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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