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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA), VA, FAA (AAS-1, ATM DCA Tower) 2190988

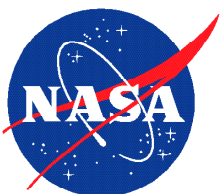
Info: FAA (AAS-300, AVP-1, AVP-200, AJV-A, AJI-144, AEA-600, AFS-260, AFS-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations ESA North, Runway Safety Team), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, CAPA, ATSAP, ATSG, IATA, IBT, ICAO, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

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

Re: DCA Runway 4 Guard Lights Missing at Taxiway J

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 2190988

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202412
Local Time Of Day No Local Time Of Day Stated

PLACE

Locale DCA.Airport
State DC
Altitude - AGL 0

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions VMC

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Ground DCA
Make Model Name Large Transport, Low Wing, 2 Turbojet Eng
Operating Under FAR Part 121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew Captain
ASRS Report Number 2190988

EVENTS

Anomaly Ground Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Anomaly No Specific Anomaly Occurred - Unwanted Situation
Detector - Person Flight Crew
Result - General None Reported / Taken

NARRATIVE 1

At DCA, when taxiing south on J, there are no runway guard lights at the intersection of taxiway J and runway 4, or they were not on the night of this flight. That area of the airport is very dark and a pilot that is not very familiar with DCA could easily enter onto runway 4. There is just no excuse for not having either in pavement lights or elevated flashing lights, preferably both at our nation's capital.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported the lack of runway guard lights at the intersection of taxiway J and runway 4 presents a runway incursion hazard at DCA.