



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Rick Kohnert
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RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiries

Dear Mr. Kohnert:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office (CRSRA) has received and reviewed your Initial Contact Forms submitted on September 11, 2019. 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 which stated the satellites will not have any Earth sensing capability other than with the star tracker for navigation. If the star tracker is used for any other purpose besides navigation, a license may be required. This does not relieve you of the obligation to receive any other U.S. Government licenses, permissions or permits.

This applies to the CIRBE mission only. 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,

Alan Robinson

(for)Tahara D. Dawkins
Director, Commercial Remote Sensing
Regulatory Affairs

cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA GC

