

Final Tiered Environmental Assessment and Mitigated FONSI/ROD: Now Available

The FAA is announcing the availability of the Final Tiered Environmental Assessment and Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision (FONSI/ROD) for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Vehicle Increased Cadence at the SpaceX Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas (Final Tiered EA and Mitigated FONSI/ROD).

Under the Proposed Action Addressed in the Final Tiered EA, the FAA would modify SpaceX's existing vehicle operator license to authorize:

- Up to 25 annual Starship/Super Heavy orbital launches, including:
 - Up to 25 annual landings of Starship (Second stage)
 - Up to 25 annual landings of Super Heavy (First stage)

The Final Tiered EA also addressed vehicle upgrades.

The FAA previously released the Draft Tiered Environmental Assessment for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Vehicle Increased Cadence at the Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas (Draft EA) for public review and comment on July 29, 2024. The FAA released the Revised Draft Tiered Environmental Assessment for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Vehicle Increased Cadence at the Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas (Revised Draft EA) for public review and comment on November 20, 2024. The FAA held two in-person meetings on January 7, 2025, in Brownsville, Texas and one virtual meeting on January 13, 2025. All comments received on the Draft EA between July 29 and August 29, 2024, as well as the Revised Draft EA from November 20, 2024, and January 17, 2025, were given equal weight and taken into consideration.

The Final Tiered EA and Mitigated FONSI/ROD are available for public review and download at:

https://www.faa.gov/space/stakeholder_engagement/spacex_starship