



Safety Assurance System (SAS) and the Partial Government Shutdown

The partial government shutdown is over and the System Approach for Safety Oversight (SASO) Program Office is assessing the impact of the furlough on the SAS deployment. The government shutdown occurred at a particularly critical time period in the development schedule resulting in the need to adjust important milestone dates. The new deployment dates for Key Sites, Regional, and Full Deployment are reflected in the following updated timeline:



Leadership Corner

John Duncan, Director, AFS-1

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to address our ongoing transition to the Safety Assurance System (SAS). Change can be difficult, and challenges like the recent government shutdown add even more complexity to this particular task. I want to stress, though, that I remain fully committed to successful deployment of SAS. The AFS team is hard at work to fine-tune our original strategy and bring this important oversight tool to the field. I am immensely proud of the work we do and the manner in which the Flight Standards team conducts itself. I appreciate your commitment to our important work and to our successful transition to SAS.

The Change to SAS: Are You Ready?

Coming in January 2014 the SASO Program Office will conduct a Change Readiness Assessment. This assessment will help us better understand the current state of readiness within AFS for the transition to SAS. All AFS employees will receive the Change Readiness Assessment. Your participation will provide valuable insight into the effectiveness of change management and communication initiatives throughout the implementation. When you receive the email requesting your participation, carefully respond to the question and provide feedback so that we know the best ways to support you during the SAS transition. Help us to help you!

Introduction to SAS Available NOW!

The SASO Program Office is pleased to announce the *Introduction to SAS (Safety Assurance System) Web-Based Training (WBT) course (FAA27100190)* is now available in eLMS. This 90-minute course prepares you for SAS deployment by providing you with a range of foundational information including SAS background, definitions, SAS Oversight Model, automation, External Portal, supporting functions, and next steps. Prior to deployment, all members of AFS are required to take this *Introduction to SAS* course. This course is a mandatory prerequisite to all other SAS courses and is designed to prepare you for additional SAS training.

Access eLMS at this address: <https://elms.faa.gov/>

SAS News Now (SNN) videos are now featured on FAA TV! Select the video thumbnail to view the latest production of SNN, *SAS Benefits*, and for an explanation of how SAS will benefit both the organization and the individual inspector. The video stars Mark Ellis, a SAS Subject Matter Expert, from the Flight Standards National Field Office (AFS-900). Future editions of SNN are coming soon to a theater (or a computer) near you.

SAS News, 1st Edition: In case you missed the premier edition of our newsletter, SAS News, select the SAS News thumbnail to learn valuable information about the What, Why, How, and When of SAS.

SAS News, 2nd Edition: In September, you received the second edition of SAS News via email. Please note that the schedule dates in the 2nd Edition are no longer current. This 3rd Edition reflects revisions to the schedule as a result of the government shutdown.

SAS Deployment Schedule

See the SAS deployment schedule below. The dates represent the beginning of on-site training and deployment.

Key Site Deployment

San Antonio FSDO	5-May-2014
Delta CMO (Atlanta)	9-Jun-2014
Anchorage FSDO	14-Jul-2014
St. Louis FSDO	14-Jul and 22-Jul-2014

Regional Deployment

Alaskan • Central • Southern • Western Pacific	25-Aug-2014
Eastern • Great Lakes • NW Mountain • Southwest	8-Sep-2014

Full Deployment

Alaskan	Sep 2014
Central	Sep-Dec 2014
NW Mountain	Oct 2014-Jan 2015
Great Lakes	Dec 2014-Mar 2015
Western Pacific	Feb-Apr 2015
Southern	Mar-Jul 2015
Southwest	Apr-Aug 2015
Eastern	May-Aug 2015

Dates are current as of Nov 19, 2013.

Your Input is Vital!

To leave comments or ask questions about SAS, send an email to 9-AWA-AFS-900-SASO@faa.gov or contact your office START Member.