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Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Airports



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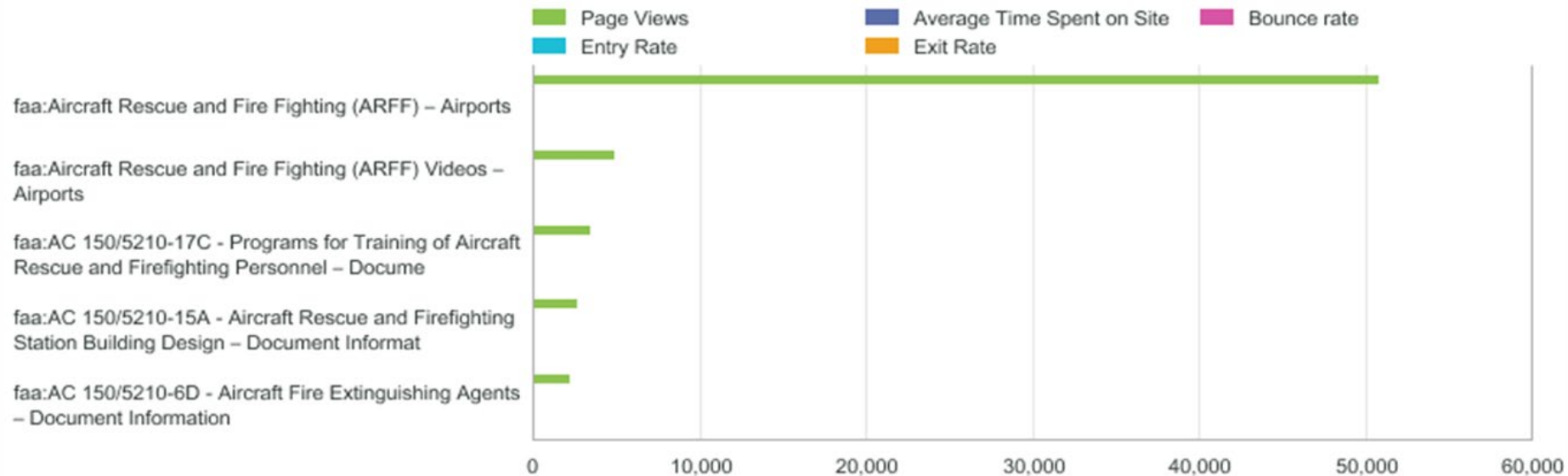


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- Draft Addendum to AC 150/5210-23, ARFF Vehicle and High Reach Extendable Turret (HRET) Operation, Training and Qualifications
 - ❖ (posted 01/10/2019)
- New and very clear pictures of the hand signal
 - ❖ Using actual person not a drawing
- Quick reference guide developed
- Currently out for Public comment

FAA Hand Signals

WHICH DEVICE ?



This signal, "Tap Top of Head" indicates instructions are for the boom.



This Signal, "with arm bent at elbow, hand and forearm, vertical. The elbow is tapped with the other hand" indicates the next instruction is for the piercing tip.

BOOM



RAISE



LOWER

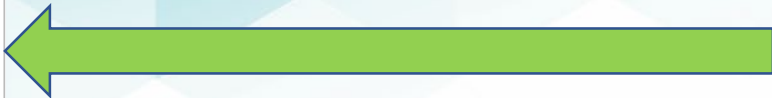


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 - Who knew it was out for comment?
 - Who is signed up for alerts?

