**Section 515.955 Vehicle Maintenance for Helicopter and Fixed-wing Aircraft Programs**

The maintenance program shall meet the requirements of Subpart J of Air Taxi Operations and Commercial Operators (14 CFR 135) and as required by the manufacturer.

a) For helicopter programs:

1) The maintenance program shall meet the requirements of subpart J of Air Taxi Operations and Commercial Operators (14 CFR 135).

2) One certified airframe and power plant (A & P) mechanic with two years experience for each helicopter shall be available and dedicated to the program 24 hours per day.

3) Mechanics shall have completed factory-approved education for the makes and models of aircraft used in the SEMSV Program.

4) Back-up maintenance support shall be available when the primary mechanic is unavailable or during times of extensive maintenance needs.

5) Hangar facilities shall be available for major maintenance activities, as specified in manufacturer's requirements. These facilities need not be located at the base of operations.

6) Progressive maintenance on aircraft used by the SEMSV Program is recommended, including routine daily inspections, as required by the aircraft manufacturer.

b) For fixed-wing aircraft programs:

1) The maintenance program shall meet the requirements of subpart J of Air Taxi Operations and Commercial Operators (14 CFR 135).

2) Mechanics shall be certified A & P with two years experience, and shall have completed education for the make and model of aircraft used by the SEMSV Program.

3) Hangar facilities shall be available for major maintenance activities as specified in manufacturer's requirements.

4) Progressive maintenance on aircraft used by the SEMSV Program is recommended, including routine daily inspections, as required by the aircraft manufacturer.

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