

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Guidance for the Use of Runway Status Lights (RWSL) Light System at Orlando, FL, Airport (MCO)

1. Purpose of This Notice. The purpose of this notice is to provide interim guidance to the air traffic manager (ATM)/front line manager (FLM) concerning the operation and periodic check of runway status lights (RWSL) system being tested at MCO Airport. A new paragraph will not be added to FAA Order JO 7210.3 until all testing is complete.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the Air Traffic Organization (ATO) Terminal Service Unit at MCO airport.

3. Where Can I Find This Notice? This notice is available on the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications.

4. Explanation of Changes. This notice is a continuation of N JO 7210.768, effective May 4, 2011. Subparagraph c from the previous notice has been deleted since the requirement is also identified in the companion renewal notice for FAA Order JO 7110.65.

5. Procedures. The following procedures must be used:

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The RWSL is a system of runway and taxiway lighting which enhances pilot situational awareness by illuminating runway entrance lights (REL) when the runway is unsafe for entry or crossing and take-off hold lights (THL) when the runway is unsafe for departure. RWSLs use a configuration of in-pavement lights installed on taxiways and runways that indicate runway status only; they are not intended to indicate a clearance. The RWSL system works in conjunction with the airport surface detection equipment (ASDE-X) system, along with the Field Lighting System (FLS).

a. ATMs must ensure that when available or operating normally, the RWSL light systems are operated on a continuous basis.

b. As part of the facility checklist, operation of the system must be verified once each shift.

c. A NOTAM must be issued during any outage of the system.

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Terminal, En Route and Oceanic, Mission Support, and System Operations Services; the ATO Office of Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.



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