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Application

This bulletin is being sent to Part 139 Airport Managers and State Aviation Directors in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska

Background:

Part 139.303(c) requires airport operators to train airport personnel with responsibilities in the airport certification program. Advisory Circulars (AC) are used to develop training curriculums and as a reference for FAA standards and procedures. The following Advisory Circulars have been issued or updated recently.

AC 150/5200-36, Qualifications for Wildlife Biologist Conducting Wildlife Hazard Assessments and Training Curriculums for Airport Personnel Involved in Controlling Wildlife Hazards on Airports - This new AC describes the minimum qualifications for wildlife biologists who conduct Wildlife Hazard Assessments at airports and conduct wildlife hazard management training at certificated airports. In addition, the AC includes guidance in developing a wildlife hazard management-training curriculum for initial and recurrent training of airport personnel who have responsibilities in wildlife hazard management. A number of airport operators have a professional wildlife biologist under contract to provide wildlife hazard management services and conduct wildlife hazard management training for airport personnel. Some of these wildlife biologists do not meet all of the qualifications listed in this new AC. However, the wildlife biologists currently working at certificated airports are considered grandfathered for the qualifications listed in this new AC and can continue to provide the wildlife hazard management training to airport personnel.

AC 150/5340-30B, Design and Installation Details for Airport Visual Aids -

The previous 150/5340-30A version of this AC has been replaced with AC 150/5340-30B, dated August 1, 2006. The principal change in this AC includes incorporating alternating yellow/green taxiway centerline "lead-on" lights past the runway holding positions. Previously, this standard only applied to "lead-off" lights. This change is addressed in Par 4.3b (2) & (3). However, the change was not incorporated into Figure 44. A corrected Figure 44 will be included in a future change to the AC. AC 150/5340-30B also provides corrections to runway centerline lights for declared distance applications on Figures 8, 9 and 10.

AC 150/5200-28C, NOTAMS for Airport Operators

This updated version of the NOTAMS AC is dated July 24, 2006, and replaces the previous version 150/5200-28B, dated June 20, 1996.

ACTION NEEDED:

Airport operators need to review AC 150/5200-36 and take necessary actions to ensure that the training curriculum for airport personnel with responsibilities in wildlife hazard management is in accordance with the training requirements in Appendix C.

Airport operators need to provide copies of AC 150/5340-30B and AC 150/5200-28C to all airport staff who use these Advisory Circulars as a reference for FAA standards and for conducting training required by Part 139.303(c). Any copies of the outdated versions of these Advisory Circulars should be collected.

Airport operators need to review the ACM and identify any references to the outdated Advisory Circulars that need to be updated in the next revision to the Airport Certification Manual (ACM). Many of the ACMs currently list AC 150/5340-30A in Section 311 and Section 327.

Airport operators with taxiway centerline lead-on lights need to initiate action to install the alternating yellow/green lights past runway holding positions as soon as possible. In addition, any airport operators using declared distance on a runway with runway centerline lights need to check the color coding of the runway centerline lights for compliance to standards depicted in Figures 8, 9 & 10 in AC 150/5340-30B.