the third meeting of the National Space Council seeking a partnership to power our Gateway and an educational activity that's quite a blast a few of the stories to tell you about this week of NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine attended the third meeting of the National Space Council June 18th at the White House President Trump opened the meeting by signing space policy directive three which directs the U.S. to lead space traffic management and mitigate the effects of space debris during the meeting which was led by Vice
President Mike Pence Bridenstine reported on NASA's progress in implementing space policy directive 1 which directs NASA to return US astronauts to the moon and eventually send humans to Mars. The architecture we're building now is entirely different than any architecture we've ever built before in an effort to get to the moon. The reason is we have more capabilities now than we've ever had as a nation. On June 21st we announced plans to seek a public-private industry partnership for a high-power solar panel.
electric propulsion spacecraft to provide power controls and communications for the first element of our planned lunar exploration platform known as the Gateway built with commercial and international partners the Gateway will become the orbital outpost for robotic and human exploration operations on and near the moon and Beyond including Mars this is our opportunity to have more access to more parts of the moon than ever before when you land on the surface of the Moon you're in one spot on the surface of the
Moon but what we want is we want access to the entire moon a new multi-agency report released a June 20th details plans for the US response to near-earth objects that could pose a hazard to earth title national near-earth object preparedness strategy and action plan the document identifies actions to enhance the federal government's coordination and preparedness posture during the next 10 years to address potential hazards posed by near-earth object for information about NASA's planetary defense coordination office visit
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Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia held its annual rocket week June 15th through 22nd it's an opportunity for students and instructors from across the country to learn more about rocketry basics and build experiments for flying on a NASA suborbital rocket through their rock on and rocks at sea programs.

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