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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

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To: Airport Manager, Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), VA, FAA 2355138  
(ATM PCT TRACON, AAS-1)

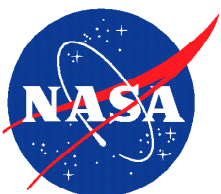
Info: FAA (Director of Air Traffic Operations ESA North, AJV-A, AEA-600, AAS-300, AVP  
-1, AVP-200, AFS-260, AFS-200, Runway Safety Team), A4A, AAAE, ALPA, AOPA,  
APA, ASAP, ATSAP, ATSG, CAPA, IATA, ICASS, IFALPA, IPA, NATCA, NBAA,  
NTSB, RAA, SWAPA, Jeppesen Sanderson Inc.

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

Re: IAD Runway 1R PAPI Brightness Control

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 2355138****DATE / TIME**

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of Occurrence | 202604                      |
| Local Time Of Day  | No Local Time Of Day Stated |

**PLACE**

|        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| Locale | IAD.Airport |
| State  | DC          |

**AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X**

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

**PERSON 1**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Function - Flight Crew | Captain |
| ASRS Report Number     | 2355138 |

**EVENTS**

|                      |                                                   |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Anomaly              | ATC Issue - All Types                             |
| Anomaly              | Ground Event / Encounter - Ground Equipment Issue |
| Detector - Person    | Flight Crew                                       |
| Result - Flight Crew | Requested ATC Assistance / Clarification          |

**NARRATIVE 1**

The PAPI for Runway 1R at IAD is on full bright at night. We asked the Tower if they could lower the brightness and they said they did not have control over the brightness. We were told that the airport authority has been notified, but nothing has been done to correct it.

The extremely bright light is very distracting at night.

**SYNOPSIS**

Air carrier Captain reported the PAPI for Runway 1R at IAD is distracting due to being on full bright at night and the brightness cannot be lowered as ATC does not have control over it.