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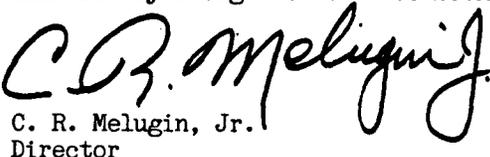
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
SOUTHWEST REGION

SW 8260.5A

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SUBJ: APPROVAL/INSPECTION OF ALTIMETER SETTING SOURCES

1. PURPOSE. This order assigns responsibility for initial approval and periodic inspection of altimeter setting sources established in accordance with Advisory Circular 91-14D, Altimeter Setting Sources. \*
2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed to division level in the Regional Office, branch level in the Flight Standards, Airports, Air Traffic, and Airway Facilities Divisions, and to all Southwest Region Flight Standards District Offices. \*
3. CANCELLATION. Order SW 8260.5, Approval/Inspection of Altimeter Setting Sources, dated 9/78, is canceled.
4. BACKGROUND. FAA Handbook 8260.3B, United States Standard for Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS), paragraph 323b, Minima Adjustments, provides for the use of remote altimeter sources. It also provides guidance in procedure development involving precipitous terrain and/or nonhomogenous weather characteristics. If either of these situations exists at an airport, an instrument approach procedure will not be developed when the approach minimum is based on the use of a remote altimeter setting. In some instances installation of a local altimeter setting source may eliminate the problem. \*
5. ACTION. Responsibilities for the continued surveillance of altimeter setting sources used in the reduction of approach minima at airports within the Southwest Region are:
  - a. The Flight Procedures Branch, ASW-220 is the focal point for all matters pertaining to altimeter setting sources which are to be used in instrument approach procedure development. Upon receipt of a request for an instrument approach procedure, the Flight Procedures Branch will advise the sponsor of the need (if required) of a local altimeter setting source and provide a copy of the current Advisory Circular for such sources. The Flight Procedures Branch will advise the appropriate Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) of locations requiring approval of their altimeter setting source. \*
  - b. The FSDO is responsible for initial approval and subsequent annual periodic inspection of altimeter setting sources used or intended to be used with approved instrument approach procedures. Annual periodic inspections, not to exceed 12-month intervals after initial approval, are to ensure continued compliance with the requirements for altimeter setting sources established in accordance with AC 91-14D. Following inspection of the altimeter setting source, the FSDO inspector will notify ASW-220 by electronic mail or FAA Form 3112, Inspection and Surveillance Record, indicating acceptance or disapproval. This report should contain a brief description of the facility; i.e., location, height above MSL, serial number of the altimeters and date of calibration. If disapproved, the reason(s) and/or required corrective action shall be indicated. The district office shall retain a record. Discrepancies shall be immediately brought to the attention of ASW-220 for action as required. \*

  
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