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TO: Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC)  
Equipment Technology Committee (ETC)

FROM: Michael Reid, Chair, National Interagency Aviation Committee (NIAC)

SUBJECT: Updates to *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing*, PMS 200

**Purpose:** As a co-steward of *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Resource Typing*, PMS 200, NIAC would like to inform you of an update to the Airtanker Typing Standards contained in this publication.

**Issue/Action:** If the following information appears in any of your other publications, you will need to work with your NWCG coordinator to submit an update for those publications. The following update has been made to the Airtanker Typing Standards:

**Previous Language**

TYPE	CAPACITY GALLONS	EXAMPLES
VLAT	> 8,000	DC-10
1	3,000 – 5,000	BAe-146, RJ85, MD-87, C-130, B-737
2	1,800 – 2,999	Q-400, CV-580, P-3
3	800 to 1,799	S-2T, AT-802F
4	Up to 799	Thrush, M18T

Note: Tanker capacity standards may vary by agency.

**New Language** *(please duplicate the following in any publications containing the previous language)*

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NWCG standards are interagency by design; however, the decision to adopt and utilize them is made independently by the individual member agencies and communicated through their respective directives systems.

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