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Gentlemen:

Re: OHSI Recommendation #24 – Aviation Safety Audits


In the OHSI Report, Commissioner Wells stated:

- (a) It is recommended that auditors of helicopter operations have a prescribed level of aviation expertise, or be assisted by a person with aviation expertise, in conducting their audits.**
- (b) It is recommended that the Regulator's and oil operators' safety aviation audits of the helicopter operator(s) include reviews of past responses to declared emergencies and emergency preparedness exercises.**
- (c) It is recommended that auditors have access to reports as to what actions were taken to correct deficiencies, if any, found in previous audits.**

The Board's audits of those areas of helicopter operations which are within the Board's mandate will be guided by the expertise of our aviation advisor, and they will be coordinated with the overall audits by Transport Canada, wherever possible.

Operators should ensure that, for the purposes of such audits, all information regarding past responses to declared emergencies and emergency preparedness exercises, as well as reports as to what actions were taken to correct deficiencies, if any, found in earlier audits will be made available for the audits.

Sincerely,


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