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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: FAA (ATM ZAU ARTCC, ATM ZMP ARTCC)

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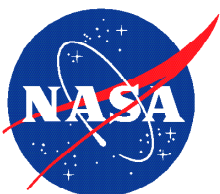
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: ZAU/ZMP ATC Coordination Concerns

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.



Aviation Safety Reporting System
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ACN 2228744**DATE / TIME**

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Date of Occurrence | 202504 |
| Local Time Of Day | 1801 to 2400 |

PLACE

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| Locale | ZOB.ARTCC |
| State | OH |
| Altitude - AGL | 0 |

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

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|-------------------------|---|
| ATC / Advisory - Center | ZOB |
| Make Model Name | Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer |

PERSON 1

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| Function - Air Traffic Control | Enroute |
| ASRS Report Number | 2228744 |

EVENTS

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| Anomaly | Airspace Violation - All Types |
| Anomaly | ATC Issue - All Types |
| Anomaly | Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy |
| Anomaly | Inflight Event / Encounter - Weather / Turbulence |
| Detector - Person | Air Traffic Control |
| Result - Air Traffic Control | Separated Traffic |

NARRATIVE 1

Throughout several hours on the evening shift, a line of thunderstorms built up on the border of our sectors and ZAU Center and was moving northeast bound. We continued to get westbound traffic with changing route and altitude restrictions. Eastbound traffic also continued to come. A bottleneck was created at the border of ZAU, ZMP, and our Center. Many of these aircraft had to go up/down, and required deviations for the precipitation. The rapidly developing storms and demanding traffic made it so coordination between ZAU, ZMP, and us occurred last minute or not at all. Everyone was extremely busy and many airspace violations most likely occurred. Everyone had to work on allowing aircraft to maneuver without hitting each other. This occurring last minute, on the border of multiple sectors and centers, on different frequencies, led to a complex and tense situation.

In hindsight, aircraft should not have been routed to where the storms were moving to and sectors should have been shut down sooner.

SYNOPSIS

ZOB Center Controller reported deviating aircraft from a line of thunderstorms and precipitation that was on the border of several Center facilities and the busy nature of the complex and tense situation led to potential airspace violations.