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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Newark Liberty Int'l Airport (EWR), NJ, FAA (AEA-600) 2314212

Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AAS-300, AAS-1, AJV-A, ATM EWR ATCT, AFS-260, AFS-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations ESA North, Runway Safety Team), AAAE, A4A, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICAO, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA, Jeppesen Sanderson Inc.

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

Re: EWR Runway 22R Exit Path 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 Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 2314212**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202512
Local Time Of Day	0001 to 0600

PLACE

Locale	EWR.Airport
State	NJ
Altitude - AGL	0

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions	IMC
Weather	Snow

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower	EWR
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Captain
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number	2314212

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Detector - Person	Flight Crew
Result - Flight Crew	Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued New Clearance

NARRATIVE 1

Exiting the runway on EWR Runway 22R at night can be challenging because the taxiways exiting the runway are inadequately lit. They have reflectors instead of lights and they are hard to see. Today we landed on 22R at night in low Visibility snowy conditions. I was instructed to exit the runway at Taxiway C. I was unable to see C and passed it. I was then told to expedite and exit at N. I informed Tower it was difficult to see and made sure he knew we were still on the runway. Only through the assistance of my First Officer was I able to locate N and exit the runway. Fortunately I was previously aware of the difficulty and did a threat forward briefing letting my First Officer know I would need his assistance in locating a taxiway to exit the runway. Once clear of the runway we called clear to the tower. Aircraft Y landed behind us and they also missed taxiway C and told to expedite to N causing the aircraft behind them to go around. I informed the Tower it was extremely difficult to exit the runway due to the snow cover and no lighting.

In these weather conditions with known poor taxiway lighting conditions on 22R aircraft should be further spaced apart and the word expedite should not be used. Weather conditions were such that no one should be rushed because it is unsafe.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported EWR Runway 22R exit lighting is inadequate during low visibility night conditions.