Office of Commercial Space Transportation
Environmental Policy

The FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation organization's (AST) mission is to ensure the protection of the public, property, and the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States during commercial launch or reentry activities, and to encourage, facilitate, and promote U.S. commercial space transportation. A major strategy to accomplish this mission is to protect and enhance communities and the natural environment affected by these launch and reentry activities, while also promoting commercial space transportation. To achieve this strategy, AST will strive to:

- Ensure that environmental activities at AST are streamlined, as appropriate,
- Maintain and continually improve an environmental management system (EMS),
- Prevent pollution where possible,
- Comply with applicable environmental laws, regulations, and other requirements,
- Ensure that all authorizations issued for launches, reentries, and the operation of launch and reentry sites meet or exceed all safety and environmental requirements,
- Ensure that any required environmental impact assessments provide adequate information to integrate environmental values into the decision-making process, and
- Ensure that required environmental monitoring or mitigation activities are conducted as appropriate.

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