



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

**ORDER
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National Policy

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SUBJ: Safety Oversight Circulars (SOC)

- 1. Purpose of This Order.** This Order establishes Safety Oversight Circulars (SOC) as a method to provide guidance material to the Air Traffic Organization (ATO) for complying with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Aviation Safety (AVS), and Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service (AOV) directives.
- 2. Audience.** All FAA organizations, to include FAA contracted services, involved in or supporting the operation and maintenance of the National Airspace System.
- 3. Where Can You Find This Order?** You can find this Order on the Directives Management System (DMS) website.
- 4. Cancellation.** This Order supersedes Order 8000.365, *Safety Oversight Circulars (SOC)*, dated May 2, 2007.
- 5. Authority to Change This Order.** The Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, AVS-1, delegated the authority to amend or cancel this Order to the Executive Director, Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service, AOV-1.
- 6. Explanation of Changes.** This revision updates the DMS website link, removes references to FAA Order 8000.86, the AOV-40 office, and includes minor editorial and formatting changes.
- 7. Background.** SOC's contain safety-critical information. A SOC may have information alone, a combination of information and guidance material, or recommended actions for the ATO to meet directive requirements such as FAA Order 1100.161, *Air Traffic Safety Oversight*, or FAA Order 8000.90, *AOV Credentialing and Control Tower Operator Certification Programs*. ATO adherence to AOV-provided guidance will demonstrate compliance with requirements and expedite AOV approvals.
- 8. SOC Announcements.** AOV will announce newly posted SOC's by email notifications to appropriate stakeholders in FAA headquarters, and post them on the MyFAA website on the AOV page.

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