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SUBJ: Reexamination of Airmen Tested by Donald R. Lee

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides current guidance to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) aviation safety inspectors (ASI) on program policies and procedures for reexamining individuals holding pilot certificates with various ratings who were tested by Donald R. Lee of Anchorage, Alaska. The reexamination will ensure that these individuals meet the standards of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61 to hold their certificates and/or ratings.

Note: This guidance is considered to be supplemental to FAA orders and Federal regulations.

- **2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) ASIs. The secondary audience includes Flight Standards Service divisions.
- **3.** Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at https://drs.faa.gov. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.
- **4. Authority.** Title 49 of the United State Code (49 U.S.C.) § 44709 is the authority for the reexamination of a certificated pilot. It states in part that, "The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may...reexamine an airman holding a certificate issued under section 44703 of this title."
- **5. Purpose of the Reexamination.** As a result of an investigation by the FAA of the certification activities of Mr. Lee, the Administrator determined that there is reason to believe that the competency of the airmen examined by Mr. Lee from the period of July 2018 through May 2022 is in doubt. As a result of the evidence obtained during the investigation, the FAA determined that these airmen will require reexamination of their competency pursuant with 49 U.S.C. § 44709 to ensure safety in air commerce.

6. Airmen to be Reexamined.

a. Tested by Donald R. Lee. All airmen who were tested by and received certificates or ratings from Mr. Lee during the cited time period (July 2018 through May 2022) will be reexamined by an FAA inspector. The reexaminations will be limited to Instrument Ratings and Flight Instructor Instrument exams. An airman may be exempted from the reexamination requirement only under the following specific conditions:

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(1) After having received certificates or ratings from Mr. Lee, the airman was subsequently tested and received from another Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) or FAA inspector a higher-level U.S. certificate or rating in the same category and class as that previously issued by Mr. Lee. This exemption is specifically limited to the following:

Certificate or Rating Issued by Mr. Lee	Subsequent Certificate or Rating Issued that Would Exempt Airman from Reexamination Requirement (Same Category and Class)
Instrument Rating	Airline Transport Pilot
Flight Instructor Instrument, Initial Certification	No Relief
Flight Instructor Additional Rating, Instrument	No Relief

- (2) Airmen in the process of taking an exam that meet the criteria set forth in this notice that would exclude them from a reexamination must contact the Anchorage FSDO upon receipt of their letter. If the airman cannot complete the exam within 15 days of receipt of their letter, the airman must contact the Anchorage FSDO and temporarily deposit their airman certificate at the FSDO in accordance with paragraph 8.
- **b.** Assigned Outside the United States and Its Trust Territories. Relief from this reexamination requirement will be applied to U.S. military and civilian personnel who are assigned outside the United States and its trust territories in support of U.S. Armed Forces operations. The criteria for this relief will be the same as is offered in Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) 100-2; relief includes the opportunity to complete reexamination within 6 calendar-months after returning to the United States.
- c. Foreign Airmen. Foreign airmen who were issued certificates or ratings by Mr. Lee during the cited time period are to be reexamined in the same manner as airmen in the United States. In many instances, the foreign airmen will have been issued foreign licenses based on their U.S. certificates. This notice does not authorize reexamination activity outside the United States. In order to be reexamined, foreign airmen will have to appear in the United States at their own expense. A current verification letter will be required for either of the following actions:
- (1) Downgrade to remove the certificate or rating issued by Mr. Lee, if that certificate or rating states "U.S. Test Passed." (The original certificate was foreign based.)
- (2) The airman to be reexamined is in need of a replacement FAA certificate based on a foreign license (part 61, § 61.75).
- 7. Title 49 U.S.C. § 44709 Reexamination Letter (See Appendix E). Airmen requiring reexamination will be notified by mail sent to the airman's address of record (obtained from the FAA's Civil Aviation Registry Division, Airmen Certification Branch (AFB-720)). The Anchorage FSDO point of contact (POC) will issue each notification letter. The letter will notify the airman of the decision to reexamine and require the airman to contact the Anchorage FSDO POC (referenced in the letter) within 10 business-days of receipt of the letter to schedule a reexamination. The letter will specify each certificate or rating that is subject to reexamination. The Anchorage FSDO will maintain

the records of the notifications to the airmen and the records of the administration of the reexaminations.

