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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Murray Field Airport (EKA), CA, FAA (AWP-600)

2313027

Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AAS-300, AAS-1, AFS-260, AFS-200, AJV-A, Director of Air Traffic Operations WSA), AOPA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, ICAO, ICASS, NAFI, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, Jeppesen Sanderson Inc.

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

Re: EKA Airport Lighting

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 2313027

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202511
Local Time Of Day 1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale EKA.Airport
State CA
Altitude - AGL 800

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - UNICOM EKA
Make Model Name Small Aircraft, Low Wing, 1 Eng, Retractable Gear
Operating Under FAR Part 91

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew Single Pilot
ASRS Report Number 2313027

EVENTS

Anomaly Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Detector - Person Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew Became Reoriented
Result - Flight Crew Executed Go Around / Missed Approach

NARRATIVE 1

I would say that Murray Field airport (both runways) is dangerous and unusable after dark due to the absence of most of the lights. On runway 30, only the left side of the runways is lit. There are no lights on the right side so making a normal left downwind landing is difficult because all the pilot has is one line of lights. The taxiway lights a mostly missing as well.

It took me three attempts to land because the first run, there's no way to know which side of the lights the actual runway is on until the landing lights show the numbers (or lack there of). I was literally flying left or right of the line of lights to search for the numbers.

Also, the lights appear to only have one intensity (high) when trying to adjust the lighting with the radio.

Also, because of the lack of taxiway lights, there's no indicators for the pilot to judge on downwind the nature of the runway so it must be done strictly by the numbers.

In my opinion, this is an extremely dangerous airport to land on after dark.

SYNOPSIS

A general aviation pilot reported that the runway and taxiway lights are missing at EKA airport.