
Urgent Safety Recommendation

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In reply refer to: SI-19-00014

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The Air Accident Investigation Department (AAID) is an independent accident investigation authority mandated by the Government of the Bahamas with investigating aviation accidents and incidents and determining their probable cause. Based on investigation findings recommendations are made to prevent similar accidents or incidents from occurring.

We are providing the following information to urge your organization to take action on the safety recommendation in this letter. The AAID is vitally interested in any action taken on this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives.

This recommendation addresses the need for the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority's (BCAA) continuous monitoring of aerodrome facilities under their oversight responsibilities to ensure that hazards when identified are mitigated within a timely manner. Based on the AAID's investigation, on May 15, 2019 aircraft C6-TIM received damages to the nose and undercarriage of the aircraft when it rolled in to a pothole and the nose gear collapsed while maneuvering on the ramp area of the General Aviation Center (GAC), (file number AO-19-000016), at the Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA).

As a result of this investigation, the following recommendation has been made to the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority:

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The AAID recommends the BCAA increase its surveillance activities to ensure aerodrome operators are complying with their obligation to mitigate hazards within their facilities in accordance with the Bahamas Civil Aviation General Regulations (CAGR).

During the course of our investigation, note was taken of various sections of the ramp area at the General Aviation Center where potholes are present which poses potential threats to manoeuvring aircraft; especially during wet conditions in the aftermath of rain where these potholes are filled with standing water and are unable to be seen (as was the case in this accident).

The AAID would appreciate a response from the BCAA within 30 days addressing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement these recommendations.

In your response to the recommendations in this letter, please refer to safety recommendations by number. If you need additional information you may call 397-5513 or 397-5509.

Regards,



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