



National Wildfire Coordinating Group

National Interagency Fire Center
3833 S Development Avenue
Boise, Idaho 83705-5354

MEMORANDUM

Reference: NWCG#011-2013

To: NWCG Committee Chairs, Geographic Area Coordinating Group (GACG) Chairs, Geographic Area Training Representatives (GATR) Chair, National IC/AC Council Chair

From: NWCG Chair *Arthur Biduburn*

Date: October 21, 2013

Subject: Release of October 2013 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1)

The October 2013 version of the Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) has been released and is available for use by the interagency wildland fire community. The PMS 310-1 provides a cornerstone of our National Incident Management System by establishing minimum interagency qualification requirements for national mobilization of resources. While the 2013 update closely resembles the previous version, this edition includes significant changes which are summarized in the attached Errata Sheet # 5.

The following significant changes have been incorporated during the current PMS 310-1 revision cycle:

- Modification of the required training for the Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS) position.
- National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) references have been replaced with National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- Implementation of Phase 1 National Fire Training Curriculum transition plan

These changes will be administered in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) and the Incident Qualification System (IQS). It is important to familiarize yourself with the 2013 PMS 310-1 for a complete understanding of the revisions, and to insure this information is widely distributed within the interagency wildland fire community. The 2013 PMS 310-1 and associated transition plans can only be found on the NWCG website at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm> and are not available through the Publication Management System in hard copy. If a hard copy is needed, individual users can download and print the documents as needed.

Please disseminate this information broadly through your communications networks within the wildland fire community.

Attachments:

PMS 310-1 Errata Sheet # 5

cc: NWCG Executive Board
Program Management Unit (PMU)
Budget Advisory Unit (BAU) Chair
Jim Douglas, OWF Director
Rod Bloms, OWF Program Analyst

ARCHIVED

PMS 310-1 Errata Sheet #5

Effective Date: October 21, 2013

The PMS 310-1 and the Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) / Incident Qualification System (IQS) have been amended as follows:

Safety Officer Type 2 (S0F2)

Addition of Operations Section Chief Type 2 (OSC2) to the positions that maintain currency.

Task Force Leader (TFLD)

Addition of the following qualification pathway for required experience:

Satisfactory performance in any two Strike Team Leader positions (STCR, STEQ, STEN)

Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS)

Addition of Agency Approved CRM Training and Triennial Air Tactical Group Supervisor refresher training (RT-378).

NIMS Adoption

All references to National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) have been replaced with National Incident Management System (NIMS). See [NWCG #005-2013](#) for additional information.

Implementation of Phase 1 National Fire Training Curriculum

Changes to required training for various positions have been made as identified in the transition plan. See the [NWCG Training and Qualifications](#) website for additional information.

Miscellaneous:

Update of the Position Qualification flow charts.

Minor format and editorial edits.