Final Documents/Your Two Cents—September 2026

This list includes Federal Register (FR) publications such as rules, Advisory Circulars (ACs), policy statements and related material of interest to ARSA members. The date shown is the date of FR publication or other official release. Proposals opened for public comment represent your chance to provide input on rules and policies that will affect you. Agencies must provide the public notice and an opportunity for comment before their rules or policies change. Your input matters. Comments should be received before the indicated due date; however, agencies often consider comments they receive before drafting of the final document begins.
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Sept 1, 2026

THE WHITE HOUSE

Executive Orders

ESTABLISHING THE UNITED STATES SPACE ACADEMY
Section 1. Purpose and Policy. Space is a critical domain for American national security, economic growth, scientific discovery, and technological innovation. American superiority in space depends on the strength, skill, and character of those who explore, secure, and build the industries critical to it.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

FAA Announces Key Demonstrations with the First Remotely-Piloted Hybrid-Electric Flight for Cargo Shipment
The FAA announced that Elroy and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development conducted a hybrid-electric demonstration flight to test cargo deliveries using remotely piloted aircraft at Houma-Terrebonne Airport in Louisiana. This is the first remotely piloted aircraft test flight under the FAA's eVTOL Integration Pilot Program (eIPP).

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Airbus Helicopters
Published 09/01/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8790; Effective date 10/16/2026
This proposed AD would continue to require the actions in AD 2025-08-06 and would increase the compliance time for installing the improved MGB fan rotor bearing

assembly. This proposed AD would also prohibit installing any MGB fan rotor bearings and any MGB fan rotor bearing assembly, unless certain requirements are met.

Final Rule: **Amendment of Class D Airspace and Class E Airspace Over New Haven, CT**
Published 09/01/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-9967 Effective date 10/16/2026
This action proposes to amend Class D and Class E airspace over New Haven, CT.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Flight Standards Service Information for Operators (InFO)

InFO: **Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Managed Flight Operations Evaluation Board (FOEB).**
Issued 09/01/2026 InFO #: 26014
This InFO provides information to industry on recent updates to the OEM Managed FOEB process.

Notices

Notice: **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Texas Woman's University**
Published 09/01/2026 Document #: 2026-17883 Comments due 09/21/2026
Description of Relief Sought: Texas Woman's University requests relief from § 61.160 to allow students who were enrolled their first year during the 2024-2025 academic year to qualify for a Restricted ATP (R-ATP) certificate. The requested relief is based on the university's Letter of Authorization (LOA), which was issued in August 2025, before the start of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Notice: **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology**
Published 09/01/2026 Document #: 2026-17880 Comments due 09/21/2026
Description of Relief Sought: Wichita State Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology (WSU) is seeking relief from § 61.160(c) to allow for 31 students enrolled, enrolled its Applied Associates of Science in Professional Flight program who completed required training and coursework prior to its Letter of Authorization (LOA) dated October 18, 2024. WSU requests an exemption regarding the effective date of the LOA for students who completed courses from August 2023 to October 2024.

Sept 2, 2026

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

FAA Proposes $67,500 Fine Against MIA Solutions, LLC for Alleged Violation of Hazardous Materials Regulations

The FAA alleges that in October 2024, MIA Solutions offered a total of 17 shipments of JBL Endurance Race Bluetooth Earbuds containing lithium-ion batteries to DHL Express for transportation by air. Lithium-ion batteries are classified as a hazardous material.

FAA Grants Commercial Operating Certificate to Washington Manassas Airport

Part 139 Airport Operating Certificates are issued to airports that demonstrate compliance with multiple federal safety standards including runway and taxiway pavement conditions, aircraft rescue and firefighting, emergency planning, wildlife hazard management and personnel training.

FAA Regulations

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes

Published 09/02/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-8794 Comments due10/19/2026

This proposed AD would continue to require the actions in AD 2021-17-07 and expand the applicability.

NPRM: Establishment of Special Air Traffic Rules in the Vicinity of President Donald J. Trump International Airport (DJT)

Published 09/02/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-10827 Comments due 10/02/2026

FAA proposes to implement certain Special Air Traffic Rules in the airspace in the vicinity of the President Donald J. Trump International Airport (DJT), formerly Palm Beach International Airport (PBI). U.S. Secret Service (USSS) requested FAA restrict aircraft operations in the vicinity of President Trump's Florida non-Governmental property.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Orders

Order: Airspace Designations and Reporting Points

Issued 09/01/2026 Document #: JO 7400.11M

This order is published annually, which is incorporated by reference, to add all amendments to the listings of Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas; air traffic service routes; and reporting points as published by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as final rules in the Federal Register.

Order: Enterprise Information Display System
Issued 09/01/2026 Document #: JO 7210.638
This order defines management responsibilities for the use of the Enterprise Information Display System (E-IDS).

Sept 3, 2026

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

Duffy Announces Milestone in Air Traffic Control Overhaul with Deployment of Surface Safety Technology
Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced that the FAA installed the 100th Surface Awareness Initiative (SAI)—an aircraft and vehicle surveillance tool—reaching nearly half of the 220 airports set to receive the system.

DOT Regulations

DOT Final Rules

Final Rule: Cause of Airline Delay and Cancellation Categories Under Section 511(b) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024
Published 09/03/2026 Docket #: OST-2026-1257 Effective date 10/19/2026
The U.S. Department of Transportation (Department or DOT) is amending its regulations governing how air carriers report the causes of flight cancellations and delays. This action implements Section 511(b) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, which mandates that ten specific types of events be excluded from the "Air Carrier" causal reporting code.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/03/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8793 Effective date 09/18/2026
This AD requires repetitive detailed visual inspections (DVIs) of the affected parts and applicable corrective actions. This AD also provides a one-time special detailed inspection (SDI) as a terminating action for the repetitive inspections.

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/03/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8787 Effective date 09/18/2026

This AD requires an inspection of the fasteners in the affected areas and corrective actions if necessary.

