AUXILIARY AVIATION FACILITY MAINTENANCE POLICY

1. The purpose of this message is to announce changes to the Auxiliary Aviation (AUXAIR) facility maintenance requirements originally established in section 2 of REF A.

2. The changes promulgated by this message are effective immediately. A copy of this message shall be retained in Annex 2, Section D of the REF B. These changes will be incorporated with the next revision of REF B.

3. The Auxiliary National Response and Prevention Group assessed the effectiveness of the AUXAIR maintenance standards set by section 2 of REF A and determined that continued adherence to aircraft manufacturer's recommended Time Between Overhaul (TBO) schedule did not significantly contribute to enhanced aviation safety. After careful review of a proposal made by the Response and Prevention Group, CG-BSX, CG-711, CG-41, and CG-113 concurred that a new approach to AUXAIR facility maintenance was appropriate in order to ensure a higher degree of aviation safety.

4. Section 2 of REF A is cancelled.

5. In addition to compliance with 14 CFR 91.409, all AUXAIR facilities shall comply with the following maintenance direction:

A. No person may operate an AUXAIR facility under orders unless, within the preceding 100 hours of time in service the aircraft has received an annual or 100 hour inspection and has been approved for
return to service in accordance with 14 CFR part 43. AUXAIR facilities that have an approved progressive inspection program, as detailed in 14 CFR 91.409, are exempt.

B. No person may operate an AUXAIR facility under orders unless, within the preceding 100 hours of time in service, the owner/operator has submitted an oil sample as part of a Spectrographic Oil Analysis Program or SOAP, with trend monitoring. Prior to operation under orders, the SOAP reports will be reviewed by an FAA licensed Airframe and Powerplant (AandP) mechanic and documented in the aircraft's maintenance record.

C. The limits established in 5.A. and 5.B. are not to be exceeded during the course of any mission. However, a onetime exception for exigent circumstances may be granted at the discretion of the Air Station (AIRSTA) Commanding Officer.

D. In accordance with REF B, all AUXAIR facility owners shall comply with this change and provide documentation after each 100-hour, SOAP, and/or progressive inspection to their Assistant District Staff Officer for Aviation Management (ADSO-AVM) for verification. The ADSO-AVM shall submit a quarterly report to their Regional Directors of Auxiliary (DIRAUX), AIRSTA Commanding Officers, and their appropriate district and national Auxiliary Aviation staff officers.

E. AUXAIR quarterly reports detail those AUXAIR facilities that have had verified inspections and/or samples completed during the previous quarter. The ADSO-AVM shall maintain these records for 3 years and send copies of the relevant logbook entries confirming 100-hour inspection completions, SOAP reports, and other supplemental reports to be developed in the future, to AIRSTA Commanding Officers, command representatives, or DIRAUX upon request. These reports may be submitted electronically by email, facsimile, etc.

F. Pilots should update maintenance status (Aircraft Time since last 100 hour / annual or progressive inspection) to their appropriate district staff officers, prior to each proposed mission or sets of missions. Prior to each flight under orders, the pilot shall make a pre-launch call to the AIRSTA and provide the maintenance status of the aircraft, including the time until the next scheduled maintenance event is due (i.e., 100-hour inspection / annual inspection / aircraft limitations), along with any other required information. This information will be provided to a responsible party in a duty status or designated position, who will document the information and provide verbal confirmation to the AIRSTA Operations Officer or designated representative.

6. All AUXAIR facility owners shall comply with this new standard by the time that their facility's annual offer-for-use form expires. AUXAIR facilities that fail to comply by the expiration date of their offer-for-use-form will not be eligible for patrol orders and will have to meet all compliance requirements prior to resuming operational activity.

7. REF B provides guidance for Order Issuing Authorities and AIRSTA Commanding Officers regarding assignment of Auxiliary aircraft and facility inspections. Regional DIRAUX shall work with their local AIRSTA command cadre to ensure proper oversight and management of the AUXAIR program within their areas of responsibility.

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10. Internet release is authorized.

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