

Launch Final Rule Issue Clarification Record

1. Date:
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2. Subgroup/FAA Person Seeking Clarification:
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3. Company/Industry Person Contacted:
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4. Issue:
The FAA is seeking clarification on what XCOR meant in regards to NPRM 417.331(d) by “For vehicles of new type, how is an organization to develop if the senior flight safety official must have supported the launch of this, or an equivalent, vehicle previously?” XCOR has asked a question that can be interpreted a number of ways. This ambiguity is a source of confusion.
5 Discussion:
XCOR asserts that, in the case of vehicles of new type, the developer is best suited to determine what the qualifications must be. XCOR has no objection on designating what the person [the senior flight safety official] should be called. XCOR objects to the FAA determining what kinds of qualifications are appropriate [for the senior flight safety official on a new vehicles program].
6. Conclusion: