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Comments: Camden County needs a spaceport!! Not only for the economic impact, but also the global impact for the space race to reach out to other worlds and the cosmos!!

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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on behalf of such a wonderful idea. I am a life long Georgia resident, a nature, and space lover. I've been directly involved in the Aerospace Industry for more than 12 yrs. with experience with many Global and National Companies. My focus is primarily on the South Eastern U.S. In my many dealings with Aerospace Companies and Aerospace tours I have noticed a recurring theme of prosperity. These Companies bring amazing job opportunities, great pay, and great educational opportunities. Our region has a strong base of Mental Capital and a hungry workforce to enable this project to succeed. This project will allow many of our citizens to stay in the region after graduating from our many Colleges & Universities. The education and money will stay in the region. Profits from launch will stay in the U.S.A. as opposed to Russia and the expenses for launch will be paid to U.S. Companies. Operations such as this often have a positive impact on the environment by shining light on local environmental issues and providing the TAX revenue to support them.

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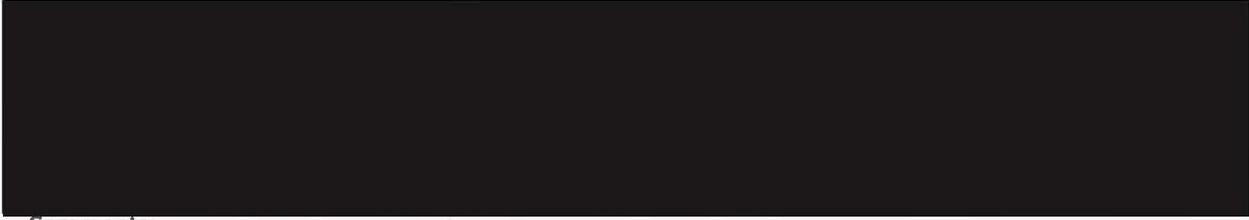
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Comments:

I Am in FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT.

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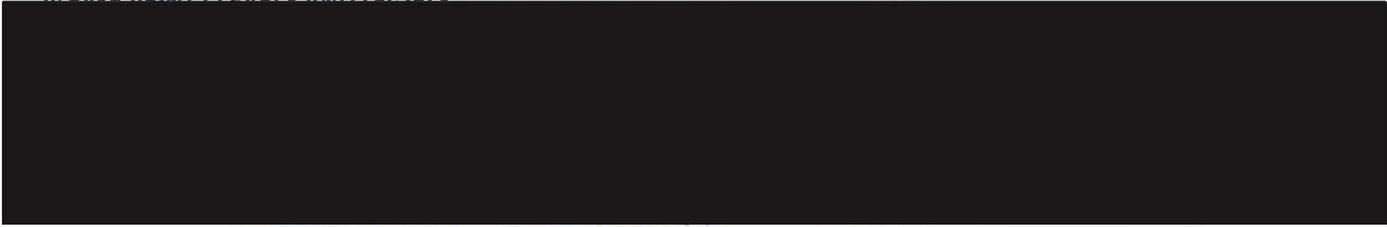
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Spaceport will be great for this community. The benefits exceeding financial growth that is expected. I think what will be most beneficial is the contributions to the STEM field, especially for the community and those near by. The long term sustainable benefits of that make the spaceport entirely worth it.

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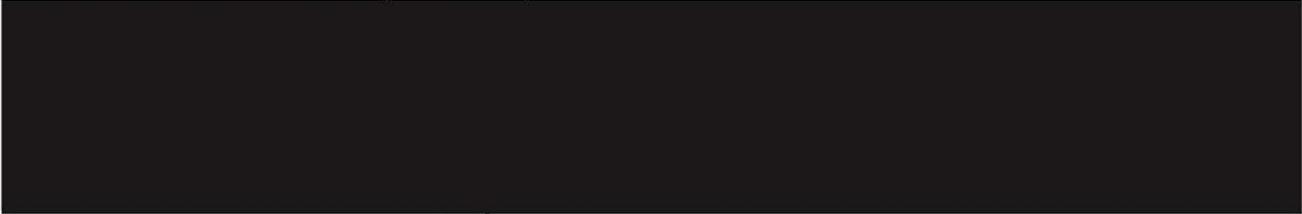
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Comments:

Please keep the public, the media  
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idea for Camden B!!

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Comments:

I strongly support the spaceport project. My wife and I recently moved to Saint Marys and were pleased to see the forward vision for this project.

The economic impact is important to our community.

We also have recently had the opportunity to view the site location for the spaceport. I cannot think of a better way to repurpose this property, for productive use.

Again thank you for allowing me to voice my comments.

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Comments: I am concerned with the level of collaboration with NSB Kings Bay. I know there has been a level of contention with the local airport and am worried there would be effects by the base to shutdown the effort to develop the area for commercial space flight. I am also concerned with the formation of jobs associated with the project. How many technologically based jobs are expected? How many tertiary jobs such as janitorial or administration and maintenance are predicted? I am not familiar with the history of the previous tenants of the land, but am sure there were chemical environmental impacts that were considered. I would encourage these past reports, if any available, to be reviewed and considered. Thank you for your consideration.

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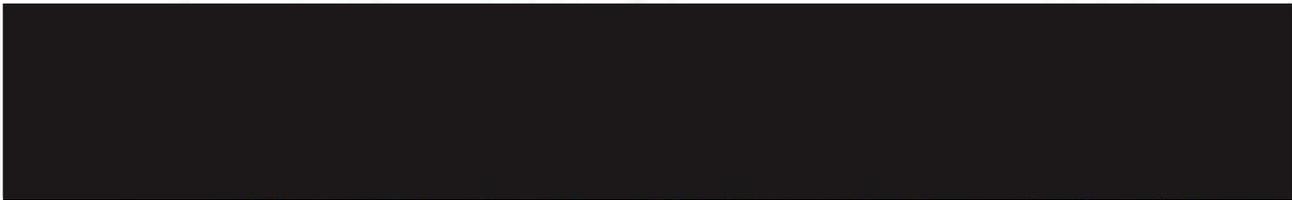
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Comments: My biggest concern with the spaceport would be the impacts involving Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. The proposed launch site is within 10 miles of the East coast SSBN fleet. I would like for the committee to look into the possible effects and national security issues involved with the spaceport being too close. I think that after vetting these issues the spaceport will be a great asset to the local community. I really look forward to it coming to the area. The impacts on the local economy would be massive.

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Comments:

① What effect will this have on the Cumberland Island National Seashore that is already a National Park. Will this endanger People & Wildlife that have been environmentally protected?

② What impact can a Rocket have if it explodes as the one did last year in Virginia with the Nuclear Sub base being right next to it.

③ How much noise and environmental impact will this have on average persons homes. Ex. Breaking windows, unsettling ground, Breaking house foundation. In the 1970 when Thycal had the explosion it was felt from Brunswick to Jax to Waycross Glass broke in Houses. How much is this going to have a effect on Homes & Business already and how will you cover the expenses

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Comments: I am a supporter of Space Port Camden because I believe it will generate jobs, revenue, and bring more people and businesses to the Camden area. The only issue I can think of is that I live on exit 6, how much noise and vibration can I expect and what impact will it have on the naval base.

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Comments:

I Have the following Project Concerns

① Safety

② Disturbance of Natural Ecosystems of Cumberland Island National Seashore

③ Effect of Quality of Life @ My Home on Little Cumberland Island

④ Evacuation of my Home & Local Environment Due to Rockfall Landslides

⑤ Disturbance of Threatened & Endangered

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Comments: 1) If a rocket blew up + pieces fell on + damaged my house - who is liable for the damage?

2) The land in question already has toxic soil areas - are they to be cleaned up before this project starts? who pays for that? The taxpayer???

3) Will Harriette's Bluff Road be four lanes OR are there plans for a 2nd highway access to the area? (an in road + out road)

4) What about noise pollution?

5) If there are accidents / problems and the space project pulls out - who pays for the toxic clean up of land?

6) My property values will plummet if there are accident / toxic rocket fuel spills -

7) Many folks on Harriette's bluff still have wells + drink well water (it costs \$4,000.00~~x~~ to hook up to county/city water -)

The ground is already contaminated at the proposed site this will make it worse -  
A question for you would you drink the water from those wells???

I heard there is a proposed "tourist tower" being considered for area - how would you like hundreds of strangers coming into your neighborhood to watch a rocket launch - causing property damage, illegal parking - garbage strewn about etc etc

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Comments:

Five faculty members from Augusta University, 2 faculty members from Georgia Southern are investigating the Noyes Cut area of the Satilla River Estuary. This project also involves landowners from Dover Bluff Club.

This Spaceport project will take place in Todd Creek, which is currently our reference tidal creek because of current minimal impact at this location. Our project has been vetted through both GADNR & NOAA as we have successfully been funded through the Coastal Incentive Grant. ~~We currently have a data set~~

We currently have a data set that dates back to June 2014 & will continue through December 2016 (at the minimum). If we can be of assistance in the EIS project, please let us know.

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Comments: • How many Camden County tax Payer Dollars will be spent to try to bring this to Fort Gordon AND WHAT CAN the AVERAGE Camden County TAX PAYER expect to get IN RETURN?

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Comments:

My main concern/question is what if any restrictions will be placed on boaters/fishermen in the FCW and surrounding creeks?

There is near Cabin Bluff in the FCW between launch site and Cumberland Island is very popular w/ boaters and fishermen.

In general I support project as long as my ability to boat in the FCW and in Brickhall River on Cumberland Island is not prohibited.

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Comments: I support the Space Port

The prospective site is now an environmental disaster  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPACEPORT WILL BE ENVIRONMENTAL  
BENEFICIAL AS NO GREEDY DEVELOPER WILL BE ABLE TO PUT  
HOMES OR SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS THERE.

There are no flora or fauna at the proposed site that are  
unique or endangered

The security areas will provide space and time for the area  
to continue to heal itself after previous environmental  
abuses

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Comments: I SUPPORT THE PROJECT.

A series of horizontal lines for writing comments, with the first line containing the handwritten text "I SUPPORT THE PROJECT." and the remaining lines being blank.

