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### Land Use Inspection Process & Non-Aeronautical Event

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### Overview

- **Airport Land Use Inspection Process**
- **Non-Aeronautical Event at Airport**



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## Land Use Inspection Process

### Requirements:

- Senate Report # 106-55, May 1999, directed FAA to conduct inspections at GA Airport and report unauthorized use of airport land.
- Requires a minimum of 2 land use inspections per year per region.

### Airport Selection Process:

- ADO and State recommendations.
- Prior inspections by Airports personnel, other FAA offices, or State Inspectors.
- Complaints from tenants via telephone and/or written.
- Documents – Historical file review and ALP update.
- Specific request from FAA HQ to address a current investigation on land use.
- Excessive number of requests for airport property release.
- Size, classification and total number of operations at an airport.



## Land Use Inspection Process

### Pre – Inspection Preparation:

- Date of the inspection is selected based on inspector, airport sponsor and ADO availability.
- FAA RO coordinates with the ADO's and State Aeronautical Agency.
- Send the airport sponsor a letter notifying them they have been selected for an inspection.
- Review background of airport, obligating documents (grant land, surplus property, grant agreements, etc.), land use maps, ALP, Exhibit "A" land release, Part 150 study, EIS or other planning documents, general correspondence, leasehold, grant special conditions, etc.



## Land Use Inspection Process

### Onsite Inspection Procedures:

- Entrance Briefing – introduction, purpose of visit, explain inspection process, etc.
- Review, compare and confirm against all pre – inspection documentation preparation.
- Airfield inspection.
- Exit Briefing – highlight finds



## Land Use Inspection Process

### Post-Inspection Land Use:

#### Findings

- Consult with ADO and/or State Aeronautical Agency.
- Required corrective action.
- Timeline for corrective action.
- Consult with Regional Counsel (if warranted).
- Brief AEA 620, ADO manager and ACO-100.
- Report sent to airport sponsor with a copy to ACO-100, ADO, and State Aeronautical Agency.



## Land Use Inspection Process

### Follow-Up Procedures:

- We offer 30-60 days for the sponsor to respond to the compliance findings noted during the inspection.
- ADO and/or State Aeronautical Agency assist FAA RO with follow-up, resolve and closing out of findings:
  - Discuss the required corrective action or alternative solution.
  - Establish harsher timeline 10-15 days.
  - Request meeting with higher authority.
  - Inform sponsor of potential non-compliance.
- Enforcement for Non-Compliance
  - Place airport on non-compliance in SOAR.
  - Stop existing and future Discretionary and State Appropriation funds by consulting with FAA offices.
  - May require a hearing to stop entitlement.
  - FAA may conduct financial audit if revenue related.



## Questions and Discussion



# Non-Aeronautical Events



## Non-Aeronautical Events

### Temporary Airport Closure for Non-Aeronautical Event

- Eastern Region Airports Policy AEA-600-COM-01, Temporary Non-Aeronautical Use of an Obligated Airport:
- Requires FAA approval.
- Sponsor must submit the following to be evaluated by FAA:
  - Financial or other benefits will accrue to the airport and local community.
  - The event and closure of airport has widespread community support.
  - Air Carriers including the appropriate FAA FSDO, aeronautical tenants, DOD and the local airport users were notified of the planned closure and given the opportunity to comment, and their concerns have been adequately addressed.
  - Precautions will be taken to prevent damage to airport facilities, equipment, and navigation aids and any damage to airport facilities will be repaired in a timely manner.
  - Other airports in the area available to handle diverted air traffic during the temporary closure.



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- Sponsor must submit the following to be evaluated by FAA:
  - Appropriate NOTAM's will be issued in a timely manner prior to the closure.
  - Consider the impact of the closure on aeronautical activity and airport users will, to the extent practical, be kept to a minimum.
  - For those events involving a runway closure or partial closure of an airport, adequate procedures will be in place to ensure the safety of concurrent aircraft and airport operations and for event officials, participants, and spectators.
  - There will be compliance with conditions or restrictions in an FAA Form 7460-1 determination, Notice of Proposed Construction of Alteration.
  - FAR Part 139 Certificated Airport:
    - Appropriate coordination with TSA personnel to ensure the airport and air carriers serving it have returned to the security level required by federal regulations prior to commencement of air carrier service.
    - A thorough inspection of airport movement areas will be undertaken by airport personnel in accordance with FAR Part 139 prior to commencement of operations.



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