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- Next AC's up for future updating
 - ❖ AC 150/5210-19A - Driver's Enhanced Vision System (DEVS)
 - ✓ FAA Tech Center Report
 - ✓ Watch for public comment period later this year.
 - ❖ AC 150/5210-14B - Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Equipment, Tools and Clothing
 - ❖ AC 150/5210-7D - Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Communications
 - ✓ Big change "ARFF COMMAND"
 - ❖ AC 150/5220-10E - Guide Specification for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Vehicles

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Number	Title
DOT/FAA/TC-17/27	Thermal Imaging for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Applications
DOT/FAA/TC-14/22	Impact of Alternative Fuels present in Airports on Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Response
DOT/FAA/TC-13/30	Full-Scale Evaluation of ARFF Tactics for Cargo Fires on Freighter Aircraft
DOT/FAA/TC-TN12/34	Test and Evaluation of Rear-Wheel Steering for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles--Part 2

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Performance Assessment of the Terma X-Band Obstruction Light Control System as an Aircraft Detection Lighting System (ADLS)

DOT/FAA/TC-TN16/41 Authors: James Patterson, Jr. and Garrison Canter



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Input-Based Testing



➤ The FAA Tech Center has completed testing on three different Input-Based Testing Systems

- ✓ No-Foam System
- ✓ E-One's Eco-Logic System
- ✓ Oshkosh's Eco-EFP System

➤ Report published in February

➤ Decision has been made

➤ Allowable



Input-Based Testing



Federal Aviation Administration National Part 139 CertAlert

****Advisory**Cautionary**Non-Directive**Advisory**Cautionary**Non-Directive**Advisory**Cautionary**Non-Directive****

Date: 1/17/2019 **No. 19-01**

To: All Certificated Part 139 Airports and Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Departments

Subject: Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Testing at Certificated Part 139 Airports

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- 1. Purpose.** This CertAlert provides information and guidance to airport operators regarding optional equipment for use in testing Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) systems on their Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting vehicles. It also provides information on current research into fluorine-free firefighting foams, due to recent concerns over the use and discharge of AFFF at airports. This guidance has been prepared in response to a directive in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, described in further detail below, and it does not revise or replace any previously issued guidance.

Input-Based Testing

- 3. Recommendations.** The FAA believes that testing ARFF vehicles' AFFF systems is essential to safety. We are working to give ARFF departments the flexibility to ensure they maintain their ARFF vehicles' readiness, while also addressing environmental concerns. The FAA recommends the following to airport operators:
- a. Consider using one of the following AFFF testing systems, which the FAA has accepted for immediate use, to satisfy the Part 139 testing requirement while minimizing the environmental impact:
 - a. Eco-Logic system from E-One
 - b. NoFoam System
 - c. Oshkosh Eco EFP (Electronic Foam Proportioning) System

