Overview: Low Earth Orbit, A Global Natural Resource At Risk

The world relies on the services provided by satellites in Low Earth Orbit. However, our lack of forethought has allowed orbital debris to accumulate, increasing the risk for catastrophic collisions like the Iridium-Cosmos collision of 2007. Left unchecked, this problem will grow until entire regions of LEO are rendered unusable. A shift in space policy is required to help conserve LEO.

Key Findings: What Makes Effective LEO Conservation Policy
- Centralized governance
- Management rather than guidance
- Immediate 25-year rule compliance

Shifts in policy will be the cornerstone of LEO conservation by promoting responsible use of this vital natural resource.

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