As I mentioned earlier, our AMSAT CubeSat development activities and information flow are subject to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). If you are a U.S. citizen, we need a statement to that effect from you accompanied by a copy of the ‘header’ (picture) page of your U.S. Passport. Specifically, any person who participates in AMSAT satellite development activities must be a "U.S. Person" as defined in ITAR Part 120, section 120.15. That section includes the category of "Protected Individual" as defined in U.S.C. 1324b(a)(3), viz., "......an alien who is lawfully admitted for permanent residence....." If this is the category that pertains to you, please send an email stating that you are indeed a permanent resident (with verification documentation) and that you have read and understand the ITAR penalty provisions for violating ITAR provisions below:

*Radio amateurs have always complied with the statutes and regulations governing the operation of the radio Amateur Service and the Amateur-Satellite Service. Consequently, the awareness of the Export Control Laws and their ‘apparent” applicability to the Amateur Satellite-Service has become a major concern of the U.S. amateur radio community. Furthermore, with respect to these Export Control Laws, U.S. amateurs became acutely aware of the USG’s enforcement mechanisms and the severe criminal and civil penalties for violating those regulations. Specifically, for (ITAR) munitions export control violations, the statute authorizes a maximum criminal penalty of $1 million per violation and, for an individual person, up to 10 years imprisonment. In addition, munitions violations can result in the imposition of a maximum civil fine of $500,000 per violation. For dual-use (EAR) export control violations, criminal penalties can reach a maximum of $500,000 per violation and, for an individual person, up to 10 years imprisonment. Dual-use violations can also be subject to civil fines up to $12,000 per violation.*

Once the AMSAT ITAR/EAR responsible person(s) give the ok, you will receive access authorization to the AMSAT SVN repository so you can reference information re the satellites under development and supporting activity details to aid you starting work on specific tasks.

If you would like more information, there is an AMSAT ITAR/EAR history/basics/AMSAT involvement/actions paper (including a section on the ITAR violations penalty specifics) that we can provide upon request. If you read that paper, keep in mind that it is now several years old and should be updated, as ITAR/EAR directives continue to evolve.