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Manager's Message

As Congress works to reach agreement on the long-term FAA reauthorization, we continue to operate under a series of short-term extensions. The latest extension, the 20th since FAA's authorization officially expired on September 30, 2007, will keep the FAA running another 22 days (through July 22, 2011). Although the extension makes additional Airport Improvement Program funds available for projects, we recognize that award and construction of many of your planned development projects cannot start until full funding is made available. Although this uncertainty can be frustrating, we encourage you to continue to get your projects ready. As soon as the needed funding becomes available, we want you to be in a position to move forward as soon as possible.

On July 6th, the FAA marked the 75th anniversary of federal air traffic control. In 1936, 15 federal workers started operating in three control centers (Chicago, Cleveland and Newark). Faced with a growing demand for air travel, the 15 employees took radio position reports from pilots to plot the progress of each flight, providing no separation services. At that time, the fastest plane in the commercial fleet was the Douglas DC-3, which could fly coast-to-coast in about 17 hours while carrying 21 passengers.

Included in this addition of AirportNews is an article on our upcoming Airports Conference in September. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jim Johnson
Manager, Airports Division

28 Years of Partnership - 2011 Airports Conference

On behalf of the Central Region Airports Division, I am pleased to invite you to our [28th consecutive Airports Conference](#) on **September 27th and 28th**. On-site early registration is available the evening before the start of the conference.

Our conference agenda includes a wide variety of interesting and pertinent topics. You will get the latest information on airport planning, compliance, land acquisition, Part 139 certification, airfield paving, environmental requirements, Airports GIS, wildlife control, safety management systems, safety plans, and revenue strategies.



This conference provides an excellent opportunity to expand your knowledge of aviation issues, exchange information with your peers, and build your networking relationships. We will also have over 40 booths with exhibitors presenting their latest product and services. The conference will be at the Westin- Crown Center Hotel in the heart of Kansas City. The surrounding area is full of great shops, restaurants and attractions. We appreciate your continued support in making this a successful conference.

Jim Johnson
Manager, Airports Division

On the Lookout - 2011 NPIAS Update Notification



The National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) identifies nearly 3,400 existing and proposed airports that are significant to national air transportation and thus eligible to receive Federal grants under the [Airport Improvement Program \(AIP\)](#). It also includes estimates of the amount of AIP money needed to fund infrastructure development projects that will bring these airports up to current design standards and add capacity to congested airports. The FAA is required to provide Congress with a 5-year estimate of AIP eligible development every 2 years.

Please be on the lookout for correspondence to update the NPIAS if not already received from your respective planner. The FAA will be soliciting airport sponsors to identify all eligible airport needs. The projects listed should not be limited by financial constraints, just a clear outlook of what, when and how much.

For more information, please visit the FAA's [National Plan of Integrated Airports Systems \(NPIAS\)](#) web page.

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Non-Aeronautical Events on Your Airport

Grant assurance 19a, *Operation & Maintenance* states:

"The airport and all facilities which are necessary to serve the aeronautical users of the airport, other than facilities owned or controlled by the United States, shall be operated at all times in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by applicable Federal, state, and local agencies for maintenance and operation. It will not cause or permit any activity or action thereon with would interfere with its use for airport purposes...Any proposal to temporarily close the airport for non-aeronautical purposes must first be approved by the Secretary."

Airports cannot be closed for non-aeronautical events. On most single runway airports, it is not possible to hold non-aeronautical events on the airport without adversely impacting operations. However, on many larger airports it is possible to hold a non-aeronautical on the airport without adversely impacting operations.

Each event will be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Below are a couple of examples of non-aeronautical events and the steps you must take in advance of the event. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Martin, Compliance Specialist, at 816-329-2644. Please visit our [Personnel Roster and Contact Information](#) web page if you prefer to send Lynn an email.

For remote control model aircraft:

1. You need to draw up a plan with the location of the event, crowd control and crowd placement.
2. You need to send a proposal of what you want to do and the plans to the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO).
3. Submit the FSDO's approval/disapproval with plan and drawing to the FAA Central Regions Airport Division Compliance Office.
4. At that time, the compliance office will contact you for any discrepancies with the grant assurances or notify you of the things that need to be done in order to conduct the event safely and within the grant assurances.

For car testing, car races, etc.:

1. You need to draw up a plan with the location of the event, crowd placement and crowd control.
2. You need to send a proposal of what you want to do and the drawing and plans to the FAA Central Regions Airport Division Compliance Office.
3. Once the Compliance office makes a decision, then the FSDO needs to be notified with your plans as well.

Lynn Martin
Compliance Specialist

NEPA Coordination with Tribal Governments

When doing your National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies in FAA Central Region, please e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your letter along with PDF copies of attachments to Glenn Helm, the FAA Environmental Specialist. The FAA needs this information in order to coordinate with Tribal governments that have indicated interest in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) projects. Comments Glenn receives from Tribal governments will be forwarded to the consultant for incorporation into NEPA documents. Glenn may be reached at 816-329-2617 if you have questions.

