AIP Program Guidance Letter (PGL) 12-02 Impact on Lighting Design

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- E.B. 67D can be found at:
- <u>http://www.faa.gov/airports/engineering/</u>
 <u>engineering_briefs/</u>
- PGL 12-02 can be found at:
- http://www.faa.gov/airports/guidance_letters/



Major Change

- PGL 12-02 Implements EB 67D changes
- EB 67D separates LED and incandescent lighting into separate specification categories.



What does this mean?

- Design Professionals or airports may now specify either LED or incandescent lights without a life cycle cost analysis being required.
- To designate LED's use:
 - L-XXX(L) Type designation as listed in
 - AC 150/5345-53C Addendum



Exceptions!!!

• Cannot specify:

- LED Obstruction lights
- LED Approach lights
- LED High Intensity lights
- Why:
- There is a problem with Enhanced Flight Vision Systems or Night Vision Imagery technology "seeing" the lights.



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- LED fixtures may not provide an infrared signature.
- **Therefore:** LED obstruction lights, LED approach lights and LED high intensity runway edge lights are not "**AIP**" eligible at this time.



Is a Mod to Standards available?

 No. A modification of standards is not available at this time. This is an FAA policy decision. There are standards however; the FAA has decided to not fund these exceptions at this time. This is a life safety issue and the FAA is looking into the problem.



LED Compatibility

- LED fixtures must be used with certified power supply systems, cabling, regulators and other electrical equipment.
- Non standard equipment or equipment configurations are not allowed under AIP at this time.



Modification of Standards

- Under limited circumstances AAS may issue a Mod to Standards when justified by unusual local conditions.
- Cost savings or standardization of equipment is not considered to be an unusual local condition.



Replacement of non-LED fixtures

 An Airport Owner or design professional may not replace an existing grant funded non-LED fixture before it has met the end of its useful life.



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