

Federal Aviation Administration

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF Written Re-Evaluation

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) published a Written Re-Evaluation of the 2022 Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Launch Vehicle Program at the Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas. An electronic version of the document is available on the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation website: https://www.faa.gov/space/stakeholder_engagement/spacex_starship.

Starship/Super Heavy operations at the Boca Chica Launch Site were analyzed in the 2022 Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Launch Vehicle Program at the SpaceX Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas (PEA).

SpaceX recently provided the FAA with additional information regarding updates to the forward heat shield interstage, sonic boom coverage, use of the deluge system during return to launch site landings, and use of US Coast Guard Safety Zones. Based on this new information, the FAA prepared a Written Re-Evaluation and concluded that the contents of the 2022 PEA remain current and substantially valid and that the decision to issue a modification to the vehicle operator license for Starship/Super Heavy operations at the Boca Chica Launch Site does not require the preparation of a new or supplemental EA or EIS.

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