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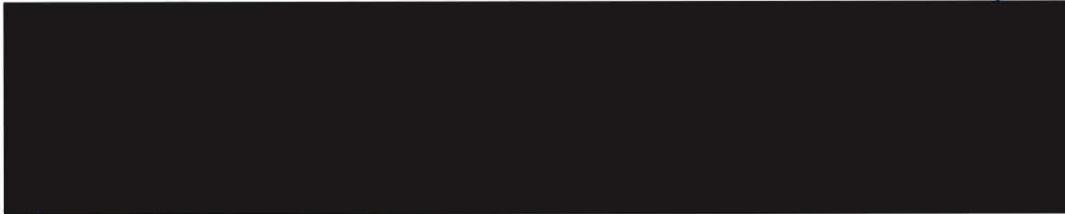
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Comments:

THIS IS THE BEST THING  
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Comments: I reside and am homeowner on Cumberland Island Staffed House.

I am concerned about land owner rights environmental impact, noise, safety.

Very inconvenient to evacuate an island!

Concerned about impact to marshes that provide so much on Georgia Coast.

National Historic & public areas how will this impact.

What will happen to the dredge remains  
what will happen to toxic waste already  
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Comments: After much research & discussion, Spaceport seems to be a good idea. None of us want to sacrifice our beautiful environment or peaceful way of life but we also have a resource that can be used to keep our economy strong simply by having a coast-line. Our local economy needs a boost. Georgia needs a boost. What a great opportunity for a tiny Town & County. Our children leave the area after college never to return to live.

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City, State, Zip Code:

Comments:

I'm a resident and landowner of Camden County GA

The proposed site is ideal as it once operated as a rocket testing site and industrial processing facility.

The Camden Spaceport can co-exist with the Natural environment like the other spaceports around the US have shown they can.

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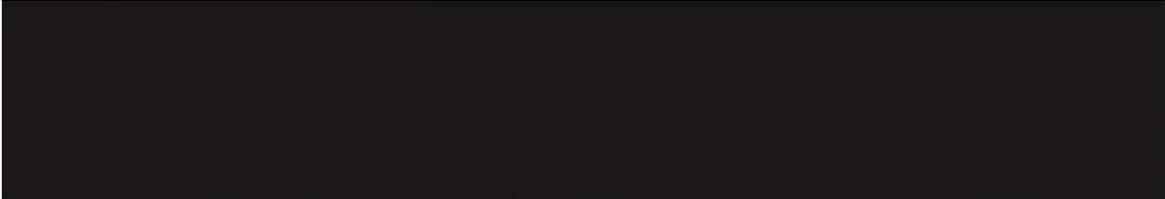
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Comments: Excellent - Very good presentation for the Space Port, I was very excited to see such a large turnout in favor of the project. The economic impact would be an awesome benefit to Camden County -

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Comments: This Project coming to this community would be a Huge Accomplishment for our Friends & Families. It would have a Fantastic Impact on our local economy - bring jobs - bring schools for training & provide positive growth. That is much needed in our Area

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To: FAA

December 7, 2015

From:

In response to the solicitation for public input relative to the proposal to create Spaceport Camden in Camden County Georgia I provide the following opinion and questions for consideration by the FAA and related organizations.

1. Camden County proposes to purchase land near the Intracoastal Waterway not only for the use by the space industry for launch of rockets but also intends to purchase a significant amount of land (thousands of acres) to act as a buffer and a nature conservancy. This will provide a permanent natural environment and habitat for citizens and wildlife. The previous plans for all the property from Interstate 95 to the Spaceport property called for a massive development of tens of thousands of homes.
2. The FAA consideration of the impact of the Spaceport should consider the alternatives should it determine in the negative for the application for the Spaceport. Should the Spaceport not be allowed to develop the alternative will be developers returning and implementing a massive build out of residential infrastructure that will go far and beyond any potential impact to the basic nature of the properties that could be created by the build out of a small footprint (<500 acre Spaceport). A negative vote will doom the whole area to overdevelopment and completely negate what is supposed to be the advantage of not having a Spaceport and protecting the environment and wildlife.
3. A realistic approach to this future comparison and resulting impact is absolutely required in order to achieve the long term objective of balancing the areas under discussion in a benign and conservative way the leave the best of commercial, residential, business and conservancy of habitats and environment to achieve a cohesive plan capable of meeting the many needs of an area ripe for growth and sustain the beauty of the surrounding area.

Please consider the alternative future should the Spaceport not be allowed to be built and determine the impact of this decision on the long term wellbeing of the area and its inhabitants.





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I am writing to you on behalf of Camden Family Connection (CFC) to express our full support for the Spaceport Camden project. We are a collaborative made up of more than 50 other local and regional not-for-profit organizations, faith-based representatives, local businesses, government agencies, elected officials, and concerned citizens. We work to identify community strengths and challenges and create multi-agency approaches to the most pressing community-level issues in our county. One of those issues has historically been a lack of high-skilled and technical center employment opportunities. We expect Spaceport Camden to reduce this issue; given that it is expected to not only be a direct economic generator, but also entice other industry related businesses to the area.

We feel that the "right kind" of development projects stimulate family self-reliance and community empowerment. Spaceport Camden is the "right kind" of development. I applaud County Administrator Steve Howard, and his team, for effectively communicating every step of the project to the community. It is evident that all concerns are being carefully addressed and that the interest of all Camden County citizens is a priority.

We look forward to becoming "America's Gateway to Space." It is projects like this that will ensure economic stability and employment opportunities for generations to come. If you have any questions for us about our organization, and our interest in this project, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully

*...creating a better Camden through collaboration.*

To: Camden County, Georgia, Board of Commissioners

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Property owner, Little Cumberland Island

## F.A.A. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEC. 7, 2015

My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived in Camden County for nearly 12 years. We first moved to [REDACTED], where we lived for about 6 months. Therefore we are generally familiar with the proposed site for the Space Port. Since then we live [REDACTED]

In recent years I have been a volunteer with S.C.O.R.E., helping entrepreneurs create business plans and generally mentoring their progress as they launch a new business. Prior to moving to Camden County, I owned and operated two successful businesses for over 30 years.

I am accustomed to making decisions based upon the amount of risk in relationship to the benefits. Regarding the Space Port, I have read the articles and listened to the advocates of those both for and against it. It is my belief that the benefits so far outweigh the risks that the project must go forward. At least until some yet unforeseen obstacle makes the project impractical.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

I have been a permanent resident, taxpayer and voter in Camden County since the 1970s. I care deeply about our coastal communities and natural environment. So I want to know:

- What steps will be taken to protect the environmental integrity of our coast?
- What steps will be taken to insure that the federal, state and private protected areas of our coast are not compromised?
- Our coast is home to many threatened and endangered species including right whales, loggerhead turtles, gopher tortoises, and bald eagles. How will they and their habitat be impacted?

St. Andrews Sound has a productive fishing and shrimping industry.

- Will fishing be shut down during launches, tests and landings?
- Will any fallout or toxins that might inadvertently be discharged impact the production of fish and shrimp and thus the local economy?
- What about boat traffic on the Intra-Coastal Waterway?

Nature-based Tourism is important to the local economy, particularly on Jekyll and Cumberland Islands. Our valuable salt marsh ecosystem is studied year-round by school children throughout Georgia.

- Will visitation be halted during launch days and test days?
- Will visitors be evacuated?

For those of us living and working nearby what are the likely impacts?

- How often and for how long will residents and tourists be evacuated?
- How far ahead will residents be notified to evacuate?
  - In the case of delays how will evacuees be notified?
- Who will cover the costs involved in evacuation?
- Will residential property values near the site be negatively affected?

Finally, Camden County and its taxpayers are investing heavily in this project.

- Has a long-range cost benefit study been done and will it be made public?



December 7, 2015

Advocacy document for Spaceport Camden

I would like to start with a short explanation of my background. My father was career Army, and I am a 21-year veteran of the Navy. I note this to validate that I have lived in dozens of locations all over the United States. That said, I have lived in Camden County since 1997, longer than I have lived in any other location. With my current job at GSE Systems, I fly to Baltimore on Monday mornings, and return on Thursday evenings, so I could live anywhere in the US that is close to an airport – but I choose to remain in Camden. In fact, my house is off of Harriet's Bluff, so I will be a neighbor to Spaceport Camden.

I have advanced degrees in Nuclear Engineering and Astronautical Engineering, and I am very cognizant of the technology factors associated with the establishment of the Spaceport. I support this effort, with advancement to establish the technology infrastructure that will be needed to support Spaceport Camden, as well as the support business for the Spaceport. I believe this goal can be attained with an overall neutral impact to the surrounding environment, while providing a boost to the local economy.

My contact information follows:



From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: My comments in regards to the Camden Spaceport FAA's Environmental Impact Study  
Date: November 24, 2015 at 12:46 PM  
To: FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com .



Dear Sir/Maddam,

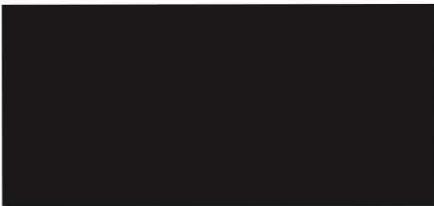
I respectfully submit the following comments regarding the Camden Spaceport EIS.

In my opinion, there is no more risk to the environment from the Camden Spaceport than what has existed, as in the Thikol rocket engine testing facility and the Bayer agricultural chemicals facility.

The area around the proposed site is not inhabited and therefore operation of the spaceport will present little to no disruption to the population.

Lastly the Camden Spaceport will create jobs in an area badly effected by the recession and the closing of the Gillman paper mill, a major employer in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.



Subject: FAA citizens EIS meeting  
Date: Today at 3:44 PM  
To: [REDACTED]



Dear Sir/Maddam

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I respectfully submit that for for those citizens who are concerned about a possible explosion of a spacecraft at the launch site or in mid-air, I offer the fact that we live in the shadows of a nuclear submarine base that you can be sure is in the cross hairs of our enemies in the event of a war on our soil.



# QUESTIONS

1. What **IF** the projected **TRAJECTORY** of the rocket goes off coast ?
  - a. What fact findings have been established concerning Kings Bay Navy Base where Nuclear Warheads are being stored?
  
