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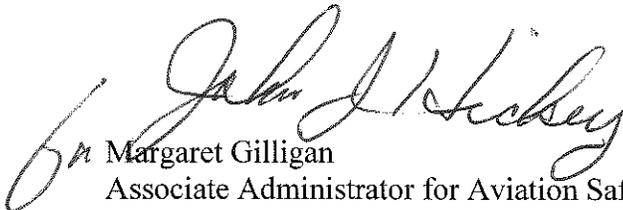
Dear Captain Bradley:

I am writing to share our action plan for the design consideration recommendations of Optimal Profile Descent (OPD) Procedures that were developed by the Performance Based Operations Aviation Rulemaking Committee (PARC).

The PARC Action Team's proposals provide key recommendations for improving OPD design criteria and procedures. These recommendations are also critical to addressing Safety Enhancement 213 that was approved by the Commercial Aviation Safety Team.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the industry and the Federal Aviation Administration by participating in this important effort for aviation safety. We look forward to continued communication, consultation, and collaboration.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret Gilligan  
Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety

Enclosure

# Optimal Profile Descent (OPD) Design Procedures Action Plan

## Recommendations:

**a. AJV-14 transfer content of JO 7110.9E Standard Terminal Arrival Program and Procedures to AFS (Flight Standards).**

**Task 1: Publish Notice detailing transfer of OPD guidance outlined in JO 7100.9E to AFS (Flight Standards). Transfer remaining OPD guidance from JO 7100.9E to JO 7110.41 Performance Based Implementation Process.**

Responsible Office(s)	Expected Completion Date
AJV-14	1/2015

**Status: Open**

**Task 2: Transfer applicable OPD guidance from 7100.9E to FAA Orders 8260.3C US Standards for Terminal Instrument Procedures, 8260.19F Flight Procedures and Airspace and 8260.58A US Standard for PBN Instrument Procedure Design.**

Responsible Office(s)	Expected Completion Date
AJV-14/AFS-420	3/2015

**Status: Open**

**Task 3: AJV-14 transfer applicable pages from 7100.9E to JO 7100.41 Performance Based Navigation Implementation Process.**

Responsible Office(s)	Expected Completion Date
AJV-14	6/2015

**Status: Open**

**Task 4: AJV-14 will rescind JO 7100.9E after all OPD guidance has been transferred.**

Responsible Office(s)	Expected Completion Date
AJV-14	9/2015

**Status: Open**

**b. Review PARC VNAV Action Team (AT) recommendations.**

**Task: Review and consider PARC VNAV AT OPD design process recommendations as they apply to FAA Orders 8260.3C US Standards for Terminal Instrument Procedures, 8260.19F Flight Procedures and Airspace and 8260.58A US Standard for PBN Instrument Procedure Design.**

Responsible Office(s)	Expected Completion Date
AFS-420/AFS-470	9/2015

**Status: Open**