



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP
NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee

IASS-23-01

Date: 17 February 2023
To: Anthony Lascano, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)
From: Walter Bunt, Chair NIAC-Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee WALTER BUNT
Subject: 2023 NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505, Chapter 3, Table 1.

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Purpose: Provide Interim direction to align standards with contract requirements,

Background: The published 2023 NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505, Chapter 3, Table 1. contains an error that conflicts with contract requirements regarding aerial supervision standards.

SITUATION	HLCO	ASM / LPIL	ATGS / ASM
Airtanker / Muti-Engine Amphibious Water Scooping Aircraft not IA carded.	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS	REQUIRED IF NO ASM/LPIL

The Large Airtanker contract(s) specify: “Non-AKI qualified pilots are not authorized to drop retardant on fires unless a LP or ASM is over the fire and supervises the drop.”

Recommendation: Issue interim direction via NIAC memo to show:

SITUATION	HLCO	ASM / LPIL	ATGS / ASM
MAFFS/VLAT/Airtanker not IA carded.	N/A	REQUIRED	N/A
Muti-Engine Amphibious Water Scooping Aircraft not IA carded.	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS	REQUIRED IF NO ASM/LPIL

IASS will make the final correction in Chapter 3, Table 1 for the 2024 NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505.

NIAC Decision

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Reference: NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505, Chapter 3, Table 1.

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