

0802-EX-ST-2006 STA Expedite Request

The miniature satellite missions supported by this request have no application to homeland security or safety to life and property. They are merely research into miniature satellite uses for DoD space support not related to any imminent need. However, in this mission, to be launched in December 2006, the NASA Space Shuttle will be deploying these small satellites. A lot of planning and money has gone into their development, manifesting on Shuttle and ultimate deployment. The battery lifetime on the Shuttle deployed miniature satellites is less than 2 weeks. It would be an embarrassment to this program to not be authorized to contact them because we were late in requesting FCC approval for this particular mission. We did receive FCC approval for a nearly identical mission 5 months ago (see 0427-EX-ST-2006).