SUBJ: Taxi and Ground Movement Operations

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice amends Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, paragraph 3-7-2, Taxi and Ground Movement Operations.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support, and System Operations; and all associated air traffic control facilities.


4. Explanation of Policy Change. In order to ensure that approach hold areas are consistently identified and appropriate facility-level procedures are implemented for current approach hold applications, the Office of Runway Safety is proposing this DCP to establish uniform procedures and phraseology.

5. Procedures.

   a. FAA Order JO 7110.65. Amend the following paragraph to read as follows:

   **3-7-2. TAXI AND GROUND MOVEMENT OPERATIONS**

   Title through h., no change.

   i. Issue instructions to aircraft/vehicles to hold short of an approach hold area.

   **PHRASEOLOGY**

   **HOLD SHORT OF (runway) APPROACH**

   No further changes to paragraph.

   b. Pilot Controller Glossary. Add the following definition for “APPROACH HOLD AREA” to read as follows:

   **APPROACH HOLD AREA** - The locations on taxiways in the approach or departure areas of a runway designated to protect landing or departing aircraft. These locations are identified by signs and markings.

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support, and System Operations; the Office of ATO Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; and the William J. Hughes Technical Center.

7. Background. Approach hold guidance, procedures, signs, and markings are not standardized across FAA lines of business. There is no specific guidance in FAA Order JO7110.65, Air Traffic Control, regarding requirements, procedures, or phraseology for approach hold air traffic procedures.
Inconsistencies in implementing approach hold signs, markings, and procedures exist among the nation’s airports.

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