2. Would the community of Harrietts Bluff be affected by the hazards of chemicals released into the environment?
  
3. To Camden County Joint Development Authority and Camden County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
  - a. Would you prefer revenue for this propose project over a negative effect of concerned citizens for public safety.
  - b. What other industrial corporations have submitted a license to operate in this county with fewer hazards to the community?
  - c. Are we that stupid to bring these types of businesses to this area for the sole purpose of increasing the economic value of the land?
  - d. Would this be another Thiokol explosion waiting to happen because of “ **The Human Factor At The CONTROL**”

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## *House of Representatives*

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December 7, 2015

Public Statement Delivered at FAA Scoping Meeting

Camden County, Georgia

Thank you for this opportunity.

Georgia is a great aerospace state with more than 800 companies and 88,000 workers in some aspect of the business. We are a world leader in aerospace exports and have many of the world's leading aerospace companies.

This property has been called the finest property in the country for a fully commercial spaceport. It has every single characteristic required by commercial space companies. It is remote, but not too remote. It has cities with city amenities nearby. It has all necessary infrastructure such as roads, power, fiber and water. The location is coastal with launch capability immediately over water. It also has a large area for manufacturing.

In the 1960s, the largest engine rocket was tested in Camden County, and we made history then. Let's make history again by developing a world class spaceport that will create a competitive advantage for Georgia to become the leader in the commercial space industry.

It is imperative that we recognize this opportunity and set a direction for Georgia as a space state. Will there be risk? Will there be costs? Sure, but anything worthwhile has risks and costs. The costs of creating Spaceport Camden are actually relatively low, but the benefits to Georgia are potentially enormous and certainly worth the risk.

We have the opportunity to create the "Silicon Valley" of Georgia in our southeastern corner of the state that is sometimes forgotten about, which is poised to become the Cape Canaveral of commercial space. Many years ago William Jennings Bryan said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved." When we achieve this...we will no longer be forgotten about.

Given the history surrounding this site, this opportunity gives us a second chance and seldom in life are you ever given a second chance that is so meaningful. It is time to seize the moment. And this is our moment. This project is part of our future.

2-minute presentation at the FAA's public scoping meeting for Spaceport Camden

[REDACTED]  
7 Dec 2015

Kingsland, Georgia

- I'm [REDACTED] chairman of the Environmental Issues Subcommittee of the Spaceport Camden Steering Committee.
- This subcommittee was formed by the Camden County Board of Commissioners in October.
- Our goal right now is to help represent local environmental concerns that can be addressed by the Environmental Impact Statement.
- We are writing questions for environmental professionals to answer that are based on the concerns we hear about.
- We will submit a list to you (the FAA) by the end of the public scoping period, slated to end on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- We expect some of the questions to be easily answered, others may be irrelevant for reasons that you (the FAA) will give, but some may require substantial research and analysis to answer.
- When the Draft Environmental Impact Statement comes out down the road, we will review it to see how these questions were addressed.
- Subcommittee members are here, with name tags.
- We are listening, and what is said here will stimulate additional question writing.
- We think our efforts will help smooth the EIS process towards producing facts that are locally meaningful.
- We can then help to disseminate the information contained in the Environmental Impact Statement when it comes out.
- If anyone has questions for me, please see me after the meeting, or contact me in the coming days. I can be reached by email. The address is on my nametag [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] I'm a Mechanical Engineer and a product of Camden High, where my mother still teaches math.

Camden County needs this spaceport. This industry is moving forward—it's inevitable. We can either be part of it, or not.

But I don't want to look back in five years and see Glynn, McIntosh, or Liberty County thriving because of an opportunity that we let pass us by.

Being from Camden County means something: we have a great high school, an awesome football team (go Wildcats!), a valuable military presence, and wonderful people from all over. Now we have a chance to add "industry leaders", "visionaries", and "thriving job market" to that list. I'd like to see that happen.

How wonderful would it be if our best and brightest could come back home with their engineering degrees, computer science degrees, etc. and apply that knowledge here in Camden County, and invest in our community? I'd like to see that happen too.

But you know what I'd really like to see happen? I'd like for us not to rest on our laurels. We already have a successful history of combining technological industry with environmental and historical preservation . . . and Camden County can do it again.

So let's make *new* history. Let's make history by building the future.

Let's make history by building this spaceport and investing in the long-term future of the great Camden County.

Thank you for your time.

To: FAA

December 7, 2015

From:



In response to the solicitation for public input relative to the proposal to create Spaceport Camden in Camden County Georgia I provide the following opinion and questions for consideration by the FAA and related organizations.

1. Camden County proposes to purchase land near the Intracoastal Waterway not only for the use by the space industry for launch of rockets but also intends to purchase a significant amount of land (thousands of acres) to act as a buffer and a nature conservancy. This will provide a permanent natural environment and habitat for citizens and wildlife. The previous plans for all the property from Interstate 95 to the Spaceport property called for a massive development of tens of thousands of homes.
2. The FAA consideration of the impact of the Spaceport should consider the alternatives should it determine in the negative for the application for the Spaceport. Should the Spaceport not be allowed to develop the alternative will be developers returning and implementing a massive build out of residential infrastructure that will go far and beyond any potential impact to the basic nature of the properties that could be created by the build out of a small footprint (<500 acre Spaceport). A negative vote will doom the whole area to overdevelopment and completely negate what is supposed to be the advantage of not having a Spaceport and protecting the environment and wildlife.
3. A realistic approach to this future comparison and resulting impact is absolutely required in order to achieve the long term objective of balancing the areas under discussion in a benign and conservative way the leave the best of commercial, residential, business and conservancy of habitats and environment to achieve a cohesive plan capable of meeting the many needs of an area ripe for growth and sustain the beauty of the surrounding area.

Please consider the alternative future should the Spaceport not be allowed to be built and determine the impact of this decision on the long term wellbeing of the area and its inhabitants.



## FAA SPACEPORT CAMDEN SCOPING MEETING

December 7, 2015

I am concerned that the discussions surrounding the Spaceport project are beginning to deteriorate into another one of those divisive, polarizing slugfests that will serve no useful purpose. The EIS process is our opportunity to examine factual information that should lead our decision-makers to logical and productive conclusions. If the conversations and research are conducted properly, those conclusions will either result in a new era of economic boom for Camden County reminiscent of when the US Navy came to town likely changing our lives for the better, or, our leaders will decide the concept is not a good fit for Camden County for reasons based on facts and intelligent considerations. Either way, we cannot afford to miss an opportunity that may never present itself again. I believe we have a great deal of information based on history derived from existing installations in Florida and Virginia, and that history is not supporting some of the fears being expressed from some quarters. Now is NOT the time to present worst-case scenarios expressed in inflammatory language. Now IS the time to work our way through facts we have at our disposal and examine them in an intelligent and rational manner. Then we can make sound decisions based on what we KNOW, not what we imagine could possibly happen if everything in a launch went haywire all at the same time. Let's make an effort to tone down any ~~hysterical~~ <sup>the</sup> rhetoric and make good use of a proven process like the EIS.



Good Evening, my name is [REDACTED] I've been a resident of St. Marys for 34 of the past 36 years.

I came to St. Marys in 1979 just out of college with a bachelor's degree in Pulp & Paper Science & Engineering and began my working career as a process engineer with Gilman Paper Company, the largest employer in Camden County at the time.

Kings Bay Naval Sub Base was also just ramping up at that time, and some folks were concerned of the negative impact it would have on their small community. However, most of those concerns were never realized. In fact, the base at Kings Bay has had many far reaching, positive impacts on our community and this region.

Gilman Paper Company began operations in the early 1940's. And, just as with the naval base, some folks at the time were concerned about the negative impact the paper mill would have on their small community. However, Gilman Paper Company provided the economic boost and stability that significantly increased the quality of life for many families over the following 60 years.

The paper mill closed in 2002 for a variety of reasons, primarily though due to a new global economy, the world had changed and the paper mill was no longer competitive. Thank goodness for the naval base and the booming housing market, which led our local economy, until the stock market crash of 2008.

Like most of the country our local economy was hit hard in 2008, and like most, our recovery has been slow. As 2015 comes to a close, things are looking up. Camden County has become more proactive in developing a diverse and sustainable economy. Spaceport is part of that movement.

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I am encouraged by the thoroughness and thoughtfulness with which Steve Howard and the county officials are approaching this project. I am also encouraged by the process, including this environmental impact study to determine what issues, if any, we may have to deal with. I am pleased that the project is moving forward.

I believe that Spaceport offers us a tremendous opportunity to move our economy forward and to not only protect, but to enhance this great quality of life that we all enjoy.

My name is [REDACTED]

I moved to Camden County in 1985 and opened a business. I came here because of what I thought was a "once in a generation" business opportunity environment. That opportunity was the growth of NSB Kings Bay. I think I was correct in that assessment.

Over the last three decades I have enjoyed the beautiful coast of Camden County, grown a business, raised my kids and now have Grandkids here. During that time I've been very active in outdoor sports as well as active in coastal wildlife and marine conservation issues.

I am speaking in support of the proposed "Space Port" because I believe this another "once in a generation" opportunity being presented to Camden County. Just like the Kings Bay site selection criteria, the "Space Port" project site selection is all about location, market needs and timing. Our county is uniquely located, business friendly and ready for this project!

I want this opportunity for my Kids and Grandkids. I also want them to enjoy the beautiful natural resources of Camden County just as I have.

This county needs the industry, technology, diversity and tourism this opportunity will provide. We've been down this opportunity" path before. We know how to make our voices heard to insure this project gets done and done right.

I ask for your support in making this a reality! Thank you!

To: Camden County, Georgia, Board of Commissioners

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I WILL SUBMIT my  
comments online

Home owner

How IS LIVING 6 MILES AWAY FROM SPACE X  
ON HARRIETTS BLUFF IN MALLARD POINT <sup>DRIVE</sup> GOING  
TO BE EFFECTED BY NOISE, TRAVEL, <sup>ROADS,</sup> AND SAFE ZONE  
AND ROCKET MOTOR TRANSPORTION, HAZZARD MATERIALS,  
OR LAUNCHES OR TESTS AND HOME TAXES AND  
LAND AND PROPERTY VALUE? CONTINUE TO  
HAVE PRICES ON HOMES TO RETIRE HERE.  
NOT LIKE COACOA.



