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HELICOPTER SAFETY ADVISORY CONFERENCE-RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

Passenger Management on and About Heliport Facilities

Background

Recent incidents involving Gulf of Mexico helicopter passengers have highlighted the potential for incidents and accidents on and about the heliport area. The following practices will minimize risks to passengers and others involved in heliport operations.

Recommended Practice

1. Heliport facilities should have a designated and posted passenger waiting area which is clear of the heliport, heliport access points, and stairways.
2. Arriving passengers and cargo should be unloaded and cleared from the heliport and access route prior to loading departing passengers and cargo.
3. Where a flight crew consists of more than one pilot, one crewmember should supervise the unloading/loading process from outside the aircraft.
4. Where practical, a designated facility employee should assist with loading/unloading, etc.

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