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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5345-53D, Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program; Proposed Update and Opportunity to Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of update of AC150/5345-53C to AC150/5345-53D.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to replace AC150/5345-53C with AC150/5345-53D to clarify the criteria under the Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program (ALECP) for acceptance of an organization as a third party certification body (third party certifier) and how manufacturers may get equipment qualified under the program. The Secretary of Transportation is providing notice in the **Federal Register** of, and an opportunity for public comment on AC150/5345-53D, Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 13, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be delivered or mailed to the FAA, Airport Engineering Division, AAS-100, Room 621, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard L. Smith, Electronic Engineer, Airport Engineering Division, AAS-100, Room 621, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-9529.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Advisory Circular 150/5345-53D, Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program, draft document is available on the Internet. The direct Internet address is: [http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft\\_advisory\\_circulars](http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars). Letter to Manufacturers under the Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program June 12, 2012:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5345-53D, *Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program*, is being circulated to interested industry

associations to obtain comments and recommendations of actions to be taken. Please review this draft and submit comments as appropriate. Additionally, comments should be submitted on a separate document and not embedded in the draft AC. Additionally, please provide justification for all comments regarding oppositions with recommended modifications. The Office of Airport Safety and Standards may revise the final document as a result of comments received after further review.

This AC describes the Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program (ALECP). It provides information on how an organization can get Federal Aviation Administration acceptance as a third party certification body (third party certifier) and how manufacturers may get equipment qualified under the program.

Comments received prior to July 31, 2012, will be considered for inclusion in the advisory circular. Concurrence with the enclosure is requested. POC is *Richard.L.Smith@faa.gov*, phone 202-267-9529.

The document may be obtained in Adobe Acrobat PDF format from the FAA Airports Internet site at [http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft\\_advisory\\_circulars/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars/). Changes to this document are color-coded in bold blue for your convenience.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Taos Regional Airport Layout Plan Improvements, Taos, NM**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**Location:** The Taos Regional Airport (SKX) is located in north Taos County, New Mexico, approximately seven miles northwest of the Town of Taos.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this Notice to advise the public that it has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for a proposed new runway and associated facilities and improvements at the Taos Regional

Airport, Taos, New Mexico. The FEIS reflects the Section 106 consultations between the FAA, the Taos Pueblo, Town of Taos, National Park Service, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the New Mexico Department of Transportation regarding adverse effects on the Taos Pueblo World Heritage Site and other traditional cultural properties within the National Register Eligible Historic District associated with the Taos Pueblo. The FEIS also includes floodplain impact evaluations.

The FAA is seeking comments on those sections of the FEIS that have been updated and/or contain information that has become available since the release of the DEIS. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for more information.

The FAA is providing a thirty day (30) day FEIS review period. The FEIS review period begins on the date of the publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**, and will close on July 30, 2012. The FAA must receive written comments on these subsections postmarked no later than July 30, 2012. Comments received after that date may not be considered by the FAA.

All comments on the FEIS are to be submitted to Mr. Dean McMath of the FAA, at the address shown in the section below entitled, "*For Further Information or to Submit Comments*".

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA, as the lead Federal agency, has prepared the EIS for the proposed new runway and related facilities and improvements at SKX. The Department of Interior National Park Service and the Taos Pueblo are Cooperating Agencies for the preparation of the EIS.

The airport development action proposed by the Town of Taos (the Airport Sponsor) is the construction of a new runway at SKX that would be 8,600 feet long and 100 feet wide. Related facilities and improvements proposed by the Airport Sponsor include grading and drainage improvements, taxiways, new airfield lighting, communication equipment, and navigational aids associated with the new runway; shortening the existing Runway 4/22 by 420 feet; construction of a new airport access road; and, extension of an on-airport access road.

The FAA published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in October, 2006. The DEIS was prepared pursuant to the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969* (NEPA). The DEIS comparatively assessed and disclosed the potential future impacts of the No-Action

Alternative and three proposed action alternatives designated as Alternative 2–C, Alternative 2–D, and Alternative 3.