Glenn Helm
Environmental Specialist

STL Tornado Recovery

The Lambert St. Louis International Airport was hit by a tornado on the evening of Friday, April 22. There was substantial damage to Terminal 1, Concourse C and the airport entrance. Runway 12L-30R was re-opened within 12 hours following the storm and within 48 hours Lambert was operating at 76% of normal operations just in time for Easter Sunday. Preliminary Engineering reports indicate restoration of Concourse C could take anywhere from 9 to 12 months.

Terminal Concourse Damage



Photo Courtesy of St. Louis Airport Authority

Terminal Ramp Damage



Photo Courtesy of St. Louis Airport Authority

Terminal Window Damage



Photo by Mike Rottinghaus, FAA

Summer Flooding Concerns



This summer there are great concerns of flooding throughout the Central Region due to heavy rains and melting snowpack from the mountainous regions. Here are some links to resources you may find useful and beneficial throughout the flood season.

- [NOAA - National Weather Service](#) – Check here for detailed information about flood predictions and warnings in your area.
- [USGS – WaterWatch](#) – Up to date real-time data about water conditions in your locale.
- [USGS – WaterAlert](#) – Sign up to receive email or text messages when certain water parameters are exceeded.
- [US Army Corps of Engineers](#) – choose your corresponding location from the divisions map for information on your locality.
- [So, You Live Behind a Levee!](#) (pdf) – Good informational document put out by USACE

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2010 NATA Airport Executive Partnership Award



John Bales, airport manager of Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield, Mo, is receiving the 2010 NATA Airport Executive Partnership Award. This award is given annually to recognize an airport manager for his or her outstanding efforts to foster relationships between aviation businesses and airport operators.

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA), the voice of aviation business, is the public policy group representing the interests of aviation businesses before Congress, federal agencies and state governments. NATA's 2,000 member companies own operate and service aircraft. This is quite an honor for a member of Missouri Airport Managers Association and Missouri State Aviation Council.

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SMS Resources

Please visit the [FAA Safety Management Systems \(SMS\) for Airports](#) page for up-to date resources, guidance and information regarding the program and its implementation.

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Recently Revised or New FAA Publications (a selected list)

Advisory Circulars (AC)

- [AC 150/5220-10E Guide Specification for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting \(ARFF\) Vehicles](#) (pdf) – A comprehensive revision to the approach used to develop an ARFF vehicle procurement specification. The revised document contains an interactive portable document format (PDF) that airports can use to enter information and print a complete procurement specification.
- [AC 150/5345-53C, Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program](#) (pdf) - June 2011, Addendum to appendices 1, 3, and 4. (Note: This AC is updated the 15th of every month)

Airports Orders

- [FAA Order 5200.11, Change 1, FAA Airports \(ARP\) Safety Management System \(SMS\)](#) - Revises the initial phase-in of Safety Risk Management (SRM) for the ARP organization. Now, SRM procedures will apply only to large hub airports in the first year (as of June 1, 2011) and to additional airports in future years as workload and staffing allow.

Engineering Briefs

- [EB- 64D, Runway Status Lights System](#) (pdf) - The purpose of this Engineering Brief is to keep a current specification of the RWSL system until a final version is affirmed and included in a future version of AC 150/5340-30.

For a more complete list, please visit our website [News and New Resources for Airport Projects](#). To receive automatic e-mail notification of changes, users may click on the "Subscribe" option at the top of webpage. Users will be prompted to provide their e-mail address.

Arrivals and Departures

Central Region Airports Division – Kansas City, MO

Departures –

Michael Faltermeier – Manager, Planning & Programming Branch retired on July 3, 2011. Mike has had over 35 years of government service, most of those in Central Region Airports Division. Mike has promoted aviation interests throughout his career. We will all miss him greatly, but the positive influence he has had on the Central Region aviation community will be felt for years to come.

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Arrivals -

Brian Weiler – The City of Springfield and the Springfield-Branson National Airport are pleased to announce the selection of Brian C. Weiler as the airport's next Director of Aviation. Brian is currently Multimodal Director for the Missouri Department of Transportation, where he is responsible for state government involvement in aviation, rail, waterways, transit and freight development. His anticipated start date will be August 1, 2011.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
September 26, 2011	Conference Pre-Registration Westin-Crown Center Kansas City, MO
September 27-28, 2011	2011 Central Region Airports Conference Westin-Crown Center Kansas City, MO
October 2-4, 2011	11th Annual Airport Noise Mitigation Symposium American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) St. Louis, MO
October 3 & 4 th , 2011	Airfield Construction Management Workshop American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Denver, CO
October 4 & 5 th , 2011	Airport Pavement Maintenance and Evaluation Workshop American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Denver, CO