

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is announcing the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Reentry, Splashdown, and Recovery (RSR) Operations of an Inversion Space Company Capsule within the Pacific Ocean off the Coast of Central California (Draft EA). The Draft EA was prepared in response to the FAA's evaluation of a proposal for a vehicle operator license from Inversion Space Company (Inversion). Issuing a vehicle operator's license is considered a major Federal action subject to environmental review under NEPA. Under the Proposed Action, the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation (FAA/AST) would issue a vehicle operator's license to Inversion for the reentry, splashdown, and recovery operations of a small aluminum capsule within the Pacific Ocean approximately 45 nautical miles off the coast of Central California. Under the Proposed Action, Inversion would conduct two daytime RSR operations: one in 2024 and one in 2025. An electronic version of the document is available on the FAA/AST website: https://www.faa.gov/space/environmental/nepa_docs. In addition, a printed copy of the Draft EA is available at the Morro Bay Library, 625 Harbor St., Morro Bay, CA; and the San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, CA.

Comments or questions can be submitted to Andrew Leske, Environmental Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; email InversionPO@icf.com. The public comment period closes on *July 5, 2024*.