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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: FAA (ATM ZDV ARTCC, AJV-A)

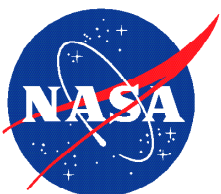
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: Similar Sounding Fix Names - CHEWY/CHUWY

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 2382616**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202607
Local Time Of Day	No Local Time Of Day Stated

PLACE

Locale	ZDV.ARTCC
State	CO
Altitude - MSL	18000

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Center	ZDV
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	First Officer
ASRS Report Number	2382616

PERSON 2

Function - Flight Crew	First Officer
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number	2381009

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation - Track / Heading - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Clearance
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Anomaly	Inflight Event / Encounter - Weather / Turbulence
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Result - Flight Crew	Became Reoriented
Result - Flight Crew	Returned To Clearance
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued Advisory / Alert
Result - Air Traffic Control	Issued New Clearance

NARRATIVE 1

Climbing out of 18000 feet on the HHOTH Departure DEN issued a reroute due to weather. They cleared us to CHEWY and the PM entered the new fix in the FMC. It was confirmed by the PM and executed. DEN departure subsequently queried, said we were off course and issued a heading. The PM then asked for a phonetic spelling and the controller said it was CHUWY and on our SID which is incorrect. CHUWY was entered and LNAV was engaged.

NARRATIVE 2

Climbing out of 18000 feet, on the HHOTH Departure, DEN departure issued a reroute due to weather and cleared us to CHEWY, departure. The PM entered the new fix in the FMC, it was confirmed by the PF and executed. DEN departure said we were off course and issued a heading. The PM asked for phonetic clarification of the fix which departure said was CHUWY and said it was on our departure SID, which was

incorrect. The PM entered the correct CHUWY and LNAV was executed and the flight continued without incident.

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier flight crew reported being informed by ATC of being off course which was the due to CHEWY being entered in the FMC instead of CHUWY.