NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Air Traffic Organization Policy

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June 10, 2027

SUBJ: Consolidating Positions

1. Purpose of this Notice. The purpose of this change is to elevate the safety standard for Line Up and Wait (LUAW) operations by removing ambiguity in staffing requirements. By upgrading the policy, the FAA ensures that the Operations Supervisor (OS) or Controller-in-Charge (CIC) is fully available to oversee the safety of the operation without the distraction of simultaneously managing other operational tasks.

2. Audience. This notice applies to all Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units and all air traffic facilities that conduct runway operations and use runway status tracking procedures.

3. Where can I Find This Notice? This notice is available on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the Air Traffic Plans and Publications website at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

4. Background. This change revises the previous guidance from a recommendation to a requirement, requiring dedicated watch supervision (OS/CIC) during LUAW operations while maintaining the existing requirement that the local control position also remains stand-alone.

5. Procedures/Action. Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3 by changing paragraph 2-6-6, Consolidating Positions, subparagraph d to read as follows:

2–6–6. CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS

d. When conducting LUAW operations, the (OS/CIC) position must be staffed independently and must not be combined with any other position.

REFERENCE-
FAA Order JO 7210.3, Para 10−3−8, Line Up and Wait (LUAW) Operations.

No further changes to paragraph

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6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Readiness Services, and System Operations; Aviation Safety Management; the William J. Hughes Technical Center for Advanced Aerospace, and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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