- a. **Domestic Addresses.** The Anchorage FSDO will mail two copies of the notification letter to each airman via the U.S. Postal Service; one copy will be sent via certified mail with return receipt requested (proof of service), and the other by regular mail. Lack of a return of the regular mail letter raises a presumption that the airman received the letter; in such cases, the Anchorage FSDO will document that the regular mail letter was not returned. The Anchorage FSDO will keep copies of the mailing receipts and proof of receipt for the letter sent via certified mail. The Anchorage FSDO will maintain any letters that are returned with the file.
- **b.** Foreign Addresses. The Anchorage FSDO will mail three copies of the notification letter to each airman; one copy will be sent via Federal Express International (proof of service), one copy via registered mail with return-receipt requested, and one copy will be sent by First-Class Mail International. The Anchorage FSDO will keep copies of the mailing receipts and proof of receipt for the letter sent registered mail. The Anchorage FSDO will maintain any letters that are returned with the file.
- **8. Scheduling a Reexamination.** When the Anchorage FSDO is contacted by the airman, they will allow the airman to choose from available dates and times to schedule the reexamination. The reexamination should normally take place within 15 days of receipt of the letter of notification; however, there may be exceptions that delay the reexamination in accordance with FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 7, Section 1, Conduct a Reexamination Test of an Airman Under Title 49 of the United States Code, Subparagraph 5-1419C, Time Limits. The inspector should accommodate the airman as deemed necessary and appropriate to the situation, but may not allow the airman to postpone the reexamination indefinitely. If the airman does not intend to operate aircraft for a short period of time, or needs time to practice and cannot meet the 15-day deadline, the airman must temporarily deposit their airman certificate at the FSDO for a maximum of 30 days in accordance with the temporary deposit and reissue policy (refer to Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 2, Section 5, Miscellaneous Part 61 Certification Information). If the airman has made arrangements to have the reexamination administered at another FSDO, the same standards shall be applied.
- **9. Test Procedure.** The inspector conducting the 49 U.S.C. § 44709 reexamination of the airman will request and review the airman's 49 U.S.C. § 44709 letter. This letter will determine the applicable practical test standards (PTS) or Airman Certification Standards (ACS) to be used for the reexamination. The reexamination will consist of all areas of operation and tasks for the applicable PTS or ACS, as appropriate. If more than one reexamination is required of a single airman, each reexamination will require a separate FAA Form 8710-1, Airman Certificate and/or Rating Application.
- **10. Test Standard.** The reexamination will cover the highest grade of certificate and rating that the airman received from Mr. Lee. In the event that Mr. Lee conducted more than one test for that grade of certificate, the reexamination will cover all ratings conducted by Mr. Lee at that certificate level.

Example: An applicant received their initial Airplane Single-Engine Land (ASEL) Instrument rating with Mr. Lee, and was subsequently also tested with Mr. Lee for the Airplane Multiengine Land (AMEL) Instrument add-on. The reexamination request would be for both ratings on their pilot certificate.

