

10/13/2021

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2021-133/4-16

1831059

To: Airport Manager, Chuuk International Airport (PTKK), Micronesia

Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AFS-280, LAX-IFO, AFS-200), A4A, AAEE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB

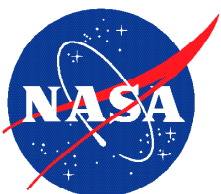
From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: PTKK Airport PAPI Lights 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.

ASRS has previously alerted in this issue. Alert message 2020-19/5-7 is also enclosed.

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 1831059

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202108
Local Time Of Day	No Local Time Of Day Stated

PLACE

Locale	PTKK.Airport
State	FO
Altitude - AGL	0

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Captain
ASRS Report Number	1831059

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

NARRATIVE 1

Once again the PAPIs at PTKK are inoperative. There should be a Company response to lack of electronic/visual glidepath for night operations.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported the PAPI lights at PTKK are inoperative.

Previous Alert

3/13/2020

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2020-19/5-7

1718071

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Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AFS-280, LAX-IFO, AFS-200), A4A, AAEE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
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Re: PTKK PAPI Lights Inoperative

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ACN: 1718071

Time

Date: 202001

Local Time Of Day: 1801-2400

Place

Locale Reference.Airport: PTKK.Airport

State Reference: FO

Altitude.MSL.Single Value: 2000

Environment

Flight Conditions: VMC

Aircraft 1

Make Model Name: Commercial Fixed Wing

Person 1

Function.Flight Crew: Pilot Flying

Function.Flight Crew: Captain

ASRS Report Number: 1718071

Events

Anomaly.Inflight Event / Encounter: Other / Unknown

Detector.Person: Flight Crew

Narrative 1

PTKK airport has a NOTAM saying PAPI activated many months ago. I have flown this pairing several times in the last 10 days and each time, the PAPI has been inop. I have advised operations each time that the PAPI is inop. They say they will get it fixed or [issue a] NOTAM that it's inop. Neither has occurred. This is a night approach to a "black hole" airport with a non-precision approach and in my opinion an operating PAPI is important. If it's not operational, it should have a NOTAM alerting the crew that it is inop, so they can plan accordingly. As a side note, on the flight last night from ZZZ to PTKK, when we activated the runway lights on CTAF, the PAPI came on for 2 seconds with the runway lights then went out for the remainder of the landing time. Then on the return flight ZZZ to PTKK, the PAPI didn't even come on for any amount of time.

Synopsis

Air carrier flight crew reported that the PAPI system is inoperative at PTKK, however; a NOTAM was issued that the system is operative.