Here in Camden County, we're thankful for clean air, clean water..the quiet beauty that surrounds us. But those may become a fond memory if a rocket company lands here.

Rocket launches can wreak havoc in a community with their potential negative side effects.

CNN says: "Debris from the unmanned...Falcon 9 Reusable [not so much!] (F9R) rocket, which self-destructed less than twenty seconds after launch, rained down from the flames onto an open field..." Except, in our case, it may read "rained down from the flames onto an area in Cumberland Island." Or Jekyll Island. Etc.

Nasa.gov states: "Unfortunately, almost any [effective] propellant is apt to be...corrosive, flammable, or toxic (to a greater degree even than most war gases), and are often all three."

**Toxic rocket fuel and debris may crash into Camden. The liquid fuel could potentially poison our water supply and endanger our childrens' health for the foreseeable future.**

Space.com reports: "An unmanned SpaceX cargo mission crashed back to Earth today (June 28 [2015])... something went wrong about two minutes into the flight, and the rocket broke apart, raining debris out of the sky," including **more than 4000 pounds of cargo!**

So why have a spaceport here, with a trajectory over occupied private property? That's totally unacceptable, and outrageous.

Elon Musk, owner of SpaceX, tweeted after the F9R's catastrophic failure: "Rockets are tricky..." I say, for safety's sake, that Mr. Musk can take his trickery elsewhere - well away from where it can hurt people and their environment. To be honest, some space companies seem to be more about **NOT** going into space.

If they do come here, rocket companies should be aware that their every move will be minutely scrutinized, analyzed, and reported on, as will any waste of taxpayer money. You will be under the microscope here in Camden, by people who like to write and spread the news across the land.

Thank you.

# Camden County Space Port Concerns

I don't have enough information to make an intelligent decision for or against building a space port in Camden County, but I do have concerns:

I am the retired Commander of a nuclear power submarine and former Executive Office of the USS Alaska (SSBN 732), stationed here at Kings Bay.

I <sup>was</sup> ~~have been~~ onboard Alaska when we launch<sup>ed</sup> four practice missile<sup>s</sup> to prove Alaska<sup>'s</sup> readiness to assume her duties. While on Alaska, we were submerged directly under Challenge<sup>r</sup> when it exploded.

Concerns:

1. Has the Navy/Department of Defense <sup>approved</sup> ~~condoned~~ this enterprise?
2. Nuclear weapons are stored and assembled within 20 miles of your proposed launch site. If a rocket should go <sup>astawty</sup> ~~array~~, can it hit the base? Challenge<sup>r</sup> debris spread over 100 miles.
3. There are nuclear reactors located at the base inside the submarines; could your rockets land on them?<sup>?</sup> (Same reasoning as above.)
4. The exhaust from the Alaska missile<sup>s</sup> was highly toxic<sup>e</sup>; solid rocket fuel hasn't change<sup>d</sup> much in 20

- years, what happens if the wind blows the wrong way?  
Or worse, one comes down in Camden County still  
burning, what will happen to the citizens?
5. If liquid fuels<sup>ed</sup> rockets are being considered; is the  
County ready to deal with cryogenic fuels being  
transported over its road ways? Worse, if the  
unstable/caustic forms of liquid rocket fuel are being  
considered, <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ I-95 and Camden County ready for that  
responsibility?
  6. Has noise pollution been considered? I <sup>saw</sup> and heard  
a launch as Cape Canaveral; I was more <sup>than</sup> ~~the~~ 15 miles  
away and the noise was deafening..

While launch accidents have become infrequent, they do  
happen. I am concerned!

From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Camden County Spaceport EIS  
Date: 30 december 2015 14:27  
To: FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com  
Cc: [REDACTED]

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
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800 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 325  
Washington, DC 29591.

December 30, 2015

Dear Ms. Zee,

My family has owned a home on Little Cumberland Island in the State of Georgia for more than 50 years. I have been trying to assemble my comments on the EIS that Camden County has asked the FAA to prepare. I find it impossible to do so because there is so little information about the spaceport available to the public.

Unless Camden County has provided information to the FAA that has not been made public, I do not see how the FAA can do a meaningful review. Has Camden County in a rush to get a spaceport up and running jumped the gun? Information that I do not have and think I need (and the FAA needs) to comment in a useful way would include answers to the following questions:

- What launch trajectories will be approved? Will the FAA approve launches over populated areas? Or along trajectories where launch failure might cause a rocket to crash in a populated area or explode over one?

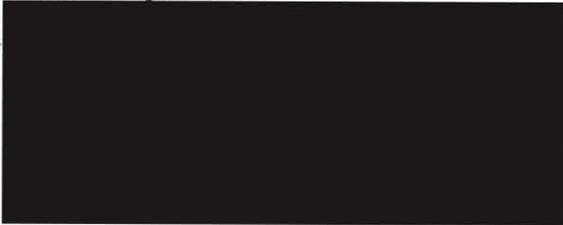
- What risk analysis for launch failures will be possible for rockets with limited or existent operational history? Or will any such analysis have to be simply an educated guess? What mathematical failure rate will be acceptable to the FAA where the failure could cause death or serious injury? An Internet search reveals several rocket failures at or shortly after launch. Presumably, the mission control people, engineers and designers all felt the rockets and their systems were safe. They were wrong.

- Last June a Space X rocket exploded shortly after launch at Cape Canaveral. Because the launch occurred at the edge of the Atlantic, the flaming debris fell 'harmlessly' into the ocean. Presumably, Space X managers believed the rocket was safe. They were wrong.

- If that same failure had occurred at the proposed Camden County launch site, would the debris have fallen on Little Cumberland Island, Cumberland Island National Seashore, Jekyll Island or some other populated area? If the answer is yes, should the FAA approve a site in Camden County?

There are, of course, many other critical issues involving a Camden County launch site. I have chosen to address safety because I consider it the most important of all. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,



Sent from my iPad



December 29, 2015

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
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Washington, DC 20591  
[FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com](mailto:FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com)

Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing about the recently proposed commercial Spaceport in Camden County, Georgia. As a Camden county property owner and someone who cherishes our coast, I have concerns about the project's potential impacts. I would appreciate having the following questions addressed in advance and incorporated into the decision making process. I understand the time is now to consider whether Spaceport Camden is a good idea for our unique coastline.

I have several concerns, including how the project will affect the lives of the many endangered and threatened species depending upon the continued viability of the marshes, the coast and the ocean.

- Information from Camden County indicates that rockets may launch eastward from the site as many as 12 times per year (once a month).** Specifically, how will this affect the quality of life and the integrity of special places on our coast like Cumberland Island National Seashore?

- The proposed Spaceport may pose a safety risk to humans and our natural resources.** What is the risk of an explosion over a populated area?  What are the dangers of a spaceport near the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, a base which handles nuclear weapons?
- The Spaceport Threatens the Satilla River Watershed.** How much water will be used at the site both during and between launches? Will this taking of water detrimentally affect the Floridian Aquifer ? From what source will the water be obtained? What will be done with water after use? Will it need to be treated?
- The Spaceport's noise and light pollution along with significant changes in land use patterns and growth will transform our coastal community and negatively affect the quality of life.** What is the noise intensity and duration of the various kinds of launches to be allowed at the site? What will happen to property values within earshot of the spaceport, or along launch paths? Will property values decrease? Will this light pollution detrimentally affect nesting Loggerhead sea turtles? Will this noise pollution and vibrations detrimentally affect the federally protected bald eagles and their chicks, endangered gopher tortoises (a keystone species), and protected migrating species such as Red Knots, Wilsons plovers, Piping plovers and the American Oystercatcher as well as the endangered Southern Right Whales that calve in our waters ?
- Dredging and other construction activities presents a multitude of potential harms including sedimentation, contamination releases of toxic wastes known to exist on the property, groundwater contamination, etc.** Should the EIS include a study of the viability of a more intensive use of existing facilities (such as Cape Canaveral) rather than irreparably damaging a fragile and unique coastal ecosystem and the human community that co-exists with it ? Do we need more launch pads or simply more launches from existing launch facilities ?

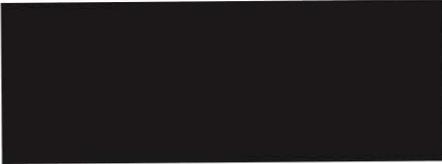
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Spaceport Camden will forever change Georgia's coast as we know it today. These impacts risk the historic, cultural and natural resources that all make the region special. With all that is at stake, our coast deserves all of our thoughtful consideration.

I urge you to incorporate all my questions thoroughly into the EIS process and answer them far in advance of any decision that could change our coastline forever.

Sincerely,





December 28, 2015

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
FAA Environmental Protection Specialist  
Office of Commercial Space Transportation  
800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325  
Washington, DC 20591

Re: Camden County Spaceport

Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing to express my concern as an owner of property on Little Cumberland Island ("LCI") in Camden County, Georgia, over the County's proposal to develop a commercial rocket-launching facility to be located directly across the Cumberland River from the Cumberland Island National Seashore. I strongly question the County's evident conclusion that the economic benefits of such a development would outweigh its detrimental impact on the coastal environment.

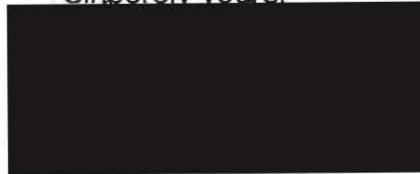
As one who cherishes the peace, serenity and beauty of Georgia's barrier islands and coastal marshlands and recognizes their importance to the preservation of coastal wildlife, I urge you to insist upon answers to the following questions regarding the potential effects of this proposed development:

- What is the risk, both to humans and to wildlife, of an explosion from a failed launch? In particular, what would be the potential fallout (as it were) from a crash on or near the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, which, of course, handles nuclear weapons?
- How would operation of the proposed spaceport affect the integrity of the Satilla River Watershed? In this regard, how much water will be used at the site during and between launches, from what source or sources will the water be obtained, and what is the risk that withdrawal of groundwater will result in contamination of fresh water aquifers? Also, what will be done with the water after use? Will it need to be treated, and if so, how?
- What other negative effects on the coastal environment and its wildlife habitat might result from operation of the spaceport? For example, it is my understanding that the airspace over the Cumberland Island National Seashore is restricted to prevent wildlife disturbance. Would not operation of the proposed spaceport be inconsistent with such restrictions?

