

NOTICE

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

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SUBJ: Landing Clearance

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice changes Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, Paragraph 3-10-5, Landing Clearance.
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the Terminal Services organization and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** This 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.** Following a declared emergency for smoke indication, an air traffic controller changed the assigned landing runway due to emergency equipment responding to another active runway. The emergency flightcrew read back the new runway assignment; however, due to increased tasks on the flight deck, this change was not understood and the flightcrew continued their approach to the previous assigned runway. This phraseology was identified in National Transportation Safety Board Recommendation A-06-65 following this incident of miscommunication when the assigned landing runway was changed during an emergency arrival. This phraseology will help to clearly communicate a change.
- 5. Procedures.** Amend FAA Order JO 7110.65, paragraph 3-10-5, to read as follows:

3-10-5. LANDING CLEARANCE

a. Issue landing clearance. Restate the landing runway whenever more than one runway is active or an instrument approach is being conducted to a closed runway. If the landing runway is changed, controllers must preface the landing clearance with "Change to runway."

PHRASEOLOGY-
CLEARED TO LAND,

or

RUNWAY (designator) CLEARED TO LAND

or

CHANGE TO RUNWAY (designator) CLEARED TO LAND.

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



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