



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA,  
AND INFORMATION SERVICE

March 8, 2018

Raymond Coyle  
1400 Townsend Drive  
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Houghton, MI 49931

RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry

Dear Mr. Coyle:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office (CRSRA) has received and reviewed your Initial Contact Form submitted on March 1, 2018. 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 your proposed mission will not be required to apply for a NOAA operator's license. This determination was made based on the information provided that the satellite system is a thermal imager. This does not relieve you of the obligation to receive any other U.S. Government licenses, permissions or permits.

This applies to the Stratus satellite mission only, and is based on the Initial Contact Form that was submitted on March 1, 2018. If the factual circumstances of the information provided change, please resubmit your Initial Contact Form. Additionally, please contact CRSRA with any future satellite missions you may plan to operate to obtain a licensing determination on that specific mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tahara D. Dawkins".

Tahara D. Dawkins  
Director, Commercial Remote Sensing  
Regulatory Affairs

cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA GC

