From: Naval Airspace and Air Traffic Control Standards and Evaluation Agency (N980A)
To: Chief of Staff, Naval Postgraduate School
Subj: UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS) AIRSPACE ACCESS AUTHORIZATION (AAA), 2021-WSA-8235-USN-DoD

Ref: (a) Department of Defense (DoD) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Operations in the National Airspace System (NAS) MOU of 9 May 19
(b) Requirements and Guidance for Access to and Operations within United States Civil Airspace by Department of the Navy Unmanned Aircraft Systems
(c) 2021-WSA-8235-USN-DoD COA Application Processing System (CAPS) Application

Encl: (1) 2021-WSA-8235-USN-DoD Operational Area Map

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), 2021-WSA-8235-USN-DoD is approved for Naval Postgraduate School to operate the Quantum Systems Trinity F90+ and similar systems within Class G airspace in the vicinity of the Naval Postgraduate School from 19 February 2021 to 18 February 2023 as requested in reference (c).

2. Under this AAA, the proponent is authorized to operate as depicted in enclosure (1).

3. This AAA does not give permission to enter Special Activity Airspace or National Defense Airspace; before UAS operations are conducted in these areas, Proponent must receive authorization as described in reference (b).

4. This AAA authorizes the following alternate means of complying with 14 CFR Part 91.113b: visual observation between one of more ground-based visual observer(s) and the unmanned aircraft in accordance with paragraph 3.2.7 of reference (b). The visual observer shall maintain visual contact with the unmanned aircraft and maintain direct voice communication with the Air Vehicle Operator at all times during flight, to include operations over the water.

5. In addition to the standard DON UAS procedures authorized in reference (b), while operating under this AAA, the proponent is authorized to conduct the following activities: VFR daytime operations only. Night operations are not authorized.

6. Naval Postgraduate School must maintain a current statement of airworthiness (Interim Flight Clearance or NAVIARSYSCOM AIR-4.0P memorandum), and DoD Commercial Off-the-Shelf exemption letter, if applicable; and ensure any approved Letters of Agreement (LOA) with
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affected air traffic control facilities and military installations are current, and comply with all provisions contained therein.

7. This AAA was reviewed by CDR Adam Goffrier, Western Service Area NAVREP, on 18 February 2021 and approved by LCDR Bryce Klaput, US Navy FAA HQ Liaison, on 18 February 2021.

8. The Designated Approval Authority for operations conducted under this AAA is Mrs. Ann Rondeau and the Aircraft Reporting Custodian is CAPT Edward McCabe.

9. The Naval Postgraduate School maintains overall responsibility for ensuring all operations conducted under this authorization are executed safely and in compliance with this authorization, the policies and procedures established in reference (b), and the information submitted in reference (c). Any change to the information provided or the operation requested in reference (c) will void this authorization unless otherwise authorized in writing by N980A.

10. All operations conducted under this authorization will be executed in accordance with Title 14 CFR Part 91 unless otherwise authorized by references (a) and (b). If the proponent cannot adhere to these requirements, contact the NAVREP listed below prior to conducting any UAS operations under this AAA.

11. This authorization may be canceled at any time by N980A or by the FAA via the DON Approver for failure to operate in a safe manner or failure to comply with this authorization or any applicable requirements established by the FAA, DoD, or DON.

12. Direct any questions regarding this authorization to CDR Adam Goffrier, Western Service Area NAVREP, at john.a.goffrier@faa.gov or (206) 231-2502.

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Ops Area Coordinates

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