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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: FAA (AJV-A, ATM PCT TRACON)

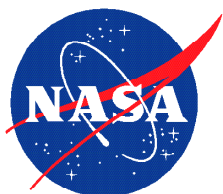
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: Similar Sounding Fix Names - LEFVR/LEFFY

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.



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ACN 2129390

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202406
Local Time Of Day 0601 to 1200

PLACE

Locale IAD.Airport
State DC
Altitude - MSL 6000

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions VMC

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - TRACON PCT
Make Model Name Medium Large Transport
Operating Under FAR Part 91

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew Captain
Function - Flight Crew Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number 2129390

EVENTS

Anomaly Deviation - Track / Heading - All Types
Anomaly Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published
Material / Policy
Detector - Person Air Traffic Control
Result - Flight Crew Returned To Clearance
Result - Air Traffic Control Issued Advisory / Alert

NARRATIVE 1

We were being vectored for the ILS 19L approach to IAD. ATC cleared us direct to LEFVR and thought we heard LEFFY. Both of these fixes are on ILS 19L initial approach. ATC queried us shortly after we were on the direct track to LEFFY and advised us he wanted us to direct to LEFVR. No other traffic was around and we made a normal approach and landing.

These two fixes sound similar and we simply got it wrong.

SYNOPSIS

Corporate Captain reported being cleared to LEFVR but mistakenly heard LEFFY and was queried by ATC. Both fixes were on the approach.