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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Washington, D.C.

NTSB Letter of November 25, 2008 to FAA Concerning

Safety Recommendations A-07-111 and -112

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November 25, 2008

The Honorable Robert A. Sturgell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Mr. Sturgell:

Thank you for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) March 10, 2008, response to the National Transportation Safety Board regarding Safety Recommendations A-07-111 and A-07-112 stated below. These recommendations were issued to the FAA on December 21, 2007, as a result of the Safety Board's investigation of two helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) accidents that involved low-altitude flight during night visual meteorological conditions (VMC) and that revealed safety issues related to the operability and use of radar altimeters.

A-07-111

Require helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) operators to install radar altimeters in all helicopters used in HEMS night operations.

A-07-112

Ensure that the minimum equipment lists for helicopters used in helicopter emergency medical services operations require that radar altimeters be operable during flights conducted at night.

The Safety Board notes that the FAA agrees with the intent of these recommendations and is considering rulemaking that would require all Part 135 HEMS operators conducting night HEMS operations to have an operable radar altimeter installed in the helicopter. The FAA's rulemaking council will consider these recommendations and will provide the Board with an update.

Pending the FAA's requiring the installation of radar altimeters in all helicopters used in HEMS night operations and ensuring that the minimum equipment lists for these helicopters require that these altimeters be operable during flights conducted at night, Safety Recommendations A-07-111 and A-07-112 are classified "Open—Acceptable Response."

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Mark V. Rosenker
Acting Chairman

cc: Ms. Linda Lawson, Director
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