



NASA Acoustical Buffer Zone

The NASA Acoustical Buffer Zone was created to enable the testing of large rocket engines for the Apollo program without causing damage to nearby structures. It extends more than 125,000 acres around the test stands. The buffer zone has added security appeal for entities such as Special Boat Unit 22 (Navy Seals), NCCIPS which provides for critical data storage for the Department of Homeland Security, and for Rolls Royce which tests jet engines for commercial and military industries. Propulsion systems can be tested 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, without fear of encroachment or noise ordinances.