- How would property values on LCI be affected by operation of the spaceport, including, but not necessarily limited to, the resultant noise and light pollution and likely restrictions on our ability to access our properties? Would property owners be compensated for the diminution of their property values resulting from operation of the proposed spaceport, and if so by whom?

Camden County's proposed spaceport has the potential to do irreparable damage to the Georgia coast by placing at risk the historic, cultural and natural resources that make this region so special. With all that is at stake, I urge you to insist on answers to these questions and to incorporate those answers into the EIS process far in advance of any decision to allow this proposed development.

Sincerely yours,





December 29, 2015

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
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Office of Commercial Space Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20591  
[FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com](mailto:FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com)

Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing about the recently proposed commercial Spaceport in Camden County, Georgia. As a spouse of a Camden county property owner and someone who cherishes our coast, I have concerns about the project's potential impacts. I would appreciate having the following questions addressed in advance and incorporated into the decision making process. I understand the time is now to consider whether Spaceport Camden is a good idea for our unique coastline.

I have several concerns, including how the project will affect my quality of life and the lives of the many endangered and threatened species depending upon the continued viability of the marshes, the coast and the ocean.

- Information from Camden County indicates that rockets may launch eastward from the site as many as 12 times per year (once a month).** Specifically, how will this affect the access to my own private property *and* how will this affect the integrity of special places on our coast like Cumberland Island National Seashore?
- The proposed Spaceport may pose a safety risk to humans and our natural resources.** What is the risk of an explosion over a populated area?
  - What are the dangers of a spaceport near the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, a base which handles nuclear weapons? ☐
- The Spaceport Threatens the Satilla River Watershed.** How much water will be used at the site both during and between launches? Will this taking of water detrimentally affect the Floridian Aquifer ? From what source will the water be obtained? What will be done with water after use? Will it need to be treated?

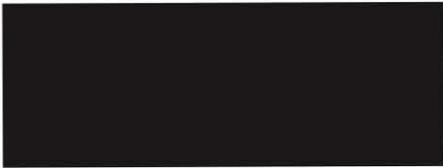
- The Spaceport's noise and light pollution along with significant changes in land use patterns and growth will transform our coastal community and negatively affect my quality of life.** What is the noise intensity and duration of the various kinds of launches to be allowed at the site? What will happen to my property value within earshot of the spaceport, or along launch paths? Will my property value decrease? Will this light pollution detrimentally affect nesting sea turtles? Will this noise pollution and vibrations detrimentally affect the federally protected bald eagles and their chicks, endangered gopher tortoises (a keystone species), and protected migrating species such as red knots, Wilsons plovers and Piping plovers as well as the endangered right whales that calve in our waters ?
  
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I urge you to incorporate all my questions thoroughly into the EIS process and answer them far in advance of any decision that could change our coastline forever.

Sincerely,





DEC 25, 2015

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
FAA Environmental Protection Specialist  
Office of Commercial Space Transportation  
800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing today as a concerned citizen and property owner on Cumberland Island, Georgia. I have done extensive reading about the Space X launch proposal for Camden County, Georgia, and I have many concerns for myself, my property, and the pristine wildlife/ecosystem on the island.

There has never been approval for rocket launches over a populated area. There must be a reason for that decision. I would like you to please consider in your report how the noise, launch vibration, and failure of a launch or returning rocket would affect the wildlife and human health of the communities in the path of the rockets.

How will a launch failure affect the property value of my land on a pristine island that has been saved from development and abuse for the last 150 years? Will the marshes that are the sensitive nursery of the ocean be polluted from spilt fuel and contaminated water spills? What are the honest chances that over the next few years a launch will explode or crash causing forest fires and pollution over the 500 year old live oak canopy. There is no fire department on the island and our homes will be in danger. (This will most likely cause a rise in our high insurance costs as it is)

My property is very close to the Kings Bay Nuclear Sub Base. Please consider what would happen to everyone and every thing if an explosion or crash happened near or on the sub base or its submarines.

Many environmentalists spend time on Cumberland studying the insects, birds, mammals, and sea life, because this is one of the last places on the East coast of the United States that certain species are left to procreate with out stress from man and his constant development of the natural world. Please consider the loss of such a special place when you are doing your EIS. There is no place left with this type of untouched ecosystem like Cumberland.

I have read that there will be evacuations before a launch occurs. I live part of the year in Maine, but what happens if I spend my money to travel all the way down to Cumberland just to be kicked off the island. That is unfair to travelers and tourists. I have also read that the inter-coastal waterway will be closed. I am a fisherman and I

need access to the waterways and to the island. Please consider how intrusive and expensive the closing of the island and the waterways will be for the entire community.

Lastly, the Loggerhead sea turtle nests on Cumberland Island beaches. This year we had almost 600 nests. Many man-hours and money have been spent documenting the turtle nests and hatchlings, as well as fortifying the nests and doing DNA studies of the eggs. So much information has been collected and is being used to save these ancient sea creatures from extinction. Please consider how a launch failure, constant launch vibrations, evacuations of scientists who are daily marking and moving nests, water pollution, and light pollution (turtles are very sensitive to artificial light) will affect the endangered loggerhead turtle.

Thank you for your special consideration of the flora, fauna, and humans of Cumberland Island.





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November 15, 2015

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
FAA Environmental Protection Specialist  
Spaceport Camden County EIS c/o Leidos  
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Germantown, MD 20874

Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing to you in hopes you will address a concern I have regarding the Camden County Georgia Spaceport.

Would you please look into the effect of ground vibration during rocket testing, lift-off, landing etc.. I was wondering if this vibration could cause the movement of barriers put in place to encapsulate the hazardous waste and waste constituents on the Union Carbide property. Could the vibrations open up this barrier allowing toxins to escape?

On the same note, could the force of rocket movements shake the ground with such a force that toxins from the waste site leach into surrounding marshlands and waters?

This is a real concern of mine, I don't want the waters I fish to become contaminated.

I look forward to the December 7<sup>th</sup> Public Scoping Meeting to hear your findings.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



December 15, 2015

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Spaceport Camden County EIS c/o Leidos  
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Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing to you again because many questions that should have been asked at the Scoping meeting were not. I apologize for the amount of questions but there are a lot of issues involved if the spaceport does come into existence.

Would you please address the following questions in the EIS?

1. What will need to be done to Harriett's Bluff Rd. to accommodate all Spaceport Traffic including heavy loads?
2. Should there be another exit and entrance besides Harriett's Bluff Rd. in case of necessary evacuation from fire or spaceport mishaps?
3. Was eminent domain used around other spaceports to accomplish necessities of the spaceports like road widening, removing homeowners from trajectory areas, etc? Will it have to occur here?
4. Did homeowners living within a 10 mile radius to other rocket launch facilities find their property values increasing or decreasing?
5. What is the magnitude of the vibration and noise from launches and testing at a 10 mile radius from the launch site?
6. How will evacuations from Cumberland, Little Cumberland, Jekyll and St. Simons Islands or even Harriett's Bluff be accomplished?
7. How will boat traffic on the Inter-Coastal Waterway, Satilla River and Crooked River, etc. be stopped during launches?
8. Will the County have to stop all traffic coming from the public and private boat ramps during evacuation time and if so, how will it be done?
9. How will the local crabbing, oyster and shrimping businesses be affected economically by these shut downs?
10. Economically, how much money will the launches cost Cumberland Island, Greyfield Inn and the Ferry that transports visitors to and from Cumberland?
11. How have evacuations been handled around other spaceport sites?
11. What has been the opinion of homeowners and businesses that do have to evacuate ?

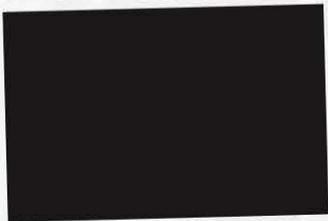
12. Have any evacuations at other spaceports lasted longer than 15 hours?
13. **What will be the approximate total cost of all evacuations and restraints for one launch and is it economically feasible?**
14. Will there be heavy metal fallout or toxic chemicals from the rocket fuel? If so, what will that do to the area and marine life and how far will it reach?
15. Will the existing improvements be removed from the Spaceport sight? If so, are there toxins involved such as asbestos that requires special handling?
16. What kind of fire protection will be necessary for the Spaceport?
17. Will an on-sight Fire Department be required?
18. How much does fire protection cost at other spaceports?
19. What is the radius of damage that will occur from the heat of the launch, testing, etc.?
20. How are the animals and birds in the area effected by the heat of launches and testing? How many animals and birds die because of the launches at other spaceports?
21. Are there any endangered species located on the land or in the water in the area of the proposed Spaceport? During construction and launches could these species be disturbed or destroyed?
22. I know there is a big stand of old oak trees on the property. Will these be disturbed?
23. Will a waterway have to be dredged for the barges to bring back the first stage of the rocket? If so, which waterway?
24. What will be the effect on marine life in the dredged and adjacent areas if dredging is to occur?
22. Around other spaceports has business and income increased or decreased?
23. How will the Sub-base be effected by the Spaceport?

Could you add me to your list for future updates and please email the Draft Environmental Statement to

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This letter will be coming to you both by email and snail mail.

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Comments for the  
**FAA PUBLIC SCOPING PHASE OF THE EIS**  
for  
**CAMDEN SPACEPORT**



Concerns of establishment of a spaceport along the Georgia Coast include:

Noise levels  
Light  
Water  
Wildlife ... and much more

Sound affects all life. What distance from the launch site will be exempt from launch and landing blast noise? How will the sound impact on Right Whales be assessed? Other animals?

If there is to be constant lighting, how much will that increase skyglow, which affects many animals and penetrates the water column?

Lighting of the private facility will dramatically change the South Georgia Coast nightscape. Will that be in conflict with Kings Bay Naval facility? Bird nesting activities? Right Whales?

LED lights have a negative affect on native animals. How will that be measured?

Solar panels, which polarize light, have the potential to disrupt navigation in some animals. Will that impact be assessed if those panels are used?

How will a launch/landing affect local air quality? What is the effect of the gasses and particulate matter expelled at launches/landings on local vegetation? Animals? For what distance?

Fresh water is critical. How far away from the blast-launch site will seismic activity be felt? Will that affect the local fresh water aquifers? How will that be assessed? Will the present local artesian pressure be maintained?

General Question—

Why is the Navy or DOD **not** a cooperating agency? NOAA?

How will this development affect the operation and flora and fauna of Cumberland Island National Seashore? The Wilderness area?

Is there a chance that this private development will preempt the National Park?

One approach to Jacksonville International Airport is directly over the proposed launch site. Will that air traffic have to be re-routed or halted on days of launch-landing activity? Will that general flyway route have to be altered?



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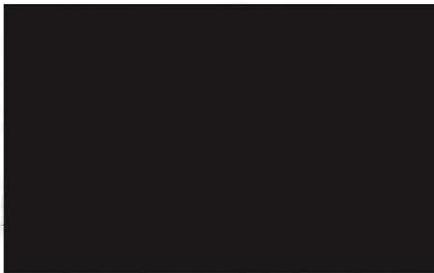
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Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
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Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing about the recently proposed commercial Spaceport in Camden County, Georgia. As someone who cherishes our coast, I have concerns about the project's potential impacts. I would appreciate having the following questions addressed in advance and incorporated into the decision making process.

I have owned property on Little Cumberland Island for almost 20 years. My children and grandchildren have thoroughly enjoyed all that this island brings, with its nesting shorebirds, turtle nests, fishing, kayaking and swimming. I am concerned about the safety and the environmental impact that the Camden County Spaceport will have on our island. I understand the time is now to consider whether Spaceport Camden is a good idea for our unique coastline.

I have several concerns, including how the project will affect aspects of safety and the environment for all of us who enjoy the Georgia coast.

- **The proposed Spaceport may pose a safety risk to humans and our natural resources.**

- What is the risk of an explosion over a populated area?
- So much of this area is wilderness and cannot be readily reached by land, how will fires be handled if there is an explosion or falling debris from a launch which ignites the wilderness?
- What are the dangers of a spaceport near the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, a base that handles nuclear weapons?
- What plans are in place to deal with this and how will inhabitants in the wilderness be notified of a potential nuclear accident?
- Will taxes be increased because the county owns the land and will not tax itself?
- Will insurance rates increase for the area because of the possible risks of explosions, fires, etc.?
- Have there been any other spaceports that have launched over inhabited areas and what impact has it caused?
- It is my understanding that there are multiple possible launch trajectories zones from this spaceport. Will you be looking at all the possible sites and determine if all of them are safe, not just the trajectory listed in the application?
- The spaceport is proposed to be built on land previously owned by Bayor, Union Carbide and Thiokal that used the land for explosives and chemical production. It has been ascertained that the land is in need of major clean up. Who will monitor the clean up?
- What assurances will be given that rocket launches with vibrations and/or possible explosions won't produce chemicals that may interact with chemicals still in the ground, thus contaminating ground water?
- If inhabitants are mandated to evacuate properties during launches, what will be done to protect their property from hazards?
- What types of air pollutants are emitted by rocket launches? How long do these pollutants stay in the air? How will this affect people who have respiratory disease? If there are air pollutants, what are the long-term effects on healthy individuals and pregnant women?

• **The Spaceport's noise and light pollution along with significant changes in land use patterns and growth will transform our coastal community and negatively affect my quality of life.**

- What is the noise intensity and duration of the various kinds of launches to be allowed at the site?
- What will happen to my property value within earshot of the spaceport, or along launch paths?
- Will my property value decrease?
- Will the vibrations from the rocket engines and low frequency pressure waves impact the structural integrity of houses on the island (many of which are built on pilings to avoid flood damage)?
- Will the same vibrations and low frequency pressure waves have a negative impact on the historic Lighthouse on the island, which is in the National Registry?

Spaceport Camden has the potential to change Georgia's coast, as we know it today. These impacts risk the historic, cultural and natural resources that all make the region special. With all that is at stake, our coast deserves our thoughtful consideration.

I urge you to incorporate all my questions thoroughly into the EIS process and answer them far in advance of any decision that could change our coastline forever.

Sincerely,



Ms. Stacey M. Zee

FAA Environmental Protection Specialist

Spaceport Camden County

20201 Century Boulevard

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Ms. Zee,

I am a land owner on Cumberland Island, and am extremely concerned about the prospect of a rocket launch pad that will affect the quality of life for island residents as well as the health of the island. Concerns include:

- property values declining
- noise levels
- pollution / water contamination
- debris damaging the island / or property
- the proximity of the nuclear sub base

Please take these serious concerns into account. This island is very important to US.

Sincerely,



# Charlton County, Georgia

## Al Crace, County Administrator

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**December 18, 2015**

**Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist  
Spaceport Camden County EIS  
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2010 Century Boulevard  
Suite 105  
Germantown, MD 20874**

**RE: Spaceport Camden – EIS  
Resolution of Support from Charlton County Board of Commissioners**

**Ms. Stacey M. Zee,**

**Enclosed is a Resolution of Support for the Spaceport Camden Project as adopted by the Charlton County Board of Commissioners.**

**This resolution is submitted to the FAA for their consideration as the FAA prepares an EIS for the Spaceport Camden application for a license.**

**If you have any questions or need any clarifications, please contact this office.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Al Crace, County Administrator**

**CC: Camden County Board of Commissioners**

# Charlton County, Georgia

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### RESOLUTION OF THE CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF CAMDEN COUNTY IN PURSUIT OF A SPACEPORT

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Charlton County Board of Commissioners that the formation of a **Spaceport** in Camden County, Georgia will encourage economic development, increase tax base, and promote employment: and

**WHEREAS**, commercial space is an emerging industry for the State of Georgia and the global space economy is three hundred plus billion dollars; as well as Georgia Tech graduates more than 200 aerospace students each year who have strong interests in space systems, engineering, and space science: and

**WHEREAS**, the Charlton County Board of Commissioners understands the inherent viability of a **Spaceport** site within Camden County due to its rural location and undeveloped buffer zone; and

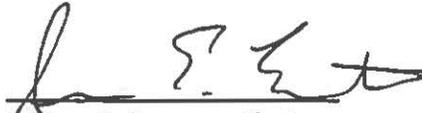
**WHEREAS**, it is important to improve the quality of life and promote increased economic opportunity within Camden County, the adjacent area and the State of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charlton County Board of Commissioners desires to be a strong supporter and advocate in the efforts of pursuing a **Spaceport** in Camden County;

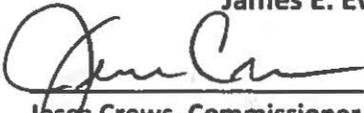
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the undersigned elected officials of the Charlton County Board of Commissioners do hereby support efforts of Camden County in pursuit of a **Spaceport**.

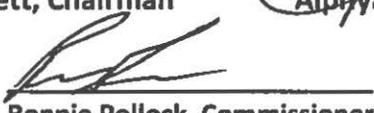
**ADOPTED IN LAWFUL ASSEMBLY** by the Charlton County Board of Commissioners on this 17th day of December, 2015.

BY:

  
James E. Everett, Chairman

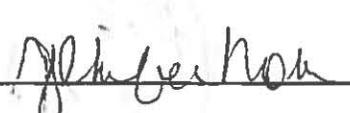
  
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*A Golden Past.  
A Shining Future.*

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December 11, 2015

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
FAA Environmental Specialist  
Spaceport Camden EIS  
c/o Leidos  
20201 Century Boulevard  
Suite 105  
Germantown, MD 20874

Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing to personally express my full support for Spaceport Camden.

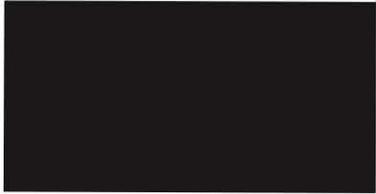
Camden County, Georgia has an incredible opportunity to lead the next stages of space exploration by developing Spaceport Camden. Due to the distinctive features of the proposed site location, which include a large undeveloped buffer zone, ready access to land and sea transportation corridors, and a temperate climate for year round launches, Camden County is uniquely situated for a space launch site. Through compliance with all state, federal, and local regulations, any environmental impacts of the project should be negligible to the immediate and adjacent areas which will include Glynn County.

This project will encourage economic development not only in Camden County, but also the entire coastal region. The positive impacts and opportunities provided to Camden County will help to attract other companies in the aerospace and other supporting industries to our region and create high-quality; high-wage jobs.

And finally, as a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, who's Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering graduates more aerospace engineers than any other program in the nation, I would be especially proud to have Spaceport Camden join the growing list of aerospace companies in Georgia.

Sincerely,

Dale Provenzano, Chairman  
Glynn County Board of Commissioners



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Spaceport Camden EIS  
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December 23, 2015

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
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Spaceport Camden County EIS  
c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard  
Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874

Dear Ms. Zee:

The following are points I'd like Leidos to consider in preparing the EIS for the Spaceport Camden proposal:

1. My wife and I moved to Harrietts Bluff in 1997 in large part to be near Cumberland Island and its wilderness area. There's no way to operate a spaceport in such close proximity and not gut the integrity of its wilderness area to us and hundreds of thousands of Americans.

I'm interested in technology and would encourage those interested in space travel to pursue their interest. My father was an electrical engineer with Raytheon in Massachusetts and worked on contracts for NASA. I began my studies at Cornell University in the College of Engineering.

Not every place is right for a spaceport. Some places have to be left for people to humbly experience their connection and cooperation with nature in unbroken quiet and solitude. The country has set aside the wilderness of Cumberland Island for that. It's as vital to the human spirit as new conquests in space.

The National Park Service states that:

"Through the Wilderness Act, Congress recognized the intrinsic value of wild lands. Some of the tangible and intangible values mentioned in the Wilderness Act include 'solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation,' as well as 'ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.' Wilderness areas provide habitat for wildlife and plants, including endangered and threatened species.'

