

As a Consultant DER and a DAS A/R, I have a great deal of concern about the underlying reason behind the ODA, i.e., reducing "FAA's administrative burden associated with managing individual designees". If designees are to surrender their ticket to be a part of an ODA, most will not and the result will be the loss of experienced people in the ODA with little or no reduction in the number of designees. In this climate of the FAA wanting to decrease the number of designees, no one with a designation will be willing to surrender it when it probably would not be restored later. This surely sounds like a silver bullet to kill the ODA. With the number of aircraft modifications continuing to increase, the answer to industry should be additional FAA resources to support this activity as well as the designee system.