

**DRAFT GENERAL CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR
AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO THE FALCON LAUNCH PROGRAM AT
VANDENBERG SPACE FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA**

The Department of the Air Force (DAF) has prepared a Draft General Conformity Determination (GCD) that documents the DAF's evaluation of the Proposed Action, consistent with the relevant section of the Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations. The DAF's analysis and coordination with relevant entities supports a finding that Proposed Action-generated emissions for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) would be in excess of the General Conformity *de minimis* threshold within the Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin Ozone Nonattainment area. The DAF concluded that the Proposed Action would conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP), and that the Proposed Action is effectively a continuation of the previously established commitment from South Coast Air Quality Management District to use the NO_x set-aside budget established in the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). No additional set-aside budget is necessary for this Proposed Action. Therefore, the Proposed Action would conform to the latest approved AQMP/SIP as the emissions from the Proposed Action are accommodated within the AQMP's emissions budgets. The Proposed Action would not result in any new or additional violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) or impede the projected attainment of the NAAQS.

The Draft GCD is available for review electronically on the Vandenberg SFB website at <https://www.vandenberg.spaceforce.mil/About-Us/Environmental/EAS/>. The 30-day public comment period for this Draft GCD will begin on 23 May 2025, after publication in the Los Angeles Times. During this time, comments may be sent to Space Launch Delta 30, Installation Management Flight Environmental Assets, 1028 Iceland Avenue, Building 11146, Vandenberg Space Force Base, California 93437, attention of Ms. Kathleen Loetzerich, kathleen.loetzerich.1@spaceforce.mil, or fax to (805) 606-6137. The DAF will consider all comments received within the comment period before issuing a Final GCD. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Kathleen Loetzerich at (805) 605-0392.