



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Office of Space Commerce
Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20230

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via: pdohm@varda.com

Subject: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry

Dear Mr. Dohm:

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 960.5(a), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs (CRSRA) has reviewed your Initial Contact Form, submitted on June 15, 2026 concerning the proposed WSERIES11 system ("the system"). Under the authority of the Secretary of Commerce under 51 U.S.C. § 60121 *et seq.*, as delegated, and 15 C.F.R. Part 960, we have determined that the system as described in your Initial Contact Form does not fall within the Secretary's jurisdiction and therefore does not require a NOAA license. This determination was made based on your representation that your system does not perform remote sensing as defined in 15 C.F.R. § 960.4 because your system will not be in orbit of the Earth.

If the factual circumstances of the information provided change, please submit a new Initial Contact Form, as you may be subject to the Secretary's jurisdiction. Additionally, please contact CRSRA with any future systems you may plan to operate in order to obtain a licensing determination on that specific system and its mission.

Please refer any questions regarding this determination by email to CRSRA@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Brothers, Ph.D.
Director, Commercial Remote
Sensing Regulatory Affairs