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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**
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SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI ATCT LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 07-02

SUBJECT: Separation for practice instrument approaches within the Springfield, Missouri terminal area.

CANCELLATION: September 1, 2009

The purpose of this letter is to explain the services provided by Springfield, Missouri Approach Control to aircraft practicing instrument approach procedures.

Springfield Approach Control will provide separation service to all aircraft conducting practice instrument approaches within the Springfield Approach Control airspace on VHF frequency 124.95 north and west of Springfield, and on VHF frequency 121.1 from the south and east of Springfield.

VFR aircraft conducting practice instrument approaches are required to remain in VFR conditions throughout the approach procedure and will receive instructions to "maintain VFR" in lieu of an assigned altitude to preclude any misunderstanding. IFR separation will be provided between VFR aircraft conducting practice approaches and IFR aircraft. Controller responsibility for separation begins at the point where the approach clearance becomes effective.

Radar coverage in the Springfield terminal area is excellent and allows for aircraft to be vectored to most instrument approaches in the terminal area. Instrument approaches are available at the following airports:

Springfield/Branson Regional Airport (**SGF**)
Aurora (**2H2**)
Ava/Bill Martin Memorial Airport (**AOV**)
Bolivar (**M17**)

Cassville (**94K**)
Monett (**M58**)
Point Lookout/M Graham Clark (**PLK**)
Lebanon/Floyd W. Jones (**LBO**)
Stockton (**MO3**)

IFR separation for practice instrument approaches to secondary airports will be terminated at the Missed Approach Point (MAP). Radar service will be terminated at a point outside the MAP to allow the pilot sufficient time to change to the Common Traffic Advisory Frequency. This termination of radar service does not require the pilot to terminate the instrument approach procedure.

Your comments and questions are welcome and should be addressed to: Air Traffic Manager, 2365 North FAA Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802. The telephone number is 417-868-5600.

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