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and the Grant Agreement Assurances. Today, the FAA primarily relies on an educational approach to achieve voluntary cooperation and compliance by airport owners, along with occasional site visits and a limited amount of formal inspections of airports.

- Education
- Site visits
- Safety inspections
- Revenue use assessments
- Investigations of complaints
- Land-use inspections (mandated by Congress in 1999 Senate Report No. 106-55)

Penalties

In those infrequent cases when airport owners violate their federal obligations and a satisfactory resolution cannot be reached, the FAA may withhold grant funding until the non-conforming condition is eliminated or resolved.

- Loss of non-primary entitlements
- Loss of discretionary grants
- Loss of entitlements after a formal decision

Answers to Photos

Incompatible Land Use (photo 1)

Inappropriate Non-Aeronautical Uses (photos 2&3)

Unsafe Hazards (photo 3, K-rails on the ramp)



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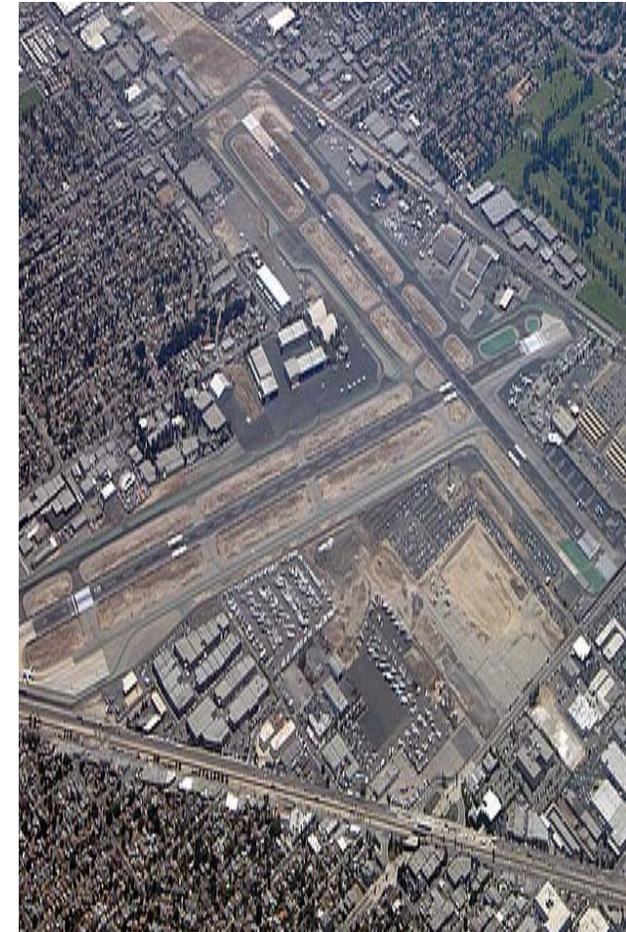
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Purpose of the Airports Compliance Program?

The FAA Airports Compliance Program's goal is to ensure the availability of a national system of safe and properly maintained public-use airports. The Program does not directly control or manage airports. Rather, the Program monitors airport owners' adherence to their legal commitments to ensure that the public interest is being served and their investment being protected.



Sources of Obligations

When airports receive Federal assistance, their owners or sponsors accept certain obligations and conditions, which may be incurred by contract or by restrictive covenants in property deeds. This generally involves the following:

- Grant agreements issued under Federal grant programs
- Instruments of approved property transfers
- Deeds of conveyance

Major Obligations

The following list includes some of the major obligations an airport owner can incur when accepting a Federal airport development grant.

- Prohibition of exclusive rights
- Restrictions on the use of airport revenue
- Proper maintenance and operation of airport facilities

- Requirements for the protection of aerial approaches
- Keeping good title of airport property
- Compatible land use
- Availability of fair and reasonable terms without unjust discrimination
- Adhering to the approved airport layout plan
- Self-sustainability
- Sale or disposal of Federally acquired property
- Preserving rights and powers
- Using acceptable accounting and record-keeping systems
- Compliance with civil rights requirements

The FAA encourages airport owners to review each agreement and conveyance document to ensure that they understand their obligations. Keeping good records will allow them to quickly reference incurred obligations. Further, annual reviews of all agreements will aid efforts in complying with incurred Federal obligations.

Guidance Materials

- Grant Assurances for Airport Sponsors
- FAA Order 5190.6A, Airports Compliance Requirements
- AC 150/5190-6, Exclusive Rights at Federally Obligated Airports
- AC-150/5190-7, Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activities
- Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue, see grant assurance # 24
- Airport Financial Reporting Program, see grant assurance #25
- Final Policy Regarding Airport Rates and Charges, see grant assurance #26

Grant Assurances can be found:

www.faa.gov/Airports_Airtraffic/Airports/AIP/grant_assurances



Complaints

Anyone concerned about an airport's compliance with these obligations may file informal or formal complaints with the FAA.

Informal Complaints (Part 13)

The FAA accepts informal complaints either verbally or in writing under [Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 13 \(Part 13\), Investigative and Enforcement Procedures \(Section 13.1 ONLY\)](#). FAA regional staff usually looks into these complaints. Part 13 imposes no time deadlines for issuing decisions. Contact your local Airports District Office for assistance.

Formal Complaints (Part 16)

The FAA accepts formal complaints in writing under [Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 16 \(Part 16\), Rules of Practice for Federally-Assisted Airport Enforcement Proceedings](#). Parties filing under Part 16 must be substantially affected by the alleged noncompliance. FAA headquarters staff looks into these complaints. There are deadlines for issuing Part 16 decisions.

Monitoring Airport Compliance

The FAA uses a variety of means to promote and monitor compliance with the requirements of the Surplus Property Deeds and the Grant Agreement Assurances.