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## Memorandum

Date:

To: Flight Procedures and Airspace Group, Aviation Safety Inspectors, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division

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Subject: Approval of Request for Deviation from FAA Order 8000.94A, Procedures for Establishing Airport Low-Visibility Operations and Acceptance of Low-Visibility Operations/Surface Movement Guidance and Control System Operations

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Presently, FAA Order 8000.94A paragraph 6b requires when a Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS) plan approval letter is issued the content needs to contain "each runway approved for Low-Visibility Operations/Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (LVO/SMGCS) operations and the runway/runways specific authorized Runway Visual Range (RVR) for takeoff and/or landing."

The Flight Procedures and Airspace Group (FPAG) SMGCS working group, while working on a revision to FAA Order 8000.94A, found that the above requirement is outdated and no longer accurate. In addition, takeoff and landing RVR for each runway is authorized via OpSpec issuance.

The FPAG has requested a permanent deviation from FAA Order 8000.94A paragraph 6.b. SMGCS plan approval letter requirement specifying each runway approved for LVO/SMGCS operations and the runway/runways' specific authorized RVR for takeoff and/or landing until FAA Order 8000.94B is published.

After reviewing the information provided by the FPAG, it was determined a permanent deviation to the requirement in FAA Order 8000.94A paragraph 6b to specify each runway approved for LVO/SMGCS operations and the runway/runways specifically authorized RVR for takeoff and/or landing is appropriate and subsequently approved.

The SMGCS Plan approval letter will continue to specify RVR-approved for ground operations from FAA Order 8000.94 paragraph 6b. The SMGCS Plan Approval letter and Email templates have been updated to reflect current content.