



THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
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Ms. Karen Petronis
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Via email: karen.petronis@faa.gov

Dear Ms. Petronis:

I am writing to certify that the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), a member of The Texas A&M University System, is an agency of the State of Texas. The State of Texas established TEES as a state agency in Section 88.500 of the Texas Education Code. Texas Education Code Section 88.501 further describes TEES "as a state-supported engineering research and development agency."

An aircraft owned by TEES, as an agency of the State of Texas, qualifies as a "public aircraft" as defined in 49 USC 40102(a)(41)(C). In addition, the unmanned aircraft systems would not be used for "commercial purposes" pursuant to 49 USC 40125(b).

If you need any additional information, please contact me at (979)458-6154 or wjdeluca@tamus.edu.

Sincerely,

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