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Subject: Enforcement Action for Recurring Vehicle or Pedestrian Deviations (VPD) at Part 139 Certificated or Federally Obligated Airports

Dear Mr. Heese:

I am quite concerned about the recent rise in VPDs at airports in our region. We have had at least one VPD at each of the three largest and busiest airports (ANC, FAI and JNU) in the last several weeks. Each of these incursions has been committed by personnel who should have known the proper rules and procedures. In addition, we have experienced several VPDs at the busiest GA airport in the state (MRI). This follows closely on the heels of our dubious distinction of having led the nation in VPDs in FY 2004.

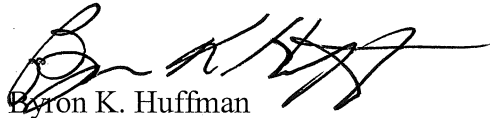
As you know numerous FAA letters, e-mails, and aviation forums (DOT& PF quarterly aviation safety meetings, FAA/DOT&PF joint training seminars, etc) have been distributed/ completed over the past year to reduce/preclude VPD's and promote safety; however, a problem still exists with VPDs at Alaskan airports.

We, Alaskan Airports Division and HQ FAA, believe a stronger initiative is warranted to preclude or reduce the number of VPD incidents at airports within the Alaskan Region. Considering all the facts and circumstances that have led to the 19 recurring VPD's at Alaskan airports this past year, I am compelled to implement enforcement action in accordance with policies in FAA Order 2150.3 and 5820.5 against airports that experience recurring VPD's. This enforcement policy is effective for all recurring VPDs taking place on or after December 20, 2004.

In closing, we urge the certificated/federal obligated airports to give this new VPD enforcement policy letter the widest dissemination among its tenant units/vendors; thus promoting and educating the public on its critical role in assisting the airport in maintaining a viable and healthy runway safety program. At all cost, we must reassure the public that aviation and public safety will not be jeopardized in the Alaskan Region.

We offer our continued support in resolving the VPD issues across the region. Please contact Maverick Douglas, 271-5444 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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