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SUBJECT: SFRA: PATTERN WORK AT NON-CONTROLLED TOWER AIRPORTS IN SFRA

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Potomac Approach Control (PCT) has established internal procedures to track all aircraft at all non-controlled towered airports for security purposes in conjunction with the published NOTAMs and in accordance with 14 CFR 93.339 (C) regarding the Washington, DC Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA).

All pilots that request VFR traffic pattern work at an airport within the DC SFRA (but not within the DC FRZ) that does not have an operating airport traffic control tower or where the airport traffic control tower is closed must do the following:

- 1) Prior to departure, inform ATC (by calling the appropriate clearance delivery frequency via telephone, GCO or RTR), obtain a discreet beacon code. The pilot may, at their discretion, obtain an appropriate Potomac Approach frequency in the event it is needed for emergency purposes or purposes the pilot deems necessary. This frequency is not to be used for canceling pattern work.
- 2) If already airborne, inform ATC of their intent to conduct pattern work prior to being switched to the common traffic advisory frequency.
- 3) When terminating pattern operations, pilots must inform ATC they have completed their pattern work by calling POTOMAC APPROACH via telephone at 540-351-6129.

Any questions or comments concerning these procedures may be sent to the address above or you may log on to www.faa.gov/ats/potomac/



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