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January 23, 2023

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Committee on
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Title 49 of the United States Code § 106(t)(7)

Legislative Mandate

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Audit and Evaluation (AAE) submits this Annual Report to Congress in response to Title 49 of the United States Code (49 U.S.C.) § 106(t)(7), titled *Office of Whistleblower Protection and Aviation Safety Investigations*.

This report summarizes the work that the FAA Office of Audit and Evaluation initiated with regard to a number of critical aviation safety activities during Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022). AAE conducted this work in support of the FAA's continuing mission to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world. In addition to conducting investigations under §106(t), AAE performs many other important safety-related investigations, safety oversight activities and Whistleblower Ombudsman consultations. Those who filed reports with AAE, as well as those FAA professionals who provided their subject matter expertise to assist AAE in its work, all demonstrated a strong commitment to safety.

During this reporting period, AAE investigated or oversaw disclosures pertaining to nearly every FAA organizational entity. Many of the allegations contained in these disclosures identified programmatic or operational deficiencies that could have impacted safety directly. In some cases, allegations were substantiated by our investigations, and AAE's recommendations resulted in policy changes and the implementation of noteworthy corrective actions by the FAA. Overall, senior FAA officials were open and receptive in response to AAE's recommendations for improving aviation safety and FAA operations.

In December 2020, as part of the Aircraft Certification, Safety and Accountability Act (the Act), Congress changed the name of the "Aviation Safety Whistleblower Investigation Office," which is ostensibly AAE, to the "Office of Whistleblower Protection and Aviation Safety Investigations." Under the Act, the purpose of this designation was to emphasize the office's role with regard to accountability, aviation safety, and whistleblower protection. The Act also established the position of Whistleblower Ombudsman. FY2022, AAE established the "Office of Whistleblower Ombudsman," and merged existing investigation-related functions under a new office named the "Office of Whistleblower & Aviation Safety Investigations" to meet these statutory requirements. The FAA named an Ombudsman in August 2022.

AAE appreciates the support it has received from senior officials throughout the FAA and the entire U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the DOT Office of Inspector General (OIG), the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), and members of Congress and their staff members during this reporting period. AAE looks forward to continuing this important mission in the coming years.

Safety Oversight, Investigations, and Whistleblower Protection

The AAE's Aviation Safety Whistleblower Investigation Program receives and manages safety disclosures from FAA employees and employees of certificate holders under § 106(t).

Disclosures from FAA personnel that allege safety violations are investigated either by AAE investigators or FAA subject matter experts. AAE, at times in coordination with other FAA subject matter experts, oversees all investigations extensively. Once an investigation is completed, AAE investigators prepare an independent Report of Investigation (ROI) that outlines the findings. AAE provides the ROI to the FAA Administrator and the affected FAA functional organization (*e.g.*, Flight Standards Service, Aircraft Certification, Air Traffic Organization, or Airports) for corrective action, as recommended by AAE. In response, the Administrator provides a formal response to the recommendations, to include any implemented or planned corrective actions.

Although the ultimate responsibility for implementing a corrective action plan falls upon the appropriate FAA functional organization, AAE monitors the implementation of those corrective actions taken as a result of AAE findings to ensure completion of that implementation. AAE also evaluates the effectiveness of those corrective actions.

Significant Activity October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

Ombudsman Consultation

The FAA appointed a Whistleblower Ombudsman in August 2022. Since that appointment, eight FAA employees consulted with the Ombudsman.¹ Of these 8 FAA employees, all but one consulted with the Ombudsman specifically about retaliation for whistleblowing about issues, including those that are non-safety related.² These employees also sought advice on how to handle alleged mismanagement. One matter was referred to the OPR for investigation, and five employees were advised to report their concerns to the OSC. One employee did not continue their communication with the Ombudsman. The last employee chose to address the matter with their program office before pursuing further action through the Ombudsman.

FAA Hotline Operations

Pursuant to FAA Order 1070.1A Change 1, the FAA Hotline receives reports related to unsafe and unauthorized aviation activity that may violate an FAA regulation, order, or any other provision of federal law related to aviation safety; or of fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct

¹ Title 49 of the United States Code § 106(t)(7) requires “the number of whistleblower consultations conducted”.

