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To: All Title 14 CFR Part 139 Airport Operators

Subject: **Announcement of the Take Off and Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA) Initiative Implementation Date and Time**

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- 1. Purpose.** To remind airport operators that the TALPA initiative will be implemented effective 01 Oct 2016 at 0900 UTC.
- 2. Background.** The recently published Advisory Circular 150/5200-30D, *Airport Field Condition Assessments and Winter Operations Safety*, dated 29 July 2016, provided updated information assessing and reporting airport surface condition information through the use of a new assessment tool called the Runway Condition Assessment Matrix. To facilitate this change, the Federal NOTAM System (FNS) will incorporate these reporting procedures beginning October 1, 2016. This will standardize the terminology and method by which this information is disseminated.
- 3. Guidance Change.** The FAA will change Advisory Circular 150/5200-30D, *Airport Field Condition Assessments and Winter Operations Safety*, to remove the current requirement to report runway “wet” conditions (1/8th inch or less of water) when it is the only contaminant present. Instead, because of the impact on performance of some aircraft, the FAA will **highly encourage** airports to report “wet” conditions (1/8th inch or less of water) when it is the only condition present on the runway.
- 4. Action.** Airport operators will continue to use the FNS to submit field condition NOTAMs (FICONS), but now the FNS will be able to generate Runway Condition Codes (RwyCC) based on the contaminant inputs by the airport operator. RwyCCs will take the place of Mu values in the FICON, and airport operators should no longer provide Mu values to pilots. Additionally, Mu values will no longer be accepted in the FNS. Airport operators can find additional information and resources on the TALPA webpage at www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/talpa/.

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