

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Watch Supervision Assignments

- 1. Purpose of this Notice.** This notice amends FAA Order JO 7210.3, Facility Operations and Administration, paragraph 2–6–2 Watch Supervision Assignments, with revised policy for operational oversight.
- 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, 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/ and on the Air Traffic Plans and Publications website at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.
- 4. Background.** The importance of operational oversight has resulted in changes to FAA Order JO 7210.3, paragraph 2–6–1, Watch Supervision. Air Traffic Services (AJT) executive leadership has identified the importance of the watch supervision position to be staffed as a standalone position to increase the presence and effectiveness of operational oversight. At the discretion of management, standalone watch supervision will be staffed to the maximum extent possible and notification procedures will be established to assist the individual(s) in charge of the operation to effectively lead and manage the delivery of Air Traffic Services.
- 5. Action.** Amend FAA Order JO 7210.3 by changing the following paragraph to read as follows:

2–6–2. WATCH SUPERVISION ASSIGNMENTS

a. Standalone watch supervision is critical to the safety and efficiency of air traffic services. Facilities must establish local procedures to ensure the standalone watch supervision position is staffed to the maximum extent possible. All periods when standalone watch supervision is not possible must be reported by facility management to the District General Manager.

NOTE–

- 1. Standalone watch supervision is achieved when no other operational duties are assigned.*
- 2. Unless resources permit or the circumstances warrant it, this would not generally apply to midwatch operations, where the majority of hours fall between 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.*

No further changes to paragraph

6. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Air Traffic Services, Mission Support Services, and 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.

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