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Subject: Approach and Departure Surfaces at Part 139 Airports

Airports operating under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 139 are subject to §139.331 to mitigate obstructions. This part specifically states *“In a manner authorized by the Administrator, each certificate holder must ensure that each object in each area within its authority that has been determined by the FAA to be an obstruction is removed, marked, or lighted, unless determined to be unnecessary by an FAA aeronautical study.”* Obstacles left within the associated approach/departure surfaces may result in a Part 139 violation and/or higher minima, loss of approaches and/or loss of night operations.

The following link will take you to a recently published memorandum containing important reminders about what every certificate holder certificated under Part 139 is expected to do to keep approach and departure surfaces clear. Please review the attached memorandum and contact your Airport Certification Safety Inspector with any questions.

<http://www.faa.gov/airports/engineering/media/Policy-Reminder-Protecting-Approach-and-Departure-Surfaces.pdf>

