

CRDA COA Application  
Procedures – Lost Communication

Loss of communication link between the UAS pilot and the visual observer (surface or airborne)

- The UAS pilot shall initiate action to terminate the mission operation and commence flying the UA to the airport or recovery point of intended landing via the quickest route possible, without flying the UAS within 3 NM miles of any city or town, or within any restricted area or MOA.
- When available, the EO/IR sensor shall be utilized to search for other aircraft and also ensure the UA remains in visual meteorological conditions (VMC) that are consistent with 14 CFR 91.155, Basic VFR weather minimums.
- The Albuquerque Center, appropriate Area Operations Supervisor, shall be notified of the situation and provided details on the route and altitude that the UA will fly to the landing airport/remote location.
- The internal pilot shall transfer control to the UA external pilot as soon as the external pilot acquires visual contact with the UA, if both internal and external pilots are part of the system..

Loss of communications with ATC

- When the UA flight is being performed under IFR and there is a loss of communication between the UA pilot and ATC the UA pilot shall comply with the criteria specified in 14 CFR 185, IFR Operations, two-way radio communication failure.
- The PIC shall attempt to establish contact with Albuquerque ARTCC by telephone.