



Federal Aviation Administration

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Program Guidance Letter (PGL) 26-02: Permanent Eligibility for Stand-Alone
Acquisition of Input-Based Testing Equipment and Truck Modifications, and 100%
Federal Share Sunset

Purpose

The purposes of this PGL are to:

- Establish permanent Airport Improvement Program (AIP) eligibility for standalone input-based testing equipment and truck modifications.
- Signal that the current 100% Federal share for these projects will sunset on December 20, 2027, and revert to general AIP Federal shares as set forth in 49 U.S.C. § 47109.

Background

The FAA established temporary eligibility for these projects through PGL 19-01, *Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Input-Based Testing Equipment*, which justifies funding only for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicles required by 14 CFR Part 139 to have AFFF or Fluorine-Free Foam (F3) on board to meet required Index (or class), including vehicles made eligible under PGL 17-01, *ARFF Equipment Above Minimum Part 139 Index Requirements*.¹ The sunset date for this eligibility was November 1, 2021. The FAA subsequently issued two extensions to the sunset date through PGL 21-01, *Extension of Eligibility for Stand-Alone Acquisition of Input-Based Testing Equipment and Truck Modification*² (which extended the sunset date to November 1, 2023), and PGL 23-02, *Further Extension of Eligibility for Stand-Alone Acquisition of Input-Based Testing Equipment and Truck Modification*³ (which extended the sunset date to November 1, 2025).

¹ https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/guidance_letters/aip_pgl_19_01

² https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/guidance_letters/aip_pgl_21_01

³ https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/guidance_letters/aip_pgl_23_02

Discussion

Permanent Eligibility of Input-Based Testing Equipment and Truck Modifications

Standalone input-based testing equipment and truck modifications remain beneficial to airports. We expect them to remain beneficial in the future. Therefore, the FAA is establishing permanent eligibility for these projects.

Federal Share for these Projects

In accordance with the Preventing PFAS Runoff at Airports Act (P.L. 117-254), the Federal share of acquiring this equipment will revert from 100% to normal AIP Federal share levels on December 20, 2027. This updates guidance in PGL 23-01, *Increased Federal Cost Share for Input-Based AFFF Testing Equipment*,⁴ that stated the Federal share “expires 180 days after standalone acquisition eligibility expires.”

The Preventing PFAS Runoff at Airports Act established a sunset date for the temporary 100% Federal share to be 180 days after the temporary eligibility expires or 5 years after the date of enactment of the Act, whichever is earlier. Since this PGL makes eligibility permanent, the 100% Federal share will terminate 5 years after the date of enactment (i.e., December 20, 2027).

⁴ https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/guidance_letters/aip_pgl_23_02