² Incidents of retaliation and their disposition is specifically the responsibility of the FAA's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) and each individual Line of Business. Therefore, AAE is unable to provide information related to the number of incidents and their disposition.

associated with FAA programs, personnel, organizations, or facilities.³ The FAA Hotline receives reports from FAA employees, the aviation community, law enforcement, and the public via an online web form, email, or mail. Based upon an analysis of all matters submitted to the FAA Hotline in FY2022, there were more than 5,500 referrals to FAA organizations for investigation or other appropriate action.

The table below reflects the number of overall safety-related disclosures handled by AAE pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 106(t).

Number of Safety-Related Disclosures Submitted to AAE in Fiscal Year 2022	
Total Submissions	154
Disclosures referred for investigation	70
Disclosures referred to the safety hotline	35
Disclosures that did not require further investigation ¹	49
Sources of Complaints Referred for Investigation	70
Pilots/Engineers – 18 FAA Employees – 13 Manufacturers – 10 Mechanics – 9 Cabin Crew – 9 Ground Crew - 3 Dispatchers – 2 Others ² – 6	
Investigations Status	70
Violation Determined – 15 No Violation Determined; Investigation Closed – 22 Results determined through voluntary disclosure programs – 1 Under investigation – 25 Report under review – 7	
¹ Further investigation not required because complaint was: not a violation, a duplicate, or previously investigated.	
² Can Include: HR Manager, simulator instructor, safety worker, training manager, simulator manager	

³ FAA Order 1070.1A Change 1 *FAA Hotline Program* available at:
https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Order/1070.1A_w_CHG_1.pdf

Summary of FAA Safety-related Whistleblower Investigations

Tracking Number: IWB22801	Date Received: 10/5/2021
Reporter: FAA Employee Allegation(s): Multiple allegations related to a Certificate Management Office regarding questionable management decisions and regulatory capture.	
Referred To: Office of Audit and Evaluation	
Finding(s): Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22003	Date Received: 10/7/2021
Reporter: Other Allegation(s): Vice President of Maintenance alleged being terminated for reporting concerns about maintenance and Safety Management System interference by Vice President of Operations.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22004	Date Received: 10/13/2021
Reporter: Other Allegation(s): Program Manager reported company failure to follow his guidance on training requirements.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22005	Date Received: 10/14/2021
Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s): Part 135 pilot reported being forced to resign because he refused to operate below minimums.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22006	Date Received: 10/27/2021
Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s): Pilot reported concerns with rolling rest, crew day exceedances, and flight times over ten hours.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): Violation of a regulation, order, or standard. Corrective action completed.	

Tracking Number: EWB22012	Date Received: 11/9/2021
Reporter: Manufacturing Allegation(s): Aviation technician reported being fired for using a malfunctioning gauge provided to him by his supervisor's boss.	
Referred To: Aircraft Certification Service	
Finding(s): No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22014	Date Received: 11/15/2021
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<i>Reporter:</i> Other <i>Allegation(s):</i> Allegation that cargo loading supervisor terminated an employee because the employee reported other employees cheating on Dangerous Goods tests.
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Hazardous Materials Safety
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.

Tracking Number: EWB22015	Date Received: 11/15/2021
Reporter: Mechanic Allegation(s): Mechanic reported lack of required mentorship led to mistakes and his discharge.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22016	<i>Date Received:</i> 11/18/2021
<i>Reporter:</i> Manufacturing <i>Allegation(s):</i> An Organization Designation Authorization Unit Member reported interference with responsibilities.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22019	Date Received: 12/3/2021
Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s): Part 121 pilot reported being terminated for calling in fatigued.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22021	Date Received: 12/7/2021
Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s): Pilot reported being suspended for not operating an unairworthy aircraft.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): Violation of a regulation, order, or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: EWB22024	Date Received: 12/14/2021
Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s): Part 135 Pilot reported being terminated for a Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996 issue.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: EWB22031	Date Received: 12/22/2021
Reporter: Cabin Crewmember Allegation(s): Flight Attendant reported being suspended then terminated as a result of submitting a Fatigue Risk Management Plan (FRMP) disclosure.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	

