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UAS Workgroup Meeting Outbrief

New Orleans, LA – 8 Oct 2025 In Person and via Zoom



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UAS Workgroup Composition

Very good showing

-32 In-Person participants

-7 On-line participants

-19 different industry/company represented

- Housekeeping and Introductions

- Recent Incident(s) / Importance of Reporting and Lessons

Learned as well as incidents outside of our industry and tie into upcoming Part 108 (BVLOS) FAA regulations

- 1 x incident between manned aircraft and drone

- 1 x drone collision with structure (crane)

- 1 x Industry incident (drone in a box DiAB)



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- Opportunity for industry forum and collaboration
- Industry engagement with multiple RPAS/Drone Operating Companies
- 3 Individual briefs:
 - Start-up “internal” company drone program
 - Latest Drone in a box (DiAB) program manager
 - Internal Tank Inspection work



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Offshore Airspace De-Confliction (RPAS / Helicopter)

-Goal: Develop an appropriate HSAC RP that addresses aircraft-RPAS airspace deconfliction, risk controls/mitigations, and overall increased awareness

-Timeline:

Jan 2025 (HSAC/Houston): Draft for review and feedback to the larger working groups (RPAS/UAS & Chief Pilots)

May 2025 (HSAC/Lafayette): Briefed CP WG/ consolidated inputs for UAS WG

Oct 2025 (HSAC/New Orleans): Final submitted for approval; has been vetted through both Chief Pilots WG and UAS WG.



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FAA Part 108 BVLOS Draft NPRM – Summary & Status

- Overview of the FAA's proposed framework for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) operations
- Status of Draft NPRM, Highlights of industry feedback
- General Discussion