



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

Office of Airport Planning  
and Programming

800 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20591

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Dear Industry Representative:

We are circulating Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5100-20, *Guidance on the Extraction of Oil and Gas on Federally Obligated Airports*, to interested industry associations for comments on the proposed guidance. Please provide justification for all comments and recommended modifications. We may revise the final document as a result of comments received and further review by the Office of Airport Planning and Programming.

This AC provides comprehensive guidance to facilitate consistent application of FAA requirements across FAA regions with regard to oil and gas extraction activities at obligated airports. The Advisory Circular is intended to help airport sponsors that are considering or proposing gas and oil operations on federally obligated airport property. It is also intended to help airport sponsors ensure that airport safety is maintained, aviation infrastructure is protected, to avoid constraints on current and planned airport development, and to ensure federal obligations are protected. Similarly, the AC has been developed to assist FAA Airports field offices with the timely required reviews of:

- Airport Layout Plan changes
- Environmental documentation
- Airspace and aeronautical studies
- Notice of On Airport Construction
- Acceptable gas and oil lease provisions to meet grant obligations

This AC does not create new requirements for on-airport or nearby off-airport land use or development. It describes how existing FAA policy, guidance, standards, and obligations, as well as other applicable laws and regulations apply to proposed oil and gas extraction from obligated airports (both use of surface land and extraction of subsurface minerals/oil/gas).

We will consider comments received by **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** for inclusion in the AC. Please submit all comments using the attached comment matrix to Rick Etter at [rick.etter@faa.gov](mailto:rick.etter@faa.gov).

You will find a PDF version of the draft advisory circular on the FAA website at [http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft\\_advisory\\_circulars/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars/).

Sincerely,



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