



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

Office of Airport Planning  
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Dear Industry Representative:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is circulating Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5020-1A, Noise Control and Compatibility Planning for Airports, to industry associations for comments.

This AC is a reference document and starting point for anyone initiating or revising a Part 150 program. This document:

- Replaces AC 150/5020-1, *Noise Control and Compatibility Planning for Airports*, dated August 5, 1983.
- Is intended for anyone responsible for preparing, updating, and reviewing Part 150 studies, and implementing approved NCP measures includes airport sponsors, consultants, local and state land use planners, FAA personnel, government officials, aircraft operators at the airport, and members of the public that may participate in the Part 150 process.
- Covers the steps involved in developing Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs) and a Noise Compatibility Plan (NCP) and presents key considerations for each step.
- Provides references to relevant FAA Orders, ACs, Transportation Research Board (TRB) reports, and industry guidance on Part 150 and noise compatibility planning.

This draft AC is independent from guidance on Airport Improvement Program (AIP) or Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) eligibility and justification. Use of this AC does not establish or ensure project eligibility, or justification for AIP or PFC funding.

We will consider comments received by **February 25, 2022** for inclusion in the AC. Please submit comments on the enclosed comment matrix. Please email the completed matrix to Jean Wolfers-Lawrence, Environmental Specialist, Airport Planning and Environmental Division, at [jean.wolfers-lawrence@faa.gov](mailto:jean.wolfers-lawrence@faa.gov). Please provide justification for all comments and recommended modifications.

We may revise the final document as a result of comments we receive and during further review within the FAA. We will then prepare and publish the final AC.

This Draft Advisory Circular is available and can be viewed at the FAA Airports website:  
[http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft\\_advisory\\_circulars/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars/)

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