at least 50 feet a minute, with the critical engine inoperative, at an altitude of at least 1,000 feet above the highest obstruction within five miles on each side of the intended track, or 5,000 feet, whichever is higher.

(b) Without regard to paragraph (a) of this section, if the Administrator finds that safe operations are not impaired, a person may operate the airplane at an altitude that allows the airplane, in case of engine failure, to clear all obstructions within five miles on each side of the intended track by 1,000 feet. If this procedure is used, the rate of descent for the appropriate weight and altitude is assumed to be 50 feet a minute greater than the rate in the approved performance data. Before approving such a procedure, the Administrator considers the following for the route, route segment, or area concerned:

1. The reliability of wind and weather forecasting.
2. The location and kinds of navigation aids.
3. The prevailing weather conditions, particularly the frequency and amount of turbulence normally encountered.
4. Terrain features.
5. Air traffic problems.
6. Any other operational factors that affect the operations.
(c) For the purposes of this section, it is assumed that—

1. The critical engine is inoperative;
2. The propeller of the inoperative engine is in the minimum drag position;
3. The wing flaps and landing gear are in the most favorable position;
4. The operating engines are operating at the maximum continuous power available;
5. The airplane is operating in standard atmosphere; and
6. The weight of the airplane is progressively reduced by the anticipated consumption of fuel and oil.

§ 135.395 Large nontransport category airplanes: Landing limitations: Alternate airports.

No person may select an airport as an alternate airport for a large nontransport category airplane unless that airplane (at the weight anticipated at the time of arrival), based on the assumptions in §135.393(b), can be brought to a full stop landing within 70 percent of the effective length of the runway.

§ 135.397 Small transport category airplane performance operating limitations.

(a) No person may operate a reciprocating engine powered small transport category airplane unless that person complies with the weight limitations in §135.365, the takeoff limitations in §135.367 (except paragraph (a)(3)), and the landing limitations in §§135.375 and 135.377.

(b) No person may operate a turbine engine powered small transport category airplane unless that person complies with the takeoff limitations in §135.379 (except paragraphs (d) and (f)).