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WESTERN-PACIFIC REGION
Flight Standards District Office

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All Operators
In the Fresno District

Subject: FAA Administered Operator Flight Checks

Dear Operator:

For several years the Fresno FSDO has required Airworthiness Inspectors to inspect aircraft and maintenance records prior to Operations Inspectors boarding an aircraft to administer flight checks. We normally required the flight check to be conducted at the FSDO, where an Airworthiness Inspector on Office Duty is available. Some Operators have advised us that this is a hardship for them due to the time and expense involved.

We are preparing our work program for the next year and see this as an opportunity to coordinate our schedules to have the aircraft inspected within 30 days prior to when you require your check ride. Please schedule an appointment with your Principal Maintenance Inspector (PMI) as soon as possible to assure his availability on the date needed. The PMI's work program may only have him scheduled to travel to your location once next year, so please schedule his visit as close to your needed flight checks as possible. Any flight checks required in an aircraft that has not had a satisfactory inspection by an Airworthiness Inspector 30 days prior to the flight check will need to be inspected. If the PMI has completed his work program at your location, but the aircraft has not been inspected within 30 days prior to the flight check, you may need to bring the aircraft to the FSDO for the requested flight check.

Once you have a schedule for the aircraft to be inspected, please contact your Principal Operations Inspector (POI) to schedule your flight check(s). The flight checks must be completed within 30 days of the aircraft inspection, so please make your appointments soon, even if the check is not required until late next year. If you request a flight check after the POI has completed his work program (facility inspection) at your location, you may need to bring the aircraft to the FSDO for the requested flight check. Early planning will help assure our availability when you need your flight checks.

This is a local Fresno FSDO policy and does not apply to Inspectors from other FAA Offices.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Hammans
Manager, Fresno FSDO

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