Since the publication of the DEIS, the FAA has addressed comments received on the DEIS; addressed comments on the Preliminary FEIS provided by Cooperating Agencies; conducted additional technical analyses; conducted the Section 106 consultation process; and prepared the FEIS. The Section 106 consultation process resulted in the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in February 2012.

Because the DEIS is more than three years old, the FAA evaluated the DEIS to determine whether the consideration of alternatives, affected environment, environmental impacts, and mitigation measures in the DEIS remains applicable, accurate, and valid in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, paragraph 514a and 5050.4B, Section 1401.b.3. The FAA found that substantial changes in these factors have not occurred and that a complete revision or supplement to the DEIS was not warranted. However, FAA's review of current information did note that some social and environmental changes have occurred since the DEIS was published in 2006. The FAA evaluated the new information and determined that the changes did not affect the range of alternatives considered or the detailed analysis of alternatives conducted in this FEIS. However, to document and disclose the social and environmental changes that have occurred, the FAA prepared a technical memorandum that presents the new information and discusses any potential impacts related to the changed social and environmental conditions. The technical memorandum is contained in the FEIS.

The FAA is making available the FEIS it prepared addressing a proposed new runway and associated facilities and improvements at the Taos Regional Airport. The FEIS discloses:

- The purpose and need for the proposed project;
- Reasonable alternatives analyzed and the FAA's preferred alternative;
- Potential environmental impacts and consequences associated with those alternatives;
- FAA's responses to comments it received on the DEIS; and
- How FAA has complied with various resource laws, regulations and executive orders, including the *National Environmental Policy Act*, Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act*, Executive Order (EO) 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority

Populations and Low-Income Populations", and EO 11988, "Floodplain Management."

*Public Review and Comment:* The FEIS is available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

- FAA Southwest Regional Office, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76137,
- Taos Regional Airport, Highway 64 West, 1 Airport Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571,
- Taos Town Hall, 400 Camino de la Placita, Taos, New Mexico 87571, and
- Taos Public Library, 402 Camino de la Placita, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts, the adequacy of the proposed action, or the merits of alternatives and the mitigation being considered. Reviewers should organize their participation so that it is meaningful and makes the agency aware of the viewer's interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the FEIS and related documents. This is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the FAA in a timely manner so that the FAA has an opportunity to address them in its Record of Decision (ROD).

Comments can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the FAA in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, the FAA cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

After review and consideration of the comments received on the FEIS, and sometime after the 30-day comment period on the FEIS has ended, the FAA will issue its ROD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:** Dean McMath, ASW-613, Regional Environmental Programs Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Regional Office, Fort Worth, Texas 76193, telephone (817) 222-5617.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Request for Public Comment, Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, WV

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration is requesting public comment on the proposed release of 549.63 acres of land currently owned by the Raleigh County Commission, Sponsor for the Raleigh County Memorial Airport, Beckley, West Virginia. The parcel is located off the northwest end of the airport and descends in to "Fat Creek Gorge" to a depth in excess of 600ft below the airport elevation and has no aeronautical benefit. The land is dormant, no infrastructure exists and land has no practical use. Due to terrain, no future development opportunities exist for the airport. Once released, the land will be sold and placed in a Conservation Easement, with restriction of no future development. Proposed buyer would be placing the area of request in a conservation easement for wildlife enhancement, with no adverse impact to the airport. Land will remain as compatible use to the airport. Land will be sold as surface rights only, no conveyance of mineral rights. The airport land being released is not needed for airport development as shown on the Airport Layout Plan. Fair Market Value has been determined based upon an appraisal of the Property.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Connie Boley-Lilly, Program Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Beckley Airport Field Office, 176 Airport Circle, Room 101, Beaver, West Virginia 25813.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Tom Cochran, Airport Manager of the Raleigh County Memorial Airport at the following address: Thomas Cochran, Airport Manager, Raleigh County Memorial Airport, 176 Airport Circle, Room 105, Beaver, West Virginia 25813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Boley-Lilly, Program Specialist, Beckley Airport Field Office, (304) 252-6216 ext. 125, Fax (304) 253-8028. Email: [Connie.Boley-Lilly@FAA.GOV](mailto:Connie.Boley-Lilly@FAA.GOV).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public