

**EDWARD G. PITKA, SR. AIRPORT  
GALENA, ALASKA  
TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Jeremy Worrall at [jeremy.worrall@alaska.gov](mailto:jeremy.worrall@alaska.gov). Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial airport.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Edward G. Pitka, Sr. 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).

Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport is located in Galena, Alaska, a remote community with a population of 470 (2010 census) that is not connected to any road system. The Galena community has very limited resources; this airport does not typically serve large air carrier aircraft. Small air carrier aircraft are serviced at a private air carrier facility which only has equipment and resources for the small air carrier aircraft (Dash-8/B1900). There is no airport owned passenger terminal building, no FBO, nor any CBP personnel or facilities. The only on site airport staff are those contracted for maintenance/snow removal. The air carrier passenger facilities are privately operated and typically only staffed during periods of air carrier activity. There are no sterile areas or concessions/ amenities. This non part-139 airport has limited hours of attendance/snow removal and has no ARFF equipment or staff. Given the lack of existing equipment, gates and jetbridges, it is highly unlikely that a diverted aircraft would be able to deplane passengers at this airport, except in the event of an emergency.

Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the Airport Manager at (907) 656-1236 for prior coordination of all unscheduled flights.

### **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 the Airport Manager at (907) 656-1236 for assistance.

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

Edward G. Pitka, Sr. 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**

Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport does not own, operate or control any passenger facilities. Due to the special circumstances at this Alaskan airport, the gates and passenger terminal buildings at Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport are exclusively owned by an individual air carrier, staffed only during periods of carrier activity, and are not controlled by the airport. We are unable to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its privately owned facility. We will provide a list of tenants who operate limited passenger facilities and may be able to provide assistance after receiving requests from airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

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

Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport does not own, operate or control any passenger facilities. In addition, there is no international passenger processing facility, no local CBP officials, no TSA, nor any established domestic sterile area. CBP officials would have to be flown or ferried approximately 270 miles to this airport in order to facilitate international passenger processing. Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport, in consultation with Alaskan CBP, has determined that no suitable international sterile area exists at or near this airport. The only facilities are privately owned and closed when not in operation. It is impossible to establish an international sterile area using present facilities at this airport. Alaskan CBP requires that in the event of an emergency international flight diversion; the air carrier must contact CBP 24/7 at (907) 271-6313. CPB will determine the appropriate contingency measures on a case by case basis.

## **Public Access to the Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan**

Edward G. Pitka, Sr. Airport will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the Statewide Aviation website <http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdav/AirportList.shtml> .

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