



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

Office of Airport Safety and  
Standards

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Washington, DC 20591

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Dear Industry Representative:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circulars (AC) 150/5340-1M, *Standards for Airport Markings* and 150/5340-18G, *Standards for Airport Sign Systems*, convey new standards for marking and signage, respectively, of approach/departure holding positions. Both AC's provide a delayed implementation of July 1, 2020, to allow sufficient time to update various aeronautical publications such as the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM).

Since publication date of May 10, 2019, the FAA has assessed changes to the departure surface dimensions, which mirrors the Initial Climb Area in FAA Order 8260.3, *United States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS)*. See FAA Engineering Brief No. 100 for further details on this effort.

As the result of this pending change, FAA is adjusting the delayed implementation date from July 1, 2020, to January 1, 2021. The FAA is also extending the conformance date at airports certificated under 14 CFR Part 139 from December 31, 2021, to December 31, 2022. This action will provide two full construction seasons to implement the necessary marking and signage changes based on the revised departure surface footprint.

FAA has published erratas for each AC to reflect the revised implementation dates. The erratas also provide corrections and clarifications based on user feedback since publication.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Mike Rottinghaus by email at [mike.rottinghaus@faa.gov](mailto:mike.rottinghaus@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

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