



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

January 30, 2009

U.S. Army - US Army Installation Management Command,  
Adelphi Laboratory Center  
2800 Powder Mill Road  
Adelphi, Maryland 20783-1197

Dear (b) (6)

Your application for a Certificate of Authorization (2008-ESA-51) for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operations at Blossom Point Research Facility, Maryland has been reviewed by our office and the Systems Operations Security Office. After review of your application, it has been determined that your operation area falls within the Washington D.C. Air Defense Information Zone (ADIZ). Although the current NOTAM does not prevent unmanned aircraft from operating in the ADIZ, such operations do present a concern for our security office. Although your application is not formally being denied at this point we would request that you consider providing us an alternate location outside of the ADIZ where you could conduct your operation.

However, if your operation can not be relocated due to mission requirements please let us know. If you wish to pursue operation at Blossom Point Research Facility we will need to present your request to the Interagency Protection Group for input. Please respond to this letter by using the contact information in the paragraph below.

Should you have any questions, my point of contact in this matter is Mr. John Page and he can be reached at (202) 267-7477 or via email at [John.Page@faa.gov](mailto:John.Page@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

Air Traffic Manager, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office