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**Subject:** Required Updates to Fatigue Risk Management Plans (FRMP) for Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 121 Air Carriers

**Purpose:** This InFO serves as a reminder to air carriers conducting operations under part 121 that an update to their FRMP is required every 24-calendar months, as specified in Public Law (P.L.) 111-216, § 212(b)(4)(A).

**Background:** In accordance with the Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Extension Act of 2010, Section 212, herein referred to as P.L. 111-216, § 212, each part 121 air carrier must submit an update to its FRMP for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) review and acceptance at least once every twenty-four (24) calendar-months.

**Discussion:** When the draft FRMP package is ready for FAA review, the air carrier will electronically submit it to FAA HQ, AFS 200, via e mail at 9-AFS-200-FRMP-FRMS@faa.gov and provide the air carrier's principal operations inspector (POI) with a copy. The FAA will review and evaluate the draft update for acceptance or rejection. If the update is rejected, per P.L. 111-216, § 212(b)(4)(B), the FAA must provide the air carrier with suggested modifications for resubmission of the update.

FAA acceptance of the air carrier's FRMP is signified by the reissuance of Operations Specification (OpSpec) A317 with a new expiration date of 24-calendar months from the date of acceptance. If a part 121 air carrier has updated its FRMP at least once since August 31, 2011, the air carrier need not prepare an update at this time. Instead, the air carrier should refer to its current OpSpec A317 expiration date located in paragraph (d) of their OpSpec and submit their updated FRMP to the FAA for review at least sixty (60) days prior to that expiration date.

As a reminder, P.L. 111-216, § 212(b)(5) requires the part 121 air carrier to comply with the contents of its FAA-accepted FRMP. In addition, the part 121 air carrier must comply with the conditions and limitations specified in its OpSpec A317.

**Recommended Action** Each part 121 director of operations and director of safety should evaluate the effectiveness of their existing FRMP, make appropriate updates, and submit their updated FRMP to the FAA for review at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date reflected in paragraph (d) of the air carrier's FAA-issued OpSpec A317.

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