

To: CVG Airlines and Tenants

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Subject: Informational Bulletin Relative to the Lightning Suppression Devices

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Effective Immediately:

## LIGHTNING SUPRESSION INFORMATION BULLETIN

The Kenton County Airport Board ("Board") previously issued an Operations Memorandum OM2016-11v1.2 dated April 6, 2016 pertaining to Lightning Suppression and an Operations Memorandum pertaining Fueling Operations dated April 1, 2017 (collectively the "Operations Memorandum").

The Operations Memorandum pertain to certain protocols applicable when a lightning event occurs within five (5) miles of the Airport. The Operations Memorandum each reference the existence of deionizing lightning suppression system devices in limited areas around Concourse A, Concourse B and Security Gates NE-3, and NE-19 and NE-20.

The Operations Memorandum explained that these deionizing lightning suppression system devices are designed to suppress the chance of lightning. However, given that there is no guarantee that these devices will actually suppress lightning, the Operations Memorandum left it up to each operator to make its own determination in the event of a lightning strike whether to allow its personnel and contactors to continue to conduct ground handling and fueling operations in the areas covered by these devices. Each operator was specifically instructed to gather its own information and literature regarding the devices to assist the operator in its determination.

On June 7, 2017, the Kenton County Airport Board was notified by the manufacturer of the suppression devices that its licensed vendor that installed the devices for the manufacturer is no longer the licensed vendor. The letter explained that these devices were installed over 5,000 times in more than 30 different countries around the world. The manufacture stated that the devices installed by the prior vendor may not have been installed in a manner consistent with the manufacturer's protocols implicating that devices may not be working properly. The manufacturer requested that we reach out to its new vendor to inspect the devices to determine if the devices were installed correctly.

We have already reached out to the new vendor to request an inspection of each of the devices. We are hoping to have the devices inspected by the new vendor prior to the end of this month. We will

advise you of the results. However, for now, you should govern yourself accordingly, including the possibility that these devices may not have been property installed. Please immediately disseminate this information to all appropriate personnel through your organization.

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