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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS), TX,
FAA (AAS-1)

2337203

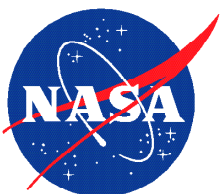
Info: FAA (AAS-300, ATM AUS ATCT, AVP-1, AVP-200, AFS-200, AFS-260, ASW-600,
Runway Safety Team), A4A, ALPA, AMFA, ASAP, ATSG, CAPA, IAM, IATA, IBT,
ICAO, ICASS, IFALPA, NTSB, PAMA, SWAPA, TWU

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

Re: AUS Runway 36L Approach Hazard

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 2337203

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202602
Local Time Of Day 0001 to 0600

PLACE

Locale AUS.Airport
State TX
Altitude - AGL 500

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions VMC

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower AUS
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 2337203

EVENTS

Anomaly Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Other / Unknown
Anomaly Ground Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Anomaly Inflight Event / Encounter - Bird / Animal
Anomaly No Specific Anomaly Occurred - Unwanted Situation
Detector - Person Flight Crew

NARRATIVE 1

There is a new landfill pit that garbage is being dumped into on a 1 mile final to Runway 36L. We cross that point at 500 feet RA. I've noticed excavating on previous flights but on Day 0 I saw that garbage was being dumped into this pit. Landfills create thermals and attract large birds like seagulls. Not a great idea just short of a runway. I again flew into AUS the next day, Day 1, and I saw more garbage being dumped into there. On the ground I mentioned to my FO that this new landfill pit will cause thermals and attract birds, so be wary on upcoming flights. On our taxi out to 36R on our next flight on the same day, we heard planes landing on 36L telling Tower that there were large birds at 200 feet. My FO and I could see these birds.

Why in the world is a garbage pit allowed at the end of a runway? Especially at a major airport? This should NOT be allowed.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported a new landfill pit near AUS Runway 36L is attracting birds and potentially causing thermals.