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Dorenda Baker
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Dear Dorenda:

Thank you for your February 5, 2011 letter alerting us to the fact that 47% of production approval holders have not yet responded to FAA requests to submit quality manuals for approval.

This is a very serious issue. With the April 16 deadline fast approaching, we share your concern over the resources that will be required to provide last-minute manual review and approval. Many MARPA members have reported making good progress on obtaining approval of their quality manuals, but it is clear from your letter that there is still a serious issue facing the industry.

We received your letter today, and we immediately posted an online blog article (which is also emailed to subscribers) and we also drafted a notice that will be mailed to all MARPA members, tomorrow. We communicate frequently with member of the trade press, so we will try to also publicize the need to file manuals for approval through the trade press, as well.

If you can think of any other actions that we can take to help publicize the need to submit quality manuals early for review and approval, please let me know.

Very Truly Yours,

Jason Dickstein MARPA President