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Exemption No. 6175A
Regulatory Docket No. 27491

Mr. Frank L. Jensen, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Jensen and Ms. Mancuso:

This is in response to Mr. Jensen's March 14, 1997, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the Helicopter Association International (HAI) and the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) for an extension of Exemption No. 6175. That exemption from § 135.213(a) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits part 135 certificate holders that conduct helicopter emergency medical service (EMS) operations and are members of both the HAI and the AAMS to conduct EMS departures under instrument flight rules in weather that is at or above visual flight rules minimums. Such operations are permitted from airports or heliports at which a weather report is not available from the U.S. National Weather Service (NWS), a source approved by the NWS, or a source approved by the Administrator.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the petitioner.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 6175 remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator (14 CFR § 11.53), Exemption No. 6175 is hereby amended by extending its

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September 30, 1997, termination date to September 30, 1999, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6175 remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6175.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard O. Gordon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard O. Gordon
Acting Deputy Director, Flight Standards Service