Wilderness protects open space, watersheds, natural soundscapes, diverse ecosystems and biodiversity. The literature of the wilderness experience frequently cites the inspirational and spiritual values of wilderness, including opportunities to reflect on the community of life and the human place on Earth. Wilderness provides a sense of wildness, which can be valuable to people whether or not those individuals actually visit wilderness. Just knowing that wilderness exists can produce a sense of curiosity, inspiration, renewal and hope."

2. Rising sea levels create another problem.

Worldwide sea levels are rising as a result of melting glaciers, water expansion due to warming, and subsidence. The following quotes from "Water's Edge: The Crisis of Rising Sea Levels", an investigative series by Reuters, concern the Wallops Island, Virginia spaceport site:

“Missions flown from the NASA base here have documented some of the most dramatic evidence of a warming planet over the past 20 years: the melting of polar ice, a force contributing to a global rise in ocean levels.”

“ In January 2009, a federal interagency assessment of the mid-Atlantic coast said that both Wallops and nearby Assateague islands may have crossed a 'geomorphic threshold' from a relatively stable state into a highly unstable condition – one in which rising seas could trigger 'significant and irreversible changes.' The islands could shrink, move or break apart.”

“Ten months later, construction started on a \$15.5 million rocket assembly building and a \$100 million launch pad 250 feet from the pounding surf on the south end of the island.”

“In early 2010, Wallops officials proposed a \$43 million project to extend the sea wall by about 1,400 feet and build a new, 4-mile-long beach to better protect their growing assets on the island. As required by law, they released a draft environmental impact statement on the plan.”

“Reviewers from state and federal agencies criticized the 348-page document for failing to adequately take rising sea levels into account in the project design and impact, or to temper future plans for expansion. Even NASA's own technical review team noted the 'short shrift' given to the problem.”

“Wallops officials responded by nearly doubling references to the effects of sea level rise in the impact statement. But in the official record of the decision, which announced Wallops would proceed with the project, sea level rise isn't mentioned anywhere. Joshua Bundick, Wallops's environmental planning manager, explained that he distilled the issues 'down to only the highest points,' and sea level rise wasn't among them.”

“Before work began, Hurricane Irene hit in August 2011. The storm surge did \$3.8 million in damage to Wallops and closed it for weeks, Massey said. Work was finally finished in August 2012. Two months later, Sandy ripped out large hunks of the wall, sparing the buildings but washing away a quarter of the 3.2 million cubic yards of new beach sand. An additional 10 percent has eroded away since then, Massey said. An \$11 million redo, paid out of the Sandy relief fund, began in July, and Wallops officials are considering adding another launch pad, she said.”

“In many places, including much of the U.S. Eastern Seaboard, an additional factor makes the problem worse: The land is sinking. This process, known as subsidence, is due in part to inexorable geological shifts. But another major cause is the extraction of water from underground reservoirs for industrial and public water supplies. As aquifers are drained, the land above them drops, a process that can be slowed by reducing withdrawals.”

Why are we continuing to encourage the building of ultimately unsustainable (or sustainable only at astronomical costs), \$100,000,000 spaceport installations in coastal counties? Wouldn't it be better to find other, inland desert sites for new spaceport construction, when necessary, in order to balance infrastructure risks. Better utilization at already developed spaceports that are better situated for the inherent dangers of launches also seems a

preferable choice.

3. What would the carbon footprint be for the proposed action initially, and for its cumulative, continuing operation?

4. The proposed action would be located near a RCRA toxic chemical brown field monitored by Union Carbide, one of several former industrial owners of the land.

What effect would launch vibration have on the iSOC pure oxygen injection system, the clay cap, and the monitoring wells Union Carbide has established to monitor toxic migration into the air and ground water?

What effect would an explosion the magnitude of the Antares rocket explosion at MARS in Virginia have on the iSOC system, the cap, and the monitoring wells?

What new toxins would be added to compound the problems we have with highly toxic materials already on site?

It's illegal to use any ground water at the site because of existing toxins. Union Carbide has stated that no use can be made of water down to 800 feet, and that depth could only be used if a special waiver could be issued by state regulators. Eight hundred feet would put the withdrawal in the Floridan Aquifer, which, though less taxed in its northern range than its southern, is still a critical resource that is under pressure and that must be drawn from carefully by all users over a wide geographic area. Would using the water cause subsidence, complicating the soil toxicity?

5. What radius of property damage, both on site and on neighboring property, would occur as a result of an explosion of the magnitude of the Wallops Island Antares explosion? Who would pay damages?

6. With Kings Bay Naval Nuclear Submarine Base located 6 miles from the proposed launch site, what would happen if an errant rocket or rocket parts and fuel hit the base?

7. Dwight Kirkland, R.P.A. has done a limited archaeological exploration on the proposed spaceport site and has found traces of civilizations dating back 4,000 years. A thorough archaeological study of the site is called for.





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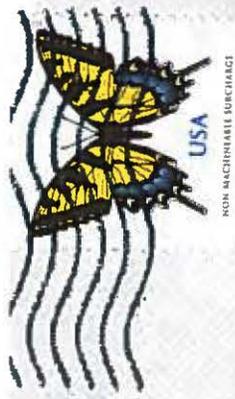
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Dear Ms. Zee:

I am submitting a letter of concern regarding the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared ahead of the potential licensing of a spaceport for Camden County, GA. I am an emeritus retiree of the University of Georgia Marine Institute. My particular worry is that the activities of the potential new spaceport could enhance the impacts upon the Satilla-River-watershed ecosystem, and upon the humans living in the Woodbine, GA area, of the industrial pollutants that have been deposited onto the property upon which the potential spaceport is to be established. A variety of very highly toxic chemicals has been produced on the property, and placed there over the years as waste by the major chemical manufacturers that owned the property. Example chemicals involved are methyl isocyanate, aldicarb, and Temik. Methyl isocyanate was responsible for the Bhopal disaster, in which 20,000 humans were killed. Aldicarb is the major chemical in Temik, a pesticide that is so poisonous to living things, including mammals, that it has been banned by the USEPA. Camden County proposes to purchase the property, so that the County can make it available to an unnamed, private rocket-launching company for the erection and operation of a spaceport complex. Given the above, I have the following questions.

1) What is the likelihood that the major chemical companies responsible for the toxic pollution of the site will use their wealth and legal protection to refuse to fully remediate the polluted property? (This would leave the legal responsibility for any toxic impacts with the purchasing entity, viz. Camden County.)

2) What is the likelihood that spaceport activities (construction work, rocket preparation and launchings, wastewater dumping, etc.) would cause an increase in mobility of the toxic pollutants that are now on the property? This enhanced mobility could result in increased movement of the toxic pollutants into the Satilla River watershed, and into the groundwater that could find its way into drinking water for the area near the spaceport. Might it not also result in an increase in volatilization of toxic pollutants, so that they might be carried through the atmosphere near the spaceport?

Please add these concerns to the list being considered by those responsible for writing the EIS for the potential Camden Spaceport. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Comments:

I BELIEVE THE SPACEPORT IN CAMDEN COUNTY GEORGIA WILL BE A GOOD THING FOR THE COUNTY AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE AREA OF SOUTHEAST GEORGIA.

IT WILL PROVIDE MANY HIGH PAYING JOBS DIRECTLY AS WELL AS THE OBVIOUS ECONOMIC BOOST TO THE SURROUNDING AREA. THESE JOBS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED IN THIS AREA.

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Comments: Transportation of Flammable material through residential areas. Only one access road to facility so an incident on the road ~~to~~ could trap residents for many hours. Containment of dust from getting into waterways when deconstructing existing facilities. Also concerned with dust getting to residential areas. Soil may be contaminated from previous industrial activities. Concerned about wastewater treatment. Traffic congestion on access road. Nearness to Kings Bay Naval Submarine base. Impact to air traffic both private and commercial. Possible forest fires due to failed launches.

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Dear Ms. Zee,

I am a landowner on Cumberland Island with concerns about the projected rocket launch site nearby. The island is a beautiful, appreciated unique wilderness area unspoilt by the development and pollution of the rest of the East Coast. As a landowner, I'm concerned how rocket fuel could contaminate our air and water quality. If a launch were to fail, would rockets crash on the island? Would fuel leak or spill into the ocean or marsh? How loud would the launches be as heard from our bedrooms? How will all these risks affect my property value? How will they affect the quality of life for island residents? For day campers and overnight hikers? Please be sure to address these concerns in your research and consideration of the rocket launch site.

thanks,



Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
FAA Environmental Protection Specialist  
Office of Commercial Space Transportation  
800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Ms. Zee,

I am writing about the recently proposed commercial Spaceport in Camden County, Georgia. As someone who cherishes our coast, I have concerns about the project's potential impacts. I would appreciate having the following questions addressed in advance and incorporated into the decision making process.

As an informed citizen I understand the proposed project's costs and benefits. More importantly, however, I understand the time is now to consider whether Spaceport Camden is a good idea for our unique coastline.

I have several concerns, including how the project will affect my quality of life:

- **Information from Camden County indicates that rockets may launch eastward from the site as many as 12 times per year (once a month).** Specifically, how will this affect the access to my own private property *and* how will this affect the integrity of special places on our coast like Cumberland Island National Seashore?
- **I have a home on Little Cumberland Island**  
\* Will I have to vacate my home every time they fire a rocket? This will negatively affect my property value and be a great expense as the only way on the island is by boat.
- **The proposed Spaceport may pose a safety risk to humans and our natural resources.** What is the risk of an explosion over a populated area? What are the dangers of a spaceport near the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, a base which handles nuclear weapons?

- **The Spaceport Threatens the Satilla River Watershed.** How much water will be used at the site both during and between launches? From what source will the water be obtained? What will be done with water after use? Will it need to be treated?
- **The Spaceport's noise and light pollution along with significant changes in land use patterns and growth will transform our coastal community and negatively affect my quality of life.** What is the noise intensity and duration of the various kinds of launches to be allowed at the site? What will happen to my property value within earshot of the spaceport, or along launch paths? Will my property value decrease?

