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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: FAA (ATM PCT TRACON)

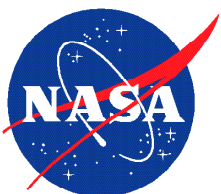
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: P-56 Strobe Light Concern

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 2372221**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202606
Local Time Of Day	1801 to 2400

PLACE

Locale	DCA.Airport
State	DC

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

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

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number	2372221

EVENTS

Anomaly	Inflight Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Detector - Person	Flight Crew

NARRATIVE 1

Large, bright, flashing strobe light from the P-56 prohibited area, distracting to pilot flying and monitoring both during final turn towards the runway, roughly abeam the Memorial Bridge. Initially thought we were being lasered from the ground.

Very distracting to the flight crew during a critical phase of flight in very tight airspace impacting situational awareness.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier pilot reported being distracted during approach by a large, bright flashing strobe light from the P-56 prohibited area.