DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Burlington International Airport; South Burlington, Vermont

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps for Burlington International Airport, as submitted by the City of Burlington, Vermont, under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Public Law 96–193) and 14 CFR part 150, are in compliance with applicable requirements.

DATES: The effective date of the FAA’s determination on the noise exposure maps is December 22, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Doucette, Federal Aviation Administration, New England Region, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Burlington International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective December 22, 2015.

Under Section 103 of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps that meet applicable regulations and that depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted such noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval that sets forth the measures the operator has taken, or proposes, for the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure map and related descriptions submitted by the City of Burlington, Vermont. The specific maps under consideration were “Figure 12, 2015 Existing Conditions Noise Exposure Map” and “Figure 13, 2020 Forecast Conditions Noise Exposure Map” in the submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for Burlington International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on December 22, 2015.

FAA’s determination on an airport operator’s noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant’s data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under Section 103 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of Section 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA’s review of a noise exposure map. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted the map or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under Section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under Section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the noise exposure maps and of the FAA’s evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:

Burlington International Airport, 1200 Airport Drive, South Burlington, Vermont 05403.

Federal Aviation Administration, New England Region, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on December 22, 2015.

Richard P. Doucette, Environmental Program Manager, FAA New England Region, Airports Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration


AGENCY: DOT, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), lead Federal agency; and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and National Park Service, cooperating agencies.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public scoping comment period.

SUMMARY: A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, open a public scoping period, and hold a public scoping meeting for the proposed Spaceport Camden was published in the Federal Register by the Federal Aviation Administration on November 6, 2015. The comment period for the Draft EIS was to end on January 4, 2016 (more than 45 days after publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register). This notice extends the comment period to January 18, 2016 to allow the public additional time to provide scoping comments.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 18, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments, statements, or questions concerning scoping issues or the EIS process to Ms. Stacey M. Zee, FAA Environmental Specialist, Spaceport Camden County EIS c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874. Comments can also be sent by email to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey M. Zee, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20591; email Stacey.Zee@faa.gov; or phone (202) 267–9305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 6, 2015, the FAA published a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed Spaceport Camden under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Notice of Intent described the proposed project, the basis for preparing an EIS, the purpose and need for the project, and the potential environmental impacts the project may result in. A Notice of Public Scoping was published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2015.

On January 4, 2016, the FAA published a Notice of availability of the Draft EIS. Following a scoping process, the FAA published the Draft EIS on January 4, 2016. The FAA may publish a Notice of Intent to prepare a Final EIS at a later date.

The Draft EIS included a scoping period for the issuance of a Draft EIS that was open from December 21, 2015 through January 4, 2016, for a total of 15 days. The public scoping period for the Draft EIS was extended from January 4, 2016 to January 18, 2016 (or 45 days from the date the Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register). The public scoping period for the Draft EIS was extended because of concerns raised by the public during the initial scoping period. Since the Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on November 6, 2015, the public scoping period is now 45 days after the notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register. The public scoping period was extended to January 18, 2016 to allow the public additional time to provide scoping comments.

The public scoping period for the Draft EIS was extended to January 18, 2016 to allow the public additional time to provide scoping comments. During this extended scoping period, the public is invited to review the Draft EIS and to make comments on it. Comments should be submitted in writing to FAACamdenSpaceportEIS@Leidos.com or by mail to FAA Environmental Protection Specialist, Spaceport Camden County EIS c/o Leidos, 20201 Century Boulevard, Suite 105, Germantown, MD 20874.
Environmental Impact Statement, open a public scoping period, and hold a public scoping meeting for the proposed Spaceport Camden in the Federal Register and requested comments. The public scoping period was originally scheduled to close on January 4, 2016, but the FAA extended the comment period an additional 14 consecutive days, changing the deadline for submitting public scoping comments from January 4, 2016 to January 18, 2016.

Additional information regarding the proposed project is available online at:
http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ast/environmental/nepa_docs/review/documents_progress/camden_spaceport/.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 5, 2016.

Daniel Murray,
Manager, Space Transportation Development Division.

Under Section 103 of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps that meet applicable regulations and that depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted such noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval that sets forth the measures the operator has taken, or proposes, for the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure map and related descriptions submitted by Westfield, Massachusetts. The specific maps under consideration were “Figure 3–9. DNL Contours for Average Daily Aircraft Operations for CY2015” and “Figure 4–1. DNL Contours for Average Daily Aircraft Operations for CY2020 NEM” in the submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on December 22, 2015.

FAA’s determination on an airport operator’s noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of FAR Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant’s data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program.

If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under Section 103 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of Title 107 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA’s review of a noise exposure map. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted the map or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under Section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under Section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the noise exposure maps and of the FAA’s evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations:
Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport, 110 Airport Drive, Westfield MA 01085
Federal Aviation Administration, New England Region, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts on December 22, 2015.

Richard P. Doucette,
Environmental Program Manager, FAA New England Region, Airports Division.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport; Westfield, Massachusetts

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps for Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport, as submitted by the City of Westfield, Massachusetts, under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96–193) and 14 CFR part 150, are in compliance with applicable requirements.

DATES: The effective date of the FAA’s determination on the noise exposure maps is December 22, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Doucette, Federal Aviation Administration, New England Region, Airports Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective December 22, 2015.