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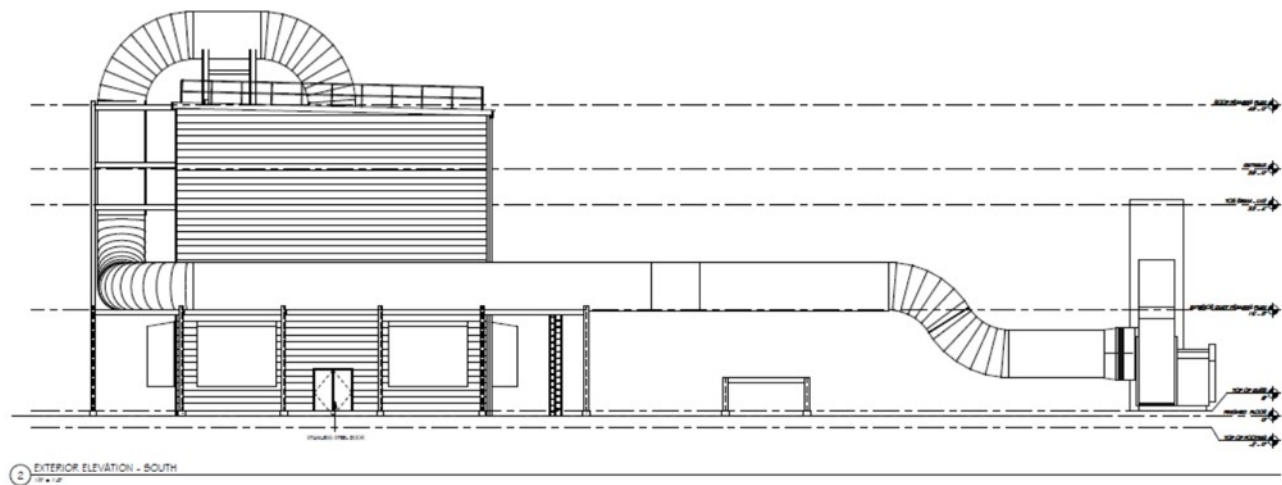
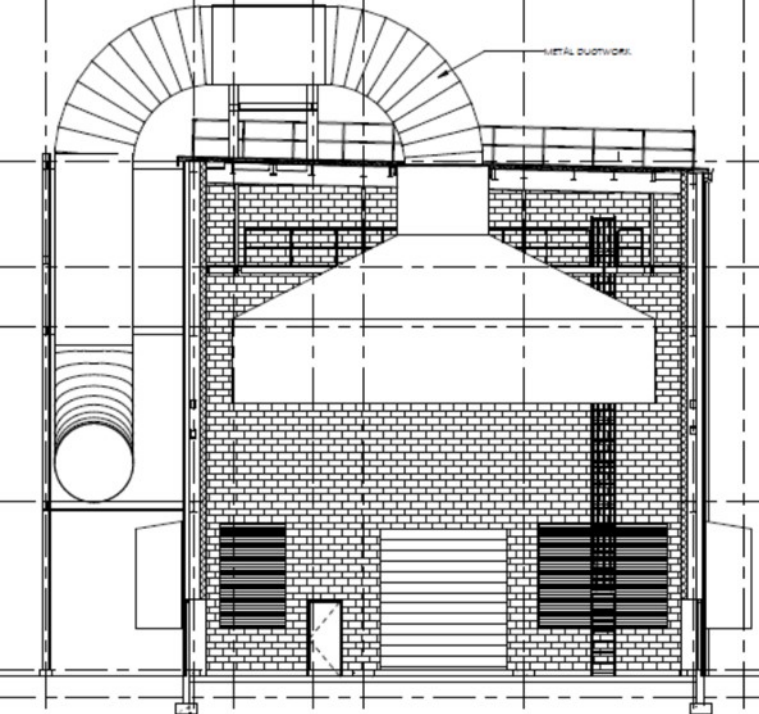
- b. Consider establishing local Standard Operating Guidelines/Standard Operating Procedures (in conjunction with your local or state environmental regulatory organizations) to identify a suitable location/storage container to discharge AFFF for training and/or testing to ensure the functionality of the foam proportioning system on each ARFF vehicle.
- c. Consider establishing safe and environmentally effective handling and disposal procedures during testing and re-servicing of each ARFF vehicle with AFFF.
- d. Periodically visit the FAA ARFF webpage for further guidance:
https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety/aircraft_rescue_fire_fighting/
- e. Read the FAA Technical Center Report on Input-Based Foam Proportioner Testing, due to

FAA Reauthorization Bill 2018

➤ SEC. 332. AIRPORT RESCUE AND FIREFIGHTING

(a) FIREFIGHTING FOAM.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, using the latest version of National Fire Protection Association 403, “Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting Services at Airports”, and in coordination with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, aircraft manufacturers and airports, shall not require the use of fluorinated chemicals to meet the performance standards referenced in chapter 6 of AC No: 150/5210–6D and acceptable under 139.319(l) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.





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<http://www.trb.org/ACRP/ACRP.aspx/>

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- *Synthesis S18-04-23 ACRP- Airport Emergency Working Groups*
 - Locate and compile information on EWGs that are a collaboration between airlines and airports
 - Due out later this year
- Guidebook for creating and maintaining Social Media for Emergency Management
 - Due out later this year
- Sign up to receive alerts on research reports and webinars.

QUESTIONS

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