



April 15, 2020

Mr. Daniel Cousins
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RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry

Dear Mr. Cousins:

On April 6, 2020, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office (CRSRA) informed MIT Lincoln Lab that they were required to apply for a NOAA license for the Agile Micro Sat (AMS) mission. Based on the letter dated April 9, 2020, from Gary Tutungian stating that the system is owned by the U.S. Air Force, NOAA has reconsidered the initial determination. By the authority given to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce under the National and Commercial Space Programs Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-314), and as delegated to NOAA, we have assessed that the proposed mission is owned by the U.S. Government and does not require a NOAA license. This does not relieve MIT Lincoln Lab of the obligation to receive any other U.S. Government licenses, permissions, or permits.

This applies to the AMS mission only, and is based on the ICF submitted on April 3, 2020, and letter from Gary Tutungian submitted on April 13, 2020. If the factual circumstances of the information provided change, please resubmit your ICF. Additionally, please contact CRSRA with any future satellite missions you may plan to operate to obtain a licensing determination on that specific mission.

Please refer any questions regarding this determination to CRSRA at 301-427-2560 or by email at CRSRA@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

For 

Tahara D. Dawkins
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Regulatory Affairs

cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA GC

