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David W. Hempe is the deputy director of the Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) where he is a driving force in moving the Service forward in safety management and innovative means to streamline the certification process. Prior to assuming this role in August 2015, Hempe was the manager of AIR's Design, Manufacturing, and Airworthiness Division. Beginning in April 2002, Hempe oversaw the development of federal aviation regulations, national directives, policy, procedures, advisory material pertaining to continued operational safety, type certification, design approvals, production approvals, airworthiness certification, authorization, and oversight of Designated Representatives of the Administrator.



Prior to 2002, Hempe served as the deputy manager of the Aircraft Engineering Division, National Aging Aircraft Program Manager, Program Manager on various Part 21 areas and Aircraft Certification Office (ACO) structural engineer in the Los Angeles ACO, including the structural program manager for the MD-90 program.

Hempe began his career with the Douglas Aircraft Company in 1985 as an engineer scientist working on various projects such as DC-10, MD-11, T-45 loads, dynamics and structural areas. He holds a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Parks College of St. Louis University.