



FEDERAL PLANNING MOVES INTO OPERATIONAL PHASE

January 20, 2010 -Since the last Communiqué (October 2009), federal aviation planners have focused efforts on operator based town hall briefings to ensure that Olympic airspace rules and procedures are understood. There have been some key events which have taken place after the January 7th briefing which will be elaborated on in this communiqué.

SCREENING LOCATION UPDATE

As reported throughout the past several months and as contained in previous Communiqués, the finalized screening sites were identified. The technical planners at the Federal Aviation Technical Working Group, supported by the Federal Aviation Steering Committee went through lengthy deliberations over the site selection. Based on this analysis and critical input from Industry representatives, additional screening locations were added to accommodate identified traffic. Following the release of Gazette II, an additional screening location at Salt Spring Island (Ganges) was added by the Transport Ministry. This facility will be fully functional during the screening phase of the airspace restrictions for all commercial float aircraft to utilize. Discussions with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Customs Border Protection (CBP) have continued to progress regarding the placement of United States Gateway locations. As previously reported, the Integrated Security Unit had endorsed the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP) and the security measures attached to this program in the 26 locations that are currently in existence today. As reported, the DASSP program was recently removed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as an Olympic option. Following the January 7th briefing however, DHS increased the United States gateways to a total of 16 locations, many of which are DASSP locations. The list of the new designated Gateway locations can be found in U.S. and Canadian NOTAMs.

OPENING/CLOSING CEREMONY RESTRICTIONS

As previously communicated, during the Olympic opening and closing ceremonies, the following restrictions will be in place

- Commercial operations To/From Vancouver Harbour; and
- VFR flight training (IFR flight training will be permitted)

Dates and times for these restrictions are specified in the Olympic NOTAMs.

THREAT LEVEL SECURITY UPDATE

On December 25, 2009 there was a significant aviation security which on a flight destined for the United States. Since this incident, there have been security enhancements which have been implemented at airports across Canada whether temporary or permanent in nature; and Transport Canada has increased the aviation threat level from low to medium. Despite the increased security posture throughout the

Country, the V2010-Integrated Security Unit have not made any changes to the aviation security plan and are continuing to plan to the medium threat level. The comprehensive aviation security plan will remain as presented unless the threat level is increased further.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Representatives of the aviation planning team including, ISU, Transport Canada, NAV CANADA, CATSA and NORAD fighter pilots met with operators at numerous flying clubs and aerodromes throughout November and December in both the United States and Canada to present the aviation plan, answering any questions accordingly. The meetings were filled to capacity at each and every location demonstrating the great interest by operators within the Pacific Northwest and lower mainland. To date, the briefing team and FAA have presented to or sent the following information to operators:

- 10 Aerodromes attended
- 1,000 operators briefed
- 20,000 VTAs printed and distributed
- 8,000 postcards mailed
- 67,000 flyers send out (US)
- 250,000 emails (US)

WEBSITE REMINDER

The ISU's fully operational website is available for all to utilize for aviation based updates or clarifications. To more effectively communicate some of the information concerning aviation, there will be a link to aviation placed on the website which will include Registration and Flight Authorization information. Additional website addresses that may be required for NOTAM information, etc. are as follows:

www.V2010ISU.com

www.V2010rfa.com

www.faa.gov

www.navcanada.ca

A FINAL THOUGHT AND THANK YOU

On behalf of the Federal Aviation technical Working Group (FATWG), the Federal Aviation Steering Committee (FASC) and all aviation partner planning agencies, we would like to thank the 2010 Aviation Committee for their efforts, input and cooperation in the development of the aviation security plan. Without the dialogue from this group, many of the security rules and procedures would not have been amended to allow specific operations to continue. This unprecedented effort demonstrates how effective open communication and cooperation has been to ensure a safe and secure 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games!