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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has evaluated the Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) for Waterbury-Oxford Airport and related documents submitted to FAA under the provisions of Section 104(a) of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979.

We have approved all 12 of the proposed measures of the NCP. The effective date of the approval is January 9, 2009. FAA's actions are explained in the enclosed Record of Approval.

Each airport NCP developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR), Part 150 is a local program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is based on standards expressed in Part 150 and the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979, and is limited to the following determinations:

- The NCP was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;
- Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional incompatible land uses;
- Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the federal government;
- Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control system, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport NCP are delineated in FAR Part 150, Section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under federal, state, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action.

Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-

in-aid funding from the FAA under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982. Where federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Regional Office.

The FAA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing approval of the NCP. You are not required to give local official notice, although you may do so if you wish.

Thank you for your continued interest in noise compatibility planning. We have enjoyed working with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the consultant team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LaVerne F. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LaVerne F. Reid  
Manager, Airports Division

Enclosure