<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.
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Tracking Number: EWB22032	<i>Date Received:</i> 12/23/2021
<i>Reporter:</i> Cabin Crewmember <i>Allegation(s):</i> Flight Attendant reported being suspended without pay as a result of filing a FRMP report.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22033	<i>Date Received:</i> 12/27/2021
<i>Reporter:</i> Pilot <i>Allegation(s):</i> Pilot reported issues with the preflight checklists and an aircraft without a displayed airworthiness certificate.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22035	<i>Date Received:</i> 1/3/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Cabin Crewmember <i>Allegation(s):</i> Part 121 Flight Attendant reported being terminated for refusing to fly a flight she felt exceeded flight duty limitations.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: EWB22038	<i>Date Received:</i> 1/12/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Mechanic <i>Allegation(s):</i> Repair Station A&P mechanic reported being terminated after reporting corrosion on a keel beam.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22039	<i>Date Received:</i> 1/12/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Manufacturing <i>Allegation(s):</i> Quality Assurance Inspector alleged being terminated after reporting issues with Non-Compliant Reports..	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22041	<i>Date Received:</i> 1/14/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Pilot <i>Allegation(s):</i> Part 121 First Officer alleged being suspended after reporting an unsafe pilot in command.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22043	<i>Date Received:</i> 1/25/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Manufacturing <i>Allegation(s):</i> Production test station manager alleged being terminated for raising serious concerns related to a specific manufacturer's model aircraft.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	

<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	
Tracking Number: EWB22044	<i>Date Received:</i> 1/31/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Other <i>Allegation(s):</i> Repair Station records worker alleged being terminated for reporting supervisor's drug use and inaccurate maintenance records .	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Reported issues are being resolved through the operator's voluntary disclosure program.	

Tracking Number: EWB22046	<i>Date Received:</i> 2/2/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Manufacturing <i>Allegation(s):</i> Manufacturer failed to maintain a quality system; Manufacturer retaliated for reporting Manufacturer's alleged violations in various contexts. Manufacturer misled the FAA about its application for a production certificate.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: DI-20-000577	<i>Date Received:</i> 2/4/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> FAA Employee <i>Allegation(s):</i> FAA officials overlooked numerous, serious safety shortcomings with respect to passenger air carrier.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Recommendation for corrective action was accepted and corrective action is ongoing.	

Tracking Number: DI-20-000578	<i>Date Received:</i> 2/4/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> FAA Employee <i>Allegation(s):</i> FAA officials overlooked numerous, serious safety shortcomings with respect to passenger air carrier.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Recommendation for corrective action was accepted and is ongoing..	

Tracking Number: DI-20-000672	<i>Date Received:</i> 2/4/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> FAA Employee <i>Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported FAA officials overlooked numerous, serious safety shortcomings with respect to passenger air carrier.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Recommendation for corrective action was accepted and is ongoing	

Tracking Number: DI-20-000694	<i>Date Received:</i> 2/4/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> FAA Employee <i>Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported FAA officials overlooked numerous, serious safety shortcomings with respect to passenger air carrier.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Recommendation for corrective action was accepted and is ongoing.	

Tracking Number: DI-21-000728	<i>Date Received: 2/4/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> FAA Employee <i>Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported FAA officials have failed to ensure that airlines are operating in compliance with FAA policy and safety regulations.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Investigation complete. Responsible office reviewing investigation findings and recommendations..	

Tracking Number: DI-20-000330	<i>Date Received: 2/4/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> FAA Employee <i>Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported managers at a Flight Standards District Office have failed to provide proper safety oversight of helicopter tour operations in accordance with FAA regulations.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Investigation complete. Responsible office reviewing investigation findings and recommendations.	

