



National Transportation Safety Board

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Safety Recommendation

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In reply refer to: A-16-17

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On July 11, 2016, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) adopted our safety recommendation report concerning the flight safety of pilots who develop cataracts, which is based on the NTSB's investigation of a December 26, 2013, fatal aircraft accident in Fresno, California. Additional information about this accident, NTSB accident number WPR14FA078, and the findings that led to our recommendations may be found, respectively, in the report of the investigation and the safety recommendation report, both of which can be accessed at our website, www.nts.gov.

As a result of this investigation, we issued three new recommendations, including two recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration and the following recommendation to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association:

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Include in your educational resources for pilots information about cataracts and the risks they pose to flight safety including a discussion of degraded vision at night, and encourage pilots with cataracts to communicate with their eye care professionals regarding diagnosis and treatment options.

Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov.

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