



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), *Guidance on the Extraction of Oil and Gas on Federally Obligated Airports*, to interested industry associations to obtain comments on the proposed changes. Additionally, 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 mineral oil and gas extraction activities. 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
- Release or modification of airport obligations to accommodate acceptable gas and oil lease, development and operations on federally obligated airport property.

The Advisory Circular applies to all federally obligated airport sponsors but does not create any new policies. Rather, it explains how existing policies and guidance apply to mineral oil and gas extraction activities.

We will consider comments received by **Friday, October 3** for inclusion in the AC. Please submit all comments using the attached comment matrix to Thomas Cuddy at thomas.cuddy@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/.

Sincerely,

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