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SUBJECT: Docket No. FAA-2000-7471, NPRM No. 00-04, Fire Protection Requirements for Powerplant Installations on Transport Category Airplanes

Dear Sir/Madam,

Airbus Industrie thanks the FAA for this opportunity to comment on NPRM No. 00-04.

This proposed rule will resolve a Significant Regulatory Difference between 14 CFR part 25 and JAR-25. It will thereby contributing to the objective of total harmonization between the U.S. and European airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes, without affecting current industry design practices.

For these reasons, we fully support the adoption of the proposed amendment as soon as possible.

Furthermore, we encourage the FAA to implement the Fast Track Harmonization Program under an aggressive schedule, and we are eager to see publication and adoption of other notices of proposed rulemaking resulting from this program.

Yours sincerely,

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