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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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To: FAA (AJV-A, ATM PCT TRACON, ATM IAD Tower)

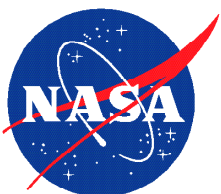
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director  
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: Similar Sounding Fix Names - ESPN/ESTYN

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](mailto:becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov).



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## ACN 2159520

### DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202408
Local Time Of Day	No Local Time Of Day Stated

### PLACE

Locale	IAD.Airport
State	DC
Altitude - AGL	0

### AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

### PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	First Officer
ASRS Report Number	2159520

### EVENTS

Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

### NARRATIVE 1

The new ILS or LOC Rwy 1R at IAD has a fix named ESPNN and a fix named ESTYN. These sound almost identical on the radio I think it is very likely a crew will proceed to the wrong fix if they do not request a spelling.

### SYNOPSIS

Air carrier First Officer reported a safety concern of similar sounding fix names on the IAD 1R ILS approach leading to possible course deviations.