

# NOTICE

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

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**Effective Date:**  
October 15, 2019

**Cancellation Date:**  
January 30, 2020

**SUBJ:** Airports within Transitional Hazard Areas

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- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends FAA Order JO 7210.3BB, Facility Operation and Administration, by adding Paragraph 20-6-4, Airports Within Aircraft Hazard Areas and Transitional Hazard Areas, to provide procedures to use when airports lie within active transitional hazard areas (THA).
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support, Systems Operations, Safety and Technical Training, and all associated air traffic 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/](https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/) and on the air traffic publications website at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/).
- 4. Cancellation.** This notice cancels upon publication of FAA Order JO 7210.3BB, Change 1, effective January 30, 2020.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Change.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3BB to add as follows:

#### **20-6-4 AIRPORTS WITHIN AIRCRAFT HAZARD AREAS AND TRANSITIONAL HAZARD AREAS**

ATC services may not be provided to aircraft at airports that lie within an aircraft hazard area (AHA) or a transitional hazard area (THA) unless real-time start of activity and end of activity notification procedures for space launch and reentry operations are contained in local SOPs or LOAs. There must be sufficient lead-time prior to the start of space launch or reentry operations to allow for departure aircraft to clear the AHA and/or the THA, and to allow arrival aircraft to land and exit the airport movement area. ATC services may resume upon end of activity notification.

No further changes to paragraph.

- 6. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, System Operations, and Safety and Technical Training, the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service, the William J. Hughes Technical Center, and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

**7. Background.** In May 2017, a Safety Risk Management panel evaluated certain space launches in the NAS. As a result of this panel, the Acceptable Level of Risk (ALR) concept was devised, which created requirements for aircraft operations in the vicinity of space launch and reentry operations.



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