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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Saipan International Airport (PGSN), Northern Marianas

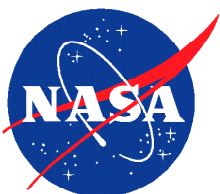
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: PGSN VASI Out of Service

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 Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 1807279

DATE / TIME

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of Occurrence | 202105 |
| Local Time Of Day | No Local Time Of Day Stated |

PLACE

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| Locale | PGSN.Airport |
| State | FO |

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

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| ATC / Advisory - Tower | PGSN |
| Make Model Name | Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer |

PERSON 1

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Function - Flight Crew | Pilot Flying |
| ASRS Report Number | 1807279 |

EVENTS

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

NARRATIVE 1

Since Typhoon Yutu in Saipan, the PAPI lights have been out of service. After advising the company last year, the Jepp chart was finally changed. However, it now says there are VASI instead of PAPI (but there is no visual guidance). After I made several queries with SPN ATC, they said there is no plan to install any visual guidance lights (PAPI or VASI) on Runway 07. There is a plan to replace the PAPI for Runway 25.

SYNOPSIS

Pilot reported that charts for PGSN airport advise there are VASI lights, but there aren't any.