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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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2036134

To: FAA (ATM ZTL ARTCC, ATM BHM ATCT, AJV-A)

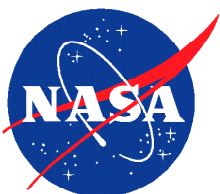
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director  
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: Similar Sounding Fix Names - SKNNR/SKNRR

We recently received ASRS reports 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](mailto:becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov).



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## ACN 2036134

### DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202309
Local Time Of Day	0601 to 1200

### PLACE

Locale	BHM.Airport
State	AL
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	2036134

### EVENTS

Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - General	None Reported / Taken

### NARRATIVE 1

We departed BHM for ZZZ on the filed route. JOEYE..SKNRR..IZAAC as filed. For some reason, we had to input the route manually and instead of SKNRR, which is 89 NM west of BHM, we ended up with SKNNR, which is 120 east of BHM. It was our mistake and we corrected prior to push, but I didn't realize the two fixes were that close in spelling and location. I'm sure it's a nod to the great Lynyrd Skynyrd, but on that day it caused unnecessary confusion until we figured it out.

### SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported erroneously entering SKNNR intersection prior to departure that sounded and was spelled similarly to their cleared SKNRR intersection. The intersections are 209 miles apart. Captain caught the error but expressed concerns for a potential navigation deviation when entering the fix manually.