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CREATION OF COURSE TO REPLACE S-273 AND SUPPORT AIR BASE OPERATIONS

BACKGROUND

NWCG last revised S-273, Single Engine Airtanker Manager, in 2011 to support the Single Engine Airtanker Manager (SEMG) position. The course is also a requirement for Airtanker Base Manager (ATBM) and provides supporting training for Fixed-Wing Base Manager (FWBM). While these three positions have distinct responsibilities, they share core competencies in aviation base operations, resource coordination, risk management, and safety. The current course emphasizes single-engine airtanker operations rather than the broader competencies shared across all three positions, creating a need for consolidated, competency-based training.

CURRENT STATUS

Through the Incident Performance Training Modernization (IPTM) process, the Aviation Management Committee (AMC), approved developing a 300-level course to replace S-273 and support the SEMG, FWBM, and ATBM positions. The new course will align with current incident position standards, consolidates shared competencies in aviation base operations, coordination, planning, safety, risk management, communications, and resource accountability. It also incorporates position-specific requirements as needed.

RECOMMENDATION

Archive S-273, Single Engine Airtanker Manager and replace with a new 300-level course with the course number, S-374 and with course title Air Base Manager.

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