



December 9, 2020

Mr. David Sundkvist
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RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry

Dear Mr. Sundkvist:

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 960.5(a), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office (CRSRA) has reviewed your Initial Contact Form, submitted on December 4, 2020, concerning your proposed CURIE private remote sensing space system. Under the authority of the Secretary of Commerce under 51 U.S.C. § 60121 *et seq.* and 15 CFR Part 960, delegated to NOAA, we have determined that the proposed system as described in your Initial Contact Form does not fall within the Secretary's jurisdiction and therefore will not be required to apply for a NOAA license. This determination was made based on your description of your mission as imaging the deployment of instrument antennas, solar panels and spacecraft separation. That type of mission falls within the exception to the licensing requirement found in 15 CFR § 960.2(b). This determination does not relieve you of the obligation to apply for any other U.S. Government licenses, permissions, or permits your activities may require.

This determination applies to your CURIE system only and is based on the Initial Contact Form submitted on December 4, 2020. If the factual circumstances of the information provided change, please submit a new Initial Contact Form, as you may be subject to the Secretary's jurisdiction. Additionally, please contact CRSRA with any future systems you may plan to operate in order to obtain a licensing determination on that specific system and its mission.

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

Sincerely,

Tahara D. Dawkins
Director, Commercial Remote Sensing
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cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA GC

