FOREWORD

This order establishes the policy framework and assigns responsibility for an effective agencywide employee safety and health program. The goal of the program is to ensure that FAA employees are provided with places and conditions of employment that are free from recognized hazards that cause or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm.

In accordance with the terms agreed to during the 1994 realignment of the FAA occupational safety and health program, detailed implementation guidance will be provided separately by the Airway Facilities Service to serve the day-to-day management and operation of the program.

This order plus AAF-generated implementation guidance are intended to meet the requirements established by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, which was passed by Congress on December 29, 1970. The FAA Administrator is required by law to establish and maintain an agencywide occupational safety and health program that is consistent with the legal requirements of Public Law 91-596, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees; 29 CFR Part 1960, Basic Program Elements for Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health Programs; and DOT Order M 3902.7B, Occupational Safety and Health Management Manual.

It should be noted that some of the procedures contained within this order may appear to be implementation guidance (e.g., paragraph 901, Employee Report of Hazardous Condition). However, 29 CFR Part 1960 requires that certain basic programmatic procedures be incorporated into any Federal agency occupational health and safety program as policy. Such procedures were added in this document to meet the Federal requirements.

If problems arise that may not be sufficiently described in this order, consult the FAA Office of Environment and Energy for further assistance.

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