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LETTER TO AIRMEN (LTA) NO. 11-01

SUBJECT: VFR/IFR PRACTICE INSTRUMENT APPROACHES AT SATELLITE AIRPORTS WITHIN THE GREATER CLEVELAND TERMINAL APPROACH CONTROL AREA

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This Letter to Airmen is issued to promote understanding and provide guidance for users who request and receive VFR practice instrument approaches and IFR instrument approaches at satellite airports within the Cleveland Terminal Area.

Approval of practice instrument approaches at Burke Lakefront (BKL), and Cuyahoga County (CGF) Airports requires the controller to provide standard Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) separation. The application of IFR separation for VFR practice instrument approaches at non-controlled airports for all aircraft not operating on an IFR clearance is optional for both the controller and the user.

Pilots wishing to conduct practice instrument approaches should file an IFR flight plan with the Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) or, if airborne and operating in Visual Flight Rules (VFR) conditions, contact Cleveland Approach Control on one of the following frequencies for approaches to:

AIRPORT	FREQUENCY
Burke Lakefront Airport (BKL) Cuyahoga County Airport (CGF) Willoughby Lost Nation Airport (LNN) Painesville/Concord Airport (2G1) Middlefield/Geauga County Airport (7G8) Medina Municipal Airport (1G5)	125.35
Elyria Airport (1G1) Lorain County Regional Airport (LPR) Pelee Island (CYPT) Port Clinton (PCW) Griffing-Sandusky (SKY)	126.35

Pilots on the ground at Elyria Airport (1G1) and Lorain County Regional Airport (LPR) may contact Cleveland Approach on 125.7 to obtain their IFR clearances or cancel their IFR flight plans.

All pilots may contact Cleveland Approach at 216-898-2040 to obtain their IFR clearances OR can contact the Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS) at 1-800-WX-BRIEF.

Because of workload conditions, it may be necessary for controllers to deny practice instrument approaches to some or all of the airports in the Cleveland Terminal Area. At those airports not served by a control tower, a VFR aircraft may conduct a practice instrument approach in VFR conditions without prior approval from approach control. Pilots should advise approach control of their intentions. Workload permitting, the controllers will issue traffic information or advisories.

These procedures do not relieve the pilot on a VFR flight plan of the responsibility of complying with basic Visual Flight Rules (FAR 91.105), nor do they relieve IFR and VFR pilots of their responsibility to see and avoid other traffic while operating in VFR conditions (FAR 91.67). For additional information, refer to the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM).

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