

MQ-8B Fire Scout Lost Link Procedures

In the event of a loss of link situation the UAS operator will immediately notify the appropriate ATC facility and the Chase aircraft.

a. **Lost Link within a Warning/Restricted Area:** If lost link occurs while operating within Special Use Airspace (SUA), the UAS will remain within SUA while the UAS pilot attempts to regain command link. If link cannot be re-established the UAS will (b) (3) after lost link and commence its pre-programmed Lost Link Route to recover at (b) (3) The UAS pilot will continue to attempt to re-establish link and if successful the UAS may recover aboard ship or divert to (b) (3) as required. A Chase aircraft will rendezvous with the UAS at (b) (3) prior to it exiting SUA. The UAS and Chase aircraft will enter the (b) (3)

b. **Lost Link Outside of Special Use Airspace:** If the UAS has been diverted to shore and already operating outside of special use airspace (with the Chase aircraft in trail), the UAS is programmed to continue to (b) (3) flying its pre-programmed Lost Link Route. The chase aircraft will ensure the area is clear of traffic and make appropriate in-flight calls to ATC and other traffic as appropriate.