

NOTICE

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Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Airspace Flow Programs (AFP)

- 1. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this directive is to include AFP as a traffic management initiative (TMI) type.
- 2. DISTRIBUTION.** This notice is distributed to select offices in Washington headquarters, service center offices, the William J. Hughes Technical Center, and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center; and all air traffic field facilities, international aviation field offices, and interested aviation public.
- 3. DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY.** The notice is available on 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/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications.
- 4. BACKGROUND.** AFPs are a TMI issued by the David J. Hurley Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC) to reduce demand through identified areas of limited capacity. Aircraft are issued control times similar to ground delay programs to effectively manage en route traffic volume. This notice adds AFPs as a traffic management initiative type in Federal Aviation Administration Order 7210.3U, Part 5, Chapter 17, Section 6, Traffic Management Initiatives, Paragraph 17-6-4, Types of TMIs.
- 5. PROCEDURES.** An AFP is a traffic management (TM) process administered by the ATCSCC. Aircraft are assigned specific airspace arrival slots using flight schedule monitor (FSM) to manage capacity and demand for a specific area of the National Airspace System. AFPs support the TM mission and mitigate the effects of en route constraints. It is important for aircraft to depart as close as possible to the expected departure clearance time to ensure accurate delivery of aircraft to the impacted location.



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