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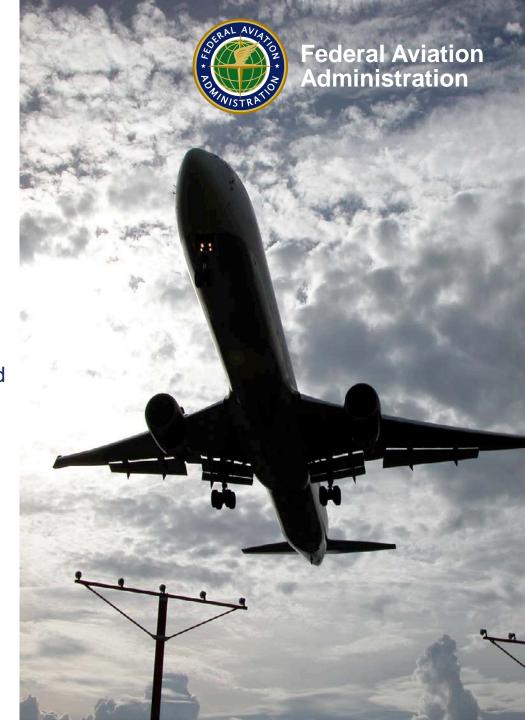
Part 139 Inspection Process & Best Practices

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- Phases of the Inspection
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Types of the Inspections

There are 3 types of inspections the Federal Aviation Administration conducts for 14 CFR part 139 airports

- Initial Inspection
- Periodic Inspection

Surveillance Inspection



Types of the Inspections

Initial Inspection

- Required for any airport not currently certificated under Part 139
- First inspection conducted before FAA issues Airport Operating Certificate (AOC)

Periodic Inspection

- Conducted on periodic schedule; normally annually
- Ensures airport is operating safely according to Part 139 and Airport Certification Manual (ACM) requirements

Types of the Inspections

Surveillance Inspection

- Announced or unannounced
- Conducted as follow-up to Periodic inspection noncompliance finding
- Monitor airfield safe operations during construction activities
- Reviewing winter operations; i.e. snow & ice removal
- Implementation of new Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) department
- Maybe full inspection or specific objective

Pre-Inspection Actions

Schedule Inspection

- Every 9-15 months for Class I,II,III airports w/ scheduled air carrier service (more than 9 passenger seats)
- Every12-18 months for Class IV airports w/ unscheduled air carrier service (more than 30 passenger seats)



Pre-Inspection Actions

 Coordinate with airport & other inspectors to determine suitable date

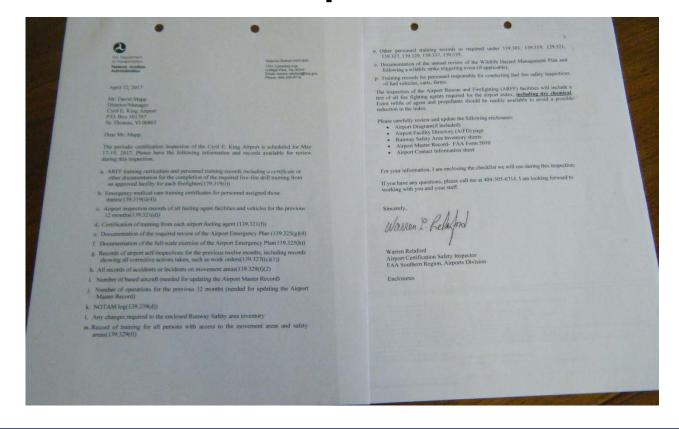


Coordination w/ colleagues



Pre-Inspection Actions

Confirmation letter to the operator



The Inspectors' Toolkit

What do you take with you?







Phases of the Inspection

- 1. In-Briefing
- 2. Administrative Inspection
- 3. Movement and Safety Area inspection
- 4. ARFF inspection
- 5. Fuel inspection
- 6. Wildlife Hazard Management inspection
- 7. Night inspection
- 8. Air Traffic Control Tower interview
- 9. Post-Inspection Out-Briefing



In-brief

Discuss

- Inspection agenda
- Problem areas
- Previous inspection results
- Runway incursions/excursions
- Construction activities

Coordinate w/ ATC

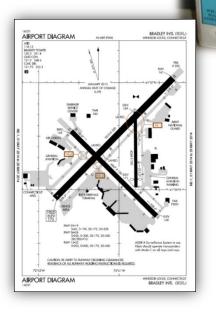
- Movement area driving concerns
- ARFF response drill



normally prior to airport arrival

Conduct review of

- Airport Certification Manual
- Wildlife Hazard Management Plan
- Airport Emergency Plan
- 5010 Airport Master Record
- Airport Diagram
- Sign & Marking Plan
- NOTAMs



Reviewing records required to be maintained by airport staff:

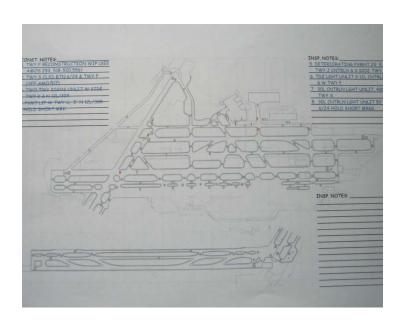
- Airport Personnel Training Curriculum & Records
- Ground Vehicle Operator & Pedestrian Training Curriculum and Training Records



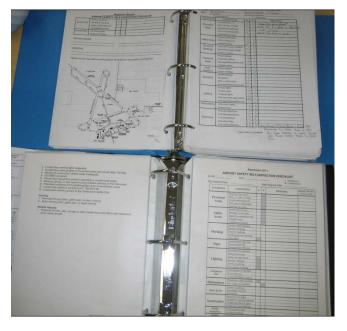


Reviewing the self inspection process:

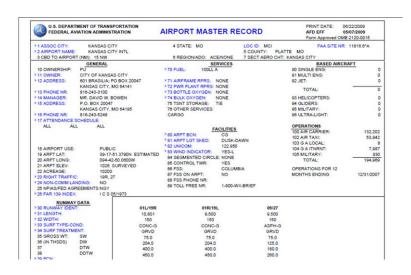
- Self Inspection Records & Work Orders
- Field Condition Records
- NOTAMs

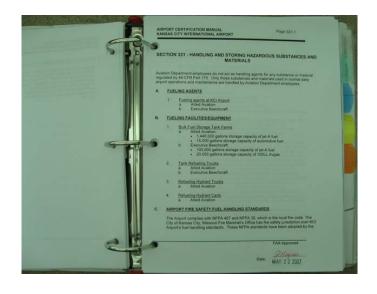






- Review the Aerodrome Manual, the AEP, and WHMP with airport staff
- Review Wildlife Log and Strike Reports
- Review Aeronautical Information for the airport
- Review the Airport Sign & Marking Plan





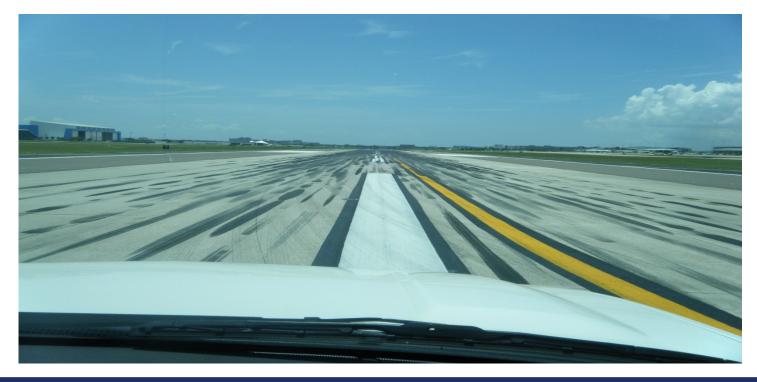
Review AEP, Rescue Firefighting and Fueling Records:

- Airport Emergency Plan Training records
- Documentation of AEP annual review
- Documentation of Full-scale AEP Exercise
- ARFF Training Curriculum & training records
- Basic Emergency Medical Care training records
- Fuel Inspection records
- Fueling Agent Training records





 Inspect RWY, TWY, safety areas, pavement, marking, lights



- At the end of each RWY, check APCH slope
 - 200ft from threshold
- Compare results to Master Record
 - If questionable objects exist, airport should have official survey performed



- Observe ground vehicle operations limited access to movement area
 - Listen for proper phraseology
 - ATCT Read-back
 - Properly marked vehicles rotating beacon, decals, colors, etc
 - Speed limits



Observe for the presence of wildlife





ARFF Inspection

- Check that airport conducts foam test
 - Refractometer or conductivity test
 - Conduct at least once a year—keep documentation



ARFF Inspection

- Conduct timed response drill
 - 3 minutes with Index apparatus
 - 4 minutes for other apparatus
 - **Cannot conclude inspection if time is not met!
- Inspect apparatus for proper maintenance
- Check training in 11 subject areas + live fire
- Check Emergency Medical Services training for at least one person per shift during air carrier operations

Fuel Inspection



Fuel Inspection

- Check training for supervisor and linemen
- Check mobile fuelers and fuel farm are inspected every 3 months
- Inspect for fire safety standards



Wildlife Hazard Management Inspection

- Observe signs and habitats conducive to wildlife
- Check that airport receive yearly wildlife training
- WHMP is reviewed 12ccm
- Check wildlife fencing



Night Inspection

- Check RWY/TWY light alignment and optical performance
- Check marking and sign visibility glass beads
- Check visibility of wind indicators



Night Inspection





Air Traffic Control Interview

- There is no Part 139 regulatory inspection requirements associated wit the Air Traffic Control Facility; however FAA inspectors are encouraged to meet with the Air Traffic Control Manager
- Allows the inspector to discuss potential issues or concerns with airport

Post-Inspection Out-brief

- Discuss non-compliance items and safety concerns identified during inspection
 - Assess the compliance attitude of airport personnel
 - willingness to comply with requirements
- If a Letter of Compliance is issued, agree on correction date by which the noncompliance must be correct
- If there are no non-compliant issues, issue an Inspection Close-out Letter
- *Goal is to bring airport back to compliance

Knowledge Test



- What are the 9 phases of an inspection?
- In which phase would you inspect the illumination of lights & signs?
- What is the purpose of a post inspection out-brief?



