

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

Cleveland Hopkins Airport Traffic Control Tower
Cleveland Hopkins International Airport
Cleveland, Ohio 44135

ISSUED: March 28, 2012

EFFECTIVE: March 31, 2012

**CLEVELAND HOPKINS AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (CLE ATCT)
LETTER TO AIRMEN (LTA) NO. 12-01**

SUBJECT: ALTITUDE DEVIATION ERRORS INVOLVING BURKE LAKEFRONT AIRPORT (BKL) DEPARTURE AIRCRAFT. SPECIFICALLY NON-ADHEARANCE WITH ALTITUDE RESTRICTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH:

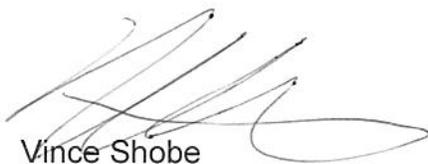
- 1) CLEVELAND CLASS B
- 2) BKL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER INITIAL ASSIGNED ALTITUDE

CANCELLATION: March 31, 2014

Warning: Due to the close proximity of BKL and CLE, it is imperative that IFR aircraft departing BKL comply with ATC instructions to level at 2,000 feet and commence their tower assigned turn soon after takeoff. This is to ensure both vertical and lateral IFR separation from aircraft inbound on the CLE Runway 24L/R final approach course that is located directly over top of BKL. CLE arrival aircraft cross BKL at 3,000 feet and continue their descent into CLE immediately southwest of BKL.

The Air Traffic Control (ATC) standard altitude clearance off of BKL is to climb and maintain 2,000 feet and a heading which takes the aircraft out over Lake Erie (usually a 350° heading). This keeps the BKL departure aircraft away from CLE final approach courses. Use caution when departing IFR to ensure you remain at 2,000 feet and begin your tower assigned heading soon after takeoff.

For VFR aircraft, be aware of the "close proximity" of the Cleveland Class Bravo airspace and ensure you obtain a clearance prior to entering it.



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