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**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Rate for Attorney Fee Assessment Beginning in 2003

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Social Security Administration is announcing that the attorney fee assessment rate under section 206(d) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 406(d), is 6.3 percent for 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John B. Watson, Social Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, Phone: (410) 965-3137, email [John.Watson@ssa.gov](mailto:John.Watson@ssa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 406 of Pub. L. 106-170, the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, established an assessment for the services required to determine and certify payments to attorneys from the benefits due claimants under Title II of the Act. This provision is codified in section 206 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 406). The legislation set the assessment for calendar year 2000 at 6.3 percent of the amount that would be required to be certified for direct payment to the attorney under section 206(a)(4) or 206(b)(1) before the application of the assessment. For subsequent years, the legislation requires the Commissioner of Social Security to determine the percentage rate necessary to achieve full recovery of the costs of determining and certifying fees to attorneys, but not in excess of 6.3 percent. The Commissioner of Social Security has determined, based on the best available data, that the current rate of 6.3 percent will continue for 2003. We will continue to review our costs on a yearly basis.

Dated: January 3, 2003.

**Dale W. Sopper,**

*Acting Deputy Commissioner for Finance Assessment and Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Noise Exposure Map Notice; Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, Latrobe, Pennsylvania

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps (NEM) submitted by the Westmoreland County Airport Authority for the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program (NCP) that was submitted for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport under part 150 in conjunction with the noise exposure maps, and that this program will be approved or disapproved on or before June 22, 2003.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps and of the start of its review of the associated noise compatibility program is December 24, 2002. The public comment period ends February 22, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Byers, Federal Aviation Administration, Harrisburg Airports District Office, 3905 Hartzdale Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Telephone (717) 730-2833. Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program should also be submitted to the above office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, effective December 24, 2002. Further, FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for that airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before June 22, 2003. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

Under section 103 of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompatible land uses

as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

The Westmoreland County Airport Authority submitted to the FAA on December 6, 2002 noise exposure maps, descriptions and other documentation which were produced during the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport part 150 Noise Compatibility Study conducted between March 1999 and November 2002. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the noise exposure maps, as described in section 103(a)(1) of the Act, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a noise compatibility program under section 104(b) of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by the Westmoreland County Airport Authority. The specific maps under consideration are "1999 Noise Exposure Map" (NEM1) and "2004 Noise Exposure Map" (NEM2) with "Recommended Noise Compatibility Program" (NCP) in the submission. The documentation that constitutes the "Noise Exposure Maps" as defined in section 150.7 of part 150 includes: NEM1 and NEM2 contain current and forecast condition graphics such as depiction of the airport and its boundaries and runway configurations; land uses such as hospitals, libraries, churches, historical points, schools, nursing homes, commercial and industrial areas, community service areas, and residential areas; and the areas within the DNL 60, 65, 70 and 75. Estimates of the number of people residing within the DNL 60, 65, 70 and 75 are found in Table V-1. The locations of noise monitoring sites are found in Exhibit IV-6. Flight tracks for the existing condition and the five-year forecasted timeframes are found in Exhibits IV-3, IV-4, and IV-5. The type