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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2026-164/7-3

To: FAA (ATM F11 TRACON, ATM DAB TRACON, AAS-1)

2321581

Info: FAA (Director of Air Traffic Operations ESA South, AVP-1, AVP-200, ASO-600, AFS-260, AFS-200), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA

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

Re: ATC Operational Concern, F11 TRACON/DAB TRACON

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 2321581

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence 202601
Local Time Of Day 1201 to 1800

PLACE

Locale DAB.Airport
State FL
Altitude - MSL 3500

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

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

PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control Approach
ASRS Report Number 2321581

EVENTS

Anomaly ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published
Material / Policy
Detector - Person Air Traffic Control
Result - Flight Crew Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification
Result - Air Traffic Control Provided Assistance

NARRATIVE 1

Aircraft X contacted DAB South Radar sector looking for an IFR clearance. They were above a layer but wanted to have an IFR clearance and Air Traffic Services for safety. F11/Central FL TRACON had refused to give them an IFR clearance, and told them to contact FSS. The pilot was unable to, but was told to "try DAB." I called the Operations Supervisor (OS)/Controller in Charge (CIC) position at F11 explaining what had happened and asked if they would be able to provide this aircraft with air traffic service. The OS/CIC said to switch the aircraft back, which we did. Shortly after the aircraft came back to DAB saying F11 would not help them.

DAB Controller was able to issue the IFR clearance, and point the aircraft out to F11 still 20 miles in their airspace.

Previous event reported involved F11 refusing service to a pair of aircraft unless "they could use VHF frequency" (landing ZZZ).

This is lazy at best – it's a severe safety issue that needs to be addressed swiftly with consequences.

SYNOPSIS

DAB TRACON Controller reported providing assistance to an aircraft after F11 TRACON refused to issue the aircraft an IFR clearance.