

# NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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**Effective Date:**  
May 31, 2018

**Cancellation Date:**  
September 13, 2018

**SUBJ:** Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC) Space Operations Responsibilities

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice adds new subparagraph e to FAA Order JO 7210.3, paragraph 17-2-3 ATCSCC, to include Command Center responsibilities during space launch and reentry operations.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, Safety and Technical Training, System Operations Services, and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at [https://employees.faa.gov/tools\\_resources/orders\\_notices/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications website at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/).
- 4. Cancellation.** This notice will be cancelled upon publication in FAA Order JO 7210.3, Change 2, on September 13, 2018.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Change.** Due to forecasted growth of the commercial space industry, System Operations Services (AJR), NAS Operations, the ATCSCC has been delegated as the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for tactical space operations integration into the National Airspace System (NAS).
- 6. Procedures.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3, paragraph 17-2-3 to read as follows:  
**17-2-3. ATCSCC**  
  
Title thru **d**, No change  
  
**e.** Ensure space launch and reentry operations are safely and efficiently integrated into the NAS by approving, modifying, or denying airspace decisions directly related to launch and reentry activities, consistent with FAA policies and regulations.  
  
Subparagraph **e** through **i**, Re-letter as **f** through **j**
- 7. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, Safety and Technical Training, System Operations, the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service, the William J. Hughes Technical Center, the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- 8. Background.** The United States Code Title 51, National and Commercial Space Programs, directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to facilitate the expansion of space transportation and support its full range of space-related activities. In the coming years, the pace of commercial space launch and reentry operations is expected to increase dramatically. Therefore, as this industry

grows, the FAA must maintain the highest safety standards for the NAS. The ATCSCC Office of Space Operations works with the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST) to centralize data flow and communications during space launch and reentry preparation and operations.

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