The Space Posture Review (SPR) is a legislatively-mandated review of U.S. national security space policy and objectives, conducted jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National Intelligence. The SPR analyzes the relationship between military and national security space strategy and assesses space acquisition programs, future space systems, and technology development.

Space Posture Review Key Points and Facts:

The Space Posture Review (SPR) was legislatively-mandated by the FY09 National Defense Authorization Act.

This review is in close coordination with the Quadrennial Defense Review.

The SPR covers a ten-year period beginning February 1. Assessable elements include the:

- Definition, policy, requirements and objectives for: space situational awareness; space control; space superiority; force enhancement and force application; space-based ISR; integration of space and ground control and user equipment; and any other matter SecDef considers relevant to understanding U.S. space posture.

- Effect of the military and national security space policy on the proliferation of weapons capable of targeting objects in space (or objects on Earth from space).

The space posture review is examining current and planned space acquisition programs, along with future space systems and technology development.

The space posture review is also analyzing the relationship among: military space policy; national security space policy; national security space objectives; arms control policy; export control policy; and industrial base policy.

This is the second SPR. The previous one was conducted in 2007.