11. Test Outcomes.

a. Successful Reexamination. If the airman successfully completes the reexamination with an ASI:

- (1) Review the front of FAA Form 8710-1 for accuracy, completeness, and signatures. Complete the back side of FAA Form 8710-1, indicating the successful outcome.
 - (2) Issue a letter of satisfactory results to the airman.
 - (3) Photocopy both the letter and FAA Form 8710-1 (front and back).
- (4) Mail the original application and a copy of the letter of results to Mary Snyder in AFB-720, as outlined in paragraph 12. (Please note the additional documentation requirements outlined in that paragraph.)
- (5) A copy of the entire package (letter and FAA Form 8710-1) must also be forwarded to the Anchorage FSDO.
- (6) The ASI completes a Safety Assurance System (SAS) Activity Recording (AR) entry using activity code 1534.
 - (a) Select the "Pass" check box in the "Exam Kind" field.
 - (b) In the "National Use" field, enter "Lee".
 - (c) Enter the airman's name and certificate number.
 - (d) Enter the LOC (location of reexamination).
 - **b.** Unsuccessful Reexamination. If the airman is unsuccessful at completing the reexamination:
- (1) The airman must be informed in detail of each deficiency. The individual should be offered the opportunity to surrender the applicable certificate(s) for cancellation or downgrade in lieu of a second reexamination. (See the procedures in subparagraph 11e.)
- (2) If the airman accepts the offer to take a second reexamination, they must temporarily deposit their certificate at the FSDO.
- (3) Review the front of FAA Form 8710-1 for accuracy, completeness, and signatures. Complete the back side of FAA Form 8710-1, indicating the unsuccessful outcome.
 - (4) Photocopy the front and back of FAA Form 8710-1.
- (5) Prepare a Temporary Airman Certificate for student pilot privileges only. (Refer to the guidance in Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 7, Section 1, Subparagraph 5-1424B, Airman's Performance Unsatisfactory.)
 - (6) Collect the airman's certificate for a period not to exceed 30 days.

(7) Have the applicant complete and sign the surrender for temporary deposit form. See Appendix B, Letter of Temporary Deposit.

- (8) Mail the original application, a copy of the surrender letter, and a copy of the Temporary Airman Certificate to Mary Snyder in AFB-720, as outlined in paragraph 12. (Please note the additional documentation requirements outlined in that paragraph.)
 - (9) A copy of the entire package must also be forwarded to the Anchorage FSDO.
 - (10) The ASI completes the SAS AR entry using activity code 1534.
 - (a) Select the "Fail" check box in the "Exam Kind" field.
 - (b) In the "National Use" field, enter "Lee".
 - (c) Enter the airman's name and certificate number.
 - (d) Enter the LOC (location of reexamination).
- c. Certificate Nearing Expiration. If the temporary deposit certificate term is nearing expiration, a decision must be made to either suspend the certificate in accordance with FAA Order 2150.3, FAA Compliance and Enforcement Program, or extend the temporary deposit certificate for another 30 days.
 - **d. Second Reexamination.** If the airman attempts the reexamination for a second time:
- (1) If the airman fails the second reexamination, they should be offered the opportunity to surrender for cancellation or downgrade. (Follow the procedures outlined in subparagraph 11e.) If the airman chooses not to surrender or exchange the certificate, forward all documentation to the Anchorage FSDO, which will proceed with enforcement action to revoke the certificate or rating based on lack of qualifications.
- (2) If the airman successfully completes the second reexamination, the airman's certificate will be returned and the airman will be provided with an official letter of successful completion of reexamination, closing the matter. (Follow the procedures outlined in subparagraph 11a.)
- e. Voluntary Surrender or Exchange. If an airman elects not to complete the reexamination (or fails a reexamination and chooses not to attempt the reexamination for the second time), they may elect to voluntarily surrender or exchange their certificate for cancellation or downgrade pursuant with § 61.27. The airman may surrender a certificate for downgrade only if the practical test for the lower grade of certificate was not administered by Mr. Lee. For this reason, it is imperative that before processing a downgrade or surrender, the inspector contacts Mary Snyder or the Anchorage FSDO. If the reexamination is for the purpose of demonstrating qualification for a rating (e.g., Instrument Airplane), the airman may surrender their certificate for the purpose of having it reissued without the rating. An airman who offers to voluntarily surrender their airman certificate for cancellation or exchange will be provided a statement to sign that record's voluntary surrender. (See Appendix C, Voluntary Surrender for Cancellation, or Appendix D, Voluntary Downgrade, as applicable.)
- (1) Contact the Anchorage FSDO POC or Mary Snyder in AFB-720 to verify that the applicant is eligible to downgrade the certificate.

