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To: Airport Operators, FAA Airport Certification Safety Inspectors
Topic: Part 139 Airport Inactive Status

PURPOSE: The purpose of this CertAlert is to inform certificate holders of the certificated airport inactive status program. FAA is initiating this procedure at this time.

Any certificated airport that has not had any scheduled service by air carrier aircraft with more than 9 passenger seats or unscheduled service by air carrier aircraft with more than 30 passenger seats for more than 18 months may be placed on the inactive list. This basically means that the airport will not be inspected on a periodic basis by the FAA but will remain subject to surveillance inspections. In addition, FAA will amend the ACM of any airport placed on inactive status to indicate that the FAA must be notified at least 90 days before any proposed scheduled operation of air carrier aircraft with more than 9 passenger seats or unscheduled operation of air carrier aircraft with more than 30 passenger seats.

The Airport Certification Status List has been changed to include a column for airports on the inactive status. This list is located on the web at: www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety/part139_cert and then click on Airport Certification Status Table.

Though an airport may be included on the inactive list, it still possesses an Airport Operating Certificate. And, as such, the certificate holder will be expected to continue to maintain the airport in accordance to Part 139 standards. The airport will be subject to surveillance inspections.

Before an airport is placed on the inactive list, the certificate holder will receive a letter from the FAA indicating its intention to place the airport in an inactive status. If the airport feels that the letter has been sent in error, it should contact its regional airport certification safety inspector immediately.

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