



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

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Richard Kohnert  
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Boulder, CO 80303

Dear Mr. Kohnert:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Division (CRSRA) has reviewed your Initial Contact Form concerning your proposed remote sensing imager. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Commerce under the National and Commercial Space Programs Act of 2010, 51 U.S.C. §§ 60121, *et seq.*, and as delegated to NOAA, we have determined that your proposed mission will not be require a NOAA operator's license. Should your plans concerning imaging operations change, we request that inform us to ensure that this determination remains valid.

This determination applies to the Miniature X-ray Solar Spectrometer (MinXSS) CubeSat mission only. We request that you contact NOAA regarding any future imaging missions you may plan to operate to obtain a licensing determination on that specific mission.

Please be advised that this NOAA determination does not relieve you of the obligation to receive any other U.S. Government licenses, permissions or permits for the export, launch, or operation of a private spacecraft.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tahara D. Dawkins", written over a horizontal line.

Tahara D. Dawkins  
Director, Commercial Remote Sensing  
Regulatory Affairs

cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA GC

