

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008
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SEC. 205. LANDSAT THERMAL INFRARED DATA CONTINUITY.

(a) Plan- In view of the importance of Landsat thermal infrared data for both scientific research and water management applications, the Administrator shall prepare a plan for ensuring the continuity of Landsat thermal infrared data or its equivalent, including allocation of costs and responsibility for the collection and distribution of the data, and a budget plan. As part of the plan, the Administrator shall provide an option for developing a thermal infrared sensor at minimum cost to be flown on the Landsat Data Continuity Mission with minimum delay to the schedule of the Landsat Data Continuity Mission.

(b) Deadline- The plan shall be provided to Congress not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.