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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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To: Airport Manager, Newark Liberty Int'l Airport (EWR), NJ, FAA (AEA-600) 2335407

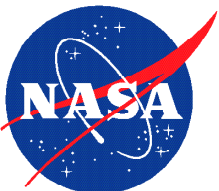
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director  
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: EWR Tower Visibility 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 2335407

### DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202602  
Local Time Of Day No Local Time Of Day Stated

### PLACE

Locale EWR.Airport  
State NJ  
Altitude - AGL 0

### AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower EWR  
Make Model Name Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer

### PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control Local  
ASRS Report Number 2335407

### EVENTS

Anomaly ATC Issue - All Types  
Anomaly Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published  
Material / Policy  
Anomaly Ground Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown  
Anomaly No Specific Anomaly Occurred - Unwanted Situation  
Detector - Person Air Traffic Control

### NARRATIVE 1

I am writing to formally express serious safety concerns regarding the ongoing construction within the Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) Tower.

As controllers, we rely heavily on unobstructed visual access to aircraft movement areas to ensure the safe and efficient handling of traffic. Currently, construction activity has significantly obstructed our ability to clearly observe traffic at Romeo Mike while actively working aircraft. The obstruction of the tower windows directly impacts our situational awareness and compromises operational safety.

Although it has been stated that plastic barriers were installed to contain dust and debris, visibility through these materials still allows a clear view of ongoing construction activity. This creates both distraction and concern, in addition to raising questions about the effectiveness of the containment measures. Furthermore, the continued exposure to construction dust and airborne debris presents potential health hazards to employees working in the tower environment.

The current conditions are unsafe for both operational and health-related reasons. As safety professionals, we are held to the highest standards in protecting the flying public. We must also ensure that our own working environment meets appropriate safety standards.

What immediate corrective actions are being taken to eliminate these hazards? How will management ensure that operational visibility is fully restored and that employee health is not compromised?

We request that this matter be addressed urgently, with clear communication outlining a mitigation plan and timeline for resolution.

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## **SYNOPSIS**

EWR Tower Controller reported ongoing construction within the tower is causing visual obstructions and health hazards, impacting safe operations.