AD: **ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional Airplanes**
Published 09/03/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8792; Effective date 09/18/2026
This AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate a new airworthiness limitation.

AD: **Pratt & Whitney Division Engines**
Published 09/03/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-2724 Effective date 10/18/2026
This AD requires visually inspecting the HPC drum rotor disk assembly for incorrect shot peen coverage and, depending on the results of the inspection, replacing the HPC drum rotor disk assembly with a part eligible for installation. This AD also requires removing and replacing certain HPC drum rotor disk assemblies before reaching certain life limits.

Final Rule: **Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments**
Published 09/03/2026 Docket #: 31681 Effective date 09/03/2026
This rule establishes, amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPS) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure procedures (ODPs) for operations at certain airports. See chart below.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: **Airbus SAS Airplanes**
Published 09/03/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8795 Comments due 10/19/2026
This proposed AD would require, for certain airplanes, replacement of certain fire panels, and for certain other airplanes, a general visual inspection of certain fire panels, and applicable on-condition actions.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: **Request for Comments on Midway Atoll Airport/Henderson Airfield (MDY); Extension of Comment Period**
Published 09/03/2026 Document #: 2026-8185] Comments due 09/22/2026
On July 24, 2026, the FAA published a notice seeking public comments regarding Midway Atoll Airport/Henderson Airfield (MDY).

Notice: **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Aviation Technician Education Council**

Published 09/03/2026 Document #: 2026-9274 Comments due 09/23/2026
The Aviation Technician Education Council (ATEC) seeks an exemption from § 65.75(c) to permit ATEC individual members who have earned the ATEC General Aviation Maintenance Credential (the "Credential") to take the FAA Aviation Mechanic General written knowledge test within 12 months of receiving the Credential.

Notice: **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; GenFams Ltd.**
Published 09/03/2026 Document #: 2026-7670 Comments due 09/23/2026
Description of Relief Sought: GenFams, Ltd. (GenFams) seeks an exemption from Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations §§ 147.5, 147.13, 147.17, 147.19, and 147.23 to allow GenFams to operate as an online aviation maintenance technical school under part 147 utilizing online, asynchronous general familiarization training. GenFams proposes to operate without a physical hangar or live training aids (using digital simulations instead), and with an alternative curriculum mapping based on Air Transport Association (ATA) chapters, a modified student-to-instructor ratio of 50:1 for asynchronous courses, and a fully digital quality control system.

Notice: **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; HeliService USA**
Published 09/03/2026 Document #: 2026-7167; Comments due 09/23/2026
Description of Relief Sought: Petitioner seeks relief from the requirement to establish and operate a fully staffed operations control center with certified operations control specialists as prescribed in § 135.619. Petitioner seeks relief from § 135.619 as six of their ten aircraft serve in helicopter air ambulance operations with the four remaining aircraft available for helicopter air ambulance operations in a secondary role without advanced planning.

Draft Flight Standardization Board/Operational Suitability Report

FSB: **FSBR EMB-505 Rev 7, Embraer S.A. EMB-505**
Updated 09/03/2026 Revision 7 Draft X Comments due 09/16/2026

Sept 4, 2026

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

Duffy Invests $481 Million Ahead of Labor Day Weekend to Improve Airport Infrastructure Across U.S.
U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy today announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is investing $481 million to improve infrastructure and enhance safety at airports across America ahead of a busy Labor Day travel weekend.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Final Rule: Revocation of Class E Airspace; Point Pleasant, WV
Published 09/04/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-7824 Effective date 12/24/2026
This action revokes the Class E airspace at Point Pleasant, WV.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM: Establishment of Class E Airspace Over Hardy, VA
Published 09/04/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-10543 Comments due 10/19/2026
This action proposes to establish new Class E airspace over Hardy, VA.

NPRM: Establishment of Class E Airspace Over Lexington, VA
Published 09/04/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-10544 Comments due 10/19/2026
This action proposes to establish new Class E airspace over Lexington, VA.

NPRM: Modernizing Medical Standards for Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus Cases
Published 09/04/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-10990 Comments due 10/05/2026
FAA proposes to amend its regulations to allow applicants with non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus to apply for airman medical certification that may be issued at the time of their medical examination instead of requiring Special Issuance review by FAA.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments; Clearance of a New Approval of Information Collection: Safety Management System Voluntary Program
Published 09/04/2026 Document #: 2026-18143 Comments due 10/05/2026
The collection involves collecting safety data from FAA Flight Standards Service, Safety Management System Voluntary Program participants. The collection is necessary to evaluate participating certificate holders and their compliance with voluntary program requirements.

Notice: Notice of Availability on the Final Tiered Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for SpaceX Starship Reentry Contingency Operations in the Pacific Ocean and Additional Starship Landing Trajectory

Published 09/04/2026 Document #: 2026-18135
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), DOT Order 5610.1D, *DOT's Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts,* and FAA Order 1050.1G, *FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures,* the FAA is announcing the availability of the Final Tiered Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision for SpaceX Starship Reentry Contingency Operations in the Pacific Ocean and Additional Starship Landing Trajectory (Final Tiered EA and FONSI/ROD).

Sept 8, 2026

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS)

FSIMS: Change 1057 to 8900.1
Issued 09/01/2026
Explanation of Policy Changes. This change incorporates new information into Volume 2,
Chapter 11, Section 10. This change adds guidance to address the updated repair station personnel certification and qualification requirements under 14 CFR part 65 subparts D and E.

Sept 9, 2026

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/09/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8800 Comments due 10/26/2026
This proposed AD would require, depending on airplane configuration, modifying the hydraulic monitoring and control application (HMCA), accomplishing applicable concurrent requirements, revising the existing airplane flight manual (AFM), and replacing affected parts. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of affected parts and prohibit the installation of certain HMCA software.

NPRM AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/09/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8799 Comments due 10/26/2026
This proposed AD would continue to require the actions in AD 2023-07-02 and would expand the list of affected parts. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of affected parts under certain conditions.

