

Starship SEIS Scoping

SLC-37 · Cape Canaveral Space Force Station

Up to 76 launches / 152 landings a year

FAA · Comments due Oct 14, 2026



SpaceX Starship at SLC-37: FAA Opens SEIS Scoping on Up to 76 Launches a Year at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station

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FAA seeks public scoping comments through October 14, 2026 on a Supplemental EIS for SpaceX Starship-Super Heavy operations at Space Launch Complex 37, Cape Canaveral Space Force Station — up to 76 launches and 152 landings a year. Docket FAA-2026-10792.

The Federal Aviation Administration published a Federal Register notice on September 29, 2026 announcing its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX) commercial Starship-Super Heavy operations at Space Launch Complex 37 (SLC-37) on Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida. The FAA is asking for public comments on the scope of that SEIS.

Under the Proposed Action, SpaceX would seek a modification to its existing vehicle operator license so the FAA could authorize up to 76 Starship-Super Heavy launches and up to 152 landings per year (up to 76 Super Heavy booster landings and up to 76 Starship landings), including return-to-launch-site and ocean landings. The FAA's federal action also includes temporary airspace closures tied to those operations.

Comment clock

- Scoping comments due: October 14, 2026.
- Docket: FAA-2026-10792 on regulations.gov.
- Stakeholder page: https://www.faa.gov/space/stakeholder_engagement/spacex_starship_ccsfs

- Mail option listed in the notice: Ms. Eva Long, FAA Environmental Protection Specialist, c/o ICF, 1902 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston, VA 20190.

What this SEIS adds

The Department of the Air Force already completed a 2025 Final EIS and Record of Decision covering redevelopment of SLC-37 and up to 76 launches / 152 landings a year. The FAA participated as a cooperating agency then but did not issue its own ROD because SpaceX had not yet asked the FAA to modify the vehicle operator license for SLC-37 Starship-Super Heavy ops.

The 2025 DAF EIS did not fully analyze temporary airspace closures, DOT Section 4(f) resources, or a proposed contingency landing area in the Atlantic. The FAA SEIS is meant to fill those gaps and other licensing-related effects before the FAA decides on a license modification under 14 CFR part 400.

How to read this notice

- It is a Notice of Intent / scoping window — not a final license decision and not a Draft SEIS yet.
- The SEIS will evaluate the Proposed Action and a No Action Alternative (no FAA license modification / no related airspace closures for SLC-37 Starship-Super Heavy).
- NASA Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station remain the regional launch neighborhood; this paper is about the FAA commercial space licensing path at SLC-37.

Sources

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