

ICAO Action

Safety Recommendation 2003-67 addressed the work of the Hazards at Accident Sites Study Group (HASSG). Resource issues have prevented the work of the HASSG from being progressed as we would wish. However, we are hopeful that this matter will be resolved in the near future and that the work of the HASSG can resume later this year.

Further ICAO Action:

ICAO acknowledges that working at aircraft accident sites has the potential to expose investigators and search and rescue personnel, to a wide range of health and safety hazards. The ICAO Hazards at Accident Sites Study Group (HASSG) has produced guidelines for response personnel on hazards at aircraft accident sites. ICAO published these guidelines in a circular that was issued in 2007. The circular is produced to assist individuals to consider and apply effective occupational safety management practices both to their own activities, and to the activities of the teams that they work with, or for which they are responsible. The circular is produced in two sections, with the first section discussing the nature and variety of occupational hazards, and the second directed towards the management of risk associated with the exposure to these hazards.