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SUBJECT: General Conformity Determination for Authorizing Changes to the Falcon Launch Program at Vandenberg Space Force Base, California

Based on the results of the analyses provided in the Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Technical Report for Authorizing Changes to the Falcon Launch Program at Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, I have made an initial determination the Proposed Action will comply with the General Conformity Rule as set forth in South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1901. The Proposed Action will have NOx emissions within the Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin Ozone Nonattainment area located in the SCAQMD. These NOx emissions are accommodated within the SCAQMD's State Implementation Plan (SIP) emissions budget in accordance with the previously established SCAQMD commitment letter dated 26 September 2024; therefore, the Proposed Action will not result in any new or additional violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as implemented by the current SCAQMD SIP or impede the district's attainment of the NAAQS in each year starting in 2025. This is a draft determination subject to the outcome of the 30-day public comment period.

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