



Summer Update

A Message from the Executive Director on AIR's Realignment

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I am proud to announce that on July 23, 2017, the Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) officially realigned into a functionally-based organizational structure. [Thanks to all of you](#)—for your support, input and encouragement that helped make this significant milestone possible!

Building this functional infrastructure enables [AIR Transformation](#), our comprehensive approach to increasing efficiency and effectiveness, and institutionalizes improvements already in progress. It is an important step in realizing our

future vision and full mission potential by:

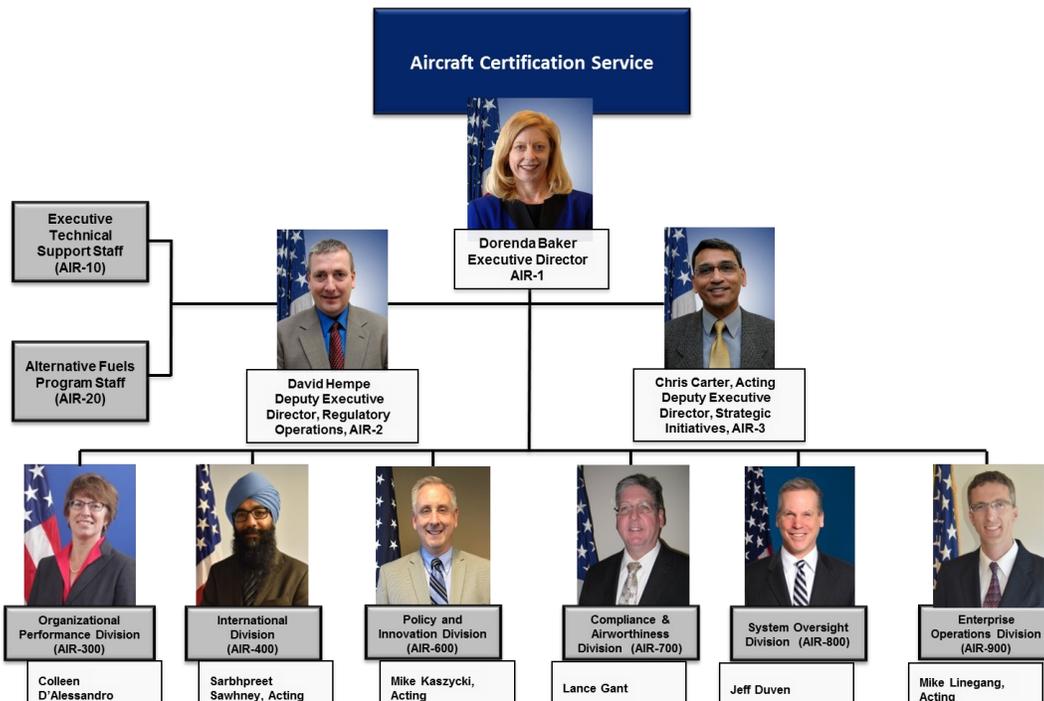
- Encouraging early industry engagement and risk-based system surveillance to eliminate barriers from unnecessary FAA involvement during certification.
- Improving consistency and standardization by establishing single functional lines for 1) certification, 2) standards and 3) system oversight.
- Fostering innovation by engaging industry applicants early to understand new concepts and ensure a viable path to compliance.
- Providing agility and adaptability to meet the challenges of the dynamic global aviation industry.
- Establishing business practices for utilizing metrics to determine efficacy of Industry/FAA associated with compliance/safety and time to market.

As a reminder, although this change eliminated the Directorate system, your existing points of contact continue to remain the same. Should you have questions or feedback, please reach out to the [AIR Communications Mailbox](#). We look forward to sharing more details about our progress as we move forward.

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AIR's New Organizational Structure



In the News

Federal Register Notice: AIR's Realignment

This [Notice](#) informs the public and the aviation industry about organizational changes in the Aircraft Certification Service (AIR) of the FAA Aviation Safety Office (AVS).

AIR Organizational Structure & Functions

This updated Order ([8100.5c](#)) defines the AIR organizational structure and clarifies its functions. AIR's new structure is composed of six functional divisions: Organizational Performance (AIR-300), International (AIR-400), Policy and Innovation (AIR-600), Compliance and Airworthiness (AIR-700), System Oversight (AIR-800) and Enterprise Operations (AIR-900).

AIR Organizational Realignment References



This new Order ([8100.18](#)) provides post-Realignment information on using AIR orders, advisory circulars, policy statements, policy memos, and technical standard orders (TSO). It also includes a one-to-one mapping of the old to new organizational routing codes for easy reference. Please note, this Order is intended to maintain the continuity of operations and does not establish new policy.

Functional descriptions of AIR's Divisions are available on the AIR Transformation website.

Questions or comments? Email us at NATL-AVS-AIR-Communications@faa.gov