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OKLAHOMA CITY ATCT LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 05-1

SUBJECT: PRACTICE INSTRUMENT APPROACHES

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This letter supersedes Oklahoma City ATCT Letter to Airmen No. 03-1 issued October 1, 2003.

In the interest of flight safety this letter is issued in response to inquiries concerning ATC separation standards applied to VFR flights conducting practice instrument approaches.

Standard IFR separation shall be provided to VFR aircraft, not on an IFR flight plan, practicing instrument approaches to Will Rogers, Wiley Post, Max Westheimer, Sundance, Clarence E. Page and Tinker AFB. This separation commences upon issuance of the approach clearance by the controller. Except for heavy aircraft/B757, 500 feet vertical separation may be applied between VFR aircraft and between a VFR and an IFR aircraft.

For procedural application and understanding, pilots are encouraged to review the section of the AIM, concerning PRACTICE INSTRUMENT APPROACHES. VFR aircraft can expect to receive altitude assignments and vectors for sequencing in the approach pattern, but should remember that it is the pilot's responsibility to conduct all phases of the flight in VFR weather conditions. If a control instruction cannot be accepted due to weather considerations, inform the controller immediately.

The least busy traffic periods at Will Rogers are between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and after 9:00 p.m. Pilots practicing approaches to Max Westheimer are reminded to be especially alert for the possibility of opposite direction traffic on runway 21. The wide range of approach speeds for aircraft which utilize our airports is the most common reason for vector delays when practice approaches are conducted. Your continued understanding and cooperation are most appreciated.

Using Will Rogers Airport as a reference point, practice approaches should call on the following frequencies: West 124.6, Northeast 124.2, Southeast 120.45.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please call (405)686-4700 during normal business hours 8:00am to 4:00pm.

“Original Signed by
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