

## **VETERANS AIRPORT OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (MWA) EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

MWA 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 Douglas Kimmel, Airport Director at [airport1@midwest.net](mailto:airport1@midwest.net). MWA is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial airport and 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, MWA 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).

MWA has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (618) 993-3353 x 4 prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: ARFF Index A airport with Index B available, but both require 72 hour prior coordination. We have noted these constraints in MWA's Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events MWA issues NOTAMs as necessary 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.

### **Airport Information**

Name of Airport: Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois

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Airport Category:    Large Hub     Medium Hub     Small Hub     Non Hub X

### **Contact Information**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Director at (618) 889-3900 or [airport1@midwest.net](mailto:airport1@midwest.net).

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

MWA has limited equipment and personnel needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. We will utilize this equipment to deplane passengers as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines at the contact number listed above. We will also provide contact with the airline and fixed base operator who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers 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 gate at MWA is a common use gate controlled by the airport for use by any carrier operating at MWA. We will direct our common use air carrier(s) to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the maximum extent practicable.

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

MWA does not have international passenger processing facilities. We will coordinate with 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 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**

MWA will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Original and copies available by request at the Airport Director's office; 10400 Terminal Drive, Suite 200, Marion, IL 62959.
- Copy posted on airport web site accessible by an individual tab shown on the opening page at [www.veteransairport.com](http://www.veteransairport.com)