An InFO contains valuable information for operators that should help them meet certain administrative, regulatory, or operational requirements with relatively low urgency or impact on safety.

Subject: Phraseology change in Air Traffic Movement Area Clearances

Purpose: To elevate public awareness of FAA Notice JO 7110.532, Taxi and Ground Movement Operations, dated June 30, 2010 (see InFO 10011SUP), which revises FAA Air Traffic Control Order JO 7110.65, Paragraph 3-7-2, Taxi and Ground Movement Operations, by deleting the phraseology and procedure of issuing “taxi to” when authorizing an aircraft to taxi to an assigned takeoff runway, thus allowing an aircraft to cross all runways/taxiways which the taxi route intersects except the assigned runway. The audience to whom this attached notice applies is Terminal Services organization and all associated air traffic control facilities.

Background: Notice JO 7110.532 established “…the requirement that an explicit runway crossing clearance be issued for each runway (active/inactive or closed) crossing and requires [that] an aircraft/vehicle to have crossed the previous runway before another runway crossing clearance may be issued.”

Discussion: As stipulated in Notice JO 7110.532 “…At airports where the taxi route between runway centerlines is less than 1,000 feet apart, multiple runway crossings may be issued.” Approval for an airports’ ground control facility to issue multiple runway crossings must be obtained from the Air Traffic Control, Terminal Services Director of Operations.

Note: It is important to note that the applicable Air Traffic facility is the entity who has been granted approval, not pilots or operators of ground vehicles.

Recommended Action: Operators of all aircraft and airport services personnel must be briefed on the conditions and phraseology specified in Notice JO 7110.532, as attached. As a reminder, pilots and operators of ground vehicles should expect to hold short of all intersecting runways unless specifically approved otherwise by ground control. The taxi clearance must include the specific route to follow. When a taxi clearance to a runway is issued, it is the responsibility of the pilot or vehicle operator to confirm the taxi route by reading back the assigned runway.

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