



## ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL SUNPORT TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

The City of Albuquerque, Aviation Department, operator of the commercial service airport known as the Albuquerque International Sunport (ABQ),<sup>1</sup> has developed the following Emergency Contingency Plan (ECP) pursuant to 49 U.S.C § 42301(c) (Section 415 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, P.L. 112-95 (2012)). Questions regarding this plan should be directed to Dustin Danflous, Operations Manager at [ddanflous@cabq.gov](mailto:ddanflous@cabq.gov).

As more fully described below, this ECP describes how ABQ, to the maximum extent practicable, will perform the following functions:

1. Provide for the deplanement of passengers following excessive tarmac delays;
2. Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at ABQ in an emergency; and
3. Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

ABQ has facility constraints that limit its ability to accommodate diverted flights and/or maintain the airport's safe operation in cases of emergency or excessive tarmac delays. Specific facility constraints include limited airline staff to operate ground service equipment (GSE) and passenger boarding bridges (PBBs), a Federal Inspection Station capacity limited to a maximum of 50 passengers at a time, and limited space available to accommodate aircraft larger than a Boeing 757. As a result, ABQ strongly encourages aircraft operators—except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency—to contact ABQ at 505-244-7706 and to coordinate with the Airport Duty Manager/Operations Officer (Ops 60) for prior coordination of diverted flights.

### Airport Information

Name of Airport: Albuquerque International Sunport (ABQ)

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

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<sup>1</sup> ABQ's NPIAS Number is 35-0003.

## **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 Deplaning 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 deplaning of passengers. Additionally, ABQ personnel are not trained to assist in the deplaning of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. ABQ will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators, and others 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**

Seven (7) gates at ABQ are controlled by the airport. Additionally, sixteen (16) 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. ABQ personnel will request that a tenant airline 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 where and the aircraft can be cleared before the next scheduled use by the preferential air carrier. ABQ will request that its tenant air carriers make gates and other facilities available to air carriers seeking to deplane at a gate during the times 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. In coordination with CBP officials, ABQ has developed 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.

ABQ has worked with 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, should the Federal Inspection Station be unavailable or at capacity. Once in the sterile area, ABQ will coordinate with local CBP officials to have the passengers cleared through United States Customs and Border Protection or re-board the aircraft.

## **Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan**

ABQ will provide public access to its ECP by posting it in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.abqsunport.com/>)