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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Portland International Jetport (PWM), ME, FAA (ANE-600) 2345941

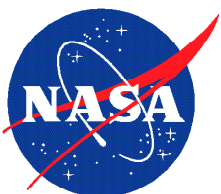
Info: FAA (ATM PWM Tower, AAS-1, AAS-300, AFS-260, AFS-200, AJV-A, AVP-1, AVP-200, Director of Air Traffic Operations ESA North, Runway Safety Team), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, IBT, ICAO, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NTSB, RAA, SWAPA, Jeppesen Sanderson Inc.

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

Re: PWM Runway 29 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.



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ACN 2345941

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202603
Local Time Of Day	0001 to 0600

PLACE

Locale	PWM.Airport
State	ME
Altitude - MSL	1000

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

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

PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control	Local
ASRS Report Number	2345941

EVENTS

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

NARRATIVE 1

Aircraft X was on final approach to land runway 29. Since they were the only aircraft on frequency, they asked what the lights were about 1/4 down the runway were. They made the comment that the lights looked like a vehicle. I told them that they were the runway lead on lights. They responded saying "well they are very bright". The aircraft landed without incident.

I do not know exactly what needs to change so pilots don't get these lights confused with a vehicle. I would think all pilots are much more on edge watching for vehicles on the runway. Some pilots in the future might elect to just go around without asking, potentially putting them in an unexpected unsafe situation, or just wasting their time / gas over nothing. Something should change so this situation doesn't happen.

SYNOPSIS

Tower Controller reported an air carrier pilot questioned the bright lights about a quarter of the way down PWM Runway 29, saying they were overly bright and confusing.