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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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1833018

To: Airport Manager, George Bush Intercontinental/Houston, (IAH), TX, FAA (AAS-1)

Info: FAA (Director of Air Traffic Operations CSA, ATM IAH Tower, AVP-1, AVP-200, ASW-600,

AFS-280, AFS-200, AFS-430, Runway Safety Team), ATSG, ALPA, ICASS, IFALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, A4A, ATSAP, CAPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director

NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: IAH Taxiway Signage Issues

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.





ACN 1833018	
DATE / TIME	
Date of Occurrence Local Time Of Day	202108 No Local Time Of Day Stated
PLACE	
Locale State Altitude - AGL	IAH.Airport TX 0
ENVIRONMENT	
Flight Conditions	VMC
AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X	
ATC / Advisory - Tower	IAH
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121
PERSON 1	
Function - Flight Crew	Captain
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number	1833018
EVENTS	
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly	Ground Incursion - Taxiway
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew	Became Reoriented
Result - Flight Crew	Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued New Clearance
NARRATIVE 1	

After taking high speed runway turnoff NN off 8R at IAH, Tower instructed us to join SF. There was a line of aircraft on NA eastbound and both my First Officer and I missed that NN becomes SF. I followed the aircraft thinking they were going to join SF. We had originally planned to exit at NK and I turned eastbound on NA thinking SF was next right turn taxiway ahead. We informed ground control of our mistake and doubled back on NB and then joined SF southbound by their instruction. There was no conflict with other aircraft. The signage for NN turning into SF is nonexistent and in my runway turnoff I mistook and assumed SF would be ahead off NA. It was my mistake.

SYNOPSIS

Air Carrier Captain taxiing in IAH reported they turned on to the wrong taxiway due to a lack of taxiway signage.