

NASA is always looking for innovative, public-private partnerships to help advance our mission and provide benefit to the American taxpayer. Ames Research Center collects \$1.3 million dollars annually in rent and cost recovery from H211 for the hangar space we lease to them. The rent we collect from all airfield tenants, including H211, helps to defray the cost of operating Moffett Federal Airfield. Additionally, H211 provides a unique component of support to NASA's earth science mission. In agreement with H211, NASA conducts the Alpha Jet Atmospheric eXperiment (AJAX) Project atmospheric measurement flights, which measure ozone and greenhouse gases. While NASA equipped the Alpha Jet, H211 incurs 100% of the cost of flying the platform.

There is no agency on Moffett Federal Airfield, other than the Defense Logistics Agency, from which to obtain fuel. Following the Defense Logistics Agency's recent (August 31) decision to stop providing direct fuel service to commercial airplanes at Moffett Federal Airfield, NASA has taken interim steps to ensure private sector partners continue to have access to fuel, while guaranteeing those entities pay fair market prices.

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