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Title: Clarification of IP44: Evolution/Optimization Guidelines

Submitter: Boeing

Issue: Current IP44 Guidelines do not provide sufficient guidance for all circumstances when developing and maintaining a scheduled maintenance program.

Problem:

The current IP44 Evolution/Optimization Guidelines do not provide sufficient guidance to address task categories where the increase or decrease of intervals is not based solely on in-service data and thus might be justified by other means. The following items are types of tasks for which the current guidelines are insufficient or impractical:

- Servicing Tasks (such as lubrication and oil refill)
- Tasks with limited applicability (such as one-off options and configurations, or utilization cases)
- Restoration/Discard Tasks
- Maintenance Review Board Report Sampling Tasks

Typically, these tasks do not lend themselves to being analyzed through the review of in-service data by a statistical system, or by collecting such data in a large enough quantity that it requires the use a statistical system.

For non-fault finding tasks, such as servicing or wiring restoration tasks, discrepancies are not usually reported or recorded as it is not the intent of the task to find faults. In general, these types of tasks will not generate in-service data which lends itself to a statistical measurement (including the required 95% level of confidence). As a result, other analysis processes must be utilized to allow an engineering judgment to be formed.

Additionally, more clarification is needed for optimizing tasks with limited applicability; for which it is not practical to generate a large enough sample size to allow the use of a statistical process with a 95% level of confidence as a means of determining an appropriate interval.

Recommendation (including Implementation):

The following are types of tasks in which the guidance provided in the current guidelines is insufficient or impractical.

- Servicing Tasks (such as lubrication and oil refill)
- Tasks with limited applicability (such as one-off options and configurations)
- Restoration Tasks

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Guidance needs to be provided for each category of tasks to allow OEM/TCH evolution/optimization activities to be performed. A new section should be added to address each type of task in which additional or supplemental guidance is required.

Revise the IP44: Evolution/Optimization Guidelines

7.0 Data Review

7.1 Analysis Schedule - Evolution/Optimization timeline
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7.3 Engineering analysis
Engineering analysis will verify that findings are relevant to the scheduled task under evaluation. Non-routine write-ups will be evaluated to determine the significance or severity of findings. Pilot reports and component reliability reports will also be examined to account for line maintenance activities that may be relevant to the task under evaluation. The severity of the findings shall be considered and evaluated.

> ~~Note: Scheduled servicing (e.g. lubrication /oil replenishment) task data do not result in reported related findings, therefore Engineering assessment must be conducted to support an evolution/optimization. Negative long-term effects (e.g. corrosion) resulting from inappropriate servicing intervals must be considered.~~

7.4 Modification Status, AD, SB, SL, etc.
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7.6 Servicing Tasks
Scheduled servicing (e.g. lubrication /oil replenishment) task data will not normally result in reported related findings. For these tasks, Engineering assessment and analysis is the primary method to be used to support an evolution / optimization. The engineering assessment must take into account the negative long-term effects (e.g. corrosion) resulting from inappropriate servicing intervals.

7.7 Restoration/Discard Tasks
For many restoration/discard tasks, fault findings will not typically be recorded in the performance of the task. In these cases, an engineering assessment of shop/teardown data should be performed. This engineering analysis should assess the rate of wear, corrosion, and degradation of lubricants or other included components.

7.8 Tasks having no, or low, on-aircraft accomplishment
Tasks having no, or low, on-aircraft accomplishment should not be automatically excluded from evolution. These tasks may be reassessed using a combination of the data originally considered in the initial analysis and any additional current data to determine if the task and interval remain applicable and effective.

IMRBPB Position:

Date: 28/04/2011
Position:
IRMBPB agrees with the changes.

Status of Issue Paper (when closed state the closure date): closed 28/04/2011

Recommendation for implementation:

IP-44 to be revised to include the IP116 recommendation.

Important Note: The IMRBPB positions are not policy. Positions become policy only when the policy is issued formally by the appropriate National Aviation Authority.