



## National Wildfire Coordinating Group

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### MEMORANDUM

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

From: NWCG Chair *Arthur Bielebun*

Date: September 27, 2012

Subject: Release of October 2012 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1)

The October 2012 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 Interagency Incident Management System by establishing minimum interagency qualification requirements for national mobilization of resources. This edition includes changes which are summarized in the Errata Sheet # 4 (see Attachment A).

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

- Addition of the Incident Contract Project Inspector (ICPI) position
- Addition of the Infrared Interpreter (IRIN) position
- Implementation of National Incident Management System (NIMS) training requirements by position.

The following Position Task Books (PTBs) have been formalized or updated during the current PMS 310-1 revision cycle:

- Incident Contract Project Inspector (ICPI) position
- Infrared Interpreter (IRIN) position
- Combined Fire Effects Monitor (FEMO) and Field Observer (FOBS).

Information regarding the use of the IRIN and ICPI positions is included in the transition plans located at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm>. Position taskbooks are located at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/taskbook/taskbook.htm>. These changes will be administered in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) and the Incident Qualification System (IQS).

As identified in [NWCG#023-2011 Memorandum](#) (2011 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) and NIMS Wildland Fire Implementation), NIMS required training has been enforced for all responders participating in positions in the PMS 310-1 as of October 1, 2012.

The following should be noted in this process:

- The process of historical recognition has been utilized for all qualified NWCG responders for ICS courses.
- All responders are required to complete the appropriate Independent Study (IS) courses to be considered qualified for their current position. IS courses are available online at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp?page=1>.
- The NIMS training requirements of ICS-100 and IS-700 have been added to all Technical Specialist positions administered in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) and Incident Qualification System (IQS).
- All current and future trainees will be required to complete the NIMS training requirements (IS and ICS) identified for the position before being considered qualified.

It is important to familiarize yourself with the 2012 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 2012 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.

Attachment A: PMS 310-1 Errata Sheet # 4

cc: NWCG Executive Board  
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## PMS 310-1 Errata Sheet #4

Effective Date: October 1, 2012

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

**Fire Fighter Type 1 (FFT1):**

Added S-219, Firing Operations “Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge & Skills.”

**Infrared Interpreter (IRIN):**

Included the Infrared Interpreter (IRIN) position. IRIN Transition Plan can be found at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm>.

**Incident Contract Project Inspector (ICPI):**

Established the Incident Contract Project Inspector (ICPI). ICPI Implementation Transmittal can be found at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm>.

**Helicopter Manager (HMGB):**

Added A-110, Aviation Transportation of Hazardous Materials training as a triennial requirement. Completion of A-110 is required prior to Position Task Book initiation. A-110 training is available at: <https://www.iat.gov/Training/pages/online.asp>

**NIMS Required Training:**

NIMS required training has been implemented for all PMS 310-1 positions.

**Miscellaneous:**

Update the Fire Effects Monitor (FEMO) and Field Observer (FOBS) combined position taskbook language to read:

The common tasks for both positions are listed first. The tasks specific to FEMO and then FOBS follow the common tasks. The FEMO and FOBS PTBs can be initiated at the same time; the tasks can be completed simultaneously. A Verification/Certification page is included in this PTB for each position.

Update of the Position Qualification flow charts.

Minor format and editorial edits.