



Airport Certification Information Bulletin (ACIB) 12-11

Subject: FOR CERTIFICATE HOLDER ACTION: Snow and Ice Control Plan Revision

Reference: FAA CertAlert 12-03, [Change 1 to Advisory Circular \(AC\) 150/5200-30C, "Airport Winter Safety and Operations"](#)


AC 5200-30C Change 1 requires a revision to your Airport Certification Manual. Specifically, The Snow and Ice Control Plan in your ACM must state a requirement to ensure ARFF mutual aid access point gate operability in winter weather conditions.

Certificate Holders must submit an ACM revision to the airport's assigned Airport Certification Safety Inspector no later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of CertAlert 12-03.

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Please contact your assigned Airport Certification Safety Inspector if you have any questions.



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To: Airport Operators, FAA Airport Certification Safety Inspectors

Subject: Change 1 to Advisory Circular 150/5200-30C, Airport Winter Safety and Operations

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1. Purpose. This CertAlert announces the publication of Change 1, dated 15 Feb 2012, to Advisory Circular 150/5200-30C, Airport Winter Safety and Operations.

2. Background. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) wrote the following:

"In 2009, an ATR-42 cargo aircraft crashed short of a runway during icing conditions. During the mutual aid response, an emergency response unit arrived at a perimeter access gate identified in the Airport Emergency Plan, and found the gate locking mechanism frozen (ice) and inoperable. The emergency response vehicle was then forced to drive to another perimeter vehicle gate and this delayed the initial emergency response. A post-accident investigation, conducted by the NTSB and the airport operator determined the locking mechanism was frozen, due to ice in the lock's operating mechanism. 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.