



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Office of Airport Planning
and Programming

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Dear Industry Representative and Concerned Citizens:

We are circulating Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Draft Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5190-4B, *Airport Compatible Land Use Planning*, for comments on the proposed guidance. When issued this AC will replace AC 150/5190-4A *Model Zoning Ordinance to Limit Height of Objects Around Airports*, dated December 14, 1987. This AC also replaces the *Interim Guidance on Land Uses Within a Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)* dated September 2012. While the FAA generally does not request public comment on an AC, the agency is offering this opportunity for public comment in recognition of the interest of multiple stakeholders of the aviation industry and local community land use planning organizations.

The updated AC is intended to serve as a resource for airports to use to comply with their grant assurances concerning all the compatible land use issues, including obstructions and hazard to airport navigation, airport noise, wildlife and bird hazard attractants, and protection of persons and property on the ground. Airport-compatible land uses are defined as those uses that can coexist with a nearby airport without constraining the safe and efficient operation of the airport or exposing people living or working nearby to unacceptable levels of noise or hazards. This AC is intended to assist a broad audience including local land use planning authorities to better understand the effects of non-compatible land use on the safety and utility of airport operations, and to identify compatible land use development tools and techniques to protect surrounding communities from adverse effects associated with airport operations.

We will consider comments received by **Monday, August 6th**, for inclusion in the AC. The agency will consider all comments received by the closing date of the comment period in finalizing this AC. We may revise the final document as a result of comments received and further review by the Office of Airport Planning and Programming. Comments received after that date may be considered if consideration will not delay agency action on the AC. Please provide justification for all comments and recommended modifications.

Please submit all comments using the attached comment matrix to Christina Nutting at christina.nutting@faa.gov.

You will find a PDF version of the draft advisory circular on the FAA website at http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars/.

Sincerely,

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