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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2017-12]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATE: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 20 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2016-3324 using any of the following methods:

- Government-wide rulemaking web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Mail: Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590.
- Fax: Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

- Hand Delivery: Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140
- of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jake Troutman, (202) 683-7788, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

Docket No.: FAA-2016-3324

Petitioner: STEM+C Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 61.113(a)(b); 61.133(a); 91.7(a); 91.119; 91.121; 91.151(a); 91.405(a); 91.407(a)(1); 91.409(a)(2); 91.417(a)(b)

Description of Relief Sought: STEM+C Inc., an educational company defined as, “Science, technology, engineering and math”, seeks an exemption to operate small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS). The requested relief is for “teams” of students registered and authorized by STEM+C Inc. to participate in “Spaceport America and STEM+C Flight Series” at Spaceport America in New Mexico. The goal of this project is to tow a sUAS (RvJet) under a weather balloon to a maximum operating altitude of 115,000 ft. mean sea level (msl). At 115,000 ft. msl a release signal will be sent to the RvJet, which will cause the RvJet to detach from the weather balloon. The RvJet will then be flown to Spaceport America via control link and video link. The proposed airspace is a 35 nautical mile (nm) radius from a point defined by: Latitude 32.9905 and Longitude 106.9736.

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