

## Supporting Statement for Application for Air Range Information and Notification (AARIN)

### A. Justification

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection.**

This application is the first step to create a standardize method for requesting and reviewing flights over Stennis Space Center (SSC). Historically, air requests were either oral or a written email. There is/was little fidelity as to who would review the request and who would be notified if the approval was given. With the creation of AARIN, a public user can submit a request to fly in or around SSC into an electronic system. An approval notification is sent to the requestor with a permit number. Also other SSC required personnel, such as security, fire department if applicable, is notified of the air traffic in the air space.

**2. Indicate how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.**

The information gathered will be used by various entities at the center. Security Office will receive the citizenship status and verify the requestor and/or crew will be permitted onsite. Fire and rescue will use the type of vehicle, fuel type and quantity, and personnel information. Safety and Mission Assurance will monitor the requestor and/or crew the flight profile. Engineering and Test Directorate point of contact will be notified of the over head traffic. The frequency is strictly based on the users' needs.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

The application information is emailed to key personnel, including tenants, on SSC.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

This is the only application SSC uses.

**5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities (Item five of form OMB 83-I, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission form), describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

Small businesses are not involved in this program.

**6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

If a user does not complete this form, flight over SSC is not permitted.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in certain manners (as listed).**

AARIN allows for a consistent request platform and evaluation of air requests. With multiple users and unpredicted users, the communication outreach to the public about the submission process is complicated. A public link allows for all users to reach submit a Range Request.

**8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR § 1320.8 (d), soliciting comments on the information collection before submission to OMB.**

N/A

**9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

Payments and gifts are not provided to respondents.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

There are no associated confidentiality issues.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

**12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information.**

This application is new, so the estimates of collection of information are unknown.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information.**

This application is new, so the estimates of cost burden to respondents are insignificant.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses, and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

Annual cost to the Federal government is estimated to be insignificant as the forms are emailed.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I.**

There will be no program changes or adjustments due to the current budget situation.

**16. For collections of information intended for publication, outline plans for tabulation and publication.**

There are no plans for the publication of information gathered by this form.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display may be inappropriate.**

Approval Expiration Date may be displayed.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions" of OMB Form 83-1.**

Not Applicable

**B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods**

No statistical methods are used.