



# SAFETY ALERT

## LIGHTNING HAZARDS



Post Until August 30, 2021

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

- All employees – all companies

### ALERT DETAILS:

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, at our QAS BWI operation, one of our staff was servicing the lavatory on an aircraft that was struck by lightning. They were transported for medical evaluation.

### MORE INFORMATION:

#### Lightning hazards on the apron area

Lightning is a hazardous and occasionally fatal threat to anyone outdoors in the vicinity of lightning activity. This is a significant concern in the aviation industry, especially for ground handling personnel on the apron area. For safety reasons, personnel are directed indoors any time lightning is detected within a critical distance, often 5 nm (9 km). ALWAYS follow your local station procedures as each airport varies. The interruption to outdoor activities performed on apron areas will remain until the lightning threat has passed, halting all departure and arrival operations for the whole duration of a thunderstorm.

**Verify all Inland team members are aware of your local airports lightning warning system and procedures.**