

Emergency Contingency Plan

Albuquerque International Sunport (ABQ) 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 Scott Gwiazda, Operations Manager at sgwiazda@cabq.gov. ABQ 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, ABQ 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).

ABQ has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the airport's safe operation and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (505) 244-7706 and coordinate with the Airport Duty Manager/ Operations Officer (Ops 60) for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: limited airline staff to operate ground service equipment (GSE) and jet bridges, Federal Inspection Station handles only 50 passengers at one time and limited space available to accommodate aircraft larger than a 757.

Airport Information

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

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Duty Manager (Ops 60) through the Communications Center at 505-244-7706 for assistance.

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

ABQ 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

Seven (7) gates at ABQ are controlled by the airport. Additionally, fifteen (15) gates at ABQ are under preferential leases to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport during those time periods when the tenant's usage of that gate meets the usage specified in the preferential use lease. We are able to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its preferentially leased gate during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates and the aircraft can be cleared before the next scheduled use by the preferential air carrier. We will direct our tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate 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 Protection

ABQ has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. We have coordinated 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 this sterile area to the extent practicable.

We have coordinated with local CBP and airport law enforcement officials to identify a suitable area and procedure 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 if the Federal Inspection Station is not available or already overwhelmed. Once these efforts are complete, we will coordinate with local CBP officials to have the passengers cleared United States Customs and Border Protection or re-board the aircraft.