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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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To: Airport Manager, Newark Liberty Int'l Airport (EWR), NJ, FAA (AEA  
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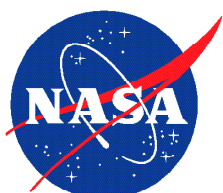
Info: FAA (AVP-1, AVP-200, AAS-300, AAS-1, AJV-A, ATM EWR ATCT, AFS-260, AFS  
-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations ESA North, Runway Safety Team), AAAE,  
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IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA, Jeppesen Sanderson Inc.

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

Re: EWR Runway 22L Approach Lighting 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](mailto:becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov).



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## ACN 2325640

### DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202601
Local Time Of Day	No Local Time Of Day Stated

### PLACE

Locale	EWR.Airport
State	NJ
Altitude - AGL	400

### ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions	IMC
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### 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	2325640

### EVENTS

Anomaly	Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue
Detector - Person	Flight Crew

### NARRATIVE 1

On approach to Runway 22L at EWR, we broke out of the weather around 400 feet. I went visual with the runway. Major confusion began when I saw what appeared to be the touchdown zone illuminated in red lights. The lights were a complete rectangle, and possibly some lights in the middle. At first, I couldn't understand why the touchdown zone was illuminated in red. As we continued the descent, I realized the red lights were highlighting the displaced threshold. This was a lighting situation I had never seen before. I spoke to both of my first officers on arrival asking them if either had seen that type of lighting before. They had not. That light situation, to me, is highly abnormal. I could see someone inadvertently landing short because of it.

### SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported confusion with an abnormal lighting situation where red lights were highlighting the displaced threshold at EWR's Runway 22L.