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AACA Newsletter March 20, 2019

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The SCC ILS Localizer

ISCC 03/006 (PASC A0023/19) SCC NAV ILS RWY 06 LOC/GP/DME OUT OF SERVICE 1903021609-1903191500EST

From FAA Kyle Christiansen,FAA:

- The SCC localizer is underlain by melting permafrost.
- Some action is necessary to restore functionality to retain the system.
- The FAA has considered many options to correct the problems with option #1, decommissioning the ILS system.

FAA desires input from industry on the value of the Deadhorse ILS.

If the responses from this information request do not show an obvious need for the retention of the SCC ILS, formal decommissioning will likely follow.

Please respond with how you utilize the SCC ILS for daily/regular operations, i.e., Primary approach option (RWY 6), secondary if LPV unavailable, alternate minimums requirements, or other scenarios.

Please respond no later than March 20, 2019, to kyle.christiansen@faa.gov or aaca@alaskaaircarriers.org



Hazardous Materials: Enhanced Safety Provisions for Lithium Batteries Transported by Aircraft (FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018)

PHMSA has issued an interim final rule (IFR) to revise the Hazardous Materials Regulations for lithium cells and batteries transported by aircraft.

- This IFR prohibits the transport of lithium ion cells and batteries as cargo on passenger aircraft;
- requires lithium ion cells and batteries to be shipped at not more than a 30 percent state of charge aboard cargo-only aircraft when not packed with or contained in equipment;
- limits the use of alternative provisions for small lithium cell or battery shipments to one package per consignment.
- This IFR does not restrict passengers or crew members from bringing personal items or electronic devices containing lithium cells or batteries aboard aircraft, or restrict cargo-only aircraft from transporting lithium ion cells or batteries at a state of charge exceeding 30 percent when packed with or contained in equipment or devices.

PHMSA is accepting comments on the proposed rule. Some issues to be discussed include:

1. The need to expand PHMSA's interpretation of "serviced daily by a cargo aircraft" which the agency has narrowly defined when it is impracticable to reach the destination by cargo aircraft and subsequent motor vehicle transportation.
2. Make it clear to PHMSA that distance should not be a consideration for the waiver
3. Whether approval would be required for each and every shipment, or whether they create a process for carriers to qualify for automatic approval.

Senator Sullivan staff adds, this is not an exhaustive list of concerns. In addition to medical device batteries, PHMSA should also hear about other exceptions that may be needed in Alaska, such as providing for needs on remote work sites and personal gps devices. Detail as to other needed

exceptions needs to be raised, including how often these circumstances arise.

For more information visit:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/06/2019-03812/hazardous-materials-enhanced-safety-provisions-for-lithium-batteries-transported-by-aircraft-faa>

Forward comments by May 6, 2019 through:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to
- <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments or by :

Mail to Docket Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Routing Symbol M-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Please copy AACA on any comments so we may include them in a comprehensive letter.**

Members are welcome to participate in ongoing industry discussions:

- Christopher Timmerman, Boston Scientific Corporation and others to discuss the impact of the proposed legislation. Please join us next Wednesday, 03/27/2019, 10am to discuss this issue in further detail.
- 1(857) 327-9397.
- **Attached are the Medical Device Battery Transport Council (MDBTC) comments. [MDBTC Comments](#)**

Alaska Department of Transportation DRAFT 4-YEAR SPENDING PLAN

The Alaska Department of Transportation has shared the FAA Airport Improvement Project spending plans for 2019 through 2022.

Recently, AACA members identified issues with capital projects at airports around the state. Hopefully, an early look at draft plans will offer more time to provide comments and resolve issues.

Below are the departments draft AIP spending plans. Please contact AACA or ADOT with any questions, comments, or for additional information.

AACA contact information is 907.277.0071 or email at aaca@alaskaaircarriers.org

[2019 AIP Spending Plan](#)

[2020 AIP Spending Plan](#)

[2021 AIP Spending Plan](#)

[2022 AIP Spending Plan](#)

UAA Aviation Maintenance Technology Program is Developing an Online Maintenance Program for Mechanic Helpers

Wade Weiss, UAA Aviation Maintenance Program staff is creating five new modules to support an ongoing effort to create a comprehensive Online Maintenance Program to support mechanic helper programs.

Wade has asked AACA members to provide photos, videos or other enhancements for incorporation into the development of the following program. Click on the link below to add your information:

[Anti Ice - Delce](#)

[Electricity](#)

[Basic Recip Engine](#)

[Basic Turbine Engine](#)

[General](#)

[Hand Tool and Measuring Equipment](#)



Cold Water Survival Training

The Fairbanks FAA Safety Team is coordinating a Cold Water Survival training class on **Saturday, April 6, 10:00am - 3:00pm.**

This training includes pool (in street clothes) and classroom activities.

- Class size is limited to 30 participants
- Requires you to acknowledge the FAA disclosure,
- You must register through www.faasafety.gov
- The notice will be published on March 20, 2019.
- Course details will be provided on April 3, 2019.

Attached is the flyer on the event, and as always, let us know if you have any questions. [EVENT FLYER](#)

Thank you for your support!

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SAVE THE DATES!
July 8-12, 2019
U.S. Small Business Administration
Office of Advocacy

The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy will be in Anchorage and Fairbanks from July 8-12, 2019. The agency desires feedback from small businesses on federal regulations they find overly burdensome or that should be revised.

Please contact AACA if you have interest in participating in these meetings.



SAVE THE DATE!
May 6-10, 2019
FAA Western Service Center

MORE on the PBN Structure for Alaska. Everyone is welcome, come prepared to identify preferred t-routes, let down IFR to VFR transitions, and more on the redefining mountainous terrain!

SAVE THE DATE!
May 6, 2019 - 8:30am
FAA Federal Building Conference Room
FAA Flight Services - The Next 10 Years

JOIN the conversation and help FAA Flight Service shape the organization. Everyone is welcome to participate. Please offer your comments to AACA if you are unable to attend.



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