

**Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority****ORDERS & INSTRUCTIONS**

**SUBJECT: SMOKING POLICY ON THE AIR OPERATIONS AREA (AOA) AT RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT** **Issuance Date: JUL 10 2013**

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**1. PURPOSE**

This Orders & Instructions (O&I) is to minimize the opportunity for a catastrophic incident on the Air Operations Area (AOA) resulting from compliance from flames or hot ash associated with smoking products.

**2. DISTRIBUTION**

This O&I is distributed to all Authority employees, management of all airlines, tenants, concessionaires, and companies conducting business at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (National).

**3. CANCELLATION**

O&I DCA 5-2-12B, Smoking Policy on the Air Operations Area (AOA), dated September 29, 2009.

**4. REFERENCE**

*Metropolitan Washington Airports Regulations; Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code; Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act; and Virginia Code Section 15.2-2820 et seq.*

**5. DEFINITION**

The law defines smoking as “the carrying or holding of any lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting, inhaling, or exhaling of smoke from a pipe, cigar or cigarette of any kind.”

**6. POLICY**

Smoking outdoors on the AOA is prohibited at all times.

Smoking inside facilities located on the AOA, including, but not limited to hangar aircraft bays, cargo handling areas, and baggage makeup areas, is regulated by the *Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and Virginia Indoor Clear Air Act*. Tenants must consult the Fire Marshall before designating a smoking area.

**7. EXCEPTION**

All exceptions to this O&I shall be requested in writing to the Airport Manager. The Airport Manager will consult the Fire Marshall to determine whether to grant such a request. When an exception is granted, it remains the responsibility of the requestor to insure compliance with the *Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act*.

**8. ENFORCEMENT**

Access to the AOA is a privilege extended by the Airport. Violators of this O&I are subject to immediate suspension or revocation of this privilege.

In some cases, smoking inside a facility on the AOA is also a violation of the *Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code*, which is enforceable by Fire Code Enforcement Division personnel. Violators are subject to additional penalties.



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