

Charter of the Cooperative Forest Health Protection
Aerial Application Safety Council (AASC)

October 13, 2009

Purpose

To function as an ad hoc group of forest health specialists providing technical input to cooperating resource professionals regarding issues of aerial application safety, efficiency and effectiveness.

Goals

1. Promote a positive safety culture by applying components of Safety Management Systems in cooperative aerial application-related activities.
2. Provide information and technical assistance to state and federal program managers and their staff to ensure safe, effective aerial application projects.
3. Develop and help provide aerial application training programs.

Membership

Membership consists of a voluntary group of interested parties; selection is made by consensus among current members. Diverse membership is welcome from:

- State and federal employees involved in aerial application programs or projects
- Aviation management and aviation safety managers
- Aerial application operators/vendors
- Pesticide manufacturers' representative
- Technical specialists

Council Chair

The Chair shall be a non-federal member and serve a two-year term. The Chair is nominated by a council member and elected by a majority of the council members.

Duration of AASC

The Council is empowered for 5 years with review for re-chartering at end of the fourth year.

Council Activities

1. Facilitate improved aviation safety awareness and culture across agencies.
2. Contact states new to aerial application projects for support and mentoring.
3. Distribute safety and technical information to application cooperators.

The Council operates autonomously without formal oversight from any single entity. However, the Council's activities are endorsed by the National USDA Forest Service Director of Forest Health Protection (FHP).



FHP National Director,
USDA, Forest Service

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