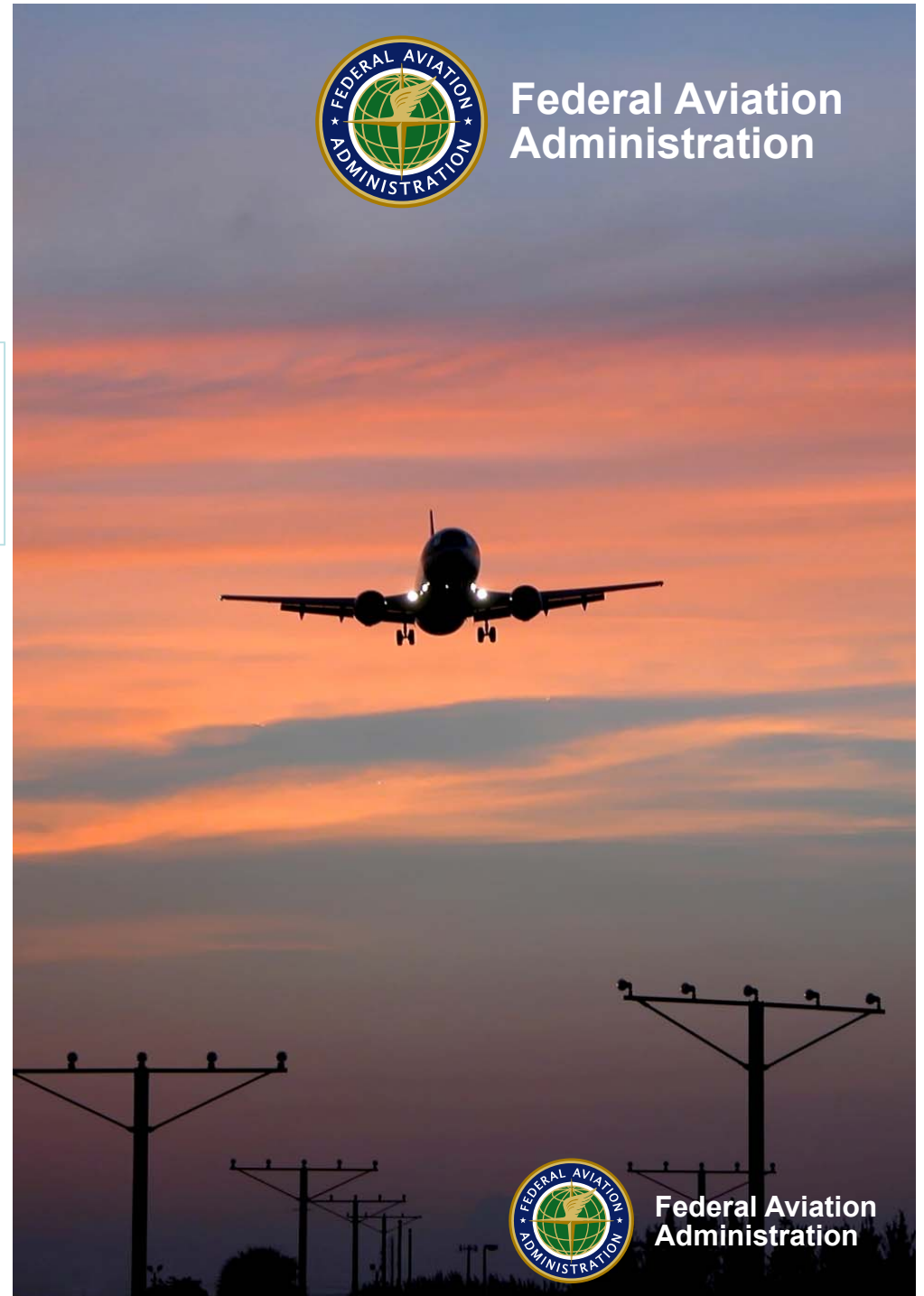# Airport Safety Database Query:

Light Emitting Diode (LED) Issues
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Purpose

→ **Because of the mainly anecdotal remarks that have been made at various venues concerning LEDs, In March 2016, the FAA's Airport Safety R&D section conducted a search of the FAA Safety Database to determine if reports could be found regarding LEDs at airports.**

→ **The database sources used included:**

1. **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**
2. **Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS)**
3. **National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) Aviation Accident and Incident Data System**
4. **FAA Accident and Incident Data Systems (AIDS).**

→ **The time period studied was October 1, 2005 through February, 2016.**

Results

✈ **In total, 88056 reports occurring between October, 2005 and February, 2016 were searched for issues related to LEDs.**

Data Source	Total Reports	Most Recent Data Available	Total Reports Found
ASRS	55459	JAN-16	20
NTSB	18353	25-FEB-16	1
AIDS	14244	20-FEB-16	1
Total	88056	N/A	22

Summary

✈ In total, **88056 reports** occurring between October, 2005 and February, 2016 were searched for issues related to LEDs.

✈ Of these reports, **22** mentioned of concerns about **LED lighting, excessive brightness of lights, or other similar lighting issues**. 2014 **was the peak year** for reports regarding LED lighting, with **seven reports**. Calendar year 2015 had fewer than half the number of reports concerning airport lighting issues.

Year	# Reports Found
2006	3
2007	2
2008	0
2009	1
2010	0
2011	2
2012	1
2013	1
2014	7
2015	3
2016 (Jan.)	0

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Conclusion

✈ **The number of reports and incidents of LED lighting issues have been low in number to date; however, the FAA will continue tracking this issue to ensure safety is maintained going forward.**

✈ **Although the number from this effort, is small, we are planning to analyze the reports to determine what action is needed.**

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