

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)  
P91-1 ARGOS SPACECRAFT PROGRAM  
VANDENBERG AFB, CA**

**AGENCY:** United States Air Force, Headquarters Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC).

**COOPERATING AGENCIES:** United States Air Force Space Command (SPACECOM).

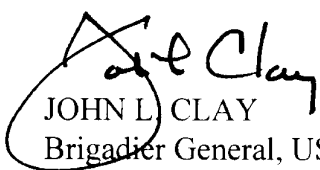
**ACTION:** Proposed development, manufacture, and operation of a single research and development spacecraft to be launched on a Delta II launch vehicle. The spacecraft is called P91-1 ARGOS (Advanced Research and Global Observation Satellite).

**BACKGROUND:** A contract for development of the ARGOS spacecraft was awarded by SMC in 1991 to Rockwell International Corporation, Seal Beach, California. The expendable design capability of the spacecraft is intended to carry out a one year mission of scientific observation. It is proposed that the spacecraft with its integrated experiment payload to be launched into a 460 nautical mile orbit on a Delta II Model 7920 launch vehicle from Vandenberg AFB in CY 97.

**FINDINGS:** There were no significant impacts to the environment identified in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the P91-1 ARGOS. Therefore, this action qualifies for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as described in AFI 32-7061, Environmental Impact Analysis Process. The Environmental Assessment describing the proposed action is on file at:

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