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Subject: Winter Operations and NAVAIDs

Winter brings many operational challenges to airports. Training on winter operations, snow removal procedures, airfield familiarity, and proper techniques in snow removal equipment will help ensure impacts are minimal.

During snow removal operations, established snow removal techniques and safeguards should be followed to ensure the protection and function of NAVAIDS, approach lighting, glideslope areas, and other critical airfield systems.



- Airports should re-familiarize snow removal personnel on locations of NAVAID facilities, glideslope areas, and other airfield systems to ensure snow removal operations do not affect their function or cause unnecessary outages. Specific questions related to equipment and snow depth tolerances in ILS critical areas should be referred to your local FAA Technical Operations contact.
- Special attention should be given to all NAVAID areas throughout the snow removal process with inspections performed as part of the airport's self-inspection process.
- Any system outages should be reported to the NAVAID owner and appropriate NOTAMs should be issued until repairs are completed.
- Snow banks created during snow removal operations can obscure lights, signage and markings, while affecting the safety of aircraft in the air or on the ground, and should be addressed as soon as practicable with appropriate NOTAMs issued.
- Refer to AC150/5200-30D for guidance.

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your assigned Airport Certification Safety Inspector.