

and the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, Tennessee, beginning on or about October 7, 2007 until on or about January 6, 2008, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**For Further Information Contact:** For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Wolodymyr Sulzynsky, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: (202) 453-8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW, Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: December 12, 2006.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Noise-Exposure Map Notice: Receipt of Noise-Compatibility Program and Request for Review for Portland International Airport, Portland, OR

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise-exposure maps (NEM) submitted by the Director of Aviation for Portland International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 *et seq.* (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise-compatibility program that was submitted for Portland International Airport under Part 150, in conjunction with the noise-exposure map, and that this program will be approved or disapproved on or before June 15, 2007.

**DATES:** *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 13, 2006. The public comment period ends February 15, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cayla Morgan, Federal Aviation Administration, Seattle Airports Division, 1601 Lind Ave. SW., Renton,

WA, 98057-3356, telephone 425-227-2653. 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 Portland International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective December 13, 2006. Further, the FAA is reviewing a proposed noise-compatibility program for that airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before June 15, 2007. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

Under 49 U.S.C., 47503 (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise-exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible 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 the FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR), Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit to the FAA for approval a noise-compatibility program that sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The Director of Aviation for the Portland International Airport submitted to the FAA on October 5, 2006, noise-exposure maps, descriptions and other documentation that were produced during the Portland International Airport FAR Part 150 Study dated October 2006. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the noise-exposure maps, as described in section 47503 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 47504 of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise-exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by the director of the Portland International Airport. The specific documentation determined

to constitute the noise-exposure maps includes the following from the *Portland International Airport Part 150 Noise-Compatibility Study Update*:

- Section B. Forecasts of Aviation Activity;
- Pages D28 through D49, and D68 through D72 describe the input data used to develop the existing and future contours;
- Section E—Land Use Analysis;
- Table D7 at Page D32, Detailed Breakdown of Aircraft Operations;
- Table D14 at Page D69, Operations by Aircraft Category for 2008 Forecast;
- Table D15 at Page D71, Aircraft Fleet Mix Assumptions for Future (2008) Conditions;
- Page H1—Noise-exposure Map Supplemental Information;
- Figure H1 at page H14, Future (2011) Existing Noise-exposure Map;
- Figure H2 at page H15 Existing (2005) Noise-exposure Map;
- Section I—Public and Airport User Consultation Summary;
- Appendix A—Public Hearing Comments and Responses
- Appendix B—Comments Outside the Public Hearing Comment Period;

The FAA has determined that these maps for Portland International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on December 13, 2006. The FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise-exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise-compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific 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 the 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 FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise-compatibility program for Portland International Airport, also effective on December 13, 2006. 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 June 15, 2007.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, section 150.33. 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. The FAA will consider, to the extent practicable, all comments, other than those properly addressed to local land-use authorities. 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,  
Airports Division, 1601 Lind Avenue,  
SW., Suite 315, Renton, WA 98057-  
3356.

Federal Aviation Administration,  
Seattle airports District Office, 1601  
Lind Avenue, SW., Suite 250, Seattle,  
WA 98057-3356.

Portland International Airport, 7000 NE  
Airport Way, Portland, OR 97208.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2006-26519]

#### Notice of a Proposed Change in Monitor Status of Air Navigational Aids

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration is requesting public comment on a proposal to change the monitor status of select air navigational aids (NAVAIDS) at airports in the United States. The FAA is proposing that certain Instrument Landing Systems (ILS), Localizer Type Directional Aids (LDA), Microwave Landing Systems (MLS), and Non-Directional Beacons (NDB) become unmonitored.

The ILS NAVAIDS at the following airports are proposed to become unmonitored during the times that the control tower is closed. The associated ILS approaches for these airports are either not authorized for alternate airport filing purposes when the control tower is closed or the airport activity is low when the control tower is closed:

(1) Florence, South Carolina (FLO), ILS, Runway 9. (2) Joplin, Missouri (JLN), ILS, Runways 13 and 18. (3) Macon, Georgia (MCN), ILS, Runway 5. (4) Manhattan, Kansas (MHK), ILS, Runway 3. (5) Mobile, Alabama (MOB), ILS, Runways 14 and 32. (6) Missoula, Montana (MSO), ILS, Runway 11. (7) North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (CRE), ILS, Runway 23. (8) Savannah, Georgia (SAV), ILS, Runways 9 and 36. (9) Tallahassee, Florida (TLH), ILS, Runway 36. (Tallahassee ILS, Runway 27 will not be affected because of its ILS Category II status.) (10) Walla Walla, Washington (ALW), ILS, Runway 20.

The following ILS NAVAIDS are proposed to become unmonitored due to low annual activity at the associated airport:

(1) Bemidji, Minnesota (BJI) ILS, Runway 31. (2) Huron, South Dakota (HON), ILS, Runway 12. (3) Hoquiam, Washington (HQM), ILS, Runway 24. (4) International Falls, Minnesota (INL), ILS, Runway 31. (5) Liberal, Kansas (LBL), ILS, Runway 35. (6) Muscle Shoals, Alabama (MSL), ILS, Runway 29. (7) Norfolk, Nebraska (OFK), ILS, Runway 1.

The following NAVAIDS associated with non-precision approaches are proposed to become unmonitored:

(1) Charles City, Iowa (CCY), ILS Localizer, Runway 12. (2) Conrad, Montana (SO1), Conrad (CRD) NDB. (3) Elkins, West Virginia (EKN), LDA/DME.

(4) Elko, Nevada (EKO), LDA/DME, Runway 23. (5) Miles City, Montana (MLS), Horton (HTN) NDB. (6) Mountain Home Municipal, Idaho (U76), Sturgeon (STI) NDB. (7) Ontario, Oregon (ONO), Ontario (ONO) NDB. (8) Pullman/Moscow ID, Washington (PUW), MLS. (9) Rawlins, Wyoming (RWL), Sinclair (SIR) NDB. (10) Wenatchee, Washington (EAT), MLS.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 19, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted [identified by Docket Number FAA-2006-26519] using any of the following methods:

DOT Docket Web site: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.

- Fax: 1-200-493-2251.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy:** All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide (such as signatures on behalf of an association, business, labor union, or any other group). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or by visiting <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**Docket:** To read the comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Joyce, Technical Operations Services, AFSS Transition Lead; Mail Drop: AJW-24, Room 706, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 493-4780; Fax (202) 267-5303; e-mail [Dave.Joyce@faa.gov](mailto:Dave.Joyce@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons or organizations to submit written comments or views concerning this proposal. Please reference the Docket Number at the beginning of your comments. Comments should be specific and should explain the reason for your concurrence or non-