

# NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
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**SUBJ:** Runway Status Lights (RWSL)

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order JO 7210.3, Facility Operation and Administration, to provide guidance for the operation of runway status lights.
- 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/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications Web site at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications).
- 4. Explanation of Policy Change.** This paragraph provides guidance for the operation and periodic check of the RWSL system.
- 5. Procedures.** Add Paragraph 10-6-10, Runway Status Lights (RWSL), to FAA Order JO 7210.3 to read as follows:

**10-6-10. RUNWAY STATUS LIGHTS (RWSL)**

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The RWSL is a system of runway and taxiway lighting which enhances pilot situational awareness by illuminating runway entry lights (REL) when the runway is unsafe for entry or crossing and take-off hold lights (THL) when the runway is unsafe for departure. RWSLs use a configuration of in-pavement lights installed on taxiways and runways that indicate runway status only; they are not intended to indicate a clearance. The RWSL system works in conjunction with the ASDE-X system along with the Field Lighting System (FLS).

- ATMs must ensure that when available or operating normally, the RWSL light systems are operated on a continuous basis.
- Operation of the system must be verified once each shift as part of the facility checklist.

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

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