

1. Please verify the spelling of your name, title, and contact information.

██████████ Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI)(POI)-
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2. Are you familiar with SAFO 06019 (provided in Exhibit 1)? Can you please comment on the SAFO and if the tenants of the SAFO were applied at ExecuFlight.

NO I am not familiar with this SAFO.

This is a recommended action only. There is no requirement for CVR training in FAR135 operations.

The operator stated that training on CVR operations is conducted at the SIMUFLITE142 Training Center during initial and recurrent training events.

3. I've been reviewing 8900.1 with regards to avionics equipment training programs. My question is specifically around the CVR and what the ground school pilot training is at ExecuFlight related to CVR testing by pilots? Can you describe it?

I cannot describe the training. The operator stated that this training is conducted at the 142 SimuFlite Center during initial or recurrent training events.

Question needs to be forwarded to the PAI.

4. Please explain the oversight and inspection activities you performed relative to CVRs at ExecuFlight? Do you know if and what training is provided to the pilots on the CVR system? Describe.

There is no oversight or inspection activity performed by me (POI) on the CVR because it is not a required activity by the POI. The operator stated to me that CVR training is conducted at the 142 SimuFlite training center.

5. For the normal checklist item in the accident aircraft, "Cockpit Voice Recorder," what would you consider to be the actions for "Tested?" What constitutes a "pass?" What constitutes a "fail?" In response to a "fail," what would you expect the crew to do?

No comment by the POI, suggest you contact the PAI.

6. During surveillance activities, can you describe what CVR-related oversight you performed? What FAA-guidance directed your activities?

No oversight activity or inspection by the POI is required for 135 operations. Suggest you contact PAI.

7. Do you have any other comments or concerns you would like to share?

No

EXHIBIT 1 – SAFO 06019

SAFO 06019 - Functional Test of the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) Prior to the First Flight of the Day

DATE: 11/8/06

U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration

Flight Standards Service

Washington, DC

PURPOSE: This SAFO emphasizes the importance of operators ensuring they have procedures and training for the functional test of the CVR.

BACKGROUND: Accident investigations have revealed that some of the CVRs in use by the operators are not being tested in accordance with the Aircraft Flight Manual, which would have shown them to be either malfunctioning or inoperative prior to the first flight of the day.

DISCUSSION: The importance of performing the functional test of a CVR prior to the first flight of the day is not only required, but essential to providing an accident investigation tool in case of a mishap or accident.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: All Directors of Operations and Chief Pilots should ensure that all training requirements for testing of CVRs are emphasized during initial and recurrent training. All pilots of aircraft equipped with a CVR should test the function of the CVR before the first flight of each day as part of an approved aircraft checklist.

Questions concerning this SAFO should be directed to the Commuter, On Demand, and Training Center Branch, AFS-250, at 202-267-8166.