



FAA
Airports
Airport Planning and Environmental Division

Handling Noise Insulation Programs that Are Currently Underway

1. Applicability

This attachment applies to all sponsors that have noise programs that are currently underway. The provisions set forth in this attachment do not apply to noise insulation projects for which construction has been completed. Construction being completed means that final payment has been made to the contractor doing the sound insulation work on the residence or public building.

Because of the inconsistent application of the two-step requirement for noise programs, FAA must confirm that the noise programs meet the published AIP requirements for noise insulation programs.

- a. **Airport Review of Noise Programs Currently Underway Must be Complete by September 30, 2014.** All sponsors of noise insulation programs currently underway must review the testing, design, and construction plans against the restated noise insulation requirements in this PGL. This review must be completed by September 30, 2014.

FAA anticipates that it will take some time for a Sponsor to review its ongoing program against the restated noise insulation requirements.

- b. **During the Airport Review, Sponsors have the Option to Continue Ongoing Noise Program Work under the Terms and Agreements of that Specific Noise Program.** Rather than stop all noise insulation projects while sponsors are verifying their noise programs, FAA will allow programs to continue as described in the following paragraphs during the review period. This decision was made because stopping an ongoing noise program would disrupt those neighborhoods where construction is underway and delay providing relief to noise impacted residences, schools, or public buildings.

However, the ongoing program must meet all existing program requirements for noise level reduction, noise contour, reporting and other factors defined in the ongoing noise program 14 CFR Part 150 Record of Approval.

2. Defining an Ongoing Program

A program is considered ongoing if it meets the requirements in Table 1.

Table 1 Definition of an Ongoing Noise Insulation Program

A noise insulation program is considered to be "Ongoing"	If the following conditions are met...
Residential Noise Insulation Program	Residential noise insulation construction is underway: Construction took place in fiscal year 2010 or 2011 and construction is planned to continue in fiscal years 2012, 2013 or 2014; or Residential noise insulation construction is about to start: The first phase of residential noise insulation construction is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2012.
School or Public Building (Places of Worship, Medical Facility) Noise Insulation Program	A school or public building noise project at a specific school that started construction prior to the date of this PGL; or A school or public building noise project at a specific school for which construction procurement was completed prior to the date of this PGL.

3. Planned FY2012, 2013, and 2014 Noise Insulation Projects

In fiscal year 2012, 2013 and 2014, the FAA will allow a sponsor to complete the noise insulation of structures that the sponsor has contracted to noise insulate as planned, provided that all noise insulation projects undertaken during this time meet all required federal contract provisions, such as Buy American.

Any noise insulation project that is started during the review period must be completed prior to September 30, 2015. Projects for which construction is ongoing after September 30, 2015, must fully meet the AIP requirements, including experiencing pre-insulation interior noise levels 45 dB or greater.

Additional Costs Incurred to Conform to the PGL. During the program review period, a sponsor may incur additional project costs. Redesign costs to conform to the PGL are not eligible for reimbursement.

Additional costs for testing to determine pre-insulation or post-insulation interior noise levels will generally be eligible for AIP funding. As with any AIP project, the costs to repeat a test are not eligible for AIP funding.

Additional testing costs for projects that will be designed or go under construction after the transition period will generally be eligible for reimbursement.

4. Required Sponsor and ADO Actions

Table 2 describes the required actions that sponsors and the ADO must take for projects that are continuing during the transition period.

Table 2 Required Sponsor and ADO Actions for Transition Period Projects

In the following time period or if the following circumstance exists...	The Sponsor must...	The ADO must...
<p>Within 30 days after publication date of the PGL</p>	<p>Submit the Initial Report, which includes the following documents on projects that are ongoing or that will be underway during the transition period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Program and policy procedures manual b. Testing reports c. List of structures that will be undertaken during the period, including estimated start and completion of construction dates. The list must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address 2. Year that structure was constructed 3. Location on the noise exposure map. d. Certification that all projects that will be designed or constructed during the transition period will comply with all required federal contract provisions, including Buy American. e. Certification that the ongoing program will meet all existing program requirements for noise level reduction, noise contour, reporting and other factors defined in the ongoing noise program 14 CFR Part 150 Record of Approval or environmental mitigation Record of Decision. <p>If the ADO does not concur with the submittal, the sponsor must revise the submittal until a document that the ADO can concur with has been produced.</p>	<p>Concur or nonconcur with the sponsor's initial submittal.</p> <p>A copy of the ADOs concurrence and the sponsor's initial submittal must be placed in the project file.</p> <p>If the ADO does not concur with the submittal, the ADO must provide comments to the sponsor so the sponsor can revise the transition plan.</p> <p>The ADO review will consist of determining whether the sponsor has provided the three items listed as required.</p> <p>The ADO has the option of coordinating the review with APP-400.</p>

In the following time period or if the following circumstance exists...	The Sponsor must...	The ADO must...
<p>If the Sponsor anticipates incurring additional costs on projects during the transition period</p>	<p>Submit all cost data to the Airport's District Office (ADO) in advance of incurring the cost</p>	<p>The ADO must review the cost data and determine whether the costs can be reimbursed with AIP.</p> <p>If the costs are not reimbursable, the ADO must notify the sponsor that the costs will not be reimbursed.</p>
<p>Submit Bi-Annual Report By the following dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March 30, 2013 2. September 30, 2013 3. March 30, 2014 4. September 30, 2014 5. March 30, 2015 6. September 30, 2015 (final report) 	<p>Documentation in the Bi-Annual Report.</p> <p>Each report must include documentation on each of the residences in the program. The report must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Address of the residences b. Year that residence was constructed c. Location of the residences on the noise exposure map. d. Pre-mitigation indoor noise level (if tested) e. Post-mitigation indoor noise level (if tested) f. A certification that the projects that are being designed or constructed during the transition period comply with all required federal contract provisions, including Buy American. g. Other information requested by the Region or ADO. <p>Note: This progress report is not the same as the existing grant progress report which Sponsors are required to submit on a quarterly basis.</p>	<p>The ADO has the option to review the Bi-Annual Report.</p> <p>The ADO must place the report in the project file.</p> <p>The ADO review will consist of determining whether the sponsor has provided the items listed as required.</p>