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The Tucson International Airport (TUS), operated by the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA), has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to statute 42301 of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.

The TUS Emergency Contingency Plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practical, TUS will:

- Provide for 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 and Border Protection (CBP) processes.

TUS has facility constraints that limit its ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the airport’s safe operation, and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact TUS at (520) 573-8111 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency.

Specific facility constraints include the following:

- Limited gate and ramp parking space;
- Limited resources after hours; and,
- Limited ground-based equipment to help deplane / enplane passengers.

These constraints are noted in the TUS Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events TUS issues NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport, and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - CONTACT INFORMATION	
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Aircraft operators should contact the Airport Communications Center in the event of diversion or other irregular operations events.	(520) 573-8111

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Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

TUS has limited equipment and personnel needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. TUS will utilize the limited equipment to deplane passengers as soon as practical after it receives requests from such airlines at the contact number listed in this document. TUS will also 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 practical after it receives requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed in this document.

Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

The gates at TUS have mixed ownership between the TUS airport operator (Tucson Airport Authority (TAA)) and the airlines operating at TUS. Currently, TUS is engaged in an Apron Reconstruction Project that is expected to last between two to five years. Assigned airlines gates may change based on the needs of the construction project. TUS will make every accommodation possible to share the facility and make gates available in an emergency. Operators are requested to contact Airport Communications at (520) 573-8111 in the event of a diversion or other IROPS event. TUS will direct common use gate lessees, permittees or users to make gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the maximum extent practical. If additional gates are needed, TUS will direct tenant air carriers to make preferential and/or exclusive use gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates, to the maximum extent practical. A map is available of this gate configuration upon request.

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Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers who have not cleared United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

TUS has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. TUS will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures to allow international passengers, who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection, to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practical.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

TUS will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Post on the airport website (<http://flytucson.com>)
- Provide notice of the availability of the plan on the airport social media accounts.
- Post signs in conspicuous locations in the terminal.
- Advertise the availability of the plan in local newspapers of record.