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## **ACTION MEMORANDUM**

To: Michael P. Huerta, Administrator  
From:  Teri L. Bristol, Chief Operating Officer, AJO-0  
Subject: Termination of the Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee

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### **SUMMARY**

This memorandum provides background information on the Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee (ATPAC). ATPAC will be terminated effective September 30, 2016. This action has been coordinated within the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Air Traffic Organization (ATO) and with the primary stakeholder committee members.

### **BACKGROUND**

On January 28, 1975, the Secretary of Transportation established a task force to examine the overall organizational structure and management approach of the FAA. The report contained a recommendation for establishing a standing group composed of air carrier, controller, general aviation, military, and pilot representatives to review air traffic control procedures and practices.

The ATPAC was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to fulfill this recommendation.

From 1975 through 2004, ATPAC was a robust committee, which identified 475 areas of concern, many of which resulted in improvements to air traffic procedures. Over the past 10 years, the activity of ATPAC has steadily diminished. Meetings have gone from 5 days to less than 2 days in duration due to lack of agenda items and areas of concern.

This change can be explained by the establishment of new air traffic control safety initiatives, most notably the ATO "Top 5" which identifies and addresses safety risks submitted by FAA management, union members, and industry. In addition, groups such as the Performance-based Operations Rulemaking Committee (PARC), Results Through Collaboration in Aviation (RTCA), National Customer Forum (NCF), and Tactical Operations Committee (TOC) provide a means for the aviation community to play an active role in the development of standards and procedures.

In accordance with Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 102-3, Federal Advisory Committee Management, an advisory committee must be terminated when:

- (1) The stated objectives of the committee have been accomplished;
- (2) The subject matter or work of the committee has become obsolete by the passing of time or the assumption of the committee's functions by another entity; and,
- (3) The agency determines that the cost of operation is excessive in relation to the benefits accruing to the Federal Government.

The conditions stated above have all been met.

#### **FOLLOW UP**


FAA Order 1110.76V, Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee, will expire on October 31, 2016.

The Administrator

CONCUR:

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