

ORDER

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
GREAT LAKES REGION**

GL 6000.24

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SUBJ: COORDINATION OF NON-FAA CONSTRUCTION AFFECTING FAA FACILITIES

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| 1. | <u>PURPOSE.</u> This order sets forth policies and procedures for coordination and reporting of construction projects that might adversely affect existing or future FAA facilities or cables. |
| 2. | <u>DISTRIBUTION.</u> This order is distributed to Section Chiefs and above in Airway Facilities, Air Traffic, Flight Standards, Planning, and Airports; and to all Field Offices and Facilities at a maximum distribution. |
| 3. | <u>CANCELLATIONS.</u> Order GL 6000.13 is cancelled. |
| 4. | <u>EXEMPTIONS.</u> Exempted from the procedures of the order are FAA projects, projects accomplished under the Airport Development and Aid Program (ADAP), and projects for which FAA Forms 7460-1 have been submitted according to airspace regulations. Sufficient information is available through existing procedures for these exempted projects. |
| 5. | <u>BACKGROUND.</u> In the case of construction projects other than those exempted above, we have had no prescribed method of obtaining information about these projects to afford us the opportunity to achieve early coordination to reduce any likely adverse effects to FAA facilities or cables. Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 77, sets forth requirements for notice to the Administrator of certain proposed construction or alteration. However, these requirements do not include all projects affecting FAA, and such information is often submitted too late to allow effective and timely action by FAA. Some examples of projects that are often not processed on Form 7460-1, or are not coordinated under the ADAP program, and which result in difficulties due to lack of advance awareness and action are: a. Paving parking areas where FAA cables are buried. b. Widening pavements over buried FAA cables. c. Sewer or drainage construction through areas containing FAA cables. d. Construction near FAA facilities remote from airports, such as power line construction near a VOR. e. Expanding a terminal building containing an ATCT, FSS, or FAA office space. Existing FAA space may not be directly affected, but the expansion might allow advantageous rearrangements or improvements to FAA space. |

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f. Construction of significant metal structures which might cause shielding or beacon reflection problems for radar facilities.

6. FIELD COORDINATION AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Cooperation with Airport Authorities. The local Airway Facilities Sector Manager or his local representative, the Airports District Office and other local FAA employees should establish and maintain good relationships and communication with airport authorities to be aware of any prospective construction at the airport that might affect the FAA, and should maintain continual awareness of schedules of such construction.

b. Reporting Responsibilities and Procedures.

(1) The AFS Manager shall have initial responsibility in his sector for investigating and reporting proposed or actual construction that might affect existing or future FAA facilities or cables. He will thus serve as a local clearing station and so avoid unnecessary duplication of investigation and reporting. Preliminary reporting procedures shall be as follows:

(a) Any FAA employee who becomes aware of a construction project of possible significance to the FAA shall inform the local AFS representative.

(b) In addition, each employee should inform his own Division, through supervisory channels, if there is a likely concern of that organization.

(2) When an AFS Manager becomes aware of any construction of possible significance to the FAA, he shall promptly take the following actions:

(a) Contact the appropriate AT Branch (AGL-530) to determine if a notice to the agency has been filed. If not filed, the AFS Manager shall furnish guidance to the construction sponsor about proper reporting procedures as described in FAR, Part 77, Section 77.13. These reporting requirements and procedures are also stated on FAA Form 7460-1. Each sector office should obtain a minimum supply of a dozen sets of this form. Each form set contains 4 copies, carbon paper, and a work sheet to be used by construction sponsors.

(b) Send to the Program and Planning Branch office all information concerning such construction which might adversely affect FAA facilities and/or cables.

(c) Advise other FAA offices at the airport of the proposed construction and its probable effects.

6. CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH NON-ADAP PROJECT SPONSORS.

a. The AFS Manager is authorized to contact the sponsors of construction projects to obtain information needed for adequate reporting. Specific statements of agency position regarding possible interference to existing or future FAA facilities will not be made without prior review and approval by the Airway Facilities Division office.

b. For all construction projects not exempted in paragraph 3, the Airway Facilities Division shall:

(1) Keep the Area Airports District offices (or Division) fully informed regarding all contacts and negotiations concerning projects at any airport.

(2) Initiate and coordinate negotiations with the sponsors of the projects, to eliminate or minimize adverse effects on existing or future FAA facilities and/or cables.

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