



ATTACHMENT 8

MAINTENANCE GROUP CHAIRMAN'S FACTUAL REPORT

DCA-07-MA-310

MD Engineering Comments on Procedural Changes

From:
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 1:10 PM
To: Price Ron
Cc:
Subject: RE: Request for change

In the 7 years I have been a MD-80 Systems Lead Engineer, I am not aware of any RFS (Request for Service) sent to MD-80 Engineering that informed us of routine use of the manual start pushbutton for manual starts and how this conflicts with the MPM 80-2 procedure which directs use of a special wrench to accomplish manual starts. If this group had received notification of this discrepancy, we would have investigated the issue and determined what measures should be taken to ensure that the proper procedure is accomplished. Among the things we can do in these situations is to make appropriate changes to maintenance documents, notify Tech Services of the issue, publish Training Bulletins to emphasize proper procedures, ensure proper tools are in stock at applicable stations, etc.

I have asked our Planning Dept. to conduct a check of incoming RFS's prior to 2001 to determine if this issue was raised before my tenure in this position. I will report back to you as soon as I receive a reply.

Best regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 10:52 AM
To:
Subject: Request for change

In your review of the factual, you mentioned that had engineering received a request for change form concerning the manual start procedure that involves depressing the manual override button on the start valve solenoid, you would have considered the request and taken action on it. Since I put that in the factual, I would like to have a stand alone statement about it. An answer to this email would suffice. Thanks,