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Previously, Mr. Flores was the Deputy Director of Airports Division for the Great Lakes Region, AGL-601, where he was responsible for managing the daily operation of the Airports Division. He was also responsible for the planning, formulation, direction, implementation, and evaluation of a variety of Airports programs in the region dealing with Airport Safety and Certification, Airport Planning, Environmental, Engineering, Compliance and SMS. Previously, he also held the following positions: Manager of Safety and Standards Branch in AGL; Standards and Procedures Officer for International Civil Aviation Authority; FAA Airport Safety Inspector, and he worked at O'Hare International Airport in the operations department.

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