

properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program for W.K. Kellogg Airport, also effective on November 1, 2011. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before April 28, 2012.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of section 150.33 of part 150. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing non-compatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments should be sent to Katherine S. Delaney at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All relevant comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities; will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and the

proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration,
Detroit Airports District Office, 11677
S. Wayne Road, Ste. 107, Romulus, MI
48174, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

W.K. Kellogg Airport, Mr. Lawrence
Bowron, 15551 S. Airport Road, Battle
Creek, MI 49015, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading, **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Romulus, Michigan, November 1, 2011.

John L. Mayfield, Jr.,

Manager, Detroit Airports District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for an automated battery switching mechanism for an electric battery switching station in the State of California.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is November 21, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, or via email at gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-4928, or via email at michael.harkins@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's database at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Background

The FHWA's Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or

iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate to use a non-domestic automated battery switching mechanism for an electric battery switching station in California.

In accordance with Division A, section 123 of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010" (Pub. L. 111-117), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site for an automated battery switching mechanism for an electric battery switching station in California (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=58>) on May 31st. The FHWA received one comment in response to the publication, which opposed the granting of Buy America waivers in general, but did not identify any domestic source for this product. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers for an automated battery switching mechanism for an electric battery switching station in California. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of an automated battery switching mechanism for an electric battery switching station.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the automated battery switching mechanism waiver page noted above.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

Issued on: November 10, 2011.

Victor M. Mendez,
Administrator.

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