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An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: Non-Routine Flight Operations (NRFO)

Purpose: This InFO provides information and guidance for conducting Non-Routine Flight Operations (NRFO) for purposes other than the transport of people or materials, and/or after performing maintenance, preventive maintenance, rebuilding, or alteration on an airplane.

NOTE: This InFO does not address authorization for ferry flights with one engine inoperative, as set forth in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 91, § 91.611, nor does it address test or experimental flights.

Background: This InFO has been developed in response to National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) safety recommendations A-97-49, A-97-50, A-97-51 and A-97-52. In addition, it supersedes Flight Standards Information Bulletin for Air Transportation (FSAT) 04-02A.

On December 22, 1996, a Douglas DC-8-63 airplane impacted terrain, killing three flight crewmembers and three maintenance/avionics technicians on board. After conducting its investigation into this accident, the NTSB identified the flight as a Postmodification Functional Evaluation Flight (PFEF).

Discussion: For further discussion of this accident and further guidance, see:

http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/info/all_infos/media/2008/InFO08032Sup.pdf

Recommended action: Directors of safety and directors of operations (part 121); directors of operations (part 135); training managers; and pilots of transport aircraft should be familiar with the content of this InFO. They should work together to ensure that the highest level of safety is maintained while conducting Non-Routine Flight Operations (NRFOs).