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News Release

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Update on Atlanta Airport Incident

At approximately 8:40 a.m. today, there was a small electrical explosion due to a mechanical failure of a system running power to Concourse D at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. The incident occurred near Gate D 21 at an isolated lower level maintenance shop away from any passenger areas. Atlanta Fire and Rescue responded to the scene immediately and temporarily evacuated passengers on the north side of the concourse. There were no reported injuries, and there was no fire.

The exact cause of the failure is currently under investigation, and inspectors will be closely reviewing the system this evening to determine a cause.

Around 35 flights were impacted with an average delay of thirty minutes. Two flights were cancelled.

At 11:29 a.m., operations were fully restored.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson is the world's busiest airport, serving more than 95 million passengers annually with nonstop service to 160 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction - including the 2011 Global and North American Airport Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society (for more information, go to www.atrsworld.org). It is undergoing \$6 billion-plus in capital improvements, which include a new, energy-efficient rental car center; a new, 12-gate international terminal (for more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com/internationalterminal/;and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport's YouTube channel by visiting http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield, and become a fan on Facebook.