Launch Operations Support / Space Transportation Operations Working Group

Spring 2008 Summary Report

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- WG Meeting 15 May, 35 participants
- Discussion Topics Addressed
 - Quantity-Distance Determinations
 - Reusable System Enterprise System Engineering
 - Domestic/Global Airspace-Spacespace Policy, Regulatory and Operational considerations

- Quantity Distance Determination and Associated Regulations
 - Need identified to review Q-D calculations and regulations in context of Reusable Systems operations.
 - Relates to determination of Operating Area, Buffer Zone and day to day Reusable System passenger/participant operations

Recommend development of a Problem Statement as candidate for future study, based on identified issues and constraints

- System Engineering Analysis of Reusable Systems
 - RLVWG / RLV Task Force on Training doing superior work
 - A comprehensive SE analysis of generic Reusable Systems Enterprise is needed to identify and prioritize un-addressed operating and regulatory needs

Recommend contemporary review and update of earlier high-level SE assessment of emerging reusable flight and spaceport system enterprise needs

- Reusable Systems NGATS airspace policy and regulatory Issues and Needs
 - · Three operating scenarios
 - · Launch/recovery from single site
 - Point To Point Domestically
 - Point To Point Internationally
 - Need identified for planning and development of "Space ICAO" – not too early to begin development

Recommend development of a first order equivalent of the Commercial Space Transportation Forecast – to facilitate routine domestic/international commercial reusable systems space use

- Range Interface and Use Issues
 - Potential divergence of DoD and FAA licensing compliance interpretations
 - To be referred to the Common Standards
 Working Group, taken up as an Issue in the
 future, if warranted
 - Space-based Range is a continuing unfunded interest