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Dear Mr. Koeckeritz,

This letter responds to the US Department of the Interior (DOI) request, dated February 15, 2024, for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) authorization to deviate from Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) § 89.105 to operate unmanned aircraft (UA) without broadcasting remote identification information for emergency management, wildfire management, law enforcement activities, and training activities for DOI remote pilots.

On behalf of the FAA Administrator, I hereby authorize the US Department of the Interior pursuant to § 89.105 to operate unmanned aircraft without broadcasting remote identification information in the airspace of the United States for emergency management, wildfire management, law enforcement activities, and training activities for DOI remote pilots subject to the following Conditions and Limitations.

Conditions and Limitations

1. This letter of authorization shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, or of any State or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing local laws or regulations.
2. The holder of this letter of authorization shall be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained herein.
3. This authorization is nontransferable.
4. This authorization only applies when operating unmanned aircraft for the purpose of emergency management, wildfire management, law enforcement activities, and training activities for DOI remote pilots pursuant to Certificate of Waiver or Authorization number 2023-WSA-11904 REV 2-COA.
5. This authorization may be combined with Certificate of Waiver or Authorization number 2023-WSA-11904 REV 2-COA.

6. Nothing in this authorization provides relief, regulatory or otherwise, from seeking airspace authorizations as required by the applicable operating rules, including 14 CFR § 107.41.
7. This authorization does not provide relief from the production requirements in 14 CFR § 89.515, which requires unmanned aircraft produced after September 16, 2022, to have Standard Remote Identification, unless excepted under § 89.501(c).

This authorization is effective immediately and terminates on March 6, 2025, unless sooner superseded, rescinded, or extended.

The Administrator may rescind this authorization at any time. Failure to comply with all of the Conditions and Limitations of this authorization may result in suspension or rescission of this authorization by the FAA.

If you need further assistance, please contact the FAA's Emerging Technologies Division via email at RIDAuthorizations@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

for

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