

**g.** In both radar and nonradar environments, the controller will state “Cleared to (destination) airport as filed” or:

**1.** If a DP or DP transition is to be flown, specify the DP name, the current DP number, the DP transition name, the assigned altitude/flight level, and any additional instructions (departure control frequency, beacon code assignment, etc.) necessary to clear a departing aircraft via the DP or DP transition and the route filed.

**EXAMPLE–**

*National Seven Twenty cleared to Miami Airport Intercontinental one departure, Lake Charles transition then as filed, maintain Flight Level two seven zero.*

**2.** When there is no DP or when the pilot cannot accept a DP, the controller will specify the assigned altitude or flight level, and any additional instructions necessary to clear a departing aircraft via an appropriate departure routing and the route filed.

**NOTE–**

*A detailed departure route description or a radar vector may be used to achieve the desired departure routing.*

**3.** If it is necessary to make a minor revision to the filed route, the controller will specify the assigned DP or DP transition (or departure routing), the revision to the filed route, the assigned altitude or flight level and any additional instructions necessary to clear a departing aircraft.

**EXAMPLE–**

*Jet Star One Four Two Four cleared to Atlanta Airport, South Boston two departure then as filed except change route to read South Boston Victor 20 Greensboro, maintain one seven thousand.*

**4.** Additionally, in a nonradar environment, the controller will specify one or more fixes, as necessary, to identify the initial route of flight.

**EXAMPLE–**

*Cessna Three One Six Zero Foxtrot cleared to Charlotte Airport as filed via Brooke, maintain seven thousand.*

**h.** To ensure success of the program, pilots should:

**1.** Avoid making changes to a filed flight plan just prior to departure.

**2.** State the following information in the initial call-up to the facility when no change has been made to the filed flight plan: Aircraft call sign, location, type operation (IFR) and the name of the airport (or fix) to which you expect clearance.

**EXAMPLE–**

*“Washington clearance delivery (or ground control if appropriate) American Seventy Six at gate one, IFR Los Angeles.”*

**3.** If the flight plan has been changed, state the change and request a full route clearance.

**EXAMPLE–**

*“Washington clearance delivery, American Seventy Six at gate one. IFR San Francisco. My flight plan route has been amended (or destination changed). Request full route clearance.”*

**4.** Request verification or clarification from ATC if ANY portion of the clearance is not clearly understood.

**5.** When requesting clearance for the IFR portion of a VFR/IFR flight, request such clearance prior to the fix where IFR operation is proposed to commence in sufficient time to avoid delay. Use the following phraseology:

**EXAMPLE–**

*“Los Angeles center, Apache Six One Papa, VFR estimating Paso Robles VOR at three two, one thousand five hundred, request IFR to Bakersfield.”*

## **5–2–7. Departure Restrictions, Clearance Void Times, Hold for Release, and Release Times**

**a.** ATC may assign departure restrictions, clearance void times, hold for release, and release times, when necessary, to separate departures from other traffic or to restrict or regulate the departure flow.

**1. Clearance Void Times.** A pilot may receive a clearance, when operating from an airport without a control tower, which contains a provision for the clearance to be void if not airborne by a specific time. A pilot who does not depart prior to the clearance void time must advise ATC as soon as possible of their intentions. ATC will normally advise the pilot of the time allotted to notify ATC that the aircraft did not depart prior to the clearance void time. This time cannot exceed 30 minutes. Failure of an aircraft to contact ATC within 30 minutes after the clearance void time will result in the aircraft being considered overdue and search and rescue procedures initiated.

**NOTE–**

**1.** *Other IFR traffic for the airport where the clearance is issued is suspended until the aircraft has contacted ATC or until 30 minutes after the clearance void time or 30 minutes after the clearance release time if no clearance void time is issued.*