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SUBMIT YOUR SAFETY CONCERNS



You are invited to submit safety concerns or issues you would like considered by the AACA Joint Safety Committee (JSC). You can submit through the office and your submission can be kept anonymous if you wish.

The JSC meets in the AACA offices at 10am on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are closed door and anything can be discussed with anonymity. The JSC committee is small and composed of representation from the NTSB, UAA, DOT&PF, FAA, AMD, Medallion, AACA, and industry.

The JSC has been an effective force for safety change in the Alaska aviation industry. The Medallion Foundation, the Alliance for Safety, and the Circle of Safety each came from the JSC.

Send concerns to the Executive Director joy@alaskaaircarriers.org, the AACA President, Jerry Rock jerryrock@janssenak.com, or to the JSC Chairman, Bob Hajdukovich via his email bob@frontierflying.com.

AACA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2009

AACA has compiled a listing of our current legislative priorities. This includes a one-page recap of 2008 activity and the issues on our plate for 2009. These issues continue to expand and evolve as new items arise. However, the format will be updated monthly on our website. To see the current version, visit <http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org/servlet/download?id=248>.

OXYGEN TRANSPORT REGULATION CHANGE

Effective October 1, 2009, PHMSA regulations would require new packaging for oxygen being transported by air. The new packaging requirements are for hard sided containers that would add considerable bulk and may not fit on smaller aircraft serving Alaska communities.

You can review the new regulations at

Alaska Airlines has filed a special permit application ([SP 14860-N](#)) requesting that Alaska transports be exempted from these final rule requirements. Mike Tobin, from Alaska Airlines, has drafted a letter you can use to support this petition (see below), and provided directions to respond by the July 30 deadline (see on the web at <http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org/servlet/download?id=252>). AACA submitted our response, which can be viewed at <http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org/servlet/download?id=254>.

*HERE IS A SUGGESTED FORM LETTER YOU MAY PERSONALIZE FOR SUBMISSION:
June __, 2009*

Mr. Delmer Billings, Director, Special Permits and Approvals, PHH-30
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Special Permit Application SP 14860-N

Dear Director Billings:

This letter is to express my strong support for the Department to grant approval of Special Permit application 14860-N. The community of _____ (insert community name) is not connected to the road or rail system in the State of Alaska and absolutely relies on air transportation for everything from food to medical oxygen.

The Special Permit would enable us to continue to receive oxygen and oxidizing gases as we have safely for years. Not granting the Special Permit would significantly increase the cost of oxygen - or worse - make it even unavailable in my community. This is a significant public health concern.

(please personalize as much as possible) How do you use oxygen or oxidizing gases? How often do you receive it? What is the negative impact of the "superbox" rule?)

For these reasons, I respectfully urge DOT to approve Special Permit application 14860-N.

Sincerely,

FOUR NEW WEATHER CAMERAS:

Weather cameras are now depicted on Section Charts printed after June 4th!

Quinhagak, located on the coast, south of Bethel in the Kuskokwim Bay

This marks a milestone for the Weather Camera Program in that it is the 100th operational site...only 121 more to go!

Kwigillingok, located on the coast, southwest of Bethel in the Kuskokwim Bay.

Larsen Bay, located on the northwest side of Kodiak Island.

Nome, located on the SW shores of the Seward Peninsula

Check them out at <http://akweathercams.faa.gov/>

Nancy K. Schommer, Program Manager,

Weather Camera Program Office (PMP)

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MARKET NOTES: June 15, 2009

[Click here](#) to view this month's MARKET NOTES provided by Bob Ward.

<http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org/servlet/download?id=251>

AACA INVITED TO JOIN N.O.R.A.

The Alaska Air Carriers Association has been invited to be represented on the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), which is a partnership program to stimulate innovative research and improved workplace practices for worker safety and health (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora/default.html>).

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is the steward of the NORA process, facilitating the development of the agenda and some of the research and activities resultant of the agenda.

AACA shall participate as part of the NORA Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (TWU) Sector Council to advance occupational safety and health in this Sector. We are finalizing the research and activity goals within the TWU agenda and will be working to actively implement processes that will lead to achievement of those goals.

If you have ideas or information you would like presented as part of this activity, please share those with us. Your expertise and perspectives would be a very useful addition to this process, and will greatly assist with a broader implementation and communication of the TWU Agenda.

Change in COLD BAY FSS Operating Hours

View the Kenai AFSS Letter to Airmen 09-4 at

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/notes/media/09-AAL-67NR-KenaiAFSS-LTA09-3.pdf

New AACA Member: GRASSHOPPER AVIATION

Grasshopper Aviation was established in 1992.

We offer Statewide Charters and flight seeing specials from the Wasilla Municipal Airport, 50 miles north of Anchorage. Our fleet consists of a Cherokee 6, five-passenger aircraft, and a Maule M-7 on wheels, skis, or tundra tires and with an external lumber rack.

Our specialized offer tours include:

- Knik Glacier and Wildlife
- Prince William Sound
- Denali South Face
- Iditarod Sled Dog Race

All aircraft are equipped with full intercom systems and most flights are handicap accessible. For more information visit <http://www.grasshopperaviation.biz/> or call 907-373-6923.