- (2) Have the applicant surrender the certificate to an ASI.
- (3) Have the applicant complete and sign the surrender for cancellation or surrender for downgrade form, as appropriate. (See Appendix C or D, as appropriate.)
- (4) Have the applicant complete and sign FAA Form 8710-1, indicating "Downgrade to level of certificate" or "Remove _____ rating" in the "Other Information/Requests" box of section I.
- (5) Issue the applicant a Temporary Airman Certificate (if applicable) at the downgraded level (or omitting the rating, as appropriate).
- (6) Photocopy the entire package (surrender letter, FAA Form 8710-1, and the Temporary Airman Certificate).
- (7) Mail the original package (FAA Form 8710-1, downgrade/surrender letter, copy of Temporary Airman Certificate issued (if applicable), and the original pilot certificate) to Mary Snyder in AFB-720, as outlined in paragraph 12.
 - (8) Provide the Anchorage FSDO POC a copy of the entire package.
 - (9) The ASI completes a SAS AR entry using activity code 1570.
 - (a) In the "National Use" field, enter "Lee".
 - (b) Enter the airman's name and certificate number.
- **12.** Additional Documentation Requirements. FAA Form 8710-1 must be used to document the reexamination, surrender, downgrade, etc. Order 8900.1, Volume 5, Chapter 1, Section 3, Phases of Certification, provides appropriate instructions to document the reexamination. Additionally, in the upper margin, print "Lee Reexamination Under 49 U.S.C.", and in the lower margin, print "REEXAMINATION UNDER 49 U.S.C." (see Appendix A). It is important that the FSDOs mail the original documents to AFB-720 in two sealed envelopes.
- **a. Mailing Address.** Both the inner sealed envelope and the outer mailing envelope should be addressed as follows:

For your eyes only: Mary Snyder (405-954-3794) FAA Airmen Certification Branch Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center Civil Aviation Registry Building 29 PO Box 25082 Oklahoma City, OK 73125

b. Copies for the POC. For project tracking purposes, the Anchorage FSDO POC (Matthew Mrzena) must be provided with copies of the packages sent to AFB-720. Please send to Matthew Mrzena via one of the following:

• Fax: 907-373-3348

• Email: matthew.mrzena@faa.gov

• Mail: Matthew Mrzena

Anchorage FSDO

701 S. Knik-Goose Bay Rd. Suite E

Wasilla, AK 99654

13. Legal Enforcement Action. If the airman does not respond, or does not successfully complete reexamination and does not voluntarily surrender their certificate(s) and/or rating(s) for cancellation or downgrade, legal enforcement action must be taken in accordance with Order 2150.3. In accordance with that order, the enforcement investigative report (EIR) must reflect whether the legal enforcement action should be on an emergency basis; thus, evidence of the airman's current ability to operate is necessary, including current status of FAA medical certification.

Note: All supporting documentation will be forwarded to the Anchorage FSDO, who will be responsible for processing all enforcement cases.

