

ALERT BULLETIN

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TO: Airport Manager, Louis Armstrong New Orleans Int'l Airport (MSY), LA, FAA
(ATM MSY Tower, ATM MSY TRACON, AAS-1)

INFO: FAA (AAS-300, AVP-1, AVP-200, ASW-600, AFS-260, AFS-200, AJV-A, AJI
-144, Runway Safety Team, Director of Air Traffic Operations ESA South), A4A,
AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICASS, IFALPA,
IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

FROM: Becky L. Hooley, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

SUBJ: MSY Airborne Conflict

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 following:

ASRS received a report from an air carrier First Officer expressing concern about ATC procedures at MSY airport. Reporter stated they experienced a conflict with another air carrier aircraft on their approach and landing to Runway 2 when the other aircraft executed a go-around from their approach to Runway 11. Reporter queried ATC, who responded that simultaneous approaches were legal because the two runways do not technically cross.

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 Hooley at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooley@nasa.gov.



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ACN 2066170

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202312
Local Time Of Day 1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale MSY.Tower
State LA
Altitude - MSL 500

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower MSY
Make Model Name Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part 121

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT Y

ATC / Advisory - Tower MSY
Make Model Name Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part 121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew First Officer
Function - Flight Crew Pilot Not Flying
ASRS Report Number 2066170

EVENTS

Anomaly ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly Conflict - Airborne Conflict
Detector - Person Air Traffic Control
Detector - Person Flight Crew
Miss Distance - Vertical 800
Result - Flight Crew Executed Go Around / Missed Approach
Result - Flight Crew Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification

NARRATIVE 1

The Captain was PF (Pilot Flying) and I was PM (Pilot Monitoring). We were cleared to land on Runway 2 and another 121 aircraft was cleared to land on Runway 11. At about three miles from the threshold, we noticed that the other aircraft was about two miles from their threshold, whilst another aircraft was still on Runway 11. We noticed a potential conflict if we both needed to go around. At about 500 ft. the other aircraft was told to go around by ATC, due to traffic, still on the Runway 11. They had to climb through our altitude and when we were touching down they were barely 800 feet above our altitude. If we needed to go around, there would definitely have been some drastic maneuvering in order to avoid them. I queried ATC if landing both runways was a common occurrence and they said that it's legal to land both runways simultaneously because they actually don't cross. If you look at the airport diagram it appears to be only about 50 ft. separation between the crossing runways, so technically they don't cross. This practice seemed very unsafe to both the Captain and myself. What's legal doesn't equal safe in this case.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier pilot landing Runway 2 at MSY reported another air carrier conducting a go around from Runway 11 passed 800 ft. over them at night.