

NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Simultaneous Independent Approaches; and Simultaneous Widely-Spaced Parallel Operations

1. Purpose of This Notice. The purpose of this notice is to establish facility procedures to document approach pairings used during EoR operations, ensure approach pairings comply with FAA Order 8260.3, obtain authorization for approved approach pairings, and ensure facility directives/letters of agreement address the integration of EoR operations.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Services, Safety and Technical Training, The Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, The William J. Hughes Technical Center, and all air traffic field facilities.

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 publications website at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

4. Explanation of Change. This change incorporates Established on RNP (EoR) into simultaneous independent approaches, both Dual and Triple. There is a requirement for facility managers to ensure local procedures integrate EoR with straight-in approaches to the same or parallel runway(s), and to obtain approval for the instrument approaches to be used during EoR. This change also incorporates RNAV approaches with Track-to-Fix (TF) legs into widely-spaced criteria.

5. Procedures: Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3, as follows:

10-4-6. SIMULTANEOUS INDEPENDENT APPROACHES

Title through f no change.

g. Prior to implementing Established on RNP (EoR) operations to parallel runways with centerline spacing 9,000 feet or less (9,200 feet or less at field locations above 5,000 MSL), air traffic managers must:

1. Document all approach and/or transition pairings to be used during EoR operations. Document any existing approach and/or transition that requires application of incorrect flight procedure track separation (see FAA Order 8260.3, Chapter 16).

2. Ensure approved EoR approach pairings comply with the EoR procedure criteria identified in FAA Order 8260.3, Chapter 16.

3. Obtain authorization from the Service Area Director of Air Traffic Operations for the approved instrument approach pairings.

4. Ensure facility directives/letters of agreement list the authorized approach pairs and address the integration of EoR operations with straight-in operations to the same or parallel runway(s). Facility directives/letters of agreement must address, at a minimum, breakout procedures, monitoring, and training requirements.

REFERENCE-

FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 5-9-7, Simultaneous Independent Approaches-Dual & Triple P/CG Term - Established on RNP Concept

No further changes to paragraph.

10-4-7. SIMULTANEOUS WIDELY-SPACED PARALLEL OPERATIONS

Title through d, no change.

e. Facility ATMs must ensure approach pairings, when conducted under the EoR concept, are identified in a Facility Directive and a Letter of Agreement (LOA), if applicable.

REFERENCE-

FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 5-9-10, Simultaneous Independent Approaches to Widely-Spaced Parallel Runways Without Final Monitors P/CG-Term Established on RNP Concept

No further changes.

6. Background. The use of instrument approaches with Radius-to-Fix (RF) legs to have aircraft join the final approach course is becoming increasingly common throughout the National Airspace System. Established on RNP (EoR) operations with RF legs are approved to widely-spaced parallel runways (more than 9,000 feet centerline spacing) without monitors. A Safety Risk Management Panel completed the required safety risk analyses for conducting RF/Track-to-Fix (TF) EoR operations to dual parallel runways with centerline spacing of 3,600 feet or greater, triple parallel runways with centerline 3,900 feet or greater, and adding TF legs to the widely-spaced runway criteria. A definition of the EoR Concept is being incorporated into the Pilot/Controller Glossary.

7. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations Services, Safety and Technical Training, The Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, The William J. Hughes Technical Center, and all air traffic field facilities.

8. Related Publications. FAA Order JO 7110.65, paragraphs 1-2-6, 5-9-7, and 5-9-10; and the Pilot/Controller Glossary, Section - E. Notices for related publications will be published concurrently with this notice.

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