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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: Wake Turbulence Aircraft Re-Categorization (RECAT) Phase II Key Site Implementation at Southern California (SoCal) Terminal Radar Control (TRACON) and follow-on locations

Purpose: This InFO details how operators can access information concerning wake turbulence aircraft separation minimums at RECAT Phase II locations.

Background: On November 1, 2012, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented RECAT Phase I, which is currently operational at 23 airports. RECAT Phase II will take advantage of the continuing evolution of wake mitigation strategies to further optimize aircraft separations for the fleet mix at a particular TRACON.

Discussion: RECAT Phase II is a location-specific, static pairwise categorization based on 123 International Civil Aviation Organization type designator aircraft representing 99% of the U.S. commercial traffic from 32 major U.S. airports. Each TRACON has a specific aircraft categorical makeup and associated separation matrix and may consist of more than the six (6) fixed RECAT Phase I/1.5 categories. RECAT Phase II is TRACON-centric with participating major and satellite airports (See Table 1).

Table 1 – RECAT Phase II Locations/Dates

TRACON	PARTICIPATING AIRPORTS	IMPLEMENTATION DATE
SoCal	LAX SAN BUR ONT	September 26, 2016
Philadelphia	PHL	Mid November, 2016
Minneapolis	MSP	Q3/FY17
Miami	MIA	Q3/FY17
Potomac	IAD	Q4/FY17

Refer to the applicable appendix to FAA Joint Order (JO) 7110.123 - Wake Turbulence Re-Categorization—Phase II, and facility-issued Letters To Airmen for additional information on aircraft designator types and wake turbulence separation tables for each specific TRACON.

Recommended Action: Directors of operations, directors of training, training center managers, check pilots, training pilots, and flightcrews should familiarize themselves with the information contained in this InFO.

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