Tracking Number: EWB22050	<i>Date Received: 2/8/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> Manufacturing <i>Allegation(s):</i> Manufacturer improperly removed in-process quality inspections.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: EWB22052	<i>Date Received: 2/9/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> Cabin Crewmember <i>Allegation(s):</i> Flight Attendant alleged being terminated from the company for calling in fatigued and believes the company violated the Fatigue Risk Management program.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22053	<i>Date Received: 2/11/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> Pilot <i>Allegation(s):</i> Helicopter Emergency Medical Services check airman reported being fired by employer for expressing concerns about the proficiency of the new Director of Operations/Chief Pilot and falsification of currency information.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: IWB22803	<i>Date Received: 2/14/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> FAA Employee <i>Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported FAA management decisions at a Certificate Management Office allowed a passenger air carrier to operate in violation of federal aviation regulations.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22055	<i>Date Received: 2/16/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s):</i> Part 121 pilot refused to operate an aircraft with multiple repeat write-ups that had not been properly repaired.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: IWB22802	<i>Date Received: 2/17/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: FAA Employee Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported misuse of confidential complainant information and the hotline password.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> ROI completed. Recommendations made to Aviation Safety and the Flight Standards Service are in progress.	

Tracking Number: EWB22061	<i>Date Received: 2/24/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s):</i> Pilot reported being terminated for reporting a pilot in command who brought a large knife on a flight.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: EWB22064	<i>Date Received: 3/1/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s):</i> Pilot reported training program deficiencies and intentional operations in excess of maximum aircraft allowable speeds.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: IWB22804	<i>Date Received: 3/2/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: FAA Employee Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported FAA management in the Office of Safety Standards negated safety concerns from Aviation Safety Inspectors.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Investigation complete. Responsible office reviewing investigation findings and recommendations.	

Tracking Number: EWB22066	<i>Date Received: 3/7/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Cabin Crewmember Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported numerous safety discrepancies and was terminated after telling company they were going to FAA with information.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22070	<i>Date Received: 3/9/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s):</i> Training captain, flying as second-in-command, alleged being terminated after reporting to the company that the pilot-in-command overloaded the aircraft.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: EWB22071	<i>Date Received: 3/9/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Airport Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Specialist Allegation(s):</i> ARFF specialist reporting safety violations.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Airports	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22077	<i>Date Received: 3/21/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Cabin Crewmember Allegation(s):</i> Lead cabin crew instructor alleged being demoted for refusing to pass an unqualified candidate.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22082	<i>Date Received: 4/6/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Dispatcher / Flight Follower Allegation(s):</i> Part 121 dispatcher alleged being terminated after reporting violations of 14 CFR § 121.11 to the company.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22080	<i>Date Received: 4/28/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Manufacturing Allegation(s):</i> Manufacturing technician reported being terminated for reporting a lack of operable testing materials.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22092	<i>Date Received: 5/10/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Manufacturing Allegation(s):</i> Mechanic alleged being fired after reporting improper use of a rivet tool on hi-lites.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22093	<i>Date Received: 5/18/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Mechanic Allegation(s):</i> Two mechanics reported being terminated for raising safety issues.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22094	<i>Date Received: 5/26/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s):</i> Pilot reported being forced to quit due to submitting an FAA safety complaint.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Violation of a regulation, order or standard. Corrective and/or enforcement action pending.	

Tracking Number: EWB22096	<i>Date Received: 5/26/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Ground Crew Allegation(s):</i> Ground Handler reported being fired for reporting improper luggage loading for flights.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22097	<i>Date Received: 5/31/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s):</i> Captain reported employer's culture of intimidation and possible Aviation Safety Action Program Memorandum of Understanding violation.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22099	<i>Date Received: 6/8/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Pilot Allegation(s):</i> Pilot reported being blacklisted after raising concerns about a chief pilot's indifference to federal aviation regulations and drug/alcohol use.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service and Office of Aerospace Medicine	
<i>Finding(s):</i> No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22102	<i>Date Received: 6/9/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Dispatcher / Flight Follower Allegation(s):</i> Dispatcher reported safety issues and was given a negative job review.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: DI-22-000520	<i>Date Received: 6/10/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: FAA Employee Allegation(s):</i> Employee reported FAA has not ensured certificate holders have interchange agreements in place when operating the same aircraft.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Office of Audit and Evaluation	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Investigation Complete. Responsible office reviewing investigation findings and recommendations.	

