

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION Air Traffic Organization Policy

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SUBJ: Obstruction Evaluations

- 1. Purpose of This Notice. This change amends FAA Order JO 7400.2 to provide clarification on current policies and procedures used for the study of existing and proposed structures during the obstruction evaluation process.
- **2. Audience**. This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations; and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- **3.** Where Can I Find This Notice? This notice is available on the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.

4. Procedures.

a. Amend the following paragraphs:

6-1-6. FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Title through c, no change.

d. Feasibility studies will not be accommodated for wind turbine proposals.

No further changes to paragraph

6-3-17. CIRCULARIZATION

- a. Circularizing a public notice allows the FAA to solicit information that may assist in determining what effect, if any, the proposed structure would have to the navigable airspace. The OEG determines when it is necessary to distribute a public notice.
 - 1. If a structure first exceeds obstruction standards, then a public notice should be circularized if:
 - (a) An airport is affected;
 - (b) There is possible VFR effect; or
 - (c) There is a change in aeronautical operations or procedures.

No further changes to paragraph

7-1-2. RESPONSIBILITY

Title through a, no change.

b. If any division objects to a structure that does not exceed Part 77, and/or is not found to have a physical or electromagnetic radiation effect on the operation of air navigation facilities, an advisory statement may be submitted to OEG for inclusion in the determination. Examples would be:

No further changes to paragraph

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7-3-1. REVISIONS AND TERMINATIONS BASED ON NEW FACTS

Title through b, no change.

- c. If a proposed structure is relocated or there is a height change after a determination of no hazard is issued, a new filing must be submitted. When new filings are received, terminate any previous determinations before moving forward with the aeronautical studies. Multiple filings at the same location result in an administrative hardship and create a cumulative impact issue that could result in erroneous data analysis. Determinations must not be used as a basis for financial arrangements.
- **b.** Delete Paragraph 6-1-8, Informal Airspace Meetings.
- **5. Distribution**. This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Terminal, En Route and Oceanic, System Operations, and Mission Support; the Office of ATO Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

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