

PASE Update: 8/30/2006

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Everyone:

Here is the travel/research schedule for the PASE deployment to Christmas Island

15 May 2007	Begin payload upload
16 - 27 July 2007	Payload Flight Testing
30 July 2007	C-130 departs JeffCO
2 Aug 2007	C-130 arrives on Christmas Island
4 Aug - 8 Sept 2007	Research Flight Operations
10 Sept 2007	C-130 departs Christmas Island
11 Sept 2007	C-130 arrives at JeffCO
12 - 20 Sept 2007	Post Cals and payload offload

A specific upload schedule will be provided shortly. Those groups located in the forward cabin will have to go in first. Due to the complex payload and the remoteness of the deployment location, a full two weeks has been set aside for flight testing out of JeffCO. We expect to hold to this schedule, so plan accordingly. Any group not ready to participate in the full set of test flights may be removed from the final payload!! RAF is fully prepared to ship racks to any User for early preparation, but remember that this might result in an earlier position on the upload schedule. All heavy equipment will travel by seatainer to the site, with a rough 90 day en-route duration. Since there will be little or no room on the C-130 for science spares, we do plan for a late airfreight shipment. Preliminary contact with the Air Force for a special "airlift" does not look promising for the necessary time line. RAF will continue to work with the military, but NSF has provided sufficient funding for a limited commercial air shipment if that becomes necessary. We are planning a site survey visit to the island in early November to hire a local "facilitator" and make arrangements with the government and local providers. If you have any special needs, let me know prior to this event so we can look into possible support options. It is most likely that we will take our own satellite link to support project data center and to provide general internet access.

The payload will be a challenging one, particularly with regard to floor space and inlets. See attached PP file for the current cabin layout.

A representative of the EOL Field Project Support group will be contacting all of you shortly with information on local housing. Please pass this, and all other PASE related information on to other participants from your group that are not included in the email list.

Allen