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Subject: ERA26LA102, Air Traffic Control Tower Manager Statement

Contact: Michael Brown, Aviation Accident Investigator (ATC), NTSB

The NTSB IIC requested a statement from the Air Traffic Control Tower Manager at New Castle Airport (ILG), Wilmington, Delaware via investigator Brown, a NTSB ATC investigator. He submitted the request and provided the IIC with the answer received, which is below:

"the ILG ATM advises that Airport Operations had asked ILG ATCT personnel to leave the runway lights on to help melt the snow and ice around the lights, even on closed runways."