

NASA cancels climate study project in Thailand

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(AP) — The United States says it won't be able to carry out a climate study this year because Thailand has postponed granting NASA permission to use a key naval air base.

The American space agency's request to use Thailand's U-Tapao air base has faced opposition from critics who say it could be a cover for military purposes.

The Thai Cabinet decided on Tuesday to have lawmakers debate the issue after Parliament reconvenes Aug. 1, a month after a deadline <u>NASA</u> had set.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Walter Braunohler said Thursday that NASA can't wait because the <u>climate</u> study focuses on regional weather patterns that occur only in August and September.

He says it is too early to say whether NASA will revisit the project next year.

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