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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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1833902

To: Airport Manager, La Guardia Airport (LGA), NY, FAA (AAS-1)

Info: FAA (AAS-300, AVP-1, AVP-200, AJV-A, AJI-144, AEA-600, AFS-280, 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: LGA Airport Unlit Island Taxi Hazard

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 1833902

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202108
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale	LGA.Airport
State	NY
Altitude - AGL	0

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Ground	LGA
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	1833902

EVENTS

Anomaly	No Specific Anomaly Occurred - Unwanted Situation
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew	Became Reoriented

NARRATIVE 1

Upon landing in LGA and taxi to gate instructions where, "Taxi to gate via Sierra, Papa, Bravo, Lima, enter Ramp 9 Alpha to gate." Making transition onto Lima and then towards 9 Alpha, the southeast corner of the unlit paved "island" between Spots 20 and 23 can become a taxi hazard late at night, especially during inclement weather. The "island" is unlit. LGA's islands have 1" diameter by 18" high, unlit, vertical poles painted blue on the top half. The blue color blends into black asphalt at night and is very difficult to see until one is right up on them. Unlit island between Spot 20 and Spot 23 can be a taxi hazard at night, especially [in] bad weather. Please coordinate with LGA Airport on either making the marker lit during night time operations, or removed for possible FOD hazard to taxi operations.

SYNOPSIS

Air Carrier Captain reported there is an unlighted island that is very difficult to see at night or during inclement weather during taxi, Lima between spot 20 and 23, at LGA.