

Launch and Recovery Procedures

The aircraft is taxied, launched and initially controlled by an on-site Launch and Recovery Element (LRE) via C-Band LOS transmitters. The LRE then powers up satellite transmitters on the aircraft enabling control via Remote Split Ops (RSO) by a Mission Control Element (MCE) Ground Control Station (GCS) located at Creech AFB, NV. Control is then transferred to the MCE from the LRE for mission accomplishment. Once the mission is complete the MCE will fly the aircraft into C-Band LOS range of the landing field then transfer control back to the LRE for recovery and landing.