Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Licenses, Regulations, and Approvals for Launch Licenses

- The FAA statutory requirements for launch licenses are described in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter III, Part 415.

- In addition to Spaceport Camden's application for a Launch Site Operator License, a commercial operator proposing to launch from Spaceport Camden must apply for a launch license to operate a vehicle from the site.

- The FAA conducts review of the launch license application including a policy review, payload review, financial determination, environmental review and safety review.

- Successful completion of the environmental review does not guarantee that the FAA would issue a Launch Site Operator License to Camden County or launch licenses to any launch operator.

FAA Launch Licensing Review

- Policy Review - Determines whether the operation of a proposed launch would jeopardize U.S. National Security, international obligations or foreign policy interests.

- Payload Review - Determines if a launch license applicant or payload owner or operator has obtained all required licenses, authorizations, and permits. Does not apply to payloads under the jurisdiction of any other government agency.

- Financial Responsibility Determination - Proof of financial responsibility is required. This is usually fulfilled by purchase of liability insurance.

- Environmental Review - Proposed launch license operations must be reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act.

- Safety Review - Determines if an applicant can safely conduct the launch of the proposed launch vehicle(s) and payload(s).