NPRM AD: Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes
Published 09/09/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8797 Comments due 10/26/2026
This proposed AD would require an inspection of the fasteners and fastener holes at rib 6 for discrepancies and applicable on-condition actions.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Orders

Order: Foreign ICAO Three Letter Designator (3LD) and Telephony Designator Additions, Modifications, and Deletions (excluding U.S.)
Issued 09/09/2026 Document #: JO 7340.928
This notice modifies FAA Order JO 7340.2, Contractions, Chapter 3, Sections 1, 2, and 3, ICAO Aircraft Company/Telephony/Three-Letter Designator.

Sept 10, 2026

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

Transportation Department Launches New SPACE Task Force to Unleash Commercial Space Innovation
Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy today launched the Space Policy Administration, Coordination, and Execution (SPACE) Task Force–an intradepartmental body that will coordinate space policy activities on behalf of the Department.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: International Aero Engines AG Engines; Correction
Published 09/10/2026 Docket #: FAA-2025-2555 Effective date 09/24/2026
The FAA is correcting an airworthiness directive (AD) that was published in the **Federal Register** . That AD applies to certain International Aero Engines AG (IAE AG) Model V2522-A5, V2524-A5, V2525-D5, V2527-A5, V2527E-A5, V2527M-A5, V2528-D5, V2530-A5, V2531-E5, and V2533-A5 engines. As published, paragraph (g) of the regulatory text contains a typographical error.

Final Rule: Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Clovis, NM, and Portales, NM

Published 09/10/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-3238 Effective date 12/24/2026
This action amends the Class D and Class E airspace at Clovis, NM, and establishes Class E airspace at Clovis, NM, and Portales, NM.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Bell Textron Canada Limited Helicopters
Published 09/10/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8798 Comments due 10/26/2026
This proposed AD would require replacing any tailcone assembly that has exceeded a certain life limit. Also, this proposed AD would require inspecting the tailcone assembly for gaps, and repetitively inspecting the tailcone assembly for loose, damaged, or missing fasteners. Depending on the results of these inspections, this proposed AD would require conducting further inspections and corrective actions.

NPRM AD: Bell Textron Canada Limited Helicopters
Published 09/10/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8796; Comments due 10/26/2026
This proposed AD would require revising the Limitations section of the existing rotorcraft flight manual (RFM) for the helicopter to include a never-exceed-speed (V_{NE}) limitation and would require incorporating a rotorcraft flight manual supplement (RFMS) into the existing RFM.

NPRM AD: Dassault Aviation Airplanes
Published 09/10/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8801 Comments due 10/26/2026
This proposed AD would require modifying or replacing each affected seat. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of affected seats.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Special Airworthiness Information Bulletins (SAIB)

SAIB: Forward Pressure Bulkhead
Issued 09/09/2026 SAIB #: 2026-15
This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) informs owners and operators of cracking and missing rivets along the forward pressure bulkhead on Ontic Engineering and Manufacturing Inc. (Ontic) SA226 and SA227 series airplanes.

Notices

Notice: Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: International Role of the Federal Aviation Administration

Published 09/10/2026 Document #: 2026-18474 Comments due 10/13/2026
This document describes and solicits comments on a request (to renew/for) information collection activity concerning (topic from title) that the (agency abbreviation) has submitted to the OMB.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Press Releases

NTSB Issues Investigative Update on B-767 Runway Excursion Accident in Miami
The National Transportation Safety Board is providing the following update on its investigation into the Sept. 6 runway excursion accident involving 21 Air Flight 7598, a Boeing 767-33A cargo airplane, at Miami International Airport.

Sept 11, 2026

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

Duffy Celebrates Launch of Federal eVTOL Pilot Program in Texas to Unlock the Future of Flight
Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy was in Texas today to celebrate the state's first demonstration of its next-generation aircraft under USDOT's Advanced Air Mobility Integration Pilot Program (eIPP)–making Texas the sixth location to launch under the Department's initiative.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Dassault Aviation Airplanes
Published 09/11/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-4662 Effective date 10/16/2026
This AD continues to require certain actions in AD 2023-22-12 and requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations.

AD: Dassault Aviation Airplanes
Published 09/11/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-4663 Effective date 10/16/2026
This AD continues to require certain actions in AD 2023-23-06 and requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations.

AD: Gulfstream Aerospace LP (Type Certificate Previously Held by Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd.) Airplanes
Published 09/11/2026 Docket #: FAA 2026-4654 Effective date 10/16/2026
This AD continues to require actions in AD 2025-15-04 and requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations.

AD: Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Engines
Published 09/11/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-2287 Effective date 10/16/2026
This AD requires initial and repetitive UIs of the affected LPC blades for sub-surface anomalies and, depending on the results of the UIs, replacement with a part eligible for installation.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/11/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8806 Comments due 10/26/2026
This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

FAA Legal Interpretations

Legal Interpretation: Subject
Issued M/D/YYYY Regulation/Order #: ##
This legal interpretation responds to a question asking ….

Special Airworthiness Information Bulletins (SAIB)

SAIB: Elevator Control System
Issued 09/10/2026 SAIB #: 2026-16
This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin advises owners, operators, and maintenance technicians of Textron Aviation Inc. (type certificate formerly held by Beechcraft Corporation, Hawker Beechcraft, Raytheon Aircraft, and Beech Aircraft Corporation) Model 99, 99A, 99A (FACH), A99, A99A, B99, C99, 100, A100, and B100 airplanes of the potential for corrosion in the elevator torque shafts.

Notices

Notice: Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Property Release at the Mobile Regional Airport Mobile, Alabama

Published 09/11/2026 Document #: 2026-18566 Comments due 10/13/2026
The FAA is considering a request from the Mobile Airport Authority (MAA) to waive the requirement that 0.4034± acres of airport property located in the northern area of the Mobile Regional Airport and along the northeast corner of Foster Road and Tanner Williams Road in Mobile, Alabama, be used for aeronautical purposes.

