

CASS Knows What. SMS Knows Why.



Safety isn't just about reacting. It's about predicting.

To do that, you need more than just data—you need insight. You need systems that don't just track events but connect the dots between **what's happening**, **why it's happening**, and **what to do about it**.

That's the power of integrating **CASS** and **SMS**.

What Is CASS?

The FAA mandates the Continuing Analysis and Surveillance System (CASS) under regulations 14 CFR §§ 121.373 and 135.431. Its primary function is to ensure continuous monitoring and evaluation of an operator's maintenance and inspection programs. CASS is a quality assurance system encompassing surveillance, controls, analysis, corrective actions, and follow-up. This closed-loop system is designed to identify deficiencies in maintenance programs and implement effective corrective measures.

Key components of CASS include:

 **Data Collection and Analysis:** Gathering data from maintenance reports, inspections, and operational events to identify trends or areas needing improvement.

- ✅ **Surveillance:** Continuous monitoring of maintenance operations to ensure compliance with approved programs.
- ✅ **Corrective Actions:** Implementing measures to address identified discrepancies, ensuring maintenance programs evolve based on real-world data.
- ✅ **Feedback Loop:** Using information from surveillance and analysis to continuously refine and improve maintenance programs.

By integrating CASS with an SMS, operators can enhance their ability to manage risks proactively, ensuring that maintenance practices not only meet regulatory requirements but also contribute to overall operational safety.

WYVERN's QSMS: Bridging CASS and SMS

WYVERN's Quality and Safety Management System (QSMS) software offers a robust platform that integrates CASS functionalities within an SMS framework. This integration facilitates seamless communication between maintenance data and safety management processes.

Notable features of WYVERN's QSMS include:

- ✅ **Real-Time Maintenance Dashboards:** Providing up-to-date aircraft maintenance statuses accessible to all relevant personnel.
- ✅ **Integrated MEL Support:** Ensuring Minimum Equipment List (MEL) items are managed within the SMS, streamlining decision-making processes.
- ✅ **Automated Notifications:** Sending instant alerts when maintenance statuses change, keeping all stakeholders informed.
- ✅ **Pre-Flight Risk Assessments:** Incorporating maintenance data into pre-flight risk assessment tools, enhancing operational readiness.

By utilizing WYVERN's QSMS, technicians and aerospace professionals can ensure that maintenance activities are closely aligned with safety objectives, promoting a culture of continuous improvement and proactive risk management.



Enhancing Maintenance Oversight Through Integration

Integrating CASS into an SMS framework allows for a more comprehensive approach to maintenance oversight. Technicians benefit from:

- ✅ **Improved Data Accuracy:** Consolidating maintenance and safety data reduces discrepancies and enhances the reliability of information.
- ✅ **Streamlined Processes:** Automating workflows minimizes manual interventions, reducing the likelihood of errors.
- ✅ **Enhanced Compliance:** Ensuring that maintenance practices adhere to both regulatory requirements and internal safety standards.
- ✅ **Proactive Risk Management:** Identifying potential issues before they escalate, allowing for timely interventions.

This integrated approach not only improves maintenance efficiency but also contributes significantly to the overall safety and reliability of aviation operations.

Real-World Application: Prime Jet's Success

Prime Jet, a WYVERN Wingman Operator, integrated their CASS with WYVERN's QSMS software and received FAA approval for this solution. The integration features include:

- **Real-Time Dashboards:** Presenting aircraft maintenance status to all employees.
- **Maintenance Write-Ups:** Accessible to crew members during post-flight briefings.
- **Instant Notifications:** Automated emails when maintenance status changes.
- **Integrated MEL Support:** Ensuring Minimum Equipment List compliance.
- **Pre-Flight Risk Analysis:** Presenting maintenance status during pre-flight FRAT workflows.
- **Surveillance Integration:** Routing findings into SMS analysis and remediation processes.
- **Automated Reporting:** Generating FAA-required operational and non-operational data reports.
- **Customizable Analysis:** Detailed trend analysis by aircraft, date range, ATA chapter, etc.

[Read the full article here.](#)

Upcoming: NBAA Maintenance Conference

We're excited to announce that WYVERN will attend the [NBAA Maintenance Conference](#) again this year! Invite us to your booth to learn more about how CASS and QSMS can help elevate your safety practices and optimize maintenance management.

Ask about our **Wingman MRO Certification**. Let's discuss how we can support your efforts to maintain the highest levels of safety and compliance.

Ready to Elevate Your Safety Management?

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