Memorandum

U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Review of Air Carriers’ Use of Aircraft Repair Stations

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The Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to conduct a review of Air Carriers’ Use of Aircraft Repair Stations. The objectives of our review will be to determine if the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA):

(1) ensures that repair stations have controls in place to provide adequate security for aircraft and repair facilities;

(2) verifies that foreign civil aviation authorities conducting inspections on FAA’s behalf ensure that aircraft are adequately safeguarded, repairs are completed properly, and any identified deficiencies are corrected;

(3) monitors changes in air carriers’ maintenance expenses and repair station usage to identify notable trends and effectively target FAA’s surveillance resources; and

(4) ensures that maintenance work at FAA-approved repair stations is performed by trained, qualified personnel and complies with approved maintenance procedures.

We plan to begin audit work the week of February 4, 2002.

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