

What To Look For In FY 04

In FY 04 we will continue to work on improving our Runway Safety Areas, particularly at Part 139 Airports.

The new Part 139 Regulations will be introduced and our inspectors will provide guidance and training on the changes.

We will also maintain our goal for closing out grants that are four years or older and will strive for the goal of having all grants executed by August 31, 2004.

We will continue to work with PHL and IAD on the planning and environmental work necessary to implement the major capacity improvement projects proposed for these airports.

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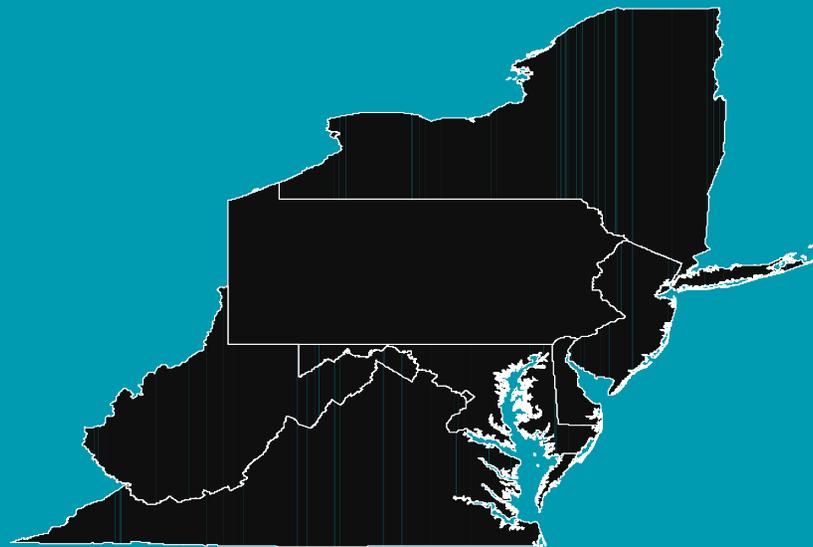
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Letter From the Division Manager

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the employees of the Eastern Region Airports Division, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for FY 03. The report summarizes accomplishments we achieved through a cooperative partnership with our airport sponsors, state DOTs and consultants.

I would like to say how happy I am to be joining the Eastern Region as the Division Manager. I am impressed with the professionalism of our staff and am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you.

In the past year, our Division obligated \$424 million in AIP funding that resulted in safety enhancements, capacity improvements and environmental mitigation. With your help we also met our close out and grant deadline goals.

The Region was involved with two large Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for Washington Dulles International Airport and Philadelphia International Airport. Both are evaluating projects to add capacity and both have a tight schedule under the environmental streamlining effort.

With your help we have continued to progress on improving our Runway Safety Areas. In FY 03 we issued 24 RSA grants for a total of \$35 million - bringing us closer to our RSA goals.

In our Safety and Standards Branch we inspected all of our Part 139 Certificated Airports for safe operations and had several inspectors participate in a program to assist the international community in the implementation of the new ICAO standards that require an airport certification program.

Once again our Annual Eastern Region Airports Division Conference held in Hershey, Pennsylvania was a great success.

We also welcomed several new employees in 2003. Troy Whitcomb joined the staff of the Washington ADO as a program specialist, and Gina Shull was hired by the Harrisburg ADO as a program specialist. In addition, Wayne Heibeck joined the staff as the new Manager of the Harrisburg ADO and myself as the Manager of the Division. We also recognize Avis Simmons who was chosen as our Employee of the Year.

We look forward to continue to partnership with you to accomplish our goal of developing and maintaining a safe, secure, and efficient airport system.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Flanagan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

William J. Flanagan

Environmental Program Summary

Noise Exposure Grants

The Eastern Region issued over \$54 million in grants to mitigate noise in FY 03, including noise grants for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey for school soundproofing and for noise mitigation at Philadelphia International, Roanoke, and Winchester Airports.

Part 150 Noise Studies

In FY 03, staff worked with Reagan National, Albany, Buffalo, Harrisburg, Allentown, Atlantic City, Latrobe, and University Park Airports on new or updated Part 150 studies, including updated Noise Exposure Maps.

Environmental Findings

Over 150 categorical exclusion decisions (CATEX) and approximately 15 Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), including several for terminal development and runway extension projects, were completed.

