

AIR Team,

I'm proud to announce that a draft of the [Certification Process Improvement \(CPI\) Guide \(3rd edition\)](#) is now available for your review and comment on our "[Under Construction](#)" website. Twelve years in the making, this refreshed transformational tool establishes expectations and helps secure Industry commitment for AIR Transformation.



Specifically, this CPI Guide (3rd edition) improves communication and accountability by:

- Facilitating Applicant understanding of basic expectations and best practices for achieving a successful product approval.
- Providing experienced Applicants with guidance on how to move along the path toward a more systematic and mature process for product certification or approval.
- Providing all stakeholders, including the AIR workforce, with the knowledge of how to optimize the potential of existing processes and tools to conduct efficient certification, while maintaining the systems' health through risk based oversight.

With the consistent application of the new CPI Guide along with tools like the ODA Scorecard, Project Prioritization, and Risk-Based Resource Targeting (RBRTa/o), AIR will be able to communicate the rationale for retaining work, and push real-time resolution of misunderstandings. AIR anticipates this revised CPI Guide will be mutually beneficial, allowing us to focus limited resources on addressing the most safety-critical issues such as continued operational safety, new technology and high-risk compliance areas, while providing enhanced cost and schedule predictability for Industry stakeholders.

AIR anticipates a spring roll-out of the finalized CPI Guide, so please submit any feedback while the document is available on the [Under Construction](#) website. All comments will be dispositioned and posted on the AIR intranet. To learn more, you can also watch the [CPI Guide Video](#). Thank you!

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