

AIM Chapter 11 (UAS)

MEETING 21-02

David Russell, FAA/AUS-430, [briefed](#) on the new Chapter 11 added to the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) focused on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). He said adding a chapter directed at UAS pilots will assist with the integration of UAS operators into the NAS. Currently UAS are mentioned in several places in the AIM, but are treated as impediments to aviation. The new chapter will be addressed to remote pilots, recreational flyers, as well as to manned airmen to foster more understanding of UAS operations. David then described the new sections covered in AIM chapter 11 ([slides 6-17](#)). He said the FAA was hoping for a December 2021 release, but it will more likely be released in June 2022.

Scott Jerdan, FAA/AJV-A310, asked about recent activity in Alaska to create airspace and routes for UAS. David said Congress directed that the FAA assist Alaska in setting up some test sites that could launch and operate UAS over the ocean. Scott asked if policy will be developed to support the Alaska initiative. He said he is looking for a connection between the AIM guidance and new policy. David said they are not creating new types of airspace or procedures, but are working to establish routes that will take UAS from designated launching facilities to testing sites. Scott said there are third party vendors that might be interested in supplying this information to their customers. Joshua Fenwick, Garmin, said that is exactly the sort of information Garmin would be interested in. He said they need to be part of the discussions so they will be ready to provide navigation database solutions. Valerie Watson, FAA/AJV-A250, said that if AJV-A will be expected to database and/or chart the routes, they will also need to be part of the discussion. David said he will take those responses back to his office.