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Clearance Relay Part I Status Update

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Clearance Relay Part I

FAA Control # ACF-CG RD 16-02-309 Status Update

Subject: Publication of approach control phone numbers for purposes of clearance delivery and/or IFR flight plan cancellation



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Action Item Updates:

- *Chart Supplement, US* entries for 656 airports have been, or are in the process of being, updated with clearance delivery phone numbers
- Entries for airports where approach controls elected to install a new line for IFR cancellation purposes are also being updated
- The *Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM)* will be updated with guidance to pilots regarding the use of clearance delivery phone numbers in the *Chart Supplement, US*



Clearance Relay Part I Action Items

5-2-3. TAXI CLEARANCE

a. Pilots departing on an IFR flight plan should consult the *Chart Supplement US* airport/facility directory to determine the frequency or telephone number to use to contact clearance delivery. On initial contact pilots should advise the flight is IFR and state the destination airport.



Clearance Relay Part I Action Items

5-2-3. TAXI CLEARANCE

b. Air traffic facilities providing clearance delivery services via telephone will have their telephone number published in the communication remarks section of that airport's directory entry. This same remarks section may also contain a telephone number to use for cancellation of an IFR flight plan after landing. Pilots are encouraged to use these telephone numbers at uncontrolled airports when they are published. Pilots may also contact Flight Service's dedicated clearance delivery hotline (1-888-766-8267).



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Action Item Updates:

FAA JO 7210.3 contains guidance to ensure the proper submission and maintenance of the data, specifically:

2-1-6 CHECKING ACCURACY OF PUBLISHED DATA

Air traffic managers and air traffic representatives (ATREPs) must ensure, upon receipt of official publications, that a review of data pertaining to their facilities and areas of concern is accomplished to ensure accuracy and completeness.



Clearance Relay Part II

Preliminary agreement has been reached with Air Traffic and the Bargaining Units to move the **telephone relay** of all remaining IFR Clearance functions from Flight Service over to Air Traffic.

Approach control facilities, both consolidated and up/down facilities, that do not currently have a pilot-accessible clearance delivery phone line, either legacy system or covered by part I, were polled to determine whether they wanted to have pilots contact their facility directly or whether they preferred to have clearances relayed through the overlying ARTCC Flight Data Unit or FDU.



Clearance Relay Part II

- 25 approach control facilities responded
 - Over 200 additional airports will have the *Chart Supplement US* entry updated to include a clearance delivery phone number
- Intend to submit these numbers for publication after
 - Safety Risk Management Document (SRMD) signed
 - Expected in early Spring 2018
 - Policy Decision Memo (PDM) signed
 - Expected in late Spring 2018



Clearance Relay Part II

For all other uncontrolled airports without a GCO or radio outlet linking them to ATC or Flight Service, pilots will be able to obtain a clearance by calling the overlying ARTCC FDU.

It is recommended that these phone numbers be published in the Supplemental Information found in the back of the *Chart Supplement US*.



Clearance Relay Part II

CLEARANCE DELIVERY AND FSS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CLEARANCE DELIVERY

If a frequency is not published, pilots should consult the communication remarks in the Airport/Facility Directory for the departure airport for the appropriate telephone number for Clearance Delivery. This same remarks section may also contain a telephone number to use at the destination airport for cancellation of an IFR flight plan after landing. If a frequency or phone number is not listed with the Airport/Facility Directory entry, pilots may call the overlying Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) to obtain a clearance (not applicable in Alaska).

ARTCC Name	Clearance Delivery Telephone #
Albuquerque	505-856-43XX
Atlanta	770-210-76XX
Boston	603-879-66XX
Chicago	630-906-82XX
Cleveland	440-774-03XX
Denver	303-651-41XX



Clearance Relay Part II

As we publish clearance delivery numbers for the various ARTCCs it will be important to communicate those changes to the pilots.

Some individual airports have the national Flight Service clearance delivery number listed, these will need to be deleted whenever the ARTCC takes over this function. In the meantime, Flight Service will redirect pilots to the overlying ARTCC.



Clearance Relay Part II

Document Change Proposals (DCPs) are being drafted for the following orders/manuals:

Aeronautical Information Manual and Publication (AIM/AIP) –
Inform pilots how to obtain clearances from uncontrolled airports

FAA JO 7210.3 6–3–4. DATA COMMUNICATION

FAA JO 7110.10 - 4–3–7. ATC CLEARANCES, ADVISORIES, OR REQUESTS

FAA JO 7110.65

4–2–2. CLEARANCE PREFIX

4–3–4. DEPARTURE RESTRICTIONS, CLEARANCE VOID TIMES,
HOLD FOR RELEASE, AND RELEASE TIMES

4–3–9. VFR RELEASE OF IFR DEPARTURE



RCO Reduction/Rehoming Update

- Flight Service discontinued monitoring 315 Enroute Flight Advisory Service (EFAS) frequencies in the Spring of 2015
- 103 of those frequencies are being brought back to service on a different frequency, somewhere between 122.2, 122.3, 122.4, etc.
 - Expected completion in June 2018
 - The Operations Control Centers (OCCs) will issue NOTAMs and the charts and publications will need to be updated
- Once completed, an additional 406 frequencies will be decommissioned over the next year and a half

