

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****RIN 2120-AG16****Precision Approach Landing Systems Policy****AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Policy statement; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is withdrawing a previously published policy statement on the implementation of the Microwave Landing System (MLS) for precision approach service in the National Airspace System (NAS). This action is necessary because the policy has been overcome by events and is no longer relevant. This action is part of our effort to address recommendations of the Government Accounting Office and the Management Advisory Council to reduce the number of items in the

Regulatory Agenda, and to accurately reflect agency initiatives.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On December 27, 1989, we published a policy statement entitled, "Precision Approach Landing Systems Policy" (54 FR 53231). This statement announced our transitioning from the Instrument Landing System to the MLS for precision approach service in the NAS. A delay in the MLS implementation occurred since publication of this policy statement. Meanwhile, Global Positioning System technology evolved and proved to have a greater potential

to improve NAS capacity, efficiency, and safety than the MLS.

**Reason for Withdrawal**

We are withdrawing this policy statement, "Precision Approach Landing Systems Policy" (54 FR 53231), because it is no longer relevant.

**Conclusion**

Withdrawal of this policy statement, "Precision Approach Landing Systems Policy" (54 FR 53231), does not preclude the FAA from issuing a notice on this subject in the future or from committing to any future course of action.

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