Notice: **Petition for Authorization To Exceed Mach 1**
Published 09/11/2026 Document #: 2026-18523 Comments due 08/20/2026
Description of Relief Sought: Hermeus Corporation seeks relief to allow certain flight tests to exceed Mach 1.

Notice: **Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Federal Aviation Regulation Part 119-Certification: Air Carriers and Commercial Operators**
Published 09/11/2026 Document #: 2026-18598 Comments due 11/10/2026
The FAA will use the information it collects and reviews to ensure compliance and adherence to regulations and, if necessary, to take enforcement action on violators of the regulations.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Guidance documents

Notices

Notice: **Office of the Managing Director: Chief Data Officer; Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2030 Strategic Plan**
Published 09/11/2026 Document #: 2026-18577
The NTSB announces the availability of the following publication: “NTSB FY 2026-2030 Strategic Plan”.

Sept 14, 2026

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

FAA Proposes $77,750 Fine Against TiendaMIA Xipron, Inc. for Alleged Violation of Hazardous Materials Regulations
The FAA alleges that in November 2024, TiendaMIA offered to a freight broker multiple pallets of an undeclared shipment that consisted, in part, of “EcoFlow River 2 Portable Power Stations” containing 256 watt-hour lithium-ion batteries. The freight broker then

forwarded the shipment to Avianca Cargo Air for transportation by air. Lithium-ion batteries are classified as a hazardous material.

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Final Rule: Sport Pilot Practical Test Standards Alignment
Published 09/14/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2025-3519 Effective date 09/14/2026
FAA revises certain regulations governing airman certification and incorporates three updated sport pilot practical test standards (PTS) by reference. The rule aligns the airman testing standards with newly adopted regulatory requirements in the *Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification* (MOSAIC) final rule related to the certification of sport pilots and operation of light-sport category aircraft and updates the PTS to improve airman certification standard materials.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/14/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8804 Comments due 10/29/2026
This proposed AD would continue to require the actions in AD 2024-26-06 and would require additional work for certain airplanes.

NPRM AD: Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes
Published 09/14/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8808 Comments due 10/29/2026
This proposed AD would require revising the existing airplane flight manual (AFM) to change the procedure for the AP STAB TRIM FAIL (C) advisory message from a non-normal procedure to an emergency procedure to provide the flightcrew with emergency procedures to follow to stabilize airspeed in certain conditions.

NPRM AD: CFM International, S.A. Engines
Published 09/14/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8803 Comments due 10/29/2026
This proposed AD would require initial and repetitive borescope inspections (BSIs) of the rotating air HPT front seal for cracks and, depending on the results, replacement with a part eligible for installation. This proposed AD would also require removal and replacement of the affected HPT inner stationary seal. This proposed AD would also require inspection of the affected HPT inner stationary seal for honeycomb separation and, depending on the results of the inspection, removal and replacement of the rotating air HPT front seal, HPT rotor blades, and No. 3 ball bearing.

NPRM AD: Dassault Aviation Airplanes
Published 09/14/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8805 Comments due 10/29/2026

This proposed AD would require an inspection of each affected seat for discrepancies and applicable on-condition actions. This proposed AD would also limit the installation of affected seats under certain conditions.

NPRM: **Use of Certain Restricted Category Aircraft for the Transport of Firefighters for Wildfire Suppression**
Published 09/14/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-10991 Comments due 11/13/2026
FAA is evaluating a future amendment to its regulations to permit firefighters to be transported to and from the site of a wildfire aboard certain restricted category aircraft when the purpose of that transportation is to permit those firefighters to perform ground wildfire suppression.

Sept 15, 2026

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

Duffy Delivers $1.1 Billion to Upgrade Airports, Including Equipping Runway Vehicles with Transmitters
The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is delivering 280 grants to airports in 46 states and three territories through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), including:

- **$43 million** to 12 airports for noise mitigation projects.
- **$30.7 million** to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport for runway reconstruction.
- **$18.9 million** to Shreveport Regional Airport in Louisiana for terminal expansion.
- **$11.5 million** to Mankato Regional Airport in Minnesota for a new contract tower.
- **$10.9 million** to equip 3,000 airport vehicles with VMATs at 61 airports to help air traffic controllers track vehicles on runways and taxiways.
- **$2 million** to McAllen International Airport in Texas for a terminal expansion that includes baggage claim, restrooms, nursing stations, and ticketing counters.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: **MD Helicopters, LLC Helicopters**
Published 09/15/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2025-3987 Effective date 10/20/2026
This AD continues to require the actions of AD 2024-23-06 and expands the applicability.

AD: **Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes**

Published 09/15/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-4632 Effective date 10/20/2026
This AD requires modification of the airplane and replacement of the affected SSR with a serviceable part.

Final Rule: **Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace Over Hyannis, MA**
Published 09/15/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-10899 Effective date 12/24/2026
This action updates the airport name for Cape Cod Gateway Airport in the Falmouth, MA Class E5 airspace legal description.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: **Airbus Defence and Space GmbH Airplanes**
Published 09/15/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8802 Comments due 10/30/2026
This proposed AD would require repetitive inspections of the rudder drive, corrective actions including replacement if corrosion is detected and the application of a corrosion inhibitor. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of affected parts.

NPRM: **Amendment of Class E Airspace Over Pittsfield, ME**
Published 09/15/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-11422 Comments due 10/30/2026
This action proposes to amend E airspace over Pittsfield, ME.

