

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Ground Traffic Movement

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends Federal Aviation Administration Order (FAAO) JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, Paragraph 3-7-1, Ground Traffic Movement, by inserting procedures to eliminate the use of unconditional clearances for airfield and other airport operations that include operations on a runway.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the Terminal Services organization and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** The notice is available on the MYFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications.
- 4. Explanation of Policy Change.** This change eliminates the procedure of issuing an unconditional clearance for field operations and other airport operations that include operations on a runway and clarifies the increased use of declared distances by airport services.
- 5. Procedures.** Add the following subparagraphs listed below into FAAO JO 7110.65, to read as follows:

3-7-1. GROUND MOVEMENT OPERATIONS

Title through paragraph a, no change.

b. Do not issue *unconditional instructions* when authorizing movement on a runway/taxiway for the purpose of airfield checks or other airport operations. Instructions must ensure positive control with specific instructions to proceed on a runway or movement area and, as necessary, hold short instructions.

REFERENCE-

FAAO JO 7110.65, Para 3-1-3, *USE OF ACTIVE RUNWAYS*

FAAO JO 7110.65, Para 3-7-2, *TAXI AND GROUND MOVEMENT OPERATIONS*

EXAMPLES-

"Airport 1, proceed on Runway 26R, hold short of Runway 18L."

"(Tower) Airport 1 at taxiway B8 request to inspect Runway 26R." "Airport 1, proceed as requested, hold short of Runway 18L."

"Airport 1, proceed on taxiway B, hold short of Runway 18L."

NOTE-

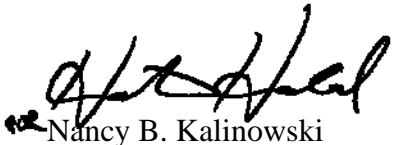
The following are examples of unconditional instructions and are not approved for use:

"THE FIELD IS YOURS," "CLEARED ON ALL SURFACES," "THE AIRPORT IS YOURS," and "PROCEED ON ALL RUNWAYS AND TAXIWAYS."

Paragraphs b through e, renumber c thru f.

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following Air Traffic Organization service units: Terminal, Safety, En Route and Oceanic, and System Operations Services; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the Office of the Chief Counsel; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

7. Background. During facility audits, Safety Evaluations has identified numerous “Does Not Meet Requirements” regarding the issuance of clearances for vehicular traffic to proceed on runways and taxiways. The operation identified by Safety Evaluations is the practice of issuing an “all surface clearance” such as “the field is yours,” “proceed as requested on all runways and taxiways,” or “cleared on all runways and taxiways.” This notice establishes the requirement of issuing specific instructions and maintaining positive control while authorizing movement on a runway or taxiway.



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