Central Region Airport Certification Bulletin

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Application

This bulletin is intended for use by Part 139 Airport Managers and State Aviation Directors within the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska

Background

In 2009, an ATR-42 cargo plane crashed short of the runway during icing conditions. During the mutual aid response, an emergency response unit arrived at the access gate identified in the Airport Emergency Plan for mutual aid response to aircraft emergencies at the airport. However, the gate was inoperative due to ice in the operating mechanism and the mutual aid response units diverted to another gate, which delayed their response time. As a result of the investigation, the NTSB issued the following recommendation:

> **Recommendation # A-11-43. TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION:** Amend Advisory Circular 150/5200-30C to include guidance on monitoring and ensuring the operability of emergency response and mutual aid gates during winter operations.

As a result of the NTSB recommendation, the FAA issued Change 1 to AC 150/5200-30C, dated 2/15/2012. This change adds, "*identified ARFF mutual aid access point(s) to include gate(s) operability*", to the list of Priority 1 items to address in Snow and Ice Control Plans required by Part 139.313(a).

Action Required

* Airport operators need to revise their Snow and Ice Control Plans (SICP) as soon as practical to include the new Change 1 item for Priority 1 action, concerning monitoring and ensuring the operability of gates during winter conditions identified in the AEP for mutual aid access to the AOA.

* Airport operators who fail to revise their SICP accordingly, may be subject to potential administrative or enforcement action for noncompliance.

Questions

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