NPRM: **Modification of Class D and Class E Airspace Areas; Roberts Field/Redmond Municipal Airport, Redmond, OR**
Published 09/15/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2025-5141 Comments due 10/30/2026
This action proposes to modify the Class D and Class E airspace area designated as a surface area, modify the Class E airspace area designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area, and modify the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Roberts Field/Redmond Municipal Airport, Redmond, OR

NPRM: **Establishment of United States Area Navigation Route T-337 and Amendment of Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range Federal Airways V-101 and V-484 Near Twin Falls, ID**
Published 09/15/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-11287 Comments due 10/30/2026
This action proposes to establish United States Area Navigation (RNAV) route T-337 and amend Very High Frequency (VHF) Omnidirectional Range (VOR) federal airways V-101 and V-484 near Twin Falls, ID.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Flight Standards Service Information for Operators (InFO)

InFO: Inspections per Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 43, § 43.3.
Issued 09/15/2026 InFO #: 26015
The FAA website could not provide further information at this time.

Sept 16, 2026

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes
Published 09/16/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-8810 Comments due 11/02/2026
This proposed AD would require a detailed visual inspection of the affected bracket assembly for signs of fuel leakage and for the presence of fillet seal and fastener dome seal, and applicable on-condition actions.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Volatus Aerospace US Corp
Published 09/16/2026 Document #: 2026-9077 Comments due 10/06/2026
Description of Relief Sought: Volatus Aerospace US Corp requests an exemption to operate the FlyingBasket SRL FB3 unmanned aircraft system (UAS), weighing over 55 pounds (lbs.) but no more than 393.50 lbs., to demonstrate and conduct external-load, cargo-lift, and telecommunications infrastructure support operations.

Sept 17, 2026

FAA Final Rules

AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/17/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-7201 Effective date 10/22/2026
This AD requires, for certain affected parts, modification of the affected part, and for certain other affected parts, repetitive special detailed inspections (SDIs) for discrepancies and, depending on findings, modification of the affected part. This AD also prohibits a certain repair on any affected part and limits the installation of affected parts under certain conditions.

AD: Bell Textron Canada Limited Helicopters
Published 09/17/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-4658 Effective date 10/22/2026
This AD requires verifying the tail cone assembly part number and, if necessary, replacing the incorrect tail cone assembly identification plate with a new tail cone assembly identification plate containing the correct P/N and updating the existing log book or equivalent record for the helicopter.

AD: The Boeing Company Airplanes
Published 09/17/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-1329 Effective date 10/22/2026
This AD requires an X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometer inspection to identify the material composition of the cargo track crown fittings or replacement of all cargo track crown fittings with new cargo track crown fittings, and applicable on-condition actions.

AD: The Boeing Company Airplanes
Published 09/17/2026 Docket #: FAA-2025-3439 Effective date 10/22/2026
This AD requires inspections for existing repairs; an inspection for any crack of the fuselage skin, bear strap, and stub frame; repetitive inspections for any crack of the bear strap and stub frame; and applicable on-condition actions.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/17/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8812 Comments due 11/02/2026
This proposed AD would require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations.

NPRM AD: ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional Airplanes
Published 09/17/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8813 Comments due 11/02/2026
This proposed AD would require a leakage test of certain landing gear selector valves (LGSVs) and replacement, as applicable. This proposed AD would also limit the installation of affected parts under certain conditions.

NPRM AD: Pratt & Whitney Engines
Published 09/17/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8816 Comments due 10/19/2026
This proposed AD would require initial and repetitive borescope inspections (BSIs) of the HPC 1st stage, 2nd stage, and 3rd stage rotor rear rim surfaces for evidence of wear, scratching, or contact with the corresponding HPC VSV inner locating ring and, depending on the results, removal from service and replacement. This proposed AD would also require replacement of the HPC VSV bushing set as terminating action to the initial and repetitive BSIs of the HPC 1st stage, 2nd stage, and 3rd stage rotor rear rim surfaces.

Sept 18, 2026

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

Laser Strikes on Aircraft Continue to Drop But Are Still Too High

For the third year in a row, reported laser strikes in the National Airspace System are down. Pilots reported 4,470 laser strikes to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 2026 - a 24 percent decrease from this time last year.

Duffy Announces First Virginia College to Join Air Traffic Controller Training Program

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has partnered with Shenandoah University in Virginia to join the Enhanced Air Traffic – Collegiate Training Initiative (E-CTI). Students who pass the E-CTI program can apply to become a controller on a fast track – skipping the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City and jumping straight to on-site facility training.

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd. & Co. KG Engines
Published 09/18/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8815 Effective date 09/21/2026
This AD requires de-pairing of engines on airplanes with two affected engines installed to ensure no more than one affected oil pump is installed on twin-engine airplanes.

AD: Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd. & Co. KG Engines
Published 09/18/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8814 Effective date 09/21/2026
This AD requires de-pairing of engines on airplanes with two affected engines installed to ensure no more than one affected oil pump is installed on twin-engine airplanes.

Final Rule: Amendment of Class E Airspace; Alma, MI
Published 09/18/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-7756 Effective date 12/24/2026
This action amends the Class E airspace at Alma, MI.

Final Rule: Establishment of United States Area Navigation Route T-581 in the Vicinity of Missoula, Montana
Published 09/18/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2025-3288 Effective date 08/03/2026

This action corrects a final rule published by the FAA in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 2026, establishing United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-581 in the vicinity of Missoula, Montana.

Final Rule: **Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments**
Published 09/18/2026 Docket #: FAA-31684 Effective date 09/18/2026
This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. See chart below.

Final Rule: **Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments**
Published 09/18/2026 Docket #: FAA-31683 Effective date 09/18/2026
This rule amends, suspends, or removes Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs) and associated Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures for operations at certain airports. See chart below.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

FAA Final Advisory Circulars

AC: **Sample Size Considerations for Comparative Test and Analysis for Turbine Aircraft Engine and Auxiliary Power Unit (APU), Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), and Third-Party Repair Parts**
Issued 09/16/2026 Document #: AC 33-13 Comment date
This advisory circular (AC) describes two approaches applicants for a parts manufacturer approval (PMA) may use to define minimum sample sizes for turbine aircraft engine and auxiliary power unit (APU) products and articles when statistical data analysis is used.

