



SPACE-BASED POSITIONING
NAVIGATION & TIMING
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

We have received your request that the Federal agencies participating in the National Executive Committee (EXCOM) for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing work with LightSquared to expeditiously develop a joint testing plan to validate data on the performance of cellular and personal/general navigation Global Positioning System receivers in light of LightSquared's modified proposal to confine its operations to the lower 10 MHz portion (1526-1536 MHz) of the Mobile-Satellite Services frequency band.

We have directed the EXCOM to effect the coordination and testing you requested. The proposed November 30 deadline is ambitious. We anticipate completing testing by that date, but analysis may take longer. We will work closely with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to complete this effort as rapidly as possible.

We hope that NTIA will continue to support and represent our position that no interim operations by LightSquared should be licensed until we can assess the implications of their complete deployment and operations plan.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Secretary
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