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Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 10:54 AM
To: Grant Robinson
Cc: Mcconnell, DAVE P
Subject: RE: ASB 76-65-55A Applicability

Hi Grant,

As per a recent case with the same concern Sikorsky engineers provided the following response (please advise if you need further action):

ASB 76-65-55A was released on 7/25/02 and was for a one-time inspection of existing Main Rotor Blades in service to determine if they were damaged in a lightning strike. If so, they were removed from service. Subsequent to the release of the ASB, AD 2002-15-51 was released on 7/26/02 for the same issue. Blades manufactured and delivered subsequent to the ASB / AD release dates would not have been affected by the ASB / AD requirements. These blades would be covered per the Chapter 5-50 Conditional Inspection which addresses lightning strike damage for in-service aircraft.

Sikorsky Quality Assurance was contacted and confirmed the ASB / AD was dispositioned on new blades delivered with new aircraft as they were being delivered from the Sikorsky Coatesville location back in the 2002 timeframe. CTI was also checked and confirmed the above was being accomplished on repaired blades.

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Subject: EXTERNAL: ASB 76-65-55A Applicability

Hi Steve

As discussed, we know ASB 76-65-55A was published in 2002 to cover then all S76 MR Blades. However now we have the new D blades and we would like to know if this ASB covers these new generation blades. Can you please confirm this for us. Thank you

Subject: ROTORS - Main Rotor Blade - Lightning Strike |

1. PLANNING INFORMATION

A. Effectivity

Model: All S-76 helicopters.

All S-76 main rotor blades.

B. Purpose

To remove from service any main rotor blade id lightning strike.

Best Regards,

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