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**FCC TO COMMEMORATE 20 YEARS OF ORBITAL DEBRIS
MITIGATION WORK WITH EVENT FEATURING SPEAKERS FROM
NASA, NOAA, & SPACE POLICY INSTITUTE**

*Starting at 10:30am E.T. on Thursday, the Open House Will Be Open to the Public
and Live on [FCC.gov/live](https://www.fcc.gov/live)*

WASHINGTON, February 27, 2023—To commemorate 20 years of orbital debris mitigation rules at the FCC, the agency’s Space Bureau will host an Open House this Thursday with speakers from NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Space Policy Institute, and the FCC. The FCC first adopted orbital debris rules in 2004 and recently modernized them to reflect the needs of today’s space economy.

Thursday’s event is part of the Space Bureau’s Transparency Initiative, and it will feature FCC speakers providing a retrospective look at the FCC’s engagement in orbital debris mitigation, including a panel on current rules and resources. The event will close with a discussion featuring Charity Weeden, Associate Administrator in NASA’s Office of Technology, Policy and Science; Gabriel Swiney, Director of NOAA’s Policy, Advocacy, and International Division; Dr. Scott Pace, Director at the Space Policy Institute; and Karl Kensinger, Special Counsel, FCC Space Bureau on the future of space sustainability.

The Space Bureau’s Transparency Initiative provides user-friendly information and guidance to interested parties about the Commission’s procedures and what is needed to obtain authorization for frequency use during commercial space station and earth station operations. The Space Bureau’s Open House events with the public, industry, regulators, and other stakeholders provide an opportunity to gather, learn from each other, and address ways to support the new space innovation age. Resources can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/space/transparency-initiative>.

This event is free and open to the public. Members of the media are welcome to attend. Pre-[registration](#) is encouraged. To foster a productive Open House, the Bureau staff respectfully asks interested parties to register and submit questions in advance by sending them to: satinfo@fcc.gov.

- WHAT:** Space Bureau ‘20 Years of Orbital Debris Mitigation’ Open House
[Event Webpage](#)
- WHEN:** Thursday, February 29, 2024
10:30 a.m. to 12 noon E.T.
- WHERE:** FCC Headquarters
Commission Meeting Room

45 L Street NE
Washington, DC

LIVESTREAM: [FCC.gov/live](https://www.fcc.gov/live)

Note: Please leave time to go through FCC security.

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