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Statement by Small UAV Coalition on Hurricane Harvey

WASHINGTON, DC – September 1, 2017 – Amidst the devastating impact of Hurricane Harvey, many commercial unmanned aerial systems (UAS) operators, including Small UAV Coalition member companies, have taken steps to help the region begin to recover. In the aftermath of the storm, many commercial operators have also expressed interest in providing UAS services to support relief efforts. Some operators are already using UAS to ensure continuous communications capabilities for first responders and the public. UAS technology has immense potential to assist in natural disaster response and recovery, including conducting search and rescue missions, delivering food, water, and medical supplies, and accelerating insurance claims processing. Commercial UAS operators look forward to working with federal, state, and local officials to safely assist the region in not only the immediate aftermath of the storm, but also in restoration efforts in the weeks and months to come.

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