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Memorandum

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To: Abigail Smith, Director, Aeronautical Navigation (AeroNav) Products, AJV-3

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Subject: Change to FAA Order 8260.3B, United States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS), Straight-in Visual Area Beginning Width

Purpose: This memorandum authorizes a change to TERPS, Volume 1, Chapter 3, paragraph 3.3.2c(1)(b), straight-in visual area dimensions.

Discussion: Paragraph 3.3.2c(1)(b) specifies the requirements for the alignment, length, and width of visual areas associated with straight-in instrument approach procedures. The beginning visual area widths for all runways and for all aircraft approach categories are now specified at +/- 200 feet. Use TERPS, Volume 1, formula 3-3a, to define the half-width of the straight-in visual area.

The United States Instrument Flight Procedures Panel concurs with this new straight-in visual area dimensions.

Action: When establishing the straight-in visual area under TERPS, Volume 1, Chapter 3, paragraph 3.3.2c(1)(b), use a beginning width of +/- 200 feet for all approach categories.

Use TERPS, Volume 1, formula 3-3a to determine the half-width of the straight-in visual area. Use of formula 3-3b is no longer required.

Summary: This change will be incorporated into the next revision to Order 8260.3 and cancels AFS-400 memorandum, same reference, dated October 30, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rick Dunham, Manager, Flight Procedure Standards Branch, AFS-420, at (405) 954-4164.