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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Virginia Highlands Airport (VJI), VA, FAA (AAS-1)

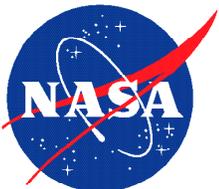
Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AAS-300, AEA-600, AFS-260, AFS-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations ESA South, Runway Safety Team), AOPA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, ICAO, ICASS, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA

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

Re: VJI Departure Procedures

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



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ACN 2221395

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202503
Local Time Of Day 1201 to 1800

PLACE

Locale TRI.Airport
State TN
Altitude - AGL 1000

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions VMC

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - TRACON TRI
Make Model Name Medium Transport, Low Wing, 2 Turbojet Eng
Operating Under FAR Part 91

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew Captain
Function - Flight Crew Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number 2221395

EVENTS

Anomaly Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published
Material / Policy
Detector - Person Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification

NARRATIVE 1

Upon departure of Runway 6 at VJI, there are several confusing areas as to the procedure. At the end of the runway is an old sign that says to make left turns for noise abatement. And then when looking at the charts in the airport official remarks section it says, "Noise Abatement: Runway 6-24 straight out 500 ft. AGL left turns only." So on departure we did that only to be questioned by the Departure at Tri Cities. I later called the Tri Cities Clearance Delivery phone number and was told that the noise abatement was voluntary. Too many signs saying left turn only for a pilot to ignore, but yet it is not an official procedure and led me to make a turn around the airport before proceeding on course. Signs and remarks need to show that this left turn only is for VFR traffic only.

SYNOPSIS

Corporate Captain reported being confused by the charts and old signage regarding the noise abatement procedures at TRI Airport and was questioned by TRI Departure after following said procedures.