



FACT SHEET

Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Ethics Kneeboard

DESCRIPTION

Kneeboard files are checklists, notes, references, and other reminders that pilots can call up quickly whenever they need them while they are flying. They are called kneeboard files because pilots used to use (and sometimes still do) a wood or metal clipboard strapped to their leg just above their knee. The clipboards were essential to keep checklists and references close by in the cramped cockpits and limited space of pre-modern civilian and military aircraft.

PURPOSE

The PHMSA Ethics Kneeboard is an email attachment and summation of the ethics issues in a simple format that can be used as a handy reference.

PRODUCT ADAPTABILITY

It is a one-page Microsoft Word document that can be created and disseminated essentially for free using a computer and email. The simplicity of creating the “kneeboard” and its dissemination is easily adaptable to any agency.

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