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Memorandum

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Subject: DER and Delegated Organization Engineering Staff Members Recurrent Seminar Attendance Deviation from FAA Order 8100.8C, Change 4, Paragraph 803.f

Issue

Because of changes to the schedule and format of the 2009 DER recurrent seminars some Designated Engineering Representatives (DER) and delegated organization (DAS/DOA/SFAR 36/ODA) engineering staff members may not be able to meet the two year recurrent training requirements specified in FAA Order 8100.8C by attending a seminar within 24 months of their previous attendance.

Background

Attendance every two years at a DER recurrent seminar by DERs and engineering staff members of DAS, DOA, SFAR 36 and ODA is required in order to maintain knowledge of the regulations and policies and as a condition for DER renewal. Since seminar offerings are limited and the location and schedule varies from year to year, it may be difficult for an individual to literally attend every two years (24 months). For example, a seminar may have been attended in May of 2007 but the 2009 offering in that same location isn't until September. Instead of requiring individuals to travel to another location to attend within 24 months of their last attendance, an allowance can be made to accept seminar attendance in the calendar year in which it is due as attendance in that year.

Policy Deviation

This memo grants a deviation to allow a DER's advisor or a delegated organization management team (OMT) lead to accept attendance at a DER seminar in the calendar year in which it was due as meeting the two year requirement for DERs and engineering staff members of DAS, DOA, SFAR 36 and ODA. However, individuals are cautioned to plan well in advance since seminar space is limited and there is no guarantee that space will be available for everyone who desires to attend a specific seminar location, especially late in the year. Failure to plan and register early may result in the need to travel to an alternate location or risk suspension of designee privileges until a seminar is attended, or the authority is reduced or terminated in the technical areas not complied with.