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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Bill and Hillary Clinton Nat'l/Adams Field (LIT), AR, FAA (AAS-1) 2181625

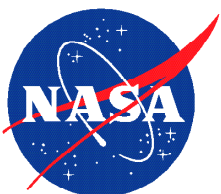
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: LIT Airport Runway Lighting Confusion

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 2181625

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202411
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale	LIT.Airport
State	AR

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions	VMC
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AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

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

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Captain
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Not Flying
ASRS Report Number	2181625

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

NARRATIVE 1

On final approach there appeared to be an aircraft on the planned runway to land on. I questioned ATC whether the runway was clear of any aircraft and vehicles, ATC replied "yes, the runway is clear of all traffic". As we got closer to the runway it became more clear that the "aircraft" was actually a series of lights in the pavement (taxi lead-off lights). After landing the Tower Controller asked us if the taxi lead-off lights were what we thought to be an "aircraft". Our response was yes. The Controller then said that many pilots have the same issue and concern at night when lined up for that runway and has asked for reports to be filed in order to bring attention and change.

Cause: The lead off lights dangerously resemble an aircraft on the runway from a distance.

Suggestions: Remove and install new lead-off lights.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported the taxi lead-off lighting at LIT appeared to resemble an aircraft on the runway while on approach at night. The Captain confirmed with ATC that the runway was clear and landed.