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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2025-26/11-7

2197978

To: FAA (DFW-IFO), Airport Manager, Arthur's Town Airport (MYCA), Bahamas

Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AFS-260, AFS-200), A4A, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSG, CAPA, ICAO, ICASS, IFALPA, NAFI, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA, Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas

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

Re: MYCA NOTAM Publication

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 2197978**DATE / TIME**

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| Date of Occurrence | 202412 |
| Local Time Of Day | 0601 to 1200 |

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

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| Make Model Name | Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer |
| Operating Under FAR Part | 91 |

PERSON 1

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| Function - Flight Crew | Single Pilot |
| ASRS Report Number | 2197978 |

EVENTS

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| Anomaly | Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy |
| Anomaly | No Specific Anomaly Occurred - Unwanted Situation |
| Detector - Person | Flight Crew |

NARRATIVE 1

Yesterday I flew to MYCB on Cat Island, Bahamas. FAA notam website has shown MYCB to have been closed recently for a day or two and up to a week or so this month, due to runway repaving there. Prior to my flight, I checked and no NOTAMs were listed. My trip went fine, runway mostly repaved. Today driving on the island, I stopped into MYCA, Arthur's Town, also on Cat Island. This airport has men and equipment on the runway in a massive construction operation, single runway, no taxiways. No NOTAMs are listed on the FAA site, which suggests the airport is usable. Since the MYCB NOTAMs have been updated regularly, it seems reasonable to assume MYCA would be also. I called 800wxbrief to report this, but they said they have nothing to do with Bahamas NOTAMs. The trouble is their briefers are saying MYCA is open, but it definitely is not. Pilots could be dangerously led astray here. I asked at least for a PIREP to be filed, and one briefer said he'd add that. I will call Nassau when I return to the US next in the meantime, this is a potentially unsafe situation. I myself considered MYCA as an alternate on this flight. US pilots need reliable NOTAMs everywhere. Not all countries are as attentive to posting information, but that's a separate problem. Today, I notified FSS of an airport closure with men and equipment on the runway, and they say they can't/won't make that information available to future inbound pilots. That's not a Bahamian problem, that's a US problem. FSS is now aware of a hazard, yet they brief the opposite, that it's fine to try to land at MYCA when it's definitely not. A notam in the US system should be added immediately if only to say "Pilot reported airport closed with men on runway" or something similar.

SYNOPSIS

Pilot reported a lack of NOTAMs regarding ongoing construction and intermittent airport closures for MYCA airport.