



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Office of Airport Safety and
Standards

800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

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Dear Industry Representative:

The FAA has revised Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5210-20A, Ground Vehicle Operations and Mechanic Taxiing or Towing an Aircraft on Airports. The AC provides guidance for Ground vehicle operation plans promote the safety of airport users by helping identify authorized areas of vehicle operation, outlining vehicle identification systems, addressing vehicle and operator requirements, and coordinating construction, maintenance, and emergency activities.

This (AC) revision provides guidance to airport operators in developing training programs for safe ground vehicle operations, mechanics taxiing or towing an aircraft, and pedestrian control on the airside of an airport. The term “vehicle” includes aircraft being taxied under their own power or being towed. Not all the items addressed in this document will be applicable at every airport. The overall responsibility for the operation of vehicles on an airport rests with the airport operator, and for mechanics taxiing or towing aircraft, there is a shared responsibility between the airport operator and aircraft operator.

I would like to provide you the opportunity to review and comment on the changes in this AC, which includes the following:

- a. Addresses aircraft being taxied by persons other than certificated pilots
- b. Adds a definition for Airport Operations Area
- c. Revises the definition for Non-Movement Area
- d. Replaces the term “Apron” with “Ramp” to harmonize with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- e. Adds definition for Vehicle or Pedestrian Deviation
- f. Numerous changes to format and content throughout the document

Submit comments on the provided Comment Matrix with any recommended changes. Please email the completed Matrix to Freddie James at freddie.james@faa.gov. Please do not mail the comments.

We may revise the final document as a result of comments received and further review by the Office of Airport Safety and Standards. We will consider comments received by April 18, 2014, for inclusion in the final advisory circular.

You will find a PDF version of the draft advisory circular on Web site
http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars/.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian Rushforth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Rushforth
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