

October 1, 1999 [64 FR 56014], Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999 [64 FR 57920], as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition, "The Shamans: Spirit Guides of Siberia," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, Anchorage, Alaska, from on or about May 12, 2005, to on or about September 18, 2005, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or a list of objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, (202) 453-8052, and the address is United States Department of State, SA-44, Room 700, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: March 17, 2005.

**C. Miller Crouch,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Noise Exposure Map Notice

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Metropolitan Airports Commission for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 et. seq (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) 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 March 3, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glen Orcutt, Minneapolis Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room

102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450, telephone number (612) 713-4354.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Minneapolis-St. Paul International airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of part 150, effective March 3, 2005.

Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which 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 noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by the Metropolitan Airports Commission. The documentation that constitutes the "noise exposure maps" as defined in section 150.7 of part 150 includes: Volume I of the November 2004 14 CFR part 150 Update; Year 2002 Existing Condition Noise Exposure Map, Figure 6-1; and Year 2007 Unmitigated Noise Exposure Map, Figure 