SUBJ: Surface Awareness Initiative Display (SAID)

1. Purpose of This Order. This order establishes procedures using the Surface Awareness Initiative Display (SAID) for increased situational awareness of Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) equipped and transmitting aircraft/vehicles in the vicinity of or on the airport surface area. All SAIDs belong to the Surface Awareness Initiative (SAI) program, a part of the FAA’s Surface Safety Portfolio.

2. Audience. This order applies to Air Traffic Organization (ATO) personnel at air traffic facilities where SAID is installed, and employees involved in the implementation and support of SAID.


4. Background. The SAI was created to address the 2023 FAA Safety Call to Action for airports where Airport Surface Detection Equipment (ASDE) is not present. All installed SAIDs are intended to increase controller awareness through the depiction of ADS-B-equipped and transmitting aircraft/vehicles on dedicated displays in the tower cab and Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON). SAID is not a decision support tool and is intended to provide controllers enhanced situational awareness. SAID does not provide or guarantee any form of separation.

5. Effective Date. This order is effective June 30, 2024.

6. Procedures. The procedures in this order apply to all SAID models. SAID models may vary in appearance and functionality.

   a. SAID equipment:

      (1) Installed SAIDs must be visible from tower cab local control (LC) and ground control (GC) positions. When installed in the TRACON control room, SAID placement must be agreed to by Technical Operations and Air Traffic personnel.

      (2) All aural alarm features and/or alerts, if available, must be disabled.

      (3) SAID must remain on at all times.
(4) When system redundancy is lost or a non-critical fault has occurred, SAID indicates a DEGRADED state.

(5) When a critical fault has occurred, SAID indicates an OFFLINE state. Use of SAID must be discontinued when an OFFLINE state is indicated.

(6) The operations manager-in-charge (OMIC), operations supervisor-in-charge (OSIC), and/or controller-in-charge (CIC) must log the DEGRADED or OFFLINE state of the SAID an “E” entry on FAA 7230-4, Daily Record of Facility Operations, and contact the applicable Technical Operations Control Center (TOCC) for reporting.

**NOTE-**
The TOCC is the Air Traffic point of contact to coordinate all issues with SAID systems, however SAID vendors are responsible for repairing and maintaining all SAID equipment.

(7) SAID only displays ADS-B-equipped and transmitting aircraft/vehicles within the site-specific adapted area.

(8) SAID systems may rely solely on ADS-B transponder information to display aircraft identification if NAS flight plan information is not available to the system. This may result in a discrepancy between SAID depicted aircraft identification and NAS flight plan identification.

(9) SAID system aircraft identification display capabilities may vary based on the model designator and/or site-specific installation.

b. Use of SAID:

(1) SAID-derived information may only be used for reference and requires confirmation via visual observation and/or pilot/operator reporting.

**NOTE-**
SAID-derived information is to be used for increased situational awareness of the current traffic situation and potential situations that may require controller intervention.

**REFERENCE-**
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 3–1–12, Visually Scanning Runways.
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Chapter 3, Section 7, Taxi and Ground Movement Procedures.
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Chapter 3, Section 9, Departure Procedures and Separation.
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Chapter 3, Section 10, Arrival Procedures and Separation.

(2) An aircraft or vehicle’s position must not be determined solely by SAID-derived information.

**REFERENCE-**
FAA Order JO 7110.65, Para 3–1–12, Visually Scanning Runways.

(3) Control instructions must not be issued solely by SAID-derived information.
(4) RADAR/ADS-B identification or radar services must not be used for nonverbal notification and/or coordination based on SAID-derived information.

c. Facility air traffic managers must document in a facility directive the type of SAID equipment installed, SAID locations, and any additional facility-specific use of installed SAID equipment not contained within this order.

Michael R. Beckles
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Appendix A. SAI Program Vendors and SAID Model Designations

1. Purpose. This appendix provides a list of the approved SAID model designators that are available for deployment at terminal facilities.

2. SAI program vendor list and system designations. See Table A-1 below.

Table A-1. SAI Vendor List and SAID Model Designators.

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Appendix B. Administrative Information

1. **Distribution.** This order is distributed electronically to the ATO Service Units: Air Traffic Services (AJT), Mission Support Services (AJV), System Operations Services (AJR), Technical Operations (AJW), Safety and Technical Training (AJI), and Program Management Office (AJM); the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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4. **Records Management.** Refer to FAA Order 0000.1, *FAA Standard Subject Classification System*; FAA Order 1350.14, *Records Management*; or your office Records Management Officer (RMO)/Directives Management Officer (DMO) for guidance regarding retention or disposition of records.
Appendix C. Directive Feedback Information

Directive Feedback Information

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