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Letter to Airmen No. 12-1

SUBJECT: Practice Instrument Approaches for VFR Aircraft

CANCELATION: July 1, 2014

Aircraft operating under Visual Flight Rules (VFR), requesting practice instrument approaches at Johnstown-Cambria County Airport (JST) will be provided separation services by Johnstown Approach Control.

Pilots of VFR aircraft desiring to practice instrument approaches at JST should inform Johnstown Approach Control, frequency 135.975, of the type approach requested and how the approach will terminate; i.e. full-stop, touch-and-go, low approach or missed approach. When authorization is granted to practice the instrument approach, the pilot will be instructed to maintain VFR. Standard IFR separation will begin at the point where the approach clearance becomes effective; however, vertical separation of 500 feet may be applied between VFR aircraft and between VFR and IFR aircraft. Even though the controller is providing separation, pilots are required to comply with basic VFR (FAR 91.155). If the pilot desires to fly the published missed approach procedure, the pilot should specifically request and receive permission from Johnstown Approach. IFR separation will continue throughout the missed approach (500 feet vertical as outlined previously).

Pilots requesting VFR practice instrument approaches to LBE, AOO, HMZ, IDI, CBE, 2G9, 9G8, and 2G4 will not be provided separation services. These pilots should establish communications with Johnstown Approach control, frequency 135.975, and will be instructed to maintain VFR, provided traffic information, and advised that separation services are not provided.

Johnstown Approach Control will authorize, withdraw authorization, or refuse to authorize practice approaches, as traffic conditions require. Practice approaches (IFR inclusive) will not disrupt the flow of other arriving and departing VFR or IFR traffic.

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