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Subject: INFORMATION: Deviation to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Order 8120.23, Chapter 3, Figure 3-1. CM Responsibilities (Ongoing)
Minimum Requirements

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This deviation memorandum grants the deviation to FAA Order 8120.23, chapter 3, figure 3-1, requested by Manufacturing Inspection Management Team.

This deviation request seeks to extend the frequency interval between principal inspector (PI) audits performed at low-risk production approval holders (PAH) that manufacture products, articles, or parts as determined through the Risk-Based Resource Targeting (RBRT) process. The requested deviation would allow the interval between PI audits at low-risk PAH facilities to be extended from 24-36 months to no more than 60 months.

This deviation request was made to allow the best possible use of limited FAA resources. AIR-100 recognizes extending the interval between PA audits at low-risk PAH facilities may result in improved resource management. AIR-100 requires the managing offices to verify the following conditions are met for each low-risk PAH candidate:

1. The PAH candidate is scored as "low risk" for the previous three annual RBRT assessments.
2. The PAH candidate has no history of significant noncompliance violations documented in the last two PI audits.

3. The PAH candidate manufactures FAA-approved articles which are deemed to be non-critical.
4. The PAH candidate has not introduced a new or significantly different design/approval or critical manufacturing process into production in the last 3 years.
5. The PAH candidate consistently produces non-complex articles resulting in an RBRT score of “1.”
6. The PAH candidate has experienced no buyouts, mergers, or changes in ownership in the last year, and has maintained a stable management/workforce personnel structure. This includes no turnover of critical staff, recent strikes, or significant increase or decrease of staff.
7. The PAH candidate has not undergone any significant changes to its quality system since the last RBRT scoring period.
8. The PAH candidate has not been involved with any whistleblower/hotline/suspected unapproved parts (SUP) investigations that led to a regulatory noncompliance within the past 3 years.
9. The PAH candidate maintains a corrective and preventative action and internal audit program.

This deviation memorandum authorizes extending the frequency interval between PI audits from 24-36 months to no more than 60 months, provided the PAH meets the nine conditions listed above. The initial extension of this interval is not to exceed 48 months. If the PAH still meets all nine conditions after the initial interval extension, the interval can be extended for a period not to exceed 60 months.

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