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Memorandum

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To: Instrument Flight Procedures Service Providers
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Subject: Magnetic Variation Documentation for Standard Instrument
Departures and Graphic Obstacle Departure Procedures

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8260.46H, Departure Procedures (DP) Program, removed the requirement for documenting the Magnetic Variation (MV) reference NAVAID on FAA Form 8260-15B, Graphic Departure Procedure, but inadvertently removed the requirements for documenting the reference (departure airport) MV of record in the additional flight data sections of FAA Form 8260-15B.

This memo serves as interim guidance re-establishing documentation of MV on FAA Form 8260-15B and provides additional clarification for determining what MV values are applied.

Instructions for Completing FAA Form 8260-15B, Graphic Departure Procedure (DP) [Non-RNAV Departure Procedures] and Sample Forms

Additional Flight Data

Place the departure airport MV of record used to develop the procedure in this section. Do not document the NAVAID MV of record on FAA Form 8260-15B form. NAVAID documentation can be found on FAA Form 8260-2s used to support the standard instrument departure (SID) route.

Single airport SID example: Airport MV: FLL 5W/2015

Multiple airport SID example: Airport MV: FLL 5W/2015, OPF 7W/2020, MIA 6W/2020

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Additional Flight Data

Place the departure airport MV of record used to develop the procedure in this section.

Single airport SID example: Airport MV: FLL 5W/2015

Multiple airport SID example: Airport MV: FLL 5W/2015, OPF 7W/2020, MIA 6W/2020

The reference (departure airport) magnetic variation of record applicable to any track/course used in an RNAV DP is the airport MV when a SID or Graphic DP serves a single airport.

When a RNAV SID serves multiple airports, the airport MV for each departure airport the SID serves must be used for its initial heading or entire runway transition. A primary airport must be selected to document the magnetic tracks/courses from the beginning of the common route to the end of the SID/Graphic DP. The difference of each airport MV value the SID serves must not exceed three degrees.

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