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From: Deputy Director, Field Experimentation Program, Naval Postgraduate School

To: The Federal Aviation Administration

Via: The Federal Communications Commission
The National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Subj: Small Tactical Unmanned Aircraft System Frequency Authorization

Ref: (a) Title - 47, U. S. Code of Federal Regulations

1. The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) hosts recurring field experimentation in support of Joint and Interagency technology development Operations Commands, including Unmanned Aircraft Systems flight testing. Our next event will be at Camp Roberts, CA from 15-19 May, 2017 with flight operations wholly contained within Restricted Airspace. This Restricted Airspace is under the control of the FAA, Oakland ARTCC and assigned to the Adjutant General, State of California, Sacramento, CA as the Using Agency, and NPS as a subordinate user.

2. Our program has approved an experiment proposal from The Boeing Company to conduct Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) flights in support of this cycle of experiments. However, the Frequency Authorization request submitted in accordance with Ref (a) to conduct these flight tests has been tabled and is not expected to be reviewed until sometime next year, which would preclude their participation. It is our understanding that while the frequencies in question are covered under part 15, the specific implementation is not and so a license or STA would be required. If this is not the case, please let us know.

3. The Naval Postgraduate School fully supports these SUAS flights and respectfully requests that you take the necessary steps to approve the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Special Temporary Authority (STA) request that provides the frequency authorization to conduct these flight tests no later than May 15, 2017.

4. Points of contact for this request are: Gerald Scott, grscott@nps.edu 831-917-1769; and Ashley Hobson, ashobson@nps.edu 831-656-3112.

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