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This CertAlert pertains to: 
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Airport Contingency Planning

Airport Tarmac Delay Contingency Plans

The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 requires covered U.S. carriers and U.S. 
airports to submit to the Secretary of Transportation for review and approval tarmac delay 
contingency plans on or before May 14, 2012. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Office 
of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings (Enforcement Office) will be establishing an electronic 
submission system to enable covered airlines and airports to submit the required plans through 
the World Wide Web. The Enforcement Office plans to issue another notice within 45 days that 
will provide information on how covered carriers and airports can submit these required plans. 
Submissions of the plans should not be made prior to that date to ensure proper review 
and recording.

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Guidebook for Airport Irregular Operations Contingency Planning

The Transportation Research Board’s, Airport Cooperative Research Program has published a 
“Guidebook for Airport Irregular Operations (IROPS) Contingency Planning.” This guidebook is 
a resource to assist commercial passenger airports in developing irregular operations 
contingency plans, including step-by-step templates.

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