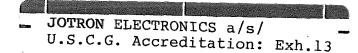
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ACCEPTANCE AS AN INDEPENDENT LABORATORY FOR TESTING 406 MHz EPIRBs

M. Flom Associates, Inc. is hereby accepted as an independent laboratory under 46 CFR 159 for testing 406 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons. These 406 MHz EPIRBs are type-accepted by the Federal Communications Commission under 47 CFR Parts 2 and 80, and are to be tested as outlined in the publication of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services, entitled "RTCM Recommended Standards for 406 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Roadio Beacons (EPIRBs)", dated July 31, 1987, with editorial update of December 31, 1987: Appendix A (RTCM Recommended Standards).

Prior to conducting any testing you must obtain a copy of the RTCM Recommended Standards for 406 MHz Satellite EPIRBs from the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services, P.O. Box 19087, Washington, DC 20036.

If you have any questions please contact LCDR Deno of my staff.

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