- **a.** No Response. If the airman does not respond to the 49 U.S.C. § 44709 letter within 30 days of the date of receipt of the letter, the Anchorage FSDO will compile an EIR, including the 49 U.S.C. § 44709 letter, proof of service, certificate(s) and rating(s) held, which certificate(s) and/or rating(s) Mr. Lee issued, and other evidence. The Anchorage FSDO will forward the EIR to the FAA Office of Chief Counsel, Alaska Region (AAL-7) for legal enforcement action to suspend the certificate(s) and/or rating(s) issued by Mr. Lee.
- b. After Issuance of an Order of Suspension. If the airman presents themselves to a FSDO after the issuance of an order suspending their certificate, and the airman successfully completes the reexamination, that FSDO will forward documentation of the success of the reexamination to AAL-7. If the airman fails the reexamination, the ASI will submit all required documentation to the Anchorage FSDO, who will compile an EIR with a new EIR number for revocation of the applicable certificate(s) or rating(s) and forward the EIR to AAL-7. If the airman surrenders their certificate for cancellation or downgrade, the FSDO accepts the certificate and forwards the certificate to AFB-720, in accordance with paragraphs 11e and 12. A copy of the package must be scanned and emailed to the AAL-7 POC, Peter Putzier.
- **14. Donald R. Lee Reexamination Program Team.** The Anchorage FSDO will be responsible for sending the reexamination letters to the airmen who are subject to the reexamination process and for tracking the progress of each to its conclusion. The Anchorage FSDO has overall responsibility for the coordination of all the activities being conducted as part of this program.
- **a.** Anchorage FSDO POC. The Anchorage FSDO has identified the POC as Matthew Mrzena, ASI, as well as a team to oversee the reexamination program. This team will track the administration of the reexaminations and process the tracking records created for this program to record its progression toward completion of the requirements for the airman.
- **b. AFS-650 POC.** The Regulatory Support Division, Delegation Program Branch (AFS-650) has identified the POC as Al Gil, ASI. The AFS-650 POC will assist the Anchorage FSDO with coordination activities and will be available to answer questions pertaining to this notice.

c. AAL-7 POC. AAL-7 has identified the POC as Peter Putzier, Attorney, Alaska Region. The AAL-7 POC will be available to answer any legal questions pertaining to this notice. He will also be responsible for coordinating with attorneys in enforcement cases that may result from airmen failing to comply with reexamination requests or who demonstrate lack of qualifications.

15. Disposition. We will not incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to Matthew Mrzena, Anchorage FSDO POC for this program, at 907-352-2010 or matthew.mrzena@faa.gov.

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Acting Deputy Executive Director, Flight Standards Service

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Appendix A. Lee Reexamination Under 49 U.S.C.

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Appendix B. Letter of Temporary Deposit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
[Insert Name of FAA Office]
[Insert Address]

Due to [ENTER EITHER "the unsatisfactory results of a reexamination on" OR "my inability to complete the requested reexamination by"] [insert date], I hereby voluntarily surrender my pilot certificate [number] for temporary deposit in the [Name of FSDO] Flight Standards District Office of the FAA until [date+up to 30 days]. If, by that date, I have not demonstrated the airman competence to hold that/those rating(s) to the FAA or received an extension of time within which to take the reexamination, I understand that legal enforcement action will be taken to suspend the privileges of my [grade of] certificate until I demonstrate the competence prescribed in the Federal aviation regulations for its original issuance.

Signed,
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On this [date].
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[Witness B, date]
Attach Certificate
Attach Certificate

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Appendix C. Voluntary Surrender for Cancellation

Voluntary Surrender for Cancellation

TO:			
	XXX Flight Standards D	District Office	
	FSDO Street Address		
	FSDO City, State and Z	IP Code	
FROM:	Airman's Name		
	Airman's Street Address		
	Airman's City, State and	1 ZIP Code	
I hereby vo	Juntarily currender my	Certificate, number XXXXXXX	for
		nstitutes unequivocal abandonment of the	
		eral Aviation Administration (FAA) airman	
		n unless I pass all the tests prescribed for i	
Mr. ni abta t	ea ha haand as to why my as	outificate should not be amonded susmands	ad an narratrad
		ertificate should not be amended, suspende by affixing my signature hereto are hereby	
nave occir	runy explanied to me and o	y arrixing my signature hereto are hereby	warved.
Signature		Date	_
5151141414		Bate	
ACKNOW	VLEDGMENT OF ACCE	EPTANCE AND COORDINATION	
I.	, an Aviation	Safety Inspector, accept the specified cer	tificate and
acknowled	ge that Mr./Ms.	freely and voluntarily surrendered the	specified FAA
certificate t	to the FAA on	(Date). I further acknowledge that this	s certificate
holder's re	quest for this voluntary sur	render has been coordinated and concurred	d with, by other
FAA office	es, as appropriate.		
Signature		Date	

