

Draft Tiered Environmental Assessment:

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The FAA is announcing the availability of the **Draft Tiered Environmental Assessment for SpaceX Starship Reentry Contingency Operations in the Pacific Ocean and Additional Starship Landing Trajectory** (Draft Tiered EA).

The FAA acted as the lead agency in preparation of the Draft Tiered EA. Under the Proposed Action, the FAA would modify SpaceX's vehicle operator license to authorize:

- Expansion of the previously evaluated Hawaii and Central Pacific Landing Area and Southeast Pacific Region Landing Area,
- Addition of a new Northern Pacific Contingency Landing Area in the Northeast Pacific for an Eastern Range to Starbase trajectory, and;
- Authorization of temporary airspace closures associated with an additional Starship reentry trajectory to the Boca Chica Launch Site in Starbase, TX.

The FAA invites interested parties to submit comments on the Draft Tiered EA. Public comments can be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov under Docket No. FAA- 2026-6968, or by postal mail to Ms. Amy Hanson, FAA Environmental Protection Specialist, c/o ICF, 1902 Reston Metro Plaza, VA 20190. The public comment period for the Draft Tiered EA will close on **July 27, 2026**.

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