Your comments will be evaluated
21 and addressed in the Department's written

22 response.

23 A public notice advertising this public
24 hearing and request for public comment on the
25 Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal and the

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1 associated Environmental Assessment Statement⁶
2 was published in The Advocate, Baton Rouge; The
3 Times Picayune, New Orleans; The St. Bernard
4 Voice, Arabi; and The Plaquemines Gazette, Belle
5 Chasse newspapers on February 3rd and 17, 2006.
6 It was also broadcast as a public service
7 announcement on WTIK-AM radio on February 3 and
8 17, 2006.

9 A copy of the material associated with the
10 Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal and the
11 associated Environmental Assessment Statement is
12 available for inspection and review at the LDEQ,
13 Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th
14 Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Viewing hours
15 are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through
16 Friday, except holidays. Additional copies are
17 also available for review at the New Orleans
18 Public Library Headquarters, 219 Loyola Avenue,
19 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.

20 In addition, copies of the public notice
21 were mailed to individuals who have requested to
22 be placed on the mailing list maintained by the
23 Office of Environmental Services on February 2,
24 2006.

25 In accordance with Louisiana Administrative

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2 received by 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13,
3 2006, will be considered prior to a final
4 decision. All comments received by 12:30 p.m.,
5 April 13, 2006 shall be retained by the
6 Department and considered in determining whether
7 to issue or deny the Draft Hazardous Waste
8 Permit Renewal.

9 Written comments on this Draft Hazardous
10 Waste Permit Renewal may be submitted to Ms.
11 Soumaya Ghosn, LDEQ-OES, Environmental
12 Assistance Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge,
13 Louisiana 70821-4313.

14 Under Louisiana Revised Statutes 30:2017, as
15 revised by the legislature in the 2004 session,
16 the Department is required to follow the
17 following order with the provision that the
18 presiding officer may give preference to a
19 public official to speak at any time during the
20 hearing. However, any time limit set for
21 citizen testimony shall apply to public
22 officials.

23 The Department must provide up to 30 minutes
24 to the permit applicant for an introductory
25 presentation. Thereafter, preference for

1 speaking up to one hour is given as follows:
2 For the first hour, to those citizens who live
3 within a two-mile radius of the location of the
4 facility. For the second hour, to those
5 citizens who work within a two-mile radius of
6 the location of the facility. And for the third

7 hour, to those citizens who live within the
8 parish of the location of the facility.
9 Thereafter, each hour of the hearing shall
10 alternate between those who are in support of
11 the Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal and
12 those who are opposed to Draft Hazardous Waste
13 Permit Renewal. The order of tonight's hearing
14 will be based on the information provided by the
15 speaker on the registration form. Anyone who
16 registered to speak but did not provide the
17 necessary information will be given the
18 opportunity to speak; however, they will be
19 called last in the order of registration.

20 This hearing is being transcribed,
21 therefore, I will ask that each speaker begin by
22 stating for the record, their name, address, and
23 any organization he or she may represent.

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25 I would like to remind you to please make

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1 all of your cell phones or pagers or any other
2 electronic device operate silently while you are
3 in this hearing room. Thank you.

4 At this time I would like to ask the permit
5 applicant's representative to come forward and
6 make their introductory presentation.

7 MR. STEVE GANIER(?):

8 My name is Steve Ganier (?). I
9 represent the site of Lockheed Martin. I'm the
10 Senior Manager of Internal Management. I do
11 represent NASA. We have the local NASA
12 (inaudible) also representative of the Marshall

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13 Space Flight Center. I guess speaking for them,
14 I want to thank DEQ for their part in getting
15 this permit renewed and also, my staff, I want
16 to thank you, it's been a long haul for these
17 few years. (Inaudible). What I want to do is,
18 comment on the (inaudible) for the record the CD
19 we make available of the events during and after
20 Hurricane Katrina around Michoud and surrounding
21 areas. It was very traumatic and we appreciate
22 it.

23 MR. SMITH:

24 Let the record reflect that we have
25 received a recording disc from NASA, we'll call

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1 it Exhibit NASA 1, and we'd like to play that. ¹⁰

2 (PRESENTATION)

3 MR. SMITH:

4 Thank you. That was a nice
5 presentation. I will now begin by allowing all
6 persons who have signed up to speak for three
7 minutes. Is there anyone who has signed up at
8 the beginning of the (inaudible).

9 I have now 6:18 p.m., and I have no
10 additional signed up speakers. So what I'll do
11 at this point and time is we'll recess this
12 hearing until such time as (inaudible) to give
13 everyone an opportunity to be heard on this
14 permit application. So we'll recess until
15 someone shows up.

16 (RECESS)

17 MR. SMITH:

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18 The time is now 7:00 o'clock on my
19 watch. We're going back on the record. As far
20 as I know there are no other person who signed
21 the speaker sheet request. Is there anyone here
22 who would like to speak for the record on this
23 matter?

24 (PAUSE)

25 Everyone here has had the opportunity to

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1 speak and is satisfied with the record as it is?¹¹

2 (PAUSE)

3 Since we have no speakers who wish to be
4 recognized, I will be moving on to the final
5 part of this presentation.

6 Are there any other comments?

7 I would like to remind you that the comment
8 period for this Draft Hazardous Waste Permit
9 Renewal for U.S. NASA/Lockheed Martin/Michoud
10 Assembly Plant ends at 12:30 p.m., Thursday,
11 April 13, 2006.

12 I have received a total of one exhibit
13 during this hearing.

14 If there are no other comments, I would like
15 to thank you for your attention and
16 participation in this hearing. Let the record
17 reflect the time is 7:02 p.m. This hearing is
18 closed.

19 (THE HEARING CONCLUDED AT 7:02 P.M.)

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1 R E P O R T E R ' S P A G E ¹²

2 I, Megan B. Welch, Certified Court Reporter,
3 in and for the State of Louisiana, the officer,
4 as defined in Rule 28 of the Federal Rules of
5 Civil Procedure and/or Article 1434(b) of the
6 Louisiana code of Civil Procedure, before whom
7 this sworn testimony was taken, do hereby state
8 on the Record

9 That due to the interaction in the
10 spontaneous discourse of this proceeding, dashes
11 (--) have been used to indicate pauses, changes
12 in thought, and/or talk overs; that same is the
13 proper method for a Court Reporters's
14 transcription of proceeding, and that the dashes
15 (--) do not indicated that words or phrases have
16 been left out of this transcript;

17 That any words and/or names which could not
18 be verified through reference material have been
19 denoted with the phrase "(inaudible)."

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1 C E R T I F I C A T I O N ¹³

2 I, the undersigned reporter, do hereby

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3 certify that the above and foregoing is a true
4 and correct transcription of the stenomask tape
5 of the proceedings had herein, taken down by me
6 and transcribed under my supervision, to the
7 best of my ability and understanding, at the
8 time and place hereinbefore noted, in the above
9 entitled cause.

10 I further certify that my license is
11 in good standing as a court reporter in and for
12 the state of Louisiana.

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