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Appendix D. Voluntary Downgrade

Voluntary Downgrade

TO:	
	XXX Flight Standards District Office FSDO Street Address
	FSDO City, State and ZIP Code
FROM:	Airman's Name Airman's Street Address Airman's City, State and ZIP Code
surrender m surrender], f unequivocal	me], holder of [grade/rating] certificate No. [number], freely and voluntarily y specified Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate to the FAA on [date of for downgrade to a [grade/rating] certificate. I understand that this constitutes abandonment of the (Certificate or Rating) and that an FAA airman rating may not be reissued to me again unless I pass all the tests prescribed for its
	be heard as to why my certificate should not be amended, suspended, or revoked ally explained to me and by affixing my signature hereto are hereby waived.
Signature	Date
ACKNOW	LEDGMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND COORDINATION
acknowledg certificate to holder's req	, an Aviation Safety Inspector, accept the specified certificate and e that Mr./Ms freely and voluntarily surrendered the specified FAA the FAA on (Date). I further acknowledge that this certificate uest for this voluntary surrender has been coordinated and concurred with, by other s, as appropriate.
[Inspector N	Tame/Signature], Aviation Safety Inspector Date

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Appendix E. Sample 49 U.S.C. § 44709 Reexamination Letter

Sample 49 U.S.C. § 44709 Reexamination Letter

CERTIFIED MAIL—RETURN	RECEIPT REQUESTED (OR Fedex, if not a U.S. address)

Dear [Airman's Name]:

The FAA has conducted an investigation of the practical tests administered by Donald R. Lee between July 2018 and May 2022. Based on that investigation, the FAA has reason to believe that Mr. Lee issued certificates and/or ratings to airmen when the airmen did not demonstrate the qualifications to hold the certificate and/or rating for which they were tested. Thus, the competence of the airmen tested by Mr. Lee during that time period is in question, and reexamination of the airmen's qualifications to hold their certificates and/or ratings is necessary in the interest of safety.

FAA records indicate that on XXXXXXXXX, you took a XXXXXXXX test with Mr. Lee and received a Temporary Airman Certificate.

Therefore, under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 44709, the FAA requests that you call or appear at this office or a Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) more conveniently located near you, within 10 days of receipt of this letter, to make an appointment for a reexamination. The reexamination will consist of XXXXX and include the knowledge and skill necessary to be the holder of XXXXX with emphasis on XXXXX. The current Airman Certification Standards (ACS) or applicable Practical Test Standards (PTS) will be used.

Please note that you must supply an appropriate, airworthy aircraft for the test.

If you make an appointment with a FSDO in another area, please advise this office.

If you do not accept the opportunity for reexamination within 10 days of receipt of this letter, we will begin proceedings to suspend your airman certificate until such time as you demonstrate your competence to exercise its privileges. If, for reasons beyond your control, you are unable to be reexamined at this time, please contact me prior to [add 15 days to date of letter] so that the FAA can determine whether to grant an extension of time to you.

In accordance with the Pilot's Bill of Rights, we also inform you that:

(1) The nature of this investigation is to reexamine your qualifications to be the holder of an airman certificate in the interest of air safety pursuant to the Administrator's authority under 49 U.S.C. § 44709.

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(2) Any response to an inquiry made by a representative of the FAA Administrator by you in connection with the reexamination of your qualifications described above may be used as evidence against you.

(3) If the reexamination of your qualifications results in a legal enforcement action against your certificate, the releasable portions of the Administrator's investigative report will be made available to you upon your written request addressed to the FAA's legal counsel handling the enforcement action.

We will be pleased to discuss this matter with you and provide any further information that may assist you. Our office is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and our telephone number is (907) 352-2000.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Matthew Mrzena Anchorage Flight Standards District Office (907) 352-2010