

ORDER

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
GREAT LAKES REGION**

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SUBJ: SNOW REMOVAL AT FAA FACILITIES LOCATED ON AIRPORT PROPERTY.

1. PURPOSE. This Order establishes the Great Lakes policy for the removal of snow from facility access roads and critical areas of terminal facilities located on airports.
2. DISTRIBUTION. This Order is distributed to the Branch Level in the Great Lakes Airway Facilities Division with a normal distribution to all Great Lakes Airway Facilities Field Offices and an information copy to the Great Lakes Logistics Division.
3. BACKGROUND. The removal of snow from terminal facility access roads and critical areas is necessary for our technicians to service these facilities and, in some cases, to restore them to operation. Snow removal at these facilities has been accomplished by various means in the past; some contrary to Region policy. Most airport owners/operators have recognized this as part of their responsibility and have removed the snow free of charge to the FAA. Others, however, have cleared the snow and then insisted on payment from the FAA. In a few cases, it has been necessary for Sectors to contract for snow removal from local sources. Payment to airport owners/operators for this service has been, and is, contrary to Region policy.
4. DISCUSSION. FAA facilities installed on airport property and serving that airport become as much an operational part of the airport as the runways, taxiways, parking ramps, etc. Airport owners/operators are responsible for keeping these surfaces operational and clear of obstructions. The Great Lakes Region interprets operational surfaces to include terminal FAA facility access roads and critical areas. It is, therefore, the airport owner's/operator's responsibility to clear these areas as part of preparing the airport to accept traffic following a snowfall. Failure to promptly remove the snow from these areas could result in the airport being unable to accept traffic due to a facility outage even though the runways, taxiways, and etc., are clear.
5. POLICY. Great Lakes snow removal policy at facilities located on airports is as follows:
 - a. TERMINAL FACILITIES
 - (1) LANDING AIDS (ILS, MALS, ALS, TVOR, DME, ETC.)

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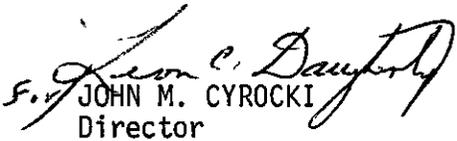
- (a) The airport owner/operator is responsible for the removal of snow at no cost to the FAA from access roads and critical areas at FAA facilities located on airport property and serving that airport.
- (b) Should an extenuating circumstance arise where the airport owner/operator is unable to clear the snow, the Sector Manager may obtain snow removal using small purchase authority after coordination with AGL-420 and AGL-56. In no case will the FAA pay the airport owner/operator for snow removal necessary to provide access to or restore service of landing aids located on airport.
- (c) Sectors unable to obtain timely no-cost removal from an airport owner/operator should submit a memo to AGL-420, with a copy to AGL-56 for resolution.

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The airport owner/operator should normally clear snow from access roads and parking lots serving these facilities. There are times when the lessor is unable or unwilling to do this. In these cases, it is appropriate to use the small purchase authority to provide snow removal with the airport owner/operator or private contractor.

b. ENROUTE FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

The airport owner/operator may clear snow from access roads and parking lots serving these facilities. If the lessor is unable or unwilling to do this, it is appropriate to use the small purchase authority to provide snow removal with the airport owner/operator or private contractor.


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