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Dear Dr Wallace:

I am writing in response to your document "University of Colorado Earth Escape Explorer (CU-E3) Planetary Protection Plan, 11/17/2019". This letter confirms acceptance of the Plan, maintaining your compliance with NASA verification requirements.

Your inability to have a Mars impact, based on your heliocentric trajectory and there being no on-board propulsion, is noted. The inclusion of the draft PP Pre-launch Report and Organic Inventory is helpful, although separate submission of the final versions of these reports is requested according to the agreed schedule.

Many thanks for assisting NASA in ensuring US compliance with Outer Space Treaty constraints, and best wishes for the continuing success of the CU-E3 mission.

Respectfully,



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