Orders

Order: **ICAO THREE LETTER DESIGNATOR (3LD) “TBI” AND ASSOCIATED CALL SIGN “TURBINE”**
Updated 09/17/2026 Document #N JO 7340.933
THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO JO 7340.2, CONTRACTIONS, CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 IS APPROVED FOR “TBI” / “TURBINE”:

Order: **ICAO THREE LETTER DESIGNATOR (3LD) “PLH” AND ASSOCIATED CALL SIGN “PILOT SMITH”**
Updated 09/17/2026 Document #: JO 7340.931
THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO JO 7340.2, CONTRACTIONS, CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 IS APPROVED FOR “PLH” / “PILOT SMITH”:

Updated 09/17/2026 Document #: JO 7340.932
THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO JO 7340.2, CONTRACTIONS, CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 IS APPROVED FOR “STI” / “DECA”:

Notices

Notice: **Notice of Availability, Notice of Public Comment Period, and Request for Comment on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Reentry Vehicle Operations in the Marine Environment**
Published 09/18/2026 Document #: 2026-19178 Comments due 10/19/2026
FAA is announcing the availability of and requesting comment on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Reentry Vehicle Operations in the Marine Environment (Draft PEA). FAA is also requesting comment on proposed new categorical exclusions (CATEXs) as described in and substantiated by the Draft PEA.

Notice: **Notice of Availability of Revision E to FAA Order 8000.95, Regarding Individual Designee Management Policy**
Published 09/1/8/2026 Document #: 2026-19106
Revision E to FAA Order 8000.95, Individual Designee Management Policy, incorporates new FAA policy to address transition from the Designee Registration System to the Designee Management System (DMS) and aligns the Order with the DMS tool workflows.

Flight Standards Service Draft Advisory Circular

AC: **Rotorcraft External-Load Operations**
Updated 09/18/2026 Reference #: Title 14 Part 1, 21,27, 29, 61, 91, 121, 133 Comments due 10/15/2026
This advisory circular (AC) provides background information, describes rotorcraft external-load operations, and describes an acceptable means, but not the only means, to apply for and obtain authorization to conduct rotorcraft external-load operations under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 133.

Sept 21, 2026

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: **The Boeing Company Airplanes**
Published 09/21/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-8811 Comments due 11/05/2026

This proposed AD would require detailed inspections of the elevator buss assembly bearings and bearing housings for any crack and indication of sealant application, and applicable on-condition actions.

FAA Special Conditions

SC: Skyryse, Robinson Helicopter Company Model R66 Helicopter; Control Margin Awareness
Published 09/21/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-1585 Effective date 09/21/2026
The FAA published a document in the Federal Register on August 28, 2026, issuing a notice of proposed special conditions for the Robinson Helicopter Company Model R66 helicopter modified by Skyryse with a digital fly-by-wire system. The document references an incorrect notice number and contains three other typographical errors.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Orders

Order: Airport Surface Detection Equipment (ASDE) System Operating Procedures
Issued 09/18/2026 Document #: JO 7110.807
This notice revises FAA Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, related air traffic operational procedures for Airport Surface Detection Equipment (ASDE) Systems resulting from equipment replacement and program updates.

Sept 22, 2026

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

Duffy Delivers State-of-the Art Air Traffic Control Management Tool to Transform The Flying Experience, Reduce Delays & Cancellations For the Traveling Public
U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy and Federal Aviation Administrator (FAA) Bryan Bedford today unveiled the Strategic Management of Airspace, Routes and Trajectories (SMART) – a cutting-edge tool that centralizes 200 data streams – including weather patterns, flight paths, traffic flow, and controller staffing metrics – into one platform.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

Final Rule: Establishment of Class E Airspace; Ottawa, IL
Published 09/22/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8548 Effective date 12/24/2026
This action establishes Class E airspace at OSF St Francis Medical Center Heliport, Ottawa, IL.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/22/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8809 Comments due 11/06/2026
This proposed AD would require replacing an affected MLG with a serviceable MLG and would limit the installation of an affected MLG under certain conditions.

NPRM AD: Airbus SAS Airplanes
Published 09/22/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8807 Comments due 11/06/2026
This proposed AD would require replacing certain HMUs before reaching a reduced life limit and would limit the installation of affected parts under certain conditions.

NPRM AD: Bell Textron Canada Limited Helicopters
Published 09/22/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-11783 Comments due 11/06/2026
This proposed AD would require inspecting the lower aft bracket and rail cavity for contact marks and, depending on the findings, performing applicable corrective actions. This proposed AD would also require modifying the roller assembly configuration.

NPRM AD: Leonardo S.p.a. Helicopters
Published 09/22/2026 Docket #: FAA- 2026-8817 Comments due 11/06/2026
This proposed AD would require revising the airworthiness limitations section (ALS) of the existing maintenance manual or instructions for continued airworthiness (ICA) and the existing approved maintenance or inspection program, as applicable.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: FAA Contract Tower Competitive Grant Program; Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Funding Opportunity
Published 09/22/2026 Document #: 2026-19328 Comments due 10/19/2026
The Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the opportunity to apply for up to $100 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Airport Infrastructure Grant funds for the FAA Contract Tower (FCT) Competitive Grant Program, made available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), Public Law 117-58.

Sept 23, 2026

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

OIG Announcements

FAA Completes Workforce Plans That Are Mandated by Law, but Some Safety-Critical Workforces and Key Information Are Not Included in the Plans
Our Objective(s): To determine whether FAA has developed workforce plans for its safety-critical workforce in accordance with Section 429 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024. Our findings are organized as follows: (1) how FAA's safety critical workforces are defined and accounted for in published workforce plans, and (2) which trend and workforce development data are included in the plans.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

FAA Proposes $260,868 Fine Against ExcelAire, LLC for Alleged Illegal Operations
The FAA alleges that in August 2025, ExcelAire operated two flights for compensation or hire after the company's director of operations surrendered the company's air carrier certificate to the FAA in June 2025, when that person, and the remainder of the company's required management personnel, resigned.

