The Flight Standards Service is conducting research and updating operational policies to keep pace with the rapid development of vision system technologies to maximize benefits for operators that choose to equip with these technologies. In this edition, I want to encourage operators to provide feedback and share ideas in a collaborative effort to provide the safest and the most effective operational policy.

PILOT FEEDBACK

Pilots can help us learn more about the use of vision system technology. The Flight Operations Group with the support of the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute has developed the FAA’s first tablet application to give pilots a means to provide direct feedback to the subject matter experts writing EFVS policy.

Use of the application is voluntary, but participation can provide us with vital information needed to:
1. Assess the effectiveness of EFVS operational concepts.
2. Make decisions to expand operational credit.
3. Facilitate operator demonstrations required to obtain authorizations for EFVS Operations to Touchdown and Rollout.

Contact your local Flight Standards Office or go to the following website to start using the application.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

One mission of the Flight Operations Group is to develop operational policy that supports the safe use of vision technologies for credit. In order to ensure we focus our limited resources pursuing policies that are most beneficial to EFVS operators, it is imperative for operators interested in using EFVS to get more involved in the development of policy. How can you become more involved?

1. Participate in the industry groups focused on vision system technologies such as RTCA SC-213 to provide operational perspective for manufacturers designing aircraft systems.
2. Let us best serve you by providing us feedback on the procedures and policies that would most benefit your operation.
3. Contact us with any questions regarding EFVS operations or EFVS authorizations. We learn a lot from the questions you ask.
4. Organize a forum to bring operators, sensor manufacturers, aircraft manufacturers, and the FAA together to discuss EFVS issues and develop solutions that benefit everyone involved.

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WHAT’S NEW

Revision 2 of the Operational Suitability Report for EFVS Operation Credit was published 1/31/2020. The revision adds more recommendations for operational credit for EFVS installations and adds reference material to help operators identify installed sensors.

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