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George Novak

Assistant Vice President and Regulatory Counsel for Civil Aviation
Aerospace Industries Association



George Novak is the Assistant Vice President and Regulatory Counsel for Civil Aviation at the Aerospace Industries Association, where he is responsible for monitoring and identifying emerging issues and trends related to aviation safety, regulatory framework and oversight policy. He also serves as the primary AIA interface with civil aviation regulatory agencies, both domestic and international, in addition to communicating AIA positions to other government and industry stakeholders.

Prior to joining AIA, George served as an aviation attorney and consultant, managing projects in more than 70 countries, including ICAO compliance strategies and the privatization and development of modernized transportation infrastructure. He also managed an aviation program at the George Washington University, where he lectured on international aviation law. George began his career in the Chief Counsel's Office of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and has served as in-house counsel to emerging technology companies and strategic consulting firms. George is a frequent lecturer and media commentator on the aviation industry and aviation laws and regulations. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Washington & Jefferson College and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

John S. Duncan

Director of Flight Standards Service
Federal Aviation Administration



John S. Duncan is the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Director of Flight Standards Service (AFS). He oversees the development, coordination, and execution of policies, standards, systems, and procedures; public rules, regulations, and standards; and program plans that govern the operations, maintenance, and airworthiness of all United States (U.S.) civil aircraft, including those of U.S. flag carriers and foreign carriers when operating in and over the U.S., its territories and possessions. His oversight responsibilities also include proficiency and certification of air agencies (flight schools/maintenance bases) and of qualified airmen (other than air traffic control personnel).

Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Duncan served as the Deputy Director of Flight Standards Policy Oversight. In this capacity, he shared the Director's responsibility for administering and managing the full range of policy development, implementation, integration and evaluation across the organization. He provided executive direction and oversight over the following: International Programs and Policy, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Organizational Resources and Program Management, Air Transportation, Aircraft Maintenance, Flight Technology and Procedures, Flight Standards Training, Regulatory Support, Civil Aviation Registry, and General Aviation and Commercial Divisions.

Mr. Duncan joined the FAA in 1986 as an Aviation Safety Inspector in Cincinnati, Ohio. His recent FAA assignments include serving as Manager of the AFS Alaskan Region from 1998 to 2007, Manager of General Aviation and Commercial Division from 2007 to 2008, and Manager of Air Transportation Division from 2008 to 2012. He is a talented and dedicated safety professional with a sustained commitment to safety, excellence, and service to the people of the U.S.A.

Jean-Marc Cluzeau

Head of the Strategy and Programmes
European Aviation Safety Agency



Jean-Marc Cluzeau is a Graduate Engineer in Aeronautics.

He started his career in 1985 as an aircraft design engineer, then holding a number of management positions in an airline's maintenance organisation.

From 1994 to 2003, he worked for the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) and was responsible for continuous airworthiness, mechanics licensing, third country operators and Human Factors developments.

He then joined Air France Industries in 2003 where he held a number of senior management positions including that of Head of the Flight Safety Department.

He joined the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in August 2008 as Head of the Flight Standards Department and was appointed in September 2014 as Head of the Strategy and Programmes Department.

Lirio Liu

Director, Office of Rulemaking
Federal Aviation Administration



Lirio Liu is the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Director of the Office of Rulemaking (ARM). She is responsible for the overall rulemaking program for the FAA, which includes rulemaking prioritization and work plan development and oversight. ARM also coordinates public petitions for exemptions to the existing rules, and provides management oversight to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee and various other Aviation Rulemaking committees.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Liu was the Deputy Regional Administrator for Western Pacific Region. She began her FAA career in the Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO) as a structures engineer working on type certification and supplemental type certification programs for large transport airplanes, small airplanes, and rotorcraft programs. As the program manager for Robinson model helicopters, she was involved in continued airworthiness issues, including coordination and participation in National Transportation Safety Board accident investigations. Ms. Liu later worked in the Transport Airplane Directorate and was the Manager of the Seattle ACO, which has the responsibility for type certification and continued operational safety of the Boeing aircraft fleet and various helicopter and general aviation type certificates. She also served as the FAA representative based in Paris, France, where she was responsible for addressing overarching policy issues for the FAA in 18 countries, including member countries of the European Union and North Africa. Ms. Liu also worked as the Special Technical Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, and among other things, provided extensive technical assistance on Congressional matters, including the review of legislation impacting aviation safety.