

Public Service Announcement

Russian rocket launch and impact area

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The Government of Nunavut (GN) was advised that a commercial rocket will be launched at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2019 from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome in Northern Russia. This launch may result in falling debris over open waters in the Baffin Bay area between Ellesmere Island and Greenland.

It is expected the debris will fall outside of Canadian territorial waters and is considered a very low risk event. There should be no harmful effects to communities, the environment or animals near the impact area.

As a precaution, the GN is in contact with the Government of Canada and although very unlikely, if wreckage falls on land, there will be a coordinated effort to notify the public and recover the debris. The Nunavut Emergency Management office is monitoring the situation and will provide more information if necessary.

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