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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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2380297

To: FAA (ATM ZOB ARTCC, Director of Air Traffic Operations CSA)

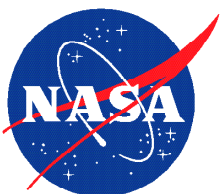
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From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: ZOB Operational Safety 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 2380297**DATE / TIME**

Date of Occurrence	202607
Local Time Of Day	1201 to 1800

PLACE

Locale	ZOB.ARTCC
State	OH

AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

Make Model Name	Any Unknown or Unlisted Aircraft Manufacturer
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PERSON 1

Function - Air Traffic Control	Enroute
ASRS Report Number	2380297

EVENTS

Anomaly	ATC Issue - All Types
Anomaly	Deviation / Discrepancy - Procedural - Published Material / Policy
Anomaly	Inflight Event / Encounter - Weather / Turbulence
Detector - Automation	Air Traffic Control
Detector - Person	Air Traffic Control
Result - Air Traffic Control	Separated Traffic

NARRATIVE 1

Area had 4 people on the shift without a supervisor. We were incredibly short staffed. We had weather, deviations, holding, diverts, and a higher rate of traffic in the sectors coming from another sector because ZYZ was not taking aircraft. We had nobody to open a D-side or split sectors. We had a staffing trigger but this being a bottleneck of the northeast NAS we had to take planes. We kept being asked if we could take more which we said no.

I feel this is a very unsafe situation.

Recommendation: We obviously need more bodies and that when a staffing trigger is issued we should not be taking the traffic that we took.

SYNOPSIS

ZOB Center Controller reported an unsafe situation due to the facility being short-staffed with no supervisor available to manage the higher rate of traffic caused by weather and other impacts.