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Mr. Nicholas Sabatini
Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Nick:

On behalf of the PARC, I am pleased to provide you with a recommendation for public RNP procedure criteria. This criteria was derived from the SAAAR Notice criteria N8000.287 by an action team lead by Mike Cramer. With Mike's leadership and the initiative of the group, it represents a quick and reasonable set of actions and compromises aimed at providing public criteria and implementation this year.

This criteria is notable in that it is based upon a standard set performance requirements to the greatest degree possible. In doing so, it is expected that the resulting procedures and operations will accommodate a broader segment of the RNP certified and RNP equivalent systems in service today. The criteria is complementary to N8000.287 which is expected to remain as an option to operators seeking to optimize a public procedure i.e. further reduce minima and improve access, based upon the capability of their aircraft.

I also need to bring to your attention the fact that related work and criteria for areas including aircraft qualification, operational approval and ATC, have not progressed as quickly as the procedure criteria. The timing of these actions is less certain, pending the formation of action teams to address them. However, the intent is to support the planned operational implementation of public RNP procedures by September this year.

As the FAA proceeds to finalize and issue the attached draft criteria, it would be appreciated if the specific document type and planned schedule for publication can be provided to the PARC.

Sincerely,



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Cc: PARC Members
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