

IAA Study Group Status Report SG 5.10

Responsible Commission: Commission Five

Study Number and Title: Study Group 5.10:
Policy, Political, Legal and Economic Issues in Active Debris Removal

Short Study Description (repeat from Study Group Proposal):

This study explores the significant policy, legal, and economic challenges of orbital debris removal. This study, which is intended as a follow-on to the current Commission 5 study, "Space Debris Environment Remediation," will focus on understanding the current policy and legal issues raised by removal of debris from orbit and other possible remediation techniques. It will also examine the economic impacts of debris removal. Finally, the study will examine proposed policy and legal changes in the management of Earth orbit activities and recommend possible courses of action to follow in achieving a safer, sustainable orbital environment.

Progress in past six months:

We have now completed most of the report in draft, but still face a few gaps, which we are attempting to fill in the next month or two.

Website Study Information update: (please give any update regarding Study Group Membership, documents, Study Plan and Schedule): In PowerPoint for Commission 5.

Issues requiring resolution? (recommend approach): We need to fill a few gaps and are working on that. We expect to have a completed draft well prior to the IAC in Guadalajara, ready for review.

Product Deliveries on Schedule? (If modified explain rationale):

We are behind, largely because every study member has many other commitments.

Study Team Member Changes? (List any Study Team Members that you wish to discontinue, and provide names plus contact coordinates of any Members you wish to add on the second page of this Study Update form.) Note: Complete contact information including email, tel. and fax must be provided for all additions. Only Members with complete contact information will be listed and receive formal appointment letters from the IAA Secretariat.)

Name of person providing Study Group Status (Study Group Chair or Co-Chair):
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Study Team Membership Changes

NONE

Discontinue:

Name
Current email address

Add:

Name
Current email address
Tel.
Fax
Mailing address