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Dears Sir,

I am in favor of the NPRM – “Amending Helicopter Instrument Flight Rules” and feel it will greatly enhance the capabilities of IFR certified helicopters.

I am impressed with the forward thinking of the FAA in recognizing and addressing the unique characteristics of helicopter operations and providing them with a separate (from airplanes) set of regulations. These FAR’s will not only increase their level of safety but also provide the operators the ability to realize the full capabilities and utilization of their equipment.

I am in favor of “Option 2 – Partially Tabular Format” for Sec. 9 1.167 and 9 1.169 as this provides a format that is easier to read and interpret.

Regards,

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