

Inter–Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee



Key Definitions of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC)

In its consideration of the near-Earth space environment, the IADC uses the following definitions:

Space Debris

Space debris, also known as orbital debris, are all man-made objects, including fragments and elements thereof, in Earth orbit or re-entering the atmosphere, that are non-functional.

Space Debris Mitigation

Space debris mitigation consists of all efforts to reduce the generation of space debris through measures associated with the design, manufacture, operation, and disposal phases of a space mission.

Space Debris Environment Remediation

Space debris environment remediation consists of efforts to manage the existing space debris population through active space debris removal with emphasis on densely populated orbit regions.