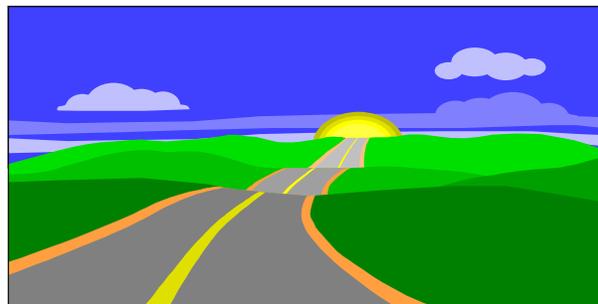


## Environmental Strategy for the National Airspace System Review

- The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, requires that any agency proposing a major federal action, identify and develop methods and procedures, in consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality that will ensure appropriate consideration in decision-making be given to the environment along with economic and technical considerations.
- The Air Traffic (AT) environmental strategy is to use an interdisciplinary approach to ensure that NEPA provisions are incorporated early into the planning and decision-making stages. This strategy requires forward thinking treatment of potential concerns and issues impacting the quality of the human environment. This includes identification and avoidance of environmentally sensitive areas whenever practicable. Mitigation and outreach plans will be used to minimize negative impacts.
- The FAA Community Involvement Policy ensures that FAA seeks and considers community input before making decisions that affect the public. This Policy commits the FAA to public participation in agency decisions that impact the community, with an emphasis on active, early, and continuous communication throughout the management and implementation of the NEPA process.
- The complexity of AT activities necessitates a systematic and uniform strategic approach to the environmental review process. This will allow AT to assess all impacts as well as provide the groundwork for preparing any necessary documentation. Air Traffic Airspace Management (ATA) will provide AT personnel, located at regions and facilities, with guidance and necessary support to address these environmental issues.
- AT organizations shall adhere to requirements embodied in the FAA's Environmental Order 1050.1D. AT shall also comply with other relevant environmental statutes, executive orders and regulations applicable to the FAA.
- AT will continue to support development of computerized tools to assist in analyzing the environmental impacts of proposed airspace actions and environmental training for AT employees with environmental responsibilities.



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