



**NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP**  
**NIAC- National Interagency Aviation Committee**

NWCG Memorandum 21-10

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**TO:** Walter Bunt, Chair, NIAC- Interagency Aerial Supervision Subcommittee (IASS)  
**FROM:** John Buehler, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)  
**SUBJECT:** Approving IASS change request for NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this memorandum is to approve the change request submitted to NIAC by IASS regarding *NWCG Aerial Supervision Requirements PMS 505* and their relation to Amphibious Water Scoopers when the resource is not “Initial Attack”.

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**Issue/Action:** In response to the IASS Memorandum 21-01 issued on June 16, 2021, NIAC has agreed to allow the IASS to update the *NWCG Standards for Aerial Supervision, PMS 505*. Request for the change occurred after IASS met and reviewed the updated PMS 505 and identified an issue regarding a lack of identified Interagency Standards for the level of Aerial Supervision Required. This oversight means the user of the resource would have to choose between the “Airtanker Not Carded” and the “Level 2 SEAT” standards, which do not have the same requirements. The change will be placed in Chapter 3, Table 1, as the 5<sup>th</sup> line, seen below, and will remedy the problem.

<b>SITUATION</b>	<b>HLCO</b>	<b>LPIL</b>	<b>ATGS / ASM***</b>
Multi-Engine Amphibious Water Scooper Not IA Carded.	N/A	REQUIRED IF NO ATGS	REQUIRED IF NO LPIL

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

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