Spaceport Camden has the potential to change Georgia's coast as we know it today. These impacts risk the historic, cultural and natural resources that all make the region special. With all that is at stake, our coast deserves our thoughtful consideration.

I urge you to incorporate all my questions thoroughly into the EIS process and answer them far in advance of any decision that could change our coastline forever.

Sincerely,



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Comments: Please Say 'NO' To Spaceport Camden  
Because:

- #1 The site is a designated "Superfund"  
site that should not be developed or  
disturbed before clean up!!
- #2 335 species of endangered and protected  
animals breed in this area. Including:  
Least tern, Wilson's Plover, American Oystercatcher  
Manatees, Loggerhead Sea turtles, Bald Eagles.
- #3 The site borders a Nuclear Missile  
Submarine Base. Any exploding Rockets  
increase the chances of an accident  
involving those submarines and missiles!
- #4 Cumberland Island is a protected  
refuge and park. It's Heritage and  
Historic Significance must not be  
endangered. Protect the wild horses.

Authorizing Spaceport Camden endangers  
the environment and homeland security. Why  
can't I fly a plane over a nuclear  
powerplant but we can launch missiles  
and rockets so close to a Nuclear  
Submarine base?

Thank U,



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January 15, 2016

Ms. Stacey M. Zee  
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Germantown, MD 20874

Dear Ms. Zee:

On behalf of the Harris County Board of Commissioners and the Development Authority of Harris County, this letter is written in support of the proposed Spaceport in Camden County, Georgia.

Located on the I-95 corridor next to the Atlantic Ocean, the proposed Camden Spaceport site is surrounded by a large undeveloped area which will provide an unrestricted range for the launch of spacecrafts over unpopulated areas. The site also complements the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the Marshall Space Center in Alabama, and the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. In addition, the temperate weather in Camden County will allow launches year round.

Meeting today's workplace needs, as well as those of tomorrow, is a challenge for all communities, and the Spaceport will provide an economic boom not only to Camden County, but to the State of Georgia, by adding jobs, boosting educational institutions, and transforming the local economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Wood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Wood, County Manager

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Ms. Stacey M. Zee

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Dear Ms Zee,

As a member of a family of land owners on Chesler Island I am concerned about the implications of launching rockets in the vicinity of Cumberland Island. Primarily, Cumberland represents a large portion of a healthy salt marsh on the east coast and to jeopardize this would be ludicrous.

We are concerned about the environmental impact - ie forest fire + we are concerned about the impact on property values.

With respect



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Dear Ms. Zee,

As a land owner on Cumberland Island, I am concerned about the construction of a launch pad so close to my property. I understand that I might have to leave my property during a launch. Is this information accurate?

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November 23, 2015

Dear Ms. Zee,

I'm writing regarding the proposed Camden Spaceport in the south east corner of Camden County, Georgia. The description of the site in the Federal Register's Notice of Intent omits pertinent information that I would like Leidos to consider in setting the scope of and executing their Environmental Impact Statement.

Due west of, and close-by the site for the proposed Camden County Spaceport is the residential community known collectively as Harrietts Bluff (yes, without an apostrophe). The only access and egress for all residents of this area is Harrietts Bluff Road and it's seamless continuation as Union Carbide Road. It runs, two lanes, for approximately 14 miles from the Harrietts Bluff Road exit off Interstate 95 (Exit 7) to a dead-end at the proposed spaceport location. There are two narrow concrete bridges at points along its length. The residential community and the proposed spaceport site are not accessible by road directly from Woodbine, but only by Harrietts Bluff Road. The proposed site is in an unincorporated area of the county but is, by no means, unpopulated.

Homes have been built, and are still being built along the road, with setbacks and/or vegetation buffers that anticipated only residential, compatible or complementary future land use. Spurs or loops off the main road contain numerous housing developments (Serenity Farms, Grover View, Misty Harbor, etc.). The community of homes that historically occupied Harrietts Bluff are built along a series of roads that ripple west from the Crooked River public deep-water boat launch and shrimping/fishing dock at the east center of the community. Commercial fishermen as well as recreational fishermen put their boats in at the ramp. We have a Baptist Church, a Community Park, and a Fire Station.

Most of us live here, by design, to be far from the noise, disruption, and intrusion of commercial activities as disruptive as a spaceport would be. We are age, economically, and racially diverse, age-wise tilting towards those who are retired or near retirement. With the retired residents and those who work from home, there's a sizable daytime presence of residents. Our homes range from extremely modest to imposing, with everything in-between. Would the boat ramp be periodically closed to accommodate spaceport activities? How often? For how long? What hazardous materials would be transported over this two lane road and over these bridges? How much material, how often, and how many vehicles of what size would be used? Traffic, vibration, noise, air and light pollution in this residential area are a concern. Safety is a concern.

Just 2.1 miles west of the proposed site on Union Carbide Road is Cabin Bluff, a commercial private retreat catering primarily to corporate groups and families. The entire facility is reserved by one group at a time, except for a couple of designated weekends a year when it's available to a mix of smaller groups. Maximum capacity is self-limited to 40 people at a time to ensure an exclusive, luxurious experience for guests. "If you're looking for a quiet, tranquil getaway, you will be pleasantly surprised by the astonishing beauty, charm and privacy that

Cabin Bluff offers." It's described as "a place where visitors can step off the world for a short while and enjoy a simple, uncomplicated experience with no sacrifice of comfort, privacy or luxury." Reservations are made well in advance and couldn't be altered to meet the vagaries or convenience of a space launch. The uninterrupted, tranquil setting is necessary to it's successful functioning.

The proposed spaceport site has a solemn history that spaceport promoters have neglected. In 1971 there was an explosion at a Thiokol Company plant then located at the site of the proposed spaceport. Twenty-nine of our Camden County residents who worked there were killed, fifty were seriously injured while manufacturing magnesium trip flares on contract with the US Government for use in the Vietnam War. The explosion broke windows eleven miles west down Harrietts Bluff Road. A court ruling found both Thiokol and the US Government liable for damages. Thiokol was careless with the placement and storage of materials; the government failed to notify Thiokol that materials used in manufacturing the flares had been re-tested and classified as being not only flammable, but also capable of deflagration and explosion. Antiquated Georgia workman's compensation insurance laws, foot-dragging and obstruction by the government left the survivors and families of the killed battling in court for a financial settlement for fifteen years.

In 1977 Thiokol sold the property to Union Carbide who produced carbamate pesticides there. Methyl isocyanate, the chemical that was dispersed into the air at another Union Carbide plant in 1984 in Bhopal, India killing thousands of people, was used at the Camden County site.

In 1986 Union Carbide sold the proposed spaceport site to Rhone-poulenc, who in 2000 sold to Aventis CropSciences, who sold to Bayer CropSciences for the manufacture of the insecticide Temik (Aldicarb). The Camden plant supplied the entire world with Temik until it was banned by the EPA as a health hazard in 2010. Bayer closed the Camden plant in 2012.

From 1964 until 2012 the proposed site was continuously exposed to dangerous chemicals. What is still soaked into the ground? What has contaminated our groundwater? To what long term health hazards have we been exposed as a result of previous reckless and negligent land use? Who would be responsible for the clean up? From mounting reports of land and water contamination at Cape Canaveral as a result of the space industry, what new hazards would we assume? What new chemical dangers might mixing the new chemicals with the old create? How would large water requirements for a spaceport compete with other present and future water needs in the county?

From our public boat ramp it's only a few minutes by boat to Cumberland Island National Seashore. It's accessible only by boat. General access is by the ferry that runs from St. Marys. Visitors often make reservations to visit the island and/or camp in the wilderness area campsites months or even a year in advance. What Island closings or evacuations would be mandated to accommodate launches, landings or other spaceport activities? What are the trajectories to be? How would reservations be possible since the park service would be at the mercy of a private company's schedule and convenience? With the noise and light of a launch, even if they are allowed to remain on the island during launches, the wilderness experience for visitors would be destroyed. The stated mission of the National Park Service is "to preserve unimpaired" our national treasures for current and future generations. Regular disruptions of its purpose and atmosphere would degrade it significantly. What about the

people who live on Cumberland?

At the north end of Cumberland is Little Cumberland Island and its residents. To the north east of the proposed site is Jekyll Island State Park and private homes. To the south is Crooked River State Park. How will the proposed action affect these places?

Kings Bay Naval Nuclear Submarine Base is just south east of the proposed site. They've been the county's largest employer, have served a vital role in our national security and defense, and have never caused the local public a fraction of a percent of the inconvenience, disruption, and imposition a spaceport would cause. How many employees would be hired? How many of those workers would be current residents of the county? What hazardous materials would be stored at the site? How would the materials be stored? Who would be liable for accidents? Who would pay damages? Wouldn't there be a conflict of interest between the obligation of the County Commissioners to serve the best interests of their local citizens and their business interests with a private, for-profit company or corporation that is headquartered elsewhere?

Our County Commissioners propose to build a spaceport on spec; a business model that would depend on them being landlords of a contaminated property seeking to appeal to a minute pool of potential tenants for them to conduct a noisy, dangerous, and disruptive business. In addition, in media interviews County Administrator Steve Howard has granted, he mentions the county's desire to accommodate multiple launch pads and/or create an entire industrial park on the property, in addition to launches. If this is the end goal, the scope of the EIS being undertaken by Leidos is inadequate to study the true environmental impact of the commissioners' plans. If these statements are true, the study should be expanded to include these possibilities.

Even the limited action stated in the NOI wouldn't be compatible with what already exists here and with the quality of life we in Camden have chosen for ourselves. It would degrade the quality of life for county residents, Harrietts Bluff, Cumberland Island, Little Cumberland Island, Cabin Bluff, Jekyll Island State Park, and Crooked River State Park. If we can't schedule and arrange our own lives but must instead be forced to adhere to the schedule of a private, for-profit business, a vital freedom has been taken from us.

When an architect is charged with adding-on to an existing, culturally valued structure, he or she uses great care to evaluate the history, style, function, and symbolic character of the original. Only in a Disney-like fantasy world would anyone juxtapose a dedicated national seashore, a retreat, a spaceport, and a residential community. In reality the mix is incompatible and unlivable.

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