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**Sikorsky Aircraft
S76**

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The operator has introduced a flying safety instruction requiring crew, who's currency in rappelling has lapsed, to complete at least three descents from a suitable static platform prior to helicopter operations. In addition, the first rappel from the helicopter will be completed from 30 ft instead of 70 ft.

The operator is also researching the use of mechanical braking devices as an alternative to the 'feel' system.

