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#### Request for Comments

We invite members of the public to comment on any issues or concerns that they believe are relevant or appropriate to our small entity programs. If you rely on factual data to support your comment, please submit that data with your comment. If we decide to revise our programs after considering all of the comments, we will publish our revisions in a **Federal Register** notice.

**Authority:** Sec. 213 and 223, Pub. L. 104-121, 110 Stat. 847.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Approval of the Noise Compatibility Program for Meadows Field, Bakersfield, California

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the Noise Compatibility Program for Meadows Field (BFL), submitted by Kern County, California, under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of federal and non federal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On

April 14, 1995, the FAA determined that the BFL Noise Exposure Maps, submitted by the county under 14 CFR part 150, were in compliance with applicable requirements. On June 10, 1997, the Associate Administrator for Airports approved the Noise Compatibility Program for Meadows Field. Four (4) of the proposed noise abatement and mitigation measures were approved, one (1) measure requires no FAA action at the present, four (4) other measures were disapproved pending submission of additional information, and two (2) measures were disapproved for purposes of Part 150.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Noise Compatibility Program for Meadows Field is June 10, 1997.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bahman H. Tash, Airport Planner, AWP-611.5, Airport Division, Western-Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration. Mailing address: P.O. Box 92007, Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007. Telephone number: (310) 725-3616. Street Address: 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Room 3012, Hawthorne, California 90261. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval of the Noise Compatibility Program for Meadows Field, effective June 10, 1997.

Under Section 104(a) of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), an airport operator who has previously submitted a Noise Exposure Map may submit to the FAA a Noise Compatibility Program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport operator for the reduction of existing non compatible land uses and prevention of additional non compatible land uses within the area covered by the Noise Exposure Maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport Noise Compatibility Program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) part 150 is a local program, not a federal program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport sponsor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and the Act, and

is limited to the following determinations:

a. The Noise Compatibility Program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing noncompatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal government and;

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of navigable airspace and air traffic control responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an Airport Noise Compatibility Program are delineated in FAR part 150, Section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under federal, state or local law. Approval does not, by itself, constitute an FAA implementation action. A request for federal action or approval to implement specific Noise Compatibility Measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended. Where federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports Division Office in Hawthorne, California.

Kern County submitted to the FAA on April 14, 1995, the Notice Exposure Maps, descriptions, and other documentation produced during the Noise Compatibility Planning study conducted from September 26, 1989 through November 11, 1996. The Meadows Field Noise Exposure Maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on April 14, 1995. Notice of this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 1995.

The Meadows Field study contained a proposed Noise Compatibility Program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from the date of study completion to or beyond, the year 1999. It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as a Noise Compatibility Program as described in Section 104(b) of the Act. The FAA began its review of the program on December 12, 1996 and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new flight procedures for noise control). The Noise Compatibility Program was approved by the FAA on June 10, 1997. Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed an approval of such program.

The submitted program contained 11 proposed actions for noise abatement and mitigation on and off the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program, therefore, was approved by the Associate Administrator for Airports effective June 10, 1997.

Outright approval was granted for four (4) of the 11 specific program measures. These are: Maintaining nighttime turbojet training policies; amending Metropolitan Bakersfield 2010 General Plan to reflect noise compatibility plan; continuing complaint response program; and develop, adopt and apply Meadows Field Noise Overlay Zoning District. One (1) measure required no action at this time: Raising the Runway 30L and 30R departure turn minimum altitudes. Four (4) measures were disapproved pending submission of additional information to make an informed analysis: Balancing general aviation aircraft operations on parallel runways; completing acquisition of navigation and noise easements in Precision Instrument Runway Protection Zone for Runway 30R; developing a program to acquire noise impacted residential properties between Norris Road and the airport boundary; and conducting periodic aircraft noise measurements. Two (2) other measures were disapproved for purposes of FAR part 150: Extension of Runway 12R-30L and displacement of Runway 30L landing threshold, and complete acquisition of Precision Instrument Runway Protection Zone for Runway 12L. Neither the NCP nor the NEM indicate any noise impacts within the CNEL 65 dB noise contour, except for may be one residence for the 5-year time frame program.

These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval endorsed by the Associate Administrator for Airports on June 10, 1997. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials, and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of Meadows Field, Bakersfield, California.

Issued in Hawthorne, California on June 26, 1997.

**Herman C. Bliss,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Transport Airplane and Engine Issues—New Task

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of new task assignment for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of a new task assigned to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC), Transport Airplane and Engine Issues, to recommend disposition of public comments made to Notice of Proposed Rulemaking No. 96-6. This notice informs the public of the activities of ARAC.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator, through the Associate Administrator for Regulations and Certification, on the full range of the FAA's rulemaking activities with respect to aviation-related issues. This includes obtaining advice and recommendations of the FAA's commitment to harmonize its Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and practices with its trading partners in Europe and Canada.