



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Mr. Demoz Gebre-Egziabher
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RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry

Dear Mr. Gebre-Egziabher:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office (CRSRA) has received and reviewed your Initial Contact Form concerning your proposed mission. 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 as it is not capable of Earth sensing. 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 SOCRATES satellite mission only, and is based on the Initial Contact Forms that were submitted on March 28, 2019. Please contact NOAA with any future satellite missions you may plan to operate to obtain a licensing determination on that specific mission.

Sincerely,

Tahara D. Dawkins
Director, Commercial Remote Sensing
Regulatory Affairs

cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA GC

