

3501 *et seq.*), the FAA invites public comment on six currently approved public information collections which will be submitted to OMB for renewal.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 10, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Ms. Judy Street, Room 613, Federal Aviation Administration, Standards and Information Division, APF-100, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judy Street at the above address or on (202) 267-9895.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Therefore, the FAA solicits comments on the following current collections of information in order to evaluate the necessity of the collection, the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and possible ways to minimize the burden of the collection in preparation for submission to renew the clearances of the following information collections.

1. 2120-0021: Certification, Pilots and Flight Instructors. 14 CFR 61 prescribes certification requirements for pilots, flight instructors, and ground instructors. The information collected is used to determine the applicant's compliance with the certification requirements and eligibility. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 252,100 hours.

2. 2120-0036: Notice of Landing Area Proposal. 14 CFR part 157 requires that each person who intends to construct, activate, deactivate, or change the status of an airport, runway, or taxiway, must notify the FAA. The collected information is used to determine the effect the proposed action would have on existing airports and on the safe and efficient use of the airspace, the traffic patterns of other airports, the existing airport structure and projected FAA programs. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 2,901 hours.

3. 2120-0085: Certification and Operations: Federal Aviation Regulations part 125. Part A of Subtitle VII of the Revised Title 49 U.S.C., authorizes the issuance of regulations governing the use of navigable airspace. 14 CFR part 125 prescribes requirements for leased aircraft, Aviation Service Firms, and Air Travel Clubs. The information collected by the agency is

used to determine the applicant's eligibility for certification in these areas. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 29,445 hours.

4. 2120-0607: Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996. Title 49 U.S.C. 44936(f) mandates that airlines obtain safety records of prospective employees from the Federal Aviation Administration and from previous employers. The information collected is used to determine the eligibility of applicants for employment. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 101,708 hours.

5. 2120-0620: Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 71. Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) No. 71 applies to air tour operators in Hawaii. SFAR requires that parts 121 and 135 air tour operators verbally brief their passengers on safety, particularly related to overwater operations before each air tour flight. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 6,667 hours.

6. 2120-0666: Noise Levels for U.S. Certified and Foreign Aircraft; Estimated Airplane Noise Levels in A-Weighted Decibels. The FAA published Advisory Circular (AC) 36-1G, "Noise Levels for U.S. Certificated and Foreign Aircraft" in August 1997, and AC36-3G, "Estimated Airplane Noise Levels in A-Weighted Decibels" in April 1996. AC36-1G contains a list of aircraft noise certification levels. AC36-3G contains a list of estimated airplane noise levels in A-weighted decibels (dBA). The FAA collects data from aircraft manufacturers (or modifiers) to verify or supplement data that resides within the FAA for use in updating and publishing the two ACs. The current estimated annual reporting burden is 875 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Noise Exposure Map Notice; Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review; Martin County Airport/Witham Field, Stuart, FL

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its

determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Martin County Board of Commissioners for Martin County Airport/Witham Field 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. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program that was submitted for Martin County Airport/Witham Field under Part 150 in conjunction with the noise exposure maps, and that this program will be approved or disapproved on or before January 30, 2004.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the FAA's determination on the noise exposure maps and of the start of its review of the associated noise compatibility program is July 30, 2003. The public comment period ends September 30, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bonnie L. Baskin, Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltime National Dr., Suite 400, Orlando Florida 32822, (407) 812-6331, Extension 30. Comments on the proposed noise compatibility program should also be submitted to the above office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Martin County Airport/Witham Field are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, effective July 30, 2003. Further, FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for that airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before January 30, 2004. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

Under Section 103 of Title I 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 in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected 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 Martin County Board of Commissioners submitted to the FAA on May 23, 2003 noise exposure maps, descriptions and other documentation which were produced during the Martin County Airport/Witham Field FAR Part 150 Noise Study conducted between July 10, 2000 and May 23, 2003. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the noise exposure maps, as described in Section 103(a)(1) of the Act, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a noise compatibility program under Section 104(b) of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure map and related descriptions submitted by Martin County Board of Commissioners. The specific maps under consideration are "2002 Noise Exposure Map (NEM)" and "2007 Noise Exposure Map (NEM)" in the submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for Martin County Airport/Witham Field are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on July 30, 2003. FAA's determination on the 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 rests 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 Section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program for Martin County Airport/Witham Field, also effective on July 30, 2003. Preliminary review of the submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before January 30, 2003.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR part 150, section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations: Federal Aviation Administration, Orlando Airports District Office, 5950 Hazeltine National Dr., Suite 400, Orlando, Florida 32822.

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

Issued in Orlando, Florida, July 30, 2003.  
**W. Dean Stringer**,  
 Manager, Orlando Airports District Office.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### RTCA Special Committee 198: Next-Generation Air/Ground Communications System (NEXCOM)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of RTCA Special Committee 198 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 198: Next-Generation Air/Ground Communication System (NEXCOM).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 25, 2003, starting at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1828 L Street, Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC, 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 198 meeting. The agenda will include:

- September 25:
  - Sign in and Introductions.
  - Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting).
  - Review of June Program Management Committee (PMC) Input to the National Airspace Systems (NAS).
  - Closing Plenary Session (Date and Place of Next Meeting).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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**Robert Zoldos**,

FAA Systems Engineers, RTCA Advisory Committee.

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