



LEA COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT (HOB) EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Lea County Regional Airport (HOB) has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Corey Needham at cneedham@leacounty.net. Lea County Regional Airport (HOB) is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions. This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Lea County Regional Airport (HOB) will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

Lea County Regional Airport (HOB) has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the airport safe operation and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (575) 391-2934 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following:

- ARFF Fire Personnel are only present during regularly scheduled flight times.

We have noted these constraints in Lea County Regional Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events Lea County Airport issues NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.¹

Airport Information

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Airport Category: Non Hub



Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Manager at (575)391-2934 or cneedham@leacounty.net for assistance.

Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

Lea County Regional Airport (HOB) does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. However, we have requested that each airline, ground handler and FBO operation on the airport provide us with a list of the equipment and resources they have for deplaning passengers and contact information. We will provide this inventory and contact information to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

The gates at Lea County Regional Airport are under exclusive lease to air carriers and are not controlled by the airport during those time periods when the tenant airline is using or scheduled to use the gates. We are unable to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its exclusively leased gate during those time periods when the gate is in use or scheduled to be in use. We will direct our tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at these exclusively leased gates during those time periods the gates are not in use or not scheduled to be in use, to the maximum extent practicable.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protections

Lea County Regional Airport (HOB) does not have international passenger processing facilities. We will coordinate with local CBP and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned. Once these efforts are complete, we will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

Lea County Regional Airport (HOB) will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.leacounty.net>)
- Advertising the availability of the plan in local newspapers of record.