SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Greater Rockford Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective January 31, 1995. Further, FAA is reviewing a proposed noise compatibility program for that airport which will be approved or disapproved on or before July 30 1995. This notice announces the availability of this program for public review and comment

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 which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operators 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 noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

Greater Rockford Airport Authority submitted to the FAA on May 3, 1994 noise exposure maps, descriptions and other documentation which were produced during the Airport Noise Compatibility Planning (Part 150) Study at Greater Rockford Airport from February 1993 to May 1994. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the noise exposure maps, as described in section 103(a)(1) of the Act, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as a noise compatibility program under section 104(b) of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and related descriptions submitted by the Greater Rockford Airport Authority. The specific maps under consideration are Noise Exposure Maps: Official 1993 Noise Exposure Map and Official 1998 Noise Exposure Map. They are included along with supporting documentation found in the Part I Noise Exposure Map

Documentation of the Part 150 Study in the submission. The FAA has determined that these maps for Greater Rockford Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective January 31, 1995. 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 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 noise exposure maps. 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 which submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 103 of the Act. The FAA has relied on certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of FAR Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

The FAA has formally received the noise compatibility program for Greater Rockford Airport, also effective January 31, 1995. Preliminary review of submitted material indicates that it conforms to the requirements for the submittal of noise compatibility programs, but that further review will be necessary prior to approval or disapproval of the program. The formal review period, limited by law to a maximum of 180 days, will be completed on or before July 30, 1995.

The FAA's detailed evaluation will be conducted under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 150, section 150.33. The primary considerations in the evaluation process are whether the

proposed measures may reduce the level of aviation safety, create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, or be reasonably consistent with obtaining the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed program with specific reference to these factors. All comments, other than those properly addressed to local land use authorities, will be considered by the FAA to the extent practicable. Copies of the noise exposure maps, the FAA's evaluation of the maps, and the proposed noise compatibility program are available for examination at the following locations:

Airport Manager's Office, Greater Rockford Airport Authority, 3600 Airport Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61125–0063

Rockford City Clerk's Office, Rockford City Hall, 1201 Broadway, Rockford, Illinois

Winnebago County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 400 West State, Rockford, Illinois

Rockford Public Library, 215 North Wymann, Rockford, Illinois Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, One Langhorne Drive, Capitol Airport, Springfield, Illinois

Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airports District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

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

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Airport Surface Movement Conference

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT. **ACTION:** Notice of conference.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a conference on Airport Surface Movement. FAA will solicit the public for input on technologies and procedural changes needed to implement and improve the airport safety and surface movement effort.

DATES: The conference will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1995, through March 10, 1995.