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Runway Status Lights - Refresher

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Federal Aviation Administration-Runway Status Lights

Although you may have heard or read about Runway Status Lights (RWSL) before, and believe you know how they work and what to do when you see them, a good refresher can't hurt! The process of rolling out Runway Status Lights at select airports in the National Airspace System is well underway with 15 systems currently operating and several more planned to go operational over the next two years. Please take a few minutes to refresh yourself on how the lights operate, and what they are intended to do.

Download important Runway Status Lights information here!

https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2016/Apr/RWSL_FAASTeam_Document.pdf

Safe flying! Don't forget, if you have been cleared for takeoff or cleared to cross a runway and you see the in-pavement red lights illuminate, be sure to query Air Traffic Control before moving your aircraft!!