Tracking Number: EWB22104	<i>Date Received: 6/15/2022</i>
<i>Reporter: Cabin Crewmember Allegation(s):</i> Flight Attendant reported being removed from a flight after reporting the other Flight Attendant's regulatory non-compliance to the captain.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22105	Date Received: 6/19/2022
Reporter: Mechanic Allegation(s): Contract mechanic alleged being fired for insisting on following the Aircraft Maintenance Manual for a horizontal stabilizer pin replacement.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): No violation of a regulation, order, or standard.	

Tracking Number: EWB22109	Date Received: 6/27/2022
Reporter: Mechanic Allegation(s): Mechanic reported lack of training and harassment from supervisors for their failure to cut corners.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: DI-22-000535	Date Received: 7/1/2022
Reporter: FAA Employee Allegation(s): FAA employee reported that the FAA failed to ensure that Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools (AMTS) conduct only FAA-approved distance learning courses.	
Referred To: Office of Audit and Evaluation	
Finding(s): Investigation Complete. Responsible office reviewing investigation findings and recommendations.	

Tracking Number: DI-22-000586	Date Received: 7/1/2022
Reporter: FAA Employee Allegation(s): FAA employee reported that the FAA failed to ensure that foreign corporations who own aircraft are in compliance with 14 CFR § 47.9.	
Referred To: Office of Audit and Evaluation	
Finding(s): Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22110	Date Received: 12:00:00 AM
Reporter: Mechanic Allegation(s): Mechanic reported a single failure to follow work card and Aircraft Maintenance Manual guidance.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22113	Date Received: 7/12/2022
Reporter: Mechanic Allegation(s): Technician reported being formally disciplined after raising safety concerns with aircraft radars.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	
Finding(s): Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22114	Date Received: 7/12/2022
Reporter: Bottle Technician Allegation(s): Bottle technician reported improper maintenance / documentation for emergency evacuation slide bottles.	
Referred To: Flight Standards Service	

<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.

Tracking Number: EWB22120	<i>Date Received:</i> 8/10/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Cabin Crewmember <i>Allegation(s):</i> Flight Attendant reported being suspended after being assaulted by a passenger on a flight.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: EWB22122	<i>Date Received:</i> 8/12/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Ground Crew <i>Allegation(s):</i> Ground handler alleged being fired after six months for reporting ground equipment safety deficiencies and a lack of training.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220824-120	<i>Date Received:</i> 8/24/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Manufacturing <i>Allegation(s):</i> Manufacturing supervisor reported concerns about the process of straightening wire.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220825-125	<i>Date Received:</i> 8/25/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Pilot <i>Allegation(s):</i> Pilot reporting being dismissed for reporting safety issues at his company.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220825-152	<i>Date Received:</i> 8/25/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Air Carrier Contractor <i>Allegation(s):</i> Air Carrier Contractor reported being terminated for reporting air carrier training violations to management.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220827-192	<i>Date Received:</i> 8/27/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Pilot <i>Allegation(s):</i> Pilot reported improper maintenance.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220831-288	<i>Date Received:</i> 8/31/2022
<i>Reporter:</i> Pilot <i>Allegation(s):</i> Pilot reported simulator training program in violation of FAA Order 8900.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220907-455	<i>Date Received: 9/7/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> Cabin Crewmember <i>Allegation(s):</i> Cabin Crewmember alleged being retaliated against for enforcing federal aviation regulations.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220908-472	<i>Date Received: 9/8/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> Manufacturing <i>Allegation(s):</i> Independent contractor reported the current generation of the product known as the GARDsert may not have been tested and approved for use in the aviation industry.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Aircraft Certification Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220908-479	<i>Date Received: 9/8/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> Ground Crew <i>Allegation(s):</i> Ground handler alleged improper training which led to a push-back incident and a negative performance entry.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

Tracking Number: AAE-EWB-20220930-054	<i>Date Received: 9/30/2022</i>
<i>Reporter:</i> Mechanic <i>Allegation(s):</i> Director of Maintenance for a repair station reported being terminated for raising safety concerns.	
<i>Referred To:</i> Flight Standards Service	
<i>Finding(s):</i> Under investigation.	

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