

OPERATIONS SAFETY NOTICE

December 16, 2002

OSN 214-02-11**TO:** All Owners/Operators of Bell Model 214B/B-1 Helicopters**SUBJECT:** P/N 214-015-750 TAIL ROTOR BLADE TIP CLOSURE

It was recently reported to BHT that a 214B tail rotor blade tip closure came loose during operation. This did not result in further damage to the helicopter and the blade has been returned to BHT for investigation.

This Operations Safety Notice is issued to advise operators of this incident and to direct special attention to tip closure condition during the daily tail rotor hub and blades inspection. The blade should be carefully inspected for cracks in the tip closure itself or for cracks or voids in the tip closure to skin or tip block to closure bond lines.

