

**UNALASKA AIRPORT
UNALASKA, ALASKA
TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

The Unalaska 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 Josh Stuckey at josh.stuckey@alaska.gov. Unalaska 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, Unalaska 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).

The Unalaska Airport is located in Unalaska, Alaska, a remote island community with a population of 4,758 (2020 census) that is not connected to any road system. The Unalaska community has very limited resources; this airport typically serves a single air carrier aircraft three times daily at a private air carrier facility which only has equipment and resources for the single large air carrier aircraft (Dash 8-300 Series, Saab 2000). There is no airport owned passenger terminal building, no FBO, nor any CBP personnel or facilities. The air carrier passenger facilities are privately operated, are typically only staffed during periods of air carrier activity, have no sterile areas and do not offer concessions or amenities. The airport has daily hours of attendance but still requires advance coordination for ARFF availability. Given the lack of existing equipment, gates and jet bridges, it is highly unlikely that a diverted aircraft would be able to deplane passengers at this airport, except in the event of an emergency.

Unalaska Airport strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (907) 581-1786 for prior coordination of all unscheduled flights.

Airport Information

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Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact airport staff at (907) 581-1786 for assistance.

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

The Unalaska Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely de-plane 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 Unalaska Airport are under exclusive lease to air carriers and are not controlled by the airport during those time periods when the tenant airline is using or scheduled to use the gates. We are unable to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its exclusively leased gate during those time periods when the gate is in use or scheduled to be in use. We will direct our tenant air carriers 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

Unalaska Airport does not own or control any passenger facilities. In addition, there are no international passenger processing facilities and no local Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials. CBP officials would have to fly 800 miles to the airport in order to facilitate international passenger processing. CBP has determined that no facilities exist at Unalaska that would be suitable to serve as a temporary sterile area. 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 and CBP will determine the appropriate contingency measures on a case by case basis.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

The Unalaska 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