Operational Control



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Operational Control Overview

 Operational Control is the exercise of authority over initiating, conducting or terminating a flight.

 Operational Control is a shared responsibility between the Operational Control Agent (OCA) and the pilot.

Part 135 operations do not require the use of dispatchers.

Hageland's Operational Control Center

- Hageland built an Operational Control Center (OCC) in 2014.
- Hageland's OCC is the most extensive OCC among Alaskan Part 135 operators.
- The OCC provides Hageland with Part 121-type dispatch and flight following capabilities.
- Hageland's bases and Departure Control Agents (DCAs) have no operational control, but serve as additional sources of information for the OCC and the pilot.



OCC Staffing, Training and Evaluation

- The OCC is staffed with seven Operational Control Agents (OCAs), one supervisor and one manager.
- Six have completed Part 121 dispatcher training or have a pilot's license.
- All receive 8 hours of classroom training, must pass a written test, and undergo 80 hours of OJT, a 90 day evaluation, and an annual evaluation.



OCA Functions

- OCAs assign airworthy aircraft and a current and qualified crew.
- OCAs review airports, weather and NOTAMs with the pilot in command preflight.
- OCAs monitor flights through the use of ADS-B and Spidertracks.
- Changing conditions are communicated through PIREPs, DCAs, weather cameras, weather reports and village agents.



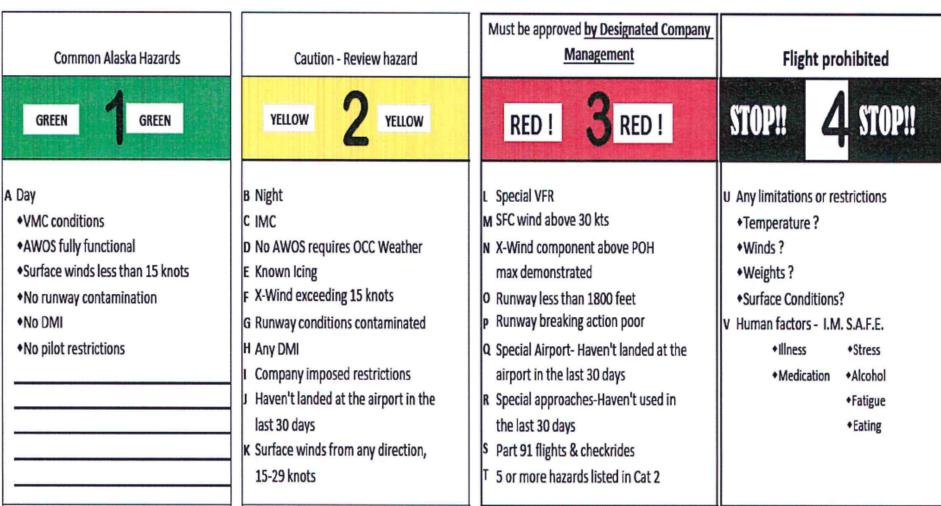
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Hageland's Risk Evaluation

- The OCA and the pilot each assign a risk level of 1-4 for each flight, and alpha codes are used to denote specific hazard factors.
- Risk levels 1 and 2 require discussion of risk/hazard factors between the OCA and the pilot.
- Risk level of 3 requires management approval.
- Risk level of 4 results in a canceled or delayed flight.
- The highest risk level for a flight segment is applied to the entire flight.
- A written record of the risk level is generated and put on the flight release/manifest.

Hageland's Aviation Safe Flight Categories





Hageland's Just Culture

- The OCC is focused solely on safety, regulatory compliance and best practices.
- Hageland utilizes the "two to Go, one to say No" concept.
- Hageland supports saying "No."
- There are no repercussions for flights canceled or delayed due to safety concerns.

Thank you.