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

- The FAA statutory requirements or Launch Site Operator Licenses are described in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter III, Part 420.
- Camden County is applying for a Launch Site Operator License. A commercial launch vehicle operator must apply for a launch license to operate a vehicle from the site.
- The FAA conducts a review of the Launch Site Operator License application including a policy review, launch site location review, safety review, and environmental 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 Site Operator Licensing Review

- Policy Review - Determines whether the operation of a proposed launch site would jeopardize U.S. National Security, international obligations or foreign policy interests.
- Launch Site Location Review - The applicant must demonstrate that for a launch point proposed for the launch site, at least one type of expendable or reusable launch vehicle can be flown from the launch point safely. This includes a review of the launch site boundary, flight corridor, and a risk analysis.
- Safety Review - Determines if an applicant can safely conduct the proposed launch operations associated with the Launch Site Operator License application.
- Environmental Review - A proposed Launch Site Operator License must be reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Upon completion, this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process will fulfill the environmental review portion of the Launch Site Operator License application (after the FAA publishes the Final EIS and Record of Decision).