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Adopted by the NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
at its office in Washington, D. C.  
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Honorable John H. Shaffer )  
Administrator )  
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SAFETY RECOMMENDATION A-71-58

Our investigation of the midair collision between the American Airlines Boeing 707, and the Cessna 150, over Edison Township, New Jersey, on January 8, 1971, disclosed that there was a lack of coordination among Air Traffic Service, the General Aviation District Office, and the civil operators of the pilot training school (which owned the light aircraft) relative to the establishment of the practice area for student flight training. Consequently, IFR aircraft were routinely vectored, and VFR flight training operations were being conducted simultaneously within common airspace.

The Board believes that, because of this lack of coordination, an unwarranted hazard was created for all of the parties involved in the accident.

We have reviewed your Facility Management Handbook 7210.3, Part I, Chapter 3, Section 3, dated October 1, 1969, and have found that this directive is not sufficiently definitive relative to the establishment of procedures for coordination between pertinent Federal Aviation Administration operational authorities and nongovernment authorities.

In view of the above, the Board recommends that:


The Administrator establish procedures whereby all operators of civil flying training schools will formally advise appropriate Federal Aviation Administration authorities of the locations and dimensions of designated practice areas for student flying training, and that such information be disseminated to all affected services within the FAA.

Honorable John H. Reed

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Reed, Chairman; Thayer and Burgess, Members, concurred in the above recommendation. Laurel and McAdams, Members, were absent, not voting.

  
By: John H. Reed  
Chairman