

15C1B10 Target #1 Integrate UAS into the NAS: Process (grant, deny, or close out) 85% of the exemption requests under Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (FMRA) within 120 days of receipt during the current fiscal year processing cycle (October 1, 2014-June 2, 2015). (AGC, ARM, AFS) Due September 30, 2015.

Special Designations: OSI, FAA Strategic Initiatives, STI

Commentary (January 2015)

There have been 290 Section 333 Petitions for Exemption received (As of January 29, 2015). 19 (7%) petitions have been processed within 120 days and 3 are over 120 days and not processed. Additionally there are 268 under 120 days awaiting processing. Status is yellow due to volume of petitions received, personnel shortages and the need for the Secretary to make a section 333 determination before FAA can issue an exemption. This step is not part of the usual exemption process and has resulted in missed deadlines.

A core group was formed in January and charged with moving the petitions forward quickly. The petition processing time has reduced since this group was formed. 15 exemptions have been processed by the team to date and FAA will prepare memos in advance of the 120 day metric to better anticipate Secretarial review time. The team continues to explore options to streamline the process and get back on track.

Commentary (December 2014)

Section 333 Petitions for Exemption received: 161 (As of January 2, 2015)

Processed within 120 days: 7 (4%)

Missed 120 day deadline: 0 (0%)

Not processed but under 120 days: 154 (96%)

Note: Six petitions were processed as close outs. The petitioners did not meet part 11.81 and did not respond to the FAA's request for the missing information.

Status Table (Qualitative Metric)

Period	Actual
10/2014	Green
11/2014	Green
12/2014	Green
01/2015	Yellow

✓ Indicates that the item is complete.