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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.

3. Required Actions. Obtain Change 1 utilizing the computer link below and make revisions and or additions to applicable Snow and Ice Control Plans and Airport Emergency Plans as needed not later than 60 days after receipt of this CertAlert.

http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/advisory_circulars/index.cfm/go/document.information/documentID/74199



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