October 17, 2019

Mr. Steve Howard
County Administrator, Camden County
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Dear Mr. Howard:

The FAA accepted your launch site operator’s license application for Spaceport Camden as complete enough to start the 180-day review period on June 19, 2019. We inform applicants within 120 days of accepting a license application of any outstanding information needed to complete our review, or of any issues that would affect the decision. As reflected below, the FAA has not received sufficient information to find that Camden County has satisfied the requirements set forth in 14 CFR § 420.17(a).

As such, the FAA continues to have concerns that include the following:

1. Per 14 CFR § 420.27(j), an applicant must demonstrate that there are times when the public is not present or that the applicant has an agreement in place to evacuate the public from the overflight exclusion zone during a launch, if populated areas are located within an overflight exclusion zone. Camden County’s application includes populated areas within an overflight exclusion zone. See 14 CFR § 420.5. Camden County has not demonstrated that it can control and manage the population in the vicinity of the proposed launch site, particularly on Little Cumberland Island.

2. Per 14 CFR § 420.31(a), an agreement with the local U.S. Coast Guard district to establish procedures for the issuance of a Notice to Mariners prior to a launch and other such measures as the Coast Guard deems necessary to protect public health and safety is required. Camden County has not provided such an agreement.

3. Per 14 CFR § 420.15(b), Camden County has not provided the FAA with certain information for the FAA to analyze the environmental impacts associated with the operation of the proposed launch site. Specifically, Camden County has not submitted the coastal consistency review to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, thereby preventing the FAA from being able to complete its review under NEPA.
Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 267-8465.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Wong  
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