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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Daniel Oduber Quirós International Airport, Liberia, Costa Rica, FAA (DFW- IFO)

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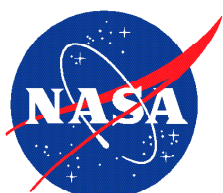
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: MRLB/LIR PAPI Lights Out of Service, No NOTAM

We recently received ASRS reports describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 2119263

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202405
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale	MRLB.Airport
State	FO

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower	MRLB
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Not Flying
ASRS Report Number	2119263

EVENTS

Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew	Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification

NARRATIVE 1

On final for the RNAV to Runway 07 at night, we noted that the PAPIs were not illuminated. We had not seen a NOTAM for the lights being out so we queried the Tower who said, "The PAPIs don't work... they haven't worked for 10 years." This was a night sortie after a very long delayed day and it was a bit unnerving in the final stages of flight that expected lighting on an otherwise fairly dark airfield was not available.

The PAPIs either need to be removed from airport approach diagrams or they need to be NOTAMed out of service.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier pilot monitoring reported the MRLB/LIR PAPIs were not illuminated and was informed by ATC that they have not worked for a decade.