

# ALERT BULLETIN

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2218739, 2215712

TO: Airport Managers, San Antonio International Airport (SAT), TX, Boerne Stage Field Airport (5C1), TX, FAA (AAS-1)

INFO: FAA (AAS-300, ATM SAT Tower, ATM SAT TRACON, AVP-1, AVP-200, ASW-600, AFS-260, AFS-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations CSA), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, CAPA, ATSAP, ATSG, IATA, IBT, ICAO, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA

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

SUBJ: SAT Airborne Conflicts With 5C1 Airport

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 SAT Air Traffic Controller describing a conflict between an arriving commercial aircraft at SAT and a small aircraft VFR departure from 5C1. Reporter expressed concern that this is a recurring issue that has not been addressed, and that the conflicts pose a potential collision risk.

Report 2215712 also describes the conflict related issues between SAT and 5C1 VFR aircraft. This report 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](mailto:becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov).



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**ACN 2218739****DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202503
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

**PLACE**

Locale	SAT.Airport
State	TX
Altitude - MSL	4000

**ENVIRONMENT**

Flight Conditions	VMC
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**AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X**

ATC / Advisory - TRACON	SAT
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

**AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT Y**

Make Model Name	Small Transport, Low Wing, 2 Recip Eng
Operating Under FAR Part	91

**PERSON 1**

Function - Air Traffic Control	Approach
ASRS Report Number	2218739

**EVENTS**

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Conflict - Airborne Conflict
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control

**NARRATIVE 1**

Aircraft X at 4,000 on a downwind to base turn into SAT. Aircraft Y VFR departed VFR off 5C1 Airport climbing without calling Approach as they fly through the final airspace into SAT.

I have reported, and so have many other controllers here at SAT, about the unsafe situation that surrounds the 5C1 Airport and aircraft flying into SAT. For years a Civil Aviation Regulation (CAR) has been open, for years the controllers have been doing briefings to pilots at the satellite airports to inform or educate the pilots as to the hazards around several airports in the vicinity of SAT and nothing has happened. For years the controllers have been dealing with eventuality of an accident happening that will result in many people dying, but the FAA knows this and still nothing has changed. So I guess we'll wait until a series of unfortunate events happen and two aircraft come together. Then, maybe something will change but until then business as usual. I was not the controller in position but watched from another position.

**SYNOPSIS**

SAT TRACON Controller reported an aircraft departing from 5C1 airport was not in contact with Approach and flew through the final approach airspace of SAT while an air carrier was on downwind to base turn into SAT airport.

## ACN 2215712

### DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202502
Local Time Of Day	1201 to 1800

### PLACE

Locale	SAT.TRACON
State	TX
Altitude - MSL	4300

### AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - TRACON	SAT
Make Model Name	Medium Large Transport, Low Wing, 2 Turbojet Eng
Operating Under FAR Part	121

### AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT Y

ATC / Advisory - TRACON	SAT
Make Model Name	Medium Large Transport, Low Wing, 2 Turbojet Eng
Operating Under FAR Part	121

### PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control	Approach
Function - Air Traffic Control	Supervisor / CIC
ASRS Report Number	2215712

### EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Conflict - Airborne Conflict
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued New Clearance
Result - Air Traffic Control	Separated Traffic

### NARRATIVE 1

Aircraft X [at] 4300. 2 VFR aircraft [at] 4500 and 4600 in a flight. Had to vector Aircraft X off of approach and resequence. The flight was crossing the final. Aircraft Y had to be vectored also for 5C1 traffic.

NEED A CLASS B. Something BAD will happen at 5C1 and SAT arrivals.

### SYNOPSIS

SAT TRACON Controller reported vectoring two airliners off approach into SAT due to VFR traffic from 5C1 that was crossing the SAT final approach path.