FAA Regulations

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: Textron Aviation, Inc. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Cessna Aircraft Company) Airplanes
Published 09/23/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-8818; Comments due 11/09/2026
This proposed AD would require repetitive inspections of the engine beam for cracks and applicable on-condition actions. This proposed AD would also add a new life-limit to affected engine beams and require replacement when engine beams reach this life-limit.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

FAA Final Policies

Policy: **Deviation to Digital Signature Requirements in Paragraph 3-5.s.(5) of FAA Order 8100.15C, Organization Designation Authorization Procedures**
Updated 09/23/2026 Policy #: AAA###_####-##-##
This memorandum provides a deviation to FAA Order 8100.15C paragraph 3-5.s.(5) for ODA holders to allow the use of electronic signatures on official FAA forms and records by expanding their use to certain types of electronic signatures and providing additional information on their minimum requirements for use.

Flight Standards Service Draft Advisory Circular

AC: **Aircraft Ground Handling, Servicing, and Marshalling**
Updated 09/23/2026 Reference #: Title 14 Part 91-121 Comments due 10/22/2026
This AC contains information and guidance for servicing, ground handling, and marshalling an aircraft.

Sept 24, 2026

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM AD: **Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes**
Published 09/24/2026 Docket #: FAA-2025-2277 Effective date 10/26/2026
The FAA is revising a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that would have applied to certain Bombardier, Inc., Model BD-700-2A12 airplanes. This action revises the NPRM by citing new material required for the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program. The FAA is proposing this airworthiness directive (AD) to address the unsafe condition on these products. Since these actions would impose an additional burden over those in the NPRM, the FAA is requesting comments on this SNPRM.

NPRM: **Flight Operations: Pilot requirements; Use of oxygen**
Published 09/24/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-12145 Effective date 11/23/2026
FAA proposes to raise the altitudes at which a pilot is required to don an oxygen mask for commuter and on demand operations, as directed by the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024, and revise the pilot oxygen mask requirements applicable to general aviation operations in pressurized aircraft. The proposed amendments would allow the operation of airplanes at higher altitudes without requiring at least one pilot at the controls to wear and use an oxygen mask. If adopted, these proposed changes would reduce regulatory and economic burdens on operators by changing certain requirements pertaining to pilots' use of oxygen masks.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Notices

Notice: **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Air Methods, LLC**
Published 09/24/2026 Document #: 2026-19564 Comments due 10/14/2026
Description of Relief Sought: Petitioner seeks an exemption from §§ 135.117(a) and 135.117(b) so that the pilot in command does not have to brief medical personnel before each takeoff of a helicopter air ambulance operations if the requirements of §§ 135.117(a) and 135.117(b) have been incorporated into the petitioner's approved training program required by § 135.621(b) and those medical personnel have received this training within the preceding 24 calendar months.

Notice: **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; David Gilson**
Published 09/24/2026 Document #: 2026-19562 Comments due 10/14/2026
Description of Relief Sought: Mr. David Gilson seeks an exemption from Title 14 Code of Regulations §§ 61.109(j), 61.113(a), 61.113(b), 61.129, 61.315(c), 91.147, 91.327, 119.1(e)(5), and 119.1(e)(7) to conduct local sightseeing operations using a weight shift control special light sport aircraft (SLSA).

Notice: **Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Victory Air, LLC**
Published 09/24/2026 Document #: 2026-19569 Comments due 10/14/2026
Description of Relief Sought: Victory Air, LLC, requests relief from § 125.367 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), to conduct Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations without designating an alternate airport when destination weather forecasts are favorable. This relief would allow flights to proceed without an alternate airport provided that destination weather forecasts indicate a ceiling of at least 2,000 feet above airport elevation and visibility of at least 3 statute miles from 1 hour before to 1 hour after the estimated time of arrival.

Draft Master Minimum Equipment List

MMEL: **MMEL CE-525C Rev 3, Textron Aviation Model 525, CJ4**

Updated	Revision 3 Draft X	Comments due
09/24/2026		10/06/2026

Sept 25, 2026

FAA Final Rules

Final Rule: **IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments**
Published 09/25/2026 Docket #: 31687 Effective date M10/29/2026
This amendment adopts miscellaneous amendments to the required IFR (instrument flight rules) altitudes and changeover points for certain Federal airways, jet routes, or direct routes for which a minimum or maximum en-route authorized IFR altitude is

prescribed. This regulatory action is needed because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM: **Amendment of Class E Airspace; Del Rio, TX**
Published 09/25/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-12310 Comments due 11/09/2026
This action proposes to amend the Class E airspace at Del Rio, TX.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Opinions and Orders

Opinion: **Bryan Bedford v. Timothy Foltz**
Served 09/17/2026 Docket #: Not available
Brief summary of the disposition of the case Appeal Denied. Details not available.

Sept 28, 2026

FAA Final Rules

Final Rule: **IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments**
Published 09/25/2026 Docket #: 31687 Effective date M10/29/2026
This amendment adopts miscellaneous amendments to the required IFR (instrument flight rules) altitudes and changeover points for certain Federal airways, jet routes, or direct routes for which a minimum or maximum en-route authorized IFR altitude is prescribed. This regulatory action is needed because of changes occurring in the National Airspace System.

FAA Proposed Rules

NPRM: **Amendment of Class E Airspace; Del Rio, TX**
Published 09/25/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-12310 Comments due 11/09/2026
This action proposes to amend the Class E airspace at Del Rio, TX.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Opinions and Orders

Opinion: **Bryan Bedford v. Timothy Foltz**
Served 09/17/2026 Docket #: Not available
Brief summary of the disposition of the case Appeal Denied. Details not available.

