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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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1606451

To: Airport Manager, Rafael Hernandez Airport (BQN), Puerto Rico

Info: FAA (AFS-280, AFS-200, AVP-1, AVP-200, AJI-144) AAAE, A4A, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSG, CAPA, ICAO, ICASS, IPA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA

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

Re: BQN Runway Light Brightness

We recently received an ASRS report 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 Dennis Doyle at (408) 541-2831 or email at [dennis.j.doyle@nasa.gov](mailto:dennis.j.doyle@nasa.gov)



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**ACN: 1606451**

**Time**

Date: 201812

Local Time Of Day: 0001-0600

**Place**

Locale Reference.Airport: BQN.Airport

State Reference: PR

**Environment**

Flight Conditions: Mixed

**Aircraft 1**

ATC / Advisory.Tower: BQN

Make Model Name: Medium Transport

**Person 1**

Function.Flight Crew: Captain

Function.Flight Crew: Instructor

Function.Flight Crew: Pilot Flying

ASRS Report Number: 1606451

**Events**

Anomaly.ATC Issue: All Types

Anomaly.Ground Event / Encounter: Other / Unknown

Detector.Person: Flight Crew

Result.General: None Reported / Taken

**Narrative 1**

The runway lights at the BQN airport are set excessively bright at night. This condition results in excessive ambient illumination inside the aircraft that can produce glare that may cause uncomfortable squinting, eye tearing, and even temporary blindness during the landing phase. The airport is not equipped with a pilot control lighting system to adjust the runway illumination when the tower is closed.

**Synopsis**

Air carrier Captain reported excessive brightness of the runway lights at BQN airport.