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DOI AM OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM NO. 04- 44

Subject: Flight Crew Duty Limitations

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.1 Purpose. This OPM establishes policy for flight crew duty limitations for type I helicopters.

.2 Authority. This policy is established by the Associate Director, Department of the Interior, Aviation Management (DOI AM), in accordance with the provisions of Departmental Manual 112 DM 12; 350 DM 1; and Secretarial Order 3250 dated September 30, 2003.

.3 Policy. Type I helicopter companies have requested that they be allowed to use the same crew rotation schedule that they use for all of their other customers. Their crews normally work 14 consecutive days with 7 days off between each period. A safety analysis indicates that this is an equivalent level of safety and provides more rest for the crew than 2 days off out of 14 days. Therefore, 351 DM 3.5.A(2)(a) is changed to read as follows:

All flight crewmembers shall have two 24-hour periods of rest (off duty) within any 14 consecutive calendar days. In the conterminous United States, these two 24-hour rest periods shall be 2 calendar days off duty. Type I helicopter flight crewmembers may work 14 consecutive days provided they take 7 calendar days off duty before beginning a new 14-day period. This 14/7 schedule will replace the two 24-hour periods off duty in the first sentence for type I helicopter flight crewmembers when the procurement document specifies.

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