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Alert Information**Summary**

Update 09/02/2020: This Maintenance Alert has been updated to provide clarification of moratorium restrictions in the context of guidance provided in NMA-20-043. The new language appears in the last paragraph of the Summary section.

This Maintenance Alert is distributed to provide guidance and direction for the upcoming holiday peak travel periods. Maintenance moratorium restrictions are used during the peak holiday travel periods of Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year for the purpose of reducing the risk of maintenance activities or FAA projects impacting the National Airspace System (NAS).

The FY 2021 Holiday Maintenance Moratorium dates and times are:**Thanksgiving Moratorium Period:**

November 21, 2020 at 0000Z to November 30, 2020 at 0800Z (Hard moratorium period November 25, 2020 at 0000Z to November 27, 2020 at 0000Z)

Christmas/New Year Moratorium Period:

December 19, 2020 at 0000Z to January 4, 2021 at 0800Z

The modification and maintenance restrictions detailed in [NMA-20-043, Reduced Maintenance Guidance During COVID-19 Response](#), remain in force throughout the moratorium periods. With respect to modifications, only the modifications allowed per NMA-20-043 may proceed, and only with an approved waiver in place. All intrusive maintenance tasks listed in the Critical PM file are restricted during the moratorium periods unless covered by the Exceptions section of this alert, or there is an approved waiver in place.

Background

The annual Holiday Maintenance Moratorium periods are authorized each year by the Vice President of Technical Operations.

Action**Moratorium Dates and Times**

The FY 2021 Holiday Maintenance Moratorium dates and times are detailed below.

Thanksgiving Moratorium Period:

November 21, 2020 at 0000Z to November 30, 2020 at 0800Z

A hard moratorium is in place November 25, 2020 at 0000Z to November 27, 2020 at 0000Z. Approved waivers are not valid during the hard moratorium period. No work should be scheduled to take place during this 48-hour period.

Waivers for the Thanksgiving moratorium period **must be submitted and approved by all appropriate levels by Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 1900Z**. Only waiver requests marked for the Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving and Christmas periods within

- Flight inspections, including required pre-inspection checks.
- Maintenance activities supporting the 56-day and 28-day chart updates.
- Scheduled interruptions in direct support of a runway or taxiway that is closed due to construction or required airport authority/sponsor maintenance.
- Strategic Event Coordination (SEC) long-term scheduled interruptions that have begun before the start of the moratorium period.
- Taking as-found readings on systems administratively removed from service by the Technical Operations Aircraft Accident Representative (TOAAR).
- Maintenance activities required in order to assist NAS Cyber Operations (NCO) with identification or remediation of NAS cyber events.

Risk Management/Assessment

The final release of a system or service remains dependent upon Control Center coordination, Air Traffic approval, and current operational conditions. Even with an approved waiver, Operational Risk Management (ORM) assessments of maintenance activities are still required as part of normal coordination procedures during moratorium periods. This Maintenance Alert provides the direction and guidelines for the national-level maintenance moratorium restrictions during the moratorium periods; Technical Operations Directors and local District and Group Managers maintain the authority to institute further, more stringent maintenance moratorium restrictions within their area of responsibility.


Maintenance that is rescheduled due to moratorium restrictions should be scheduled and completed as soon as possible, either before the start or after the end of the moratorium period. Per the guidance in Order 6000.15, General Maintenance Handbook for NAS Facilities, and Order JO 6040.15, National Airspace Performance Reporting Service (NAPRS), any periodic maintenance (PM) not performed as a result of the maintenance moratorium should be logged in SAL as a Code Category 55 PM Not Performed, Supplemental Code 0-Other or Null, Maintenance Action Code (MAC): M-Maintenance Moratorium.

Submitting Waivers

Waiver requests must be submitted using the Maintenance Moratorium Waiver System (MMWS) application. The URL for MMWS is: <https://mmws.faa.gov>. Additional information about MMWS is contained in the attachments to this Maintenance Alert.

Link to Attachment: [Moratorium Process & FAQ](#)

Link to Attachment: [Maintenance Moratorium Waiver System \(MMWS\) Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\)](#)

Questions about the maintenance moratorium process or the MMWS web application should be directed to Christine Sadler, Maintenance Moratorium Program Manager, at (540) 422-4432 , or via email at christine.sadler@faa.gov.

The electronic version of this document is available on the TechNet portal: <https://technet.faa.gov> or via the dedicated application: <http://nma.faa.gov>

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