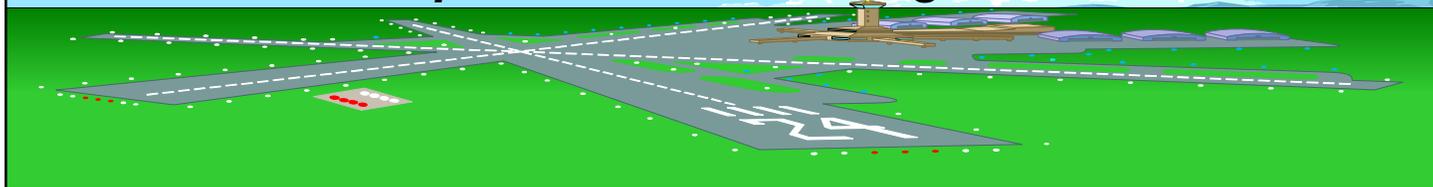




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This Cert bulletin contains information and guidance about the Airport Certification Safety Program that may be useful to people with various interests in your organization. Please distribute this Cert-Bulletin to those persons.

This past year there have been some great strides in improving safety at the airports in New England. Airport Operators deserve much credit for their initiative and taking a proactive stance. A few of these improvements are highlighted below.

Change in Class: Three airports have initiated the process of changing their airport classification. These include Westover Metropolitan Airport; Class IV to Class I and Lebanon Municipal Airport; Class III to Class I. Rutland State Airport is in process moving from a Class III to a Class IV airport.

Training Sessions: This past year, the FAA Certification staff provided several training sessions. Topics included Self Inspections, Wildlife Hazard Management, Airport Emergency Plan Reviews, Changes to Part 139 relative to Snow Removal Operations, Implementation of Part 139, Aircraft Rescue Firefighting for Small Airport Operators, and Safety Management Systems for Airport Operators. Many of these sessions were made available at the request of airport operators, peer agencies/organizations, or they were offered as part of regional airport conferences.

Call To Action: In September, 2007, the FAA initiated a Call To Action, requesting the installation of enhanced taxiway centerline markings at certificated airports as well as instituting annual recurrent driver's training for anyone who has access to the movement area. We thank all of the airports for their participation and rapid responses in addressing these two items. We'll continue to work with airports during Fiscal Year 2008 to accomplish these goals.

Improvements to the ANE Certification Program: This past year the ANE Certification staff reinstated the regional Cert Bulletin. The Cert Bulletin will highlight a safety topic or it may provide an update on certain safety initiatives. There has also been an addition to the FAA's Certification Staff. Tracey McInnis will provide database management and program oversight as part of the FAA's commitment to consistency in implementing the Part 139 program.

-- From your Certification & Safety Team