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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Acceptance of Noise Exposure Maps for Monterey Peninsula Airport, Monterey, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, for Monterey 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps is July 24, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph R. Rodriguez, Federal Aviation Administration, San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Burlingame, California 94010-1303, Telephone: 650/876-2805. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at the same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Monterey Peninsula Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, July 24, 1998.

Under section 103 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 such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested 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 FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by the city of Monterey, California. The specific maps under consideration are Figure 4-2, "Year 1996 Noise Exposure Map" and Figure 4-3, "Year 2002 Noise Exposure Map," in the submissions. The FAA has determined that these maps for Monterey Peninsula Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on July 24, 1998. 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 103 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 107 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 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 exclusively with the airport operator which submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under § 150.16 of FAR part 150, that the statutory required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the noise exposure maps of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration, Community and Environmental Needs Division, Room 621, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. 20591

Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, Airports Division, Room 3012, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne, California 90261

Federal Aviation Administration, San Francisco Airports District Office, 831 Mitten Road, Burlingame, California 94010-1303

Mr. Denis Horn, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Airport District, 200 Fred Kane Drive, Suite 200, Monterey, California 93940

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-16]

#### Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before August 27, 1998.