

# NORTHERN MAINE REGIONAL AIRPORT (PQI) TARMAC DELAY EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Northern Maine Regional Airport 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 the airport director, Scott Wardwell at [scottw@flypresqueisle.com](mailto:scottw@flypresqueisle.com). Northern Maine Regional Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a nonhub airport.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Northern Maine Regional Airport 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).

Northern Maine Regional Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights. While Northern Maine Regional Airport is a Part 139 Certificated airport and as such does meet the FAA's minimum requirements to accept unscheduled commercial air carrier aircraft capable of carrying 30 or more passengers, the FAA required ARFF coverage at the airport is provided on an as needed basis. All unscheduled commercial air carriers aircraft requiring ARFF coverage must get approval from the Airport Director prior to landing. The airport has one scheduled air carrier, providing a thirty-four passenger aircraft for two to three departures per day. The airport does have stairs to support the deplaning of passengers for any aircraft not equipped with internal air stairs. We also have large deicing equipment. We do not have air start equipment. Airport management is normally not on the airport on weekends, holidays or between 1800L and 0600L. The FAA and the City of Presque Isle Police Department have emergency contact information for airport management.

## Airport Information

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

## Diversions

In the event of air carrier diversions, emergencies or other irregular air carrier operations events, in addition to normal FAA reporting and communications requirements, aircraft operators should contact airport management at 207-764-2550 or Unicom 122.8 or the Fixed Base Operator (FBO), Presque Isle General Aviation, at 207-764-2555 or 122.8 for assistance. In the event of an emergency diversion while the airport is unmanned, contact the City of Presque Isle Police

Department Dispatcher (207) 764-4476. Dispatch will contact and dispatch appropriate emergency response and/or airport personnel.

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

Northern Maine Regional Airport does not regularly ground handle large aircraft. The Airport does however have a set of air stairs capable of handling up to and including a Boeing 747. It is not an ADA set of stairs so those not able to use the stairs would need to remain on the aircraft. The Northern Maine Regional Airport, Air Carrier nor the FBO have large air conditioning or heating equipment for climate control of the aircraft while at the terminal. The FBO or airport management will provide this information to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from air carriers anticipating to divert to this airport. Deplaned passengers will normally walk to the terminal but the air carriers may coordinate with each other, airport management and/or the FBO to transport passengers, crew and luggage in privately owned vehicles.

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

There are no gates for deplaning passengers at Northern Maine Regional Airport. The only terminal on the airport has an arrivals door and a departure door, on the airside. The arrivals door is available to any passenger or crewmember wishing to access the terminal, Monday thru Friday, from 0600L to 1930L, Saturday, from 0600L to 1730L and Sunday, from 0800L to 1730L. Use of the terminal or other airport facilities after 1930L would require coordination as indicated in the "Diversion" paragraph. If appropriate, TSA screened passengers may, at TSA and the air carrier's discretion, also be escorted through the departure door, into the sterile area.

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

Northern Maine Regional Airport is a designated port-of-entry but is limited by Federal Regulations to aircraft with only 15 souls on board. It does not have designated international passenger processing facilities. The vast majority of passengers for small private aircraft are cleared on their aircraft by CBP agents. In the unlikely event an air carrier, with passengers that have not cleared US CBP, must divert to this airport, the notification and coordination indicated in the "Diversion" paragraph would be required. The airport has one controlled sterile area (for enplaning passengers) and it may be available for deplaning passengers. The local CBP would be notified ASAP. It would be up to them to coordinate additional resources within the region. If necessary we will identify other suitable areas and procedures for establishing temporary sterile areas into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared CBP can be deplaned. Once the sterile areas have been designated, we will coordinate with CBP officials to allow the international passengers to be deplaned into the sterile areas, to the extent practicable.

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

Northern Maine Regional Airport will provide public access to this emergency contingency plan by posting it on the front page of the airport's website (<http://www.flypresqueisle.com>).