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Memorandum

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To: Instrument Flight Procedures Stakeholders

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Subject: Management of FAA Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) production during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Purpose: Provide stakeholders information regarding impacts to Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) Requests, scheduling, and IFP work that the FAA intends to accomplish during this National Emergency.

Discussion: Precautions implemented to ensure the health and safety of FAA Flight Inspection (FI) aircrews during COVID-19 have impacted IFP production. The plan below identifies IFP work that can be accomplished without the need for Flight Inspection/validation and outlines critical National Airspace System (NAS) maintenance that will continue uninterrupted. This refocusing of IFP production ensures the highest level of aviation safety within the NAS.

Action: Effective immediately, the FAA IFP production will focus on the following areas:

- Complete IFP Procedure Amendments that do not require FI
- Issue IFP Notices to Airmen (NOTAM)
- Conduct IFP Periodic Reviews and Inventory Maintenance
- Coordinate with FI regarding NAS Safety/Efficiency related IFP requests including:
    - Periodic/Return to Service, ex. Navigational Aid (NAVAID)
    - Support Flight Inspection Operations via resulting IFP requirements at Focus 40 airports (see attached list)
- Compile and utilize a list of completed IFP work that can be flown by FI if operations warrant.
- <u>No new or amended IFP will be validated by FI unless prior FAA approval is granted.</u>

We appreciate your patience during this challenging period for our Nation.