

The Showdown

Handout 5A

I believe I am the only person involved in both the ASTF and Intrusive Inspection Groups. If the results of the Intrusive Inspections indicate that Visual Inspections are inadequate, why are we interested in that report. They said wire type doesn't matter even though they didn't record it. The Intrusive Inspection Report indicates just the opposite. Wire type flaws were characteristic of the particular wire types. The issue of mixing of wire types says don't do it according to the Intrusive Report pg. 61 (read). If type doesn't matter, then why did we study them. There are no references to wire type in Spec 117. How are the manuals being revised (TASK 4) if the verdict was based on the inadequate ASTF report.

The results of this report have been watered down to hypothetical, plausible scenarios. What is hypothetical about buried, cracked, arced, contaminated, lnt covered, conductors exposed, or chafing of power cables? Nothing. Except it might result in regulatory action or chafing of power cables? Instead we got this obscure scattering of info. I listened to Chris Smith's presentation. Are visual inspections adequate? Yes and NO; What is the assessment of wiring in aging aircraft? No answer from Chris. The answer is deplorable and in need of urgent fixes.

You can say the Titanic had a slight crack in its outer insulation but I say abandon ship. We should never yell fire in a crowded theater unless of course there is a fire. There is a fire. No one here has probably lost a loved one in a plane crash. There is a lot of laughing and joking going on here as a result. I know over 100 people that have lost someone so it's not academic with me.

If this report is accepted without my dissenting opinion attached. It will be contrary to prior ATSRAC policy. I have seen minutes falsified, statements made that were purposely false, Green Book rules changed to disallow my participation in TASK Gr. 5, and now trying to smother any dissension. I have spoken the TRUTH, the whole truth, and nothing but the TRUTH And so help You God. Edward B. Bloch 10/12/01