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BEYOND EARTH INSTITUTE RELEASES REPORT RECOMMENDING POLICY CHANGES TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMERCIAL HABITATS

PUBLICATION OF THE 2023 COMMERCIAL HABITATS WORKING GROUP REPORT

WASHINGTON D.C., January 19, 2024 - Beyond Earth Institute announces the release of the 2023 Commercial Habitats Working Group Report authored by Lauren Andrade. The report, titled “A Framework for the Effective Implementation of Commercial Space Stations: Policy Considerations and Recommendations,” examines the current challenges the commercial space sector faces in implementing commercial space stations and recommends the implementation of a single coordinating regulator for on-orbit activities and advocates for US government support of the insurance industry.

The report recommended:

- Centralization of the regulatory regime governing on-orbit activities under a single regulating body.
- The regulatory process would benefit from utilizing the US State Department’s Circular 175 process as a model.
- The regulatory regime ought to utilize a milestone-based methodology of enforcement.
- Given the difficulties of obtaining insurance for space activities, the US government should support the insurance industry with expertise and provide third-party indemnification coverage to the private sector.

This report is a product of meetings with the [Beyond Earth Leadership Council](#)’s Commercial Habitats Working Group, whose members include:

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