



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Initial Contact Form Response

Dear Mr Buczkowski:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Division (CRSRA) has received and reviewed your Initial Contact Form concerning your proposed remote sensing mission to be conducted from Earth orbit. 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 based on the stated fact that your mission plan does not propose to conduct remote sensing of the surface of the Earth. This 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.

This applies to the UMBC qubScout-S1 satellite mission only. Please contact NOAA with any future satellite missions you may plan to operate to obtain a licensing determination on that specific mission.

Sincerely,


For Tahara Dawkins

Director, Commercial Remote Sensing
Regulatory Affairs

cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA GC

