

OMB Control Number: 2120-0034.

Form(s): FAA Forms 8500-7, 8500-8, 8500-14, 8500-20.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Persons desiring medical certificates.

Abstract: This information for the medical certification of airmen is collected under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 40113, 44701, 44501, 44702, 44709, 45303, and 80111. The airman medical certification program is implemented by Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 61 and 67 (14 CFR parts 61 and 67). Using four forms to collect information, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) determines if applicants are medically qualified to perform the duties associated with the class of airman medical certificate sought. The forms used are: FAA form 8500-7, Report of Eye Evaluation; FAA Form 8500-8, Application for Airman Medical Certificate or Airman Medical and Student Pilot Certificate; FAA Form 8500-14, Ophthalmological Evaluation for Glaucoma; FAA Form 8500-20, Medical Exemption Petition (Operational Questionnaire).

Estimated Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 899,463 hours.

Addresses: Written comments on the DOT information collection request should be forwarded, within 30 days of publication, to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: FAA Desk Officer. If you anticipate submitting substantive comments, but find that more than 10 days from the date of publication are needed to prepare them, please notify the OMB official of your intent immediately.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 6, 1998.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Amendment to Noise Compatibility Program; Fort Worth Meacham Airport; Fort Worth, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the amendment to the noise compatibility program submitted by the city of Fort Worth under the provisions of Title 49, USC, Chapter 475 and CFR Part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On August 11, 1994, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by the city of Fort Worth under Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On February 7, 1995, the Administrator approved the noise compatibility program. On September 18, 1998, the Administrator approved an amendment to the noise compatibility program. All of the amendment recommendations of the program were approved.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's approval of the amendment to Fort Worth Meacham airport noise compatibility program is September 18, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Nicely, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, 76137, (817) 222-5606. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the amendment to the noise compatibility program for Fort Worth Meacham Airport, effective September 18, 1998.

Under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 47504 (hereinafter referred to as "Title 49"), an airport operator who has previously submitted a noise exposure map may submit to the FAA a noise compatibility program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the airport

operator for the reduction of existing noncompatible land uses within the area covered by the noise exposure maps. Title 49 requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal Program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport proprietor with respect to which measures should be recommended for action. The FAA's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in Part 150 and Title 49 and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The amendment to the noise compatibility program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing noncompatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses;

c. 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; and

d. 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 systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport noise compatibility program 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. Where Federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports Division Office in Fort Worth, Texas.

The city of Fort Worth submitted to the FAA on August 4, 1994, the noise exposure maps, descriptions, and other documentation produced during the noise compatibility planning study conducted from November, 1991 through July, 1994. The Fort Worth Meacham Airport noise exposure maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on August 11, 1994. Notice of this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1994.

The amendment to the Fort Worth Meacham study contains a proposed noise compatibility program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from the date of study completion. It was requested that the FAA evaluate and approve this material as an amendment to the noise compatibility program as described in Title 49. The FAA began its review of the program on April 9, 1998 and was required by a provision of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180 days (other than the use of new flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program.

The submitted program contained two proposed actions for noise mitigation off the airport. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of Title 49 and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied. The overall program, therefore, was approved by the Administrator effective September 18, 1998.

Outright approval was granted for all of the specific program elements included in the requested amendment. The following program elements of the airport were fully approved:

- a. Purchase noise sensitive sites—fee simple.
- b. Obtain aviation easements.

These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval endorsed by the Administrator on September 18, 1998. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available at the FAA office listed above and at the Fort Worth Department of Aviation offices.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 22, 1998.

Naomi L. Saunders,

Manager, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Satellite Operational Implementation Team (SOIT) Hosted Forum on the Capabilities of the Global Positioning System (GPS)/Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) and Local Area Augmentation System (LAAS)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA SOIT will be hosting a public forum to discuss the FAA's GPS approvals and WAAS/LAAS operational implementation plans. This meeting will be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the FAA SOIT and in response to aviation industry requests to the FAA Administrator. Formal presentations by the FAA will be followed by a question and answer session. Those planning to attend are invited to submit proposed discussion topics.

DATES: November 16-17, 1998, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Washington, DC. The specific location will be selected based on number of registrants. Meeting details will be sent to all registrants in October. Tentative location is the FAA building, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

POINT OF CONTACT: Registration and submission of suggested discussion

topics may be made to Mr. Steven Albers, phone (202) 267-7301, fax (202) 267-5086, or e-mail at steven.albers@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Open to the aviation industry with attendance limited to space available. Participants are requested to register their intent to attend this meeting by October 30, 1998. Names, affiliations, telephone and facsimile numbers should be sent to the point of contact listed.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Hank Cabler,

SOIT Co-Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Actions on Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of actions on exemption applications.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given of the actions on exemption applications in May-August 1998. The modes of transportation involved are identified by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft. Application numbers prefixed by the letters EE represent applications for Emergency Exemptions. It should be noted that some of the sections cited were those in effect at the time certain exemptions were issued.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 29, 1998.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

Application No.	Exemption No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
MODIFICATION EXEMPTIONS				
3216-M	DOT-E 3216	E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, DE.	49 CFR 173.314(c)	To modify the exemption to provide for rail transportation as an additional mode.