Environmental Forms

The Environmental Forms A, B and C, developed to facilitate the review of less controversial or less complex projects while fully addressing environmental requirements, were successfully used for over 150 development projects in FY 03. Our team of environmental specialists developed a preliminary draft revised CATEX form in FY 02 that further streamlines our environmental process by replacing the A and B forms with one new form. Our plan is that the form will be finalized and issued in FY 04 once the revised Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B are issued.

Environmental and Planning Program Coordination

In FY 03 we continued discussions on methods to integrate the environmental and planning programs both in the Region and Headquarters. Regional environmental and planning program staff worked with Headquarters to develop a draft guidance document intended to assist planners and airport sponsors in the preparation of the environmental chapter of Master Plan documents.

Complex and/or controversial projects underway include:

1. Norfolk, VA - EIS for new runway.
2. Dulles, VA - EIS for new primary and crosswind runways, involving wetlands and air quality impacts.
3. Atlantic City International, NJ - EIS for airport expansion, involving a Superfund site and state endangered species (ROD issued 3/04).
5. Philadelphia, PA - 2 EISs for runway extension and new runways.
6. Yeager Airport, WV - EA for safety area expansion (FONSI issued 3/04).
7. Erie, PA - EA for runway extension and road relocation.
8. JFK, NY - EA for reuse/redevelopment of historic TWA terminal site.
9. Trenton, NJ - EA for terminal development.

Planning Summary

Regional Air Service Study - In FY 03 the Eastern Region issued grants to the New York State Department of Transportation and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to participate in a Regional Air Service Study for the New York/New Jersey Metropolitan Region. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey received a grant in FY 02 and is also a participant. The purpose of the study is to identify passenger preferences through a survey, forecast future demand, and identify capacity at airports in and surrounding the NY/NJ Metropolitan Region. The FAA intends to follow the inventory work with an evaluation of air service to identify opportunities to provide a more efficient airport system for the Region.

Capacity Studies - The master plan, capacity study, and EIS are all underway at Philadelphia International Airport to evaluate two capacity enhancement scenarios. We are assisting the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on Delay Reduction Strategy Studies for LGA and JFK. The Eastern Region is also working with the FAA Technical Center in Atlantic City to look at the effect of the New Large Aircraft (NLA) on JFK operations.

Master Planning - 24 planning grants were issued for master planning (11), metropolitan system planning (2), state system planning (4) or other types of studies (7). The Master Planning Advisory Circular is being updated by FAA and a member of our staff is participating on the committee.

System Planning Workshop - In FY 03 the Eastern Region hosted the first annual East Coast System Planning Workshop. Ten states attended from New England, Southern and Eastern Regions. The Workshop was a success and we hope to hold it biannually. The System Planning Advisory Circular (AC) is also being updated and participants at the workshop had input into the document. The new AC is expected to be finalized in FY 04.

GIS Pilot Project

For the past four years the FAA - NYADO has been working with the New York State Association of Regional Planning Councils (NYSARC) on a Geographic Information System (GIS) Environmental Screening tool project. Last year a web-based GIS demo was prepared and it provides various tools and layers of environmental coverages that a user may manipulate. In FY 04 we are working on setting up a committee to work with the NYSARC to develop a needs assessment which will describe how we will use GIS as a tool in the future and the path that we need to follow in order to achieve this goal.

Runway Template Action Plan

Our staff continued to participate on a Regional team to track the progress of the Washington Dulles International Airport runway project. The team, which is led by the Regional Administrator's office, reports to Headquarters quarterly as part of the Operational Evolution Plan (OEP). The Region also provides updates on various other airports with proposed runways including Philadelphia, Baltimore, and an additional runway at Washington Dulles.

Safety and Standards Summary

All 67 certificated airports were inspected to ensure compliance with Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139. Also, several surveillance inspections for compliance with airport signage, airport construction, snow removal operations, and safety area evaluations were conducted to evaluate how the airports operate in these areas.

Thirty modification of airport design or construction standards (MOS) were received and 25 were approved.

In airspace, 565 airspace cases were coordinated by the Division for construction on airports and for the establishment of new facilities. The Region reviewed over 4,500 airspace evaluations for off airport construction, of which approximately 10% required detailed Airports Division review. Approximately 80 cases were reviewed for the installation, relocation or decommissioning of Airway Facilities equipment.

Runway Incursion Prevention

Part 139 safety training was conducted at the West Virginia Aviation Conference and representatives from Beckley, Clarksburg, Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg and Lewisburg Airports attended. Our staff attended a Runway Safety Action Team meeting that was held for the entire Region and assisted the Runway Safety Program office in planning and setting up the meeting.

Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS)

Airports Division assisted in the review and approval of the SMGCS plans for Reagan Washington National, Washington Dulles International, Philadelphia International, and Harrisburg International Airports. Plans for Greater Rochester International, Buffalo Niagara International, Syracuse Hancock International, John F Kennedy International, Pittsburgh International, and Newark Liberty International Airports are under review. An annual review of the approved SMGCS system was conducted for Richmond International Airport.

Wildlife Hazard Prevention

The staff continued to hold quarterly meetings with Kennedy and Atlantic City Airports to review wildlife management procedures. Also in FY 03 twelve airports implemented Wildlife Hazard Management Plans after approval by our office.

Airport Compliance Program

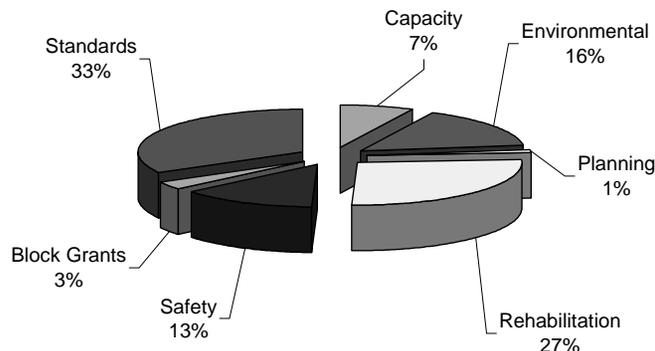
The program provides the opportunity to resolve conflicts under the informal complaint process governed by 14 CFR Part 13.1. In FY 03, we reviewed over sixty informal Part 13.1 and formal Part 16 compliance cases. Issues included exclusive rights, discriminatory practices, minimum standards review, revenue diversion and rates and charges.

Airport Improvement Program Summary

In FY 03, the Eastern Region issued over \$424 million in AIP funding to airports. Standards and rehabilitation projects dominated the AIP share as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1

**FAA Eastern Region AIP 2003
\$424,047,787**



The fiscal year 2003 Airport Improvement Program for the FAA Eastern Region reflects several changing conditions. Our goal of improving Runway Safety Areas by 2007 is resulting in greater portions of the Region's grant funds dedicated to these projects. In FY 03 we issued grants to improve 24 Runway Safety Areas. This represents more than a 100% increase of safety related AIP resources.

Reacting to the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attack, a quarter of our FY 2002 grants were devoted to security enhancements. This year's maturing program reflects a reduction in this spending, down to only 10% of the Region's grant program in FY 03. This also reflects the fact that the Transportation Security Administration has established their own funding program for airport terminal security.

In addition, the State of New Jersey, through mutual agreement with FAA, has left the block grant program. Non-primary airport grants for New Jersey are now being administered at the FAA New York Airport District Office in Garden City, New York.

Also in FY 03 the Eastern Region initiated a review of the Airports Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) development process. The results of the review will come out in FY 04 and may include policy and best practices recommendations.

Passenger Facility Charge Summary

In FY 03 estimated Passenger Facility Charge collections nationally were \$2.096 billion, of which \$303 million (14.5%) was for Eastern Region Airports.

We approved 13 new applications totaling \$177,195,355 in new collection authority. Most of the approved collections, approximately 43%, were for interest/outstanding debt for capital improvements and approximately 40% in collections were for landside projects. Figure 2 below shows the distribution of funds for landside projects.

Terminal work, constituting 98% of the approved FY 03 landside project collections, included construction of a new 280,000 sq. ft. terminal bldg. (\$54,421,000) at Harrisburg; the addition of loading bridges and expansion of holding room (\$425,250) at Atlantic City; relocation of security checkpoints (\$186,857) at Buffalo, terminal building modifications to accommodate the requirements (\$135,000) of the new Aviation & Transportation Security Act of 2001 at Charlottesville, and the rehabilitation to modernize a 25-year old terminal (\$51,910) at Parkersburg.

Airside projects normally include a higher percentage of collections in apron work to coincide with terminal projects. This FY, 41% of airside projects were for security equipment. This percentage correlates with the increase in terminal rehabilitation work and today's need to expand airport security.

The Eastern Region PFC Program to date has approved \$5.1 billion in collections with annual collections increasing each year due to the airports' continuous need to fund capital development projects. This year six airports have increased their collection level from \$3.00 to \$4.50, thereby increasing their financial capabilities to fund projects and meet future aviation needs.

Figure 2

Distribution of Landside PFC Projects