Sept 29, 2026

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Press Releases

Duffy, Modern Skies Coalition Applaud Senator Schmitt's $30 Billion Modern Skies Act

Key Provisions of the Modern Skies Act:

- **$10 billion to complete reliable digital architecture:** Upgrades air traffic controller safety separation tools (CAP), builds a more resilient telecommunications system that powers air traffic control (FENS), unlocks airspace capacity with state-of-the-art air traffic flow management technology (FMDS) and proactive AI technology (SMART) data capabilities.
- **$10 billion to overhaul outdated airport infrastructure:** Replaces decaying air traffic control towers, airport facilities, and runways with state-of-the-art infrastructure.
- **$10 billion to build world-class airports:** Establishes a new pilot grant program for transitional airports, which lack access to capital but service between 5 million and 25 million passengers annually.
- **Transfer Authority to Implement the Brand-New Air Traffic Control System:** Provides the FAA with the flexibility it needs to continue its rapid deployment of radars, radios, electronic flight strips, surface awareness tools, and other state-of-the-art equipment.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

FAA Regulations

FAA Final Rules

AD: MD Helicopters, LLC Helicopters
Published 09/29/2026 Docket #: FAA-2025-3987 Effective date 10/20/2026
The FAA is correcting an airworthiness directive (AD) that was published in the **Federal Register** . That AD applies to all MD Helicopters, LLC Model 369, 369A, 369D, 369E, 369F, 369FF, 369H, 369HE, 369HM, 369HS, 500N, and 600N helicopters. As published, the header of the regulatory text is missing the AD number and the amendment number. This document corrects those errors. In all other respects, the original document remains the same.

AD: The Boeing Company Airplanes
Published 09/29/2026 Docket #: FAA-2026-11785 Effective date 11/13/2026
This proposed AD would retain some of the actions of AD 2025-13-06 and would require repetitive inspection of the ball pivot and, depending on the results of those

inspections, corrective actions. This proposed AD would also prohibit installing an affected part unless it is a serviceable part and certain requirements are met. Additionally, this proposed AD would require reporting the results of the inspections.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Orders

Order: **ICAO THREE LETTER DESIGNATOR (3LD) "LJA" WITH NO ASSOCIATED CALL SIGN. 3LD IS NOT FOR ATC OPERATIONS.**
Issued 09/28/2026 Document #: JO 7340.934
THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO JO 7340.2, CONTRACTIONS, CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3 IS APPROVED FOR "LJA":

Draft Orders

Order: **Title**
Updated M/D/YYYY Reference #: 14 CFR part X Comments due M/D/YYYY
Provide short description of the order.

Notices

Notice: **Office of Commercial Space Transportation; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and Open a Public Scoping Period for the SpaceX Starship-Super Heavy Operations at Space Launch Complex 37 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Cape Canaveral, Florida**
Published 09/29/2026 Document #: 2026-19897 Comments due 10/14/2026
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), FAA Order 1050.1G, FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures, and Department of War (DoW) and Department of the Air Force (DAF) NEPA Implementing Procedures, FAA is announcing its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) concerning Space Exploration Technologies Corp.'s (SpaceX) proposal obtain a modification to their existing vehicle operator license from the FAA to authorize commercial Starship-Super Heavy operations at Space Launch Complex 37 (SLC-37) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (CCSFS).

Notice: **Notice of Availability, Notice of Public Comment Period, Notice of Virtual Public Meeting, and Request for Comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for Blue Origin New Glenn Cadence Increase at Space Launch Complex 36A, Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida**
Published 09/29/2026 Document #: 2026-19871
The FAA will hold a virtual public meeting on the Draft EA on October 22, 2026, at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Eastern time. Interested parties must register to join the public meeting. Registration is now available at the link in ADDRESSES .

Draft Technical Standards Orders

TSO: **TSO-C215, GNSS Airborne Active Antenna Equipment for the L1/E1 and L5/E5a Frequency Bands**
Updated 09/29/2026 Comments due 11/06/2026
This technical standard order (TSO) is for manufacturers applying for a TSO authorization (TSOA) or letter of TSO design approval (LODA). In it, we (the Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA)) tell you what Minimum Performance Standards (MPS) your Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) airborne active antenna equipment for the L1/E1 and L5/E5a frequency bands must meet for approval and identification with the applicable TSO marking.

Flight Standards Service Draft Advisory Circular

AC: **Aircraft Ground Handling, Servicing, and Marshalling**
Updated 09/29/2026 Reference #: Title 14 Part 91-121 Comments due 10/22/2026
This advisory circular (AC) contains information and guidance for servicing, ground handling, and marshalling an aircraft.

Sept 30, 2026

THE WHITE HOUSE

Executive Orders

STREAMLINING ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES THROUGH AMERICA.GOV
Section 1. Purpose. For generations, Americans seeking essential services from the Federal Government have been required to navigate a system organized around the structure of Government rather than the needs of the people.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Press Releases

FAA Proposes $87,000 Fine Against Comfylife, LLC for Alleged Violation of Hazardous Materials Regulations
The FAA alleges that between November 2025 and April 2026, Comfylife offered numerous shipments of various products for transportation by air that contained flammable and non-flammable aerosols, flammable liquid adhesive, flammable liquid paint, and lithium-ion batteries. Each is classified as a hazardous material.

FAA Guidance Documents and Notices

Orders

Order: **Operations Supervisor Fatigue and Coverage Requirements**
Issued 09/29/2026 Document #: JO 7210.978
This notice provides requirements for Operations Supervisor fatigue mitigation and coverage expectations. This change establishes guidance intended to reduce extended periods of continuous operational duty, improve opportunities for rest and recovery, and promote supervisory presence during periods of operational demand.

Notices

Notice: **Industry Day, Aviation Spectrum Interference Detection Solution**
Published 09/30/2026 Document #: 2026-19986 Comments due 10/02/2026
he FAA is hosting an Industry Engagement Event for a Spectrum Interference Detection Solution October 13-15, 2026. The FAA will use the information from vendor responses during event registration to assist in determining any future phases of market investigation and engagement.

Draft Technical Standards Orders

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