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PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE PASSING SCORE
FOR S-260 FROM 70% TO 80%
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BACKGROUND/CURRENT STATUS

S-260, Interagency Incident Business Management is a technical course that requires students to be very accurate in filling out forms and dealing with business issues. Is it O.K. to fill out someone's time sheet with 70% accuracy? Is 70% good enough when figuring fuel and oil costs for an incident? The concepts taught in S-260 are based on the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook. Given the handbook and real world exercises, it seems reasonable to expect student performance well above the 70% level.

ISSUE

The current NWCG standard of requiring a minimum of 70% to pass the S-260, Interagency Business Management course is too low.

RECOMMENDATION

The S-260 revision group proposes that a minimum score of 80% be required to pass the course.

APPROVED / DENIED Based on TWT decision made in December 2001 that all courses be approved at 70%.
(circle one)

SIGNATURE

TWT Chair **Date** 02-24-04

cc: Incident Business Practices Working Team