Presentation Package

Federal Policy on Airport Noise Compatibility Planning around Airports

Many if not most of the people involved in zoning decisions have little idea that there is Federal policy on airport noise compatibility planning around airports. It is contained in the Aviation Noise Abatement Policy. By bringing the knowledge of this Federal policy to a zoning meeting, you can have a major impact on zoning decisions around airports. As mentioned several places in this toolkit, the FAA has no jurisdiction on land use around airports, but we do have Federal policy that can have a major influence if it is brought to the attention of decisionmakers. For that reason, the following briefing package has been developed for your use at these meetings.

This presentation package includes several slides of selected excerpts from the Aviation Noise Abatement Policy which address the responsibilities of state and local governments, the Federal government, airport proprietors, and airport neighbors in land use compatibility planning around airports. Along with the slides are talking points that can be used for the presentation. For your convenience, transparencies and 3.5” diskette with the Powerpoint presentation are provided in this package.

Please use this package to brief and inform participants at zoning boards, public meetings, etc. At the same time, please emphasize that zoning is not a Federal decision. Zoning decisions are local decisions. Your role is to inform the participants that there is Federal policy in these matters and to influence their decisions in a positive way.