

Visual Surveillance / Detection Capability

For the purpose of see-and-avoid, visual observers must be utilized at all times except in Class A airspace, restricted areas, and warning areas. The observers may either be ground based or in a chase plane. The UA must remain within a lateral distance of no more than 0.5 nautical mile laterally and/or 400 feet vertically from the visual observer. If the chase aircraft is operating more than 100 feet above/below and/or ½ nautical mile laterally, of the UA, the chase aircraft PIC will advise the controlling ATC facility.

NOTE: The Visual Surveillance / Detection Capability were taken directly from approved UAS COA #2008-WSA-54, valid January 28, 2009 through January 27, 2010.