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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2024-226/8-17

To: Airport Manager, John Wayne-Orange County Airport, (SNA), CA, FAA
(ATM SCT TRACON, AAS-1)

2180991

Info: FAA (Director of Air Traffic Operations WSA, AAS-300, AVP-1, AVP-200, AWP-600,
AFS-260, AFS-200, AJI-144), A4A, AAEE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG,
CAPA IATA, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

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

Re: SCT TRACON SNA Departure Speed Assignments

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 2180991

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202410
Local Time Of Day No Local Time Of Day Stated

PLACE

Locale SCT.TRACON
State CA
Altitude - MSL 6000

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions VMC

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - TRACON SCT
Make Model Name Medium Large Transport, Low Wing, 2 Turbojet Eng
Operating Under FAR Part 91

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew Captain
Function - Flight Crew Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number 2180991

EVENTS

Anomaly ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly Deviation - Speed - All Types
Anomaly Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - FAR
Detector - Person Flight Crew
Result - General Work Refused
Result - Flight Crew Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification

NARRATIVE 1

Two times on the same day, when departing SNA on the SID (taking off 20R on HHERO3), ATC assigned speed 280 while climbing through 6000 feet. We complied, thinking perhaps because we were further than 12 miles from the mainland, it was permitted.

I thought this was out of the ordinary and called LA ATC on the phone, The person who answered said that speed above 250 was sometimes assigned below 10,000' for operational need.

While speaking with other pilots, we can't find definitive proof that assigning a speed above 250 below 10,000' is permitted.

This same thing happened again 2 days ago in the same place. We refused and didn't comply until reaching 10,000'.

SYNOPSIS

Corporate captain reported ATC gave instructions to fly at 280 knots below 10,000 feet on two separate occasions at this location.