SITKA ROCKY GUTIERREZ AIRPORT SITKA, ALASKA EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Paul Khera at paul.khera@alaska.gov. Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial service airport.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport is located in Sitka, Alaska, a remote community with a population of 8,881 (2010 census) that is not connected to any road system. The Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport has facility constraints to that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the airport's safe operation. We strongly encourage aircraft operators to contact the airport at 907-966-2960 for prior coordination of all unscheduled flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. This airport typically serves one air carrier's large aircraft five times daily at a facility owned by the City & Borough of Sitka (CBS). Only the air carrier has equipment and resources to accommodate large air carrier aircraft (B737). There is no airport owned passenger terminal building. The air carrier passenger facility is owned and operated by the (CBS), is typically staffed during periods of air carrier activity, and has a limited sterile area.

Airport Information

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Airport Category: Non Hub

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact airport staff at (907) 966-2960 or steve.bell@alaska.gov for assistance. Please note that the airport offers snow removal and ice control only during the hours published in the current edition of the Alaska Supplement.

Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

The gates at Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport are under exclusive long-term lease by the CBS to the tenant air carrier and are not controlled by the airport or the CBS. We are unable to direct the CBS's tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its exclusively leased gate. We will direct the tenant air carrier and the CBS to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at these exclusively-leased gates, during those time periods the gates are not in use or not scheduled to be in use, to the maximum extent practicable.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection

Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport does not have international processing facilities. We will coordinate with local CBP, CBS, and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft can be deplaned. Once these efforts are complete, we will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers, who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection, to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable. The local CBP agent may be reached on the following phone numbers:

Office (907) 747-3374 Cell (907) 738-3331

CBP 24/7 Statewide (907) 271-6313 extension 0

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the Statewide Aviation website: http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdav/airports_public_southcoast.shtml