



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

November 30, 2017

Mr. Anthony DeFilippis  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
Randolph Hall, RM 215  
460 Old Turner Street  
Blacksburg, VA 24061

RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry

Dear Mr. DeFilippis:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office (CRSRA) has received and reviewed your Initial Contact Form submitted on November 20, 2017. 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 has no Earth-sensing capability. This does not relieve you of the obligation to receive any other U.S. Government licenses, permissions or permits.

This applies to the Ceres/Virginia CubeSat Constellation satellite mission only, and is based on the Initial Contact Form that was submitted on November 20, 2017. 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

