

# Operator Initiated CPDLC Testing

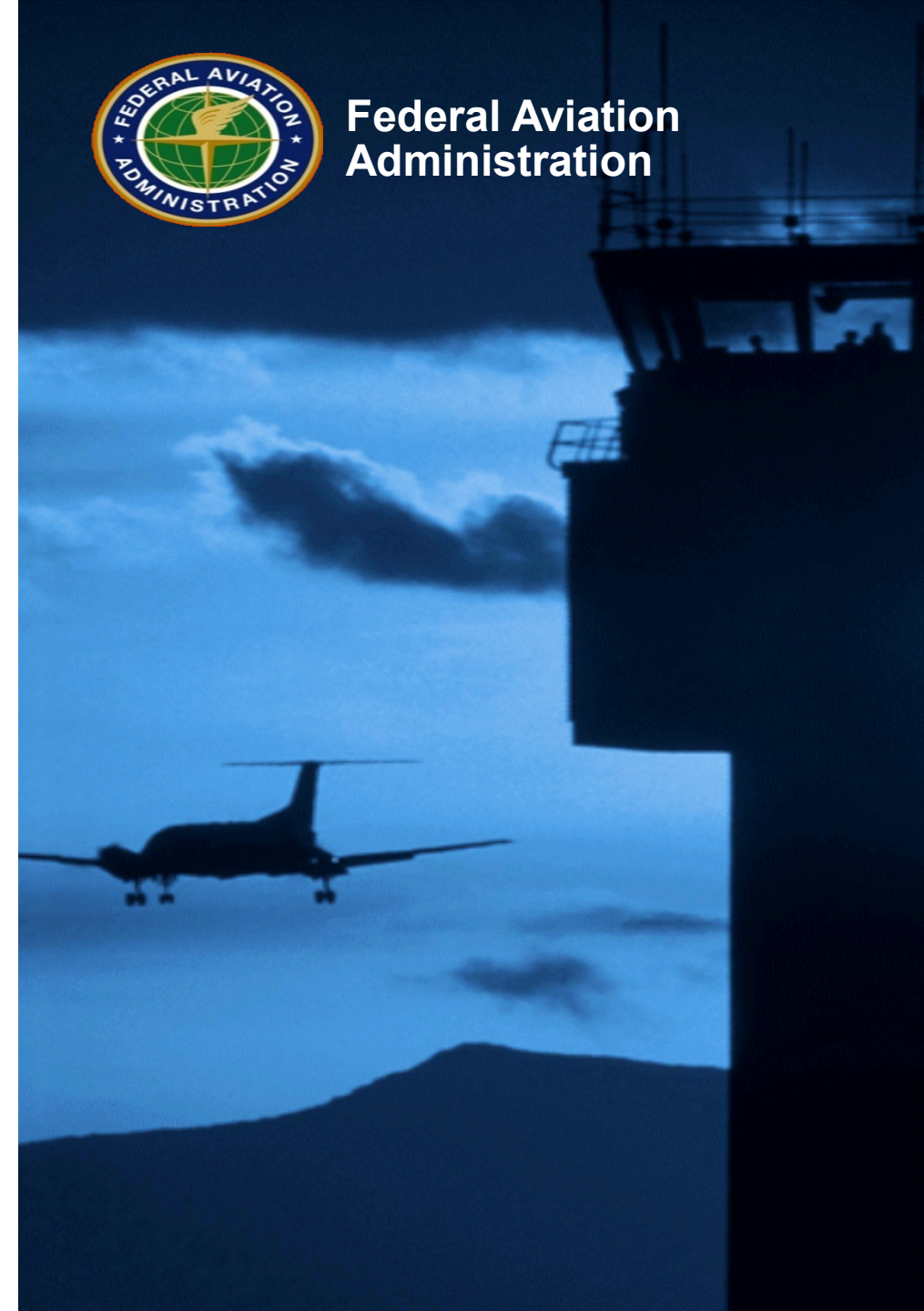
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## Reminder – Procedure for Operator Initiated CPDLC Testing

- Background - an avionics manufacturer recently contacted an ARTCC directly to coordinate CPDLC-related flight testing.
- Reminder - operators and avionics manufacturers should refrain from contacting ATC facilities directly for CPDLC-related test flight requests.
- CPDLC testing in the operational environment comes with additional risks and layers of coordination/approval – may also require levels of Safety Risk Management (SRM) review. **Sending uplinks for the purposes of testing CPDLC in the operational environment is strictly prohibited unless specifically coordinated in advance with the Data Comm Program Office.**
- While this policy has been discussed at past DCIT meetings, some operators and/or avionics manufacturers continue to contact individual ARTCCs to obtain local approval for test flights. While this can be the standard process for coordinating many non-CPDLC related test flights, for CPDLC related test flights, coordination should be directed to the Data Comm Program Office or contact [DCIT@l3harris.com](mailto:DCIT@l3harris.com).

