

# Bush carrier called safe despite Markair's woes

MarkAir Express underwent the nation's most stringent safety examination last week when a team of Federal Aviation Administration inspectors conducted a National Airworthiness Safety Inspection (NASI).

"We're pleased that we fared so well in this inspection which holds carriers to the highest national safety standards," said Mike Bergt, Express President.

The inspections are part of a federal program to improve the nation's air safety record, and Express was one of about 180 carriers scheduled for examination this year.

The week-long inspection included a detailed examination of Express' maintenance and operating records and procedures,

route checks and base inspections in Anchorage, Kodiak, Bethel and King Salmon.

Each of the nation's air carriers undergo an airworthiness inspection every three years.

Express is Alaska's largest commuter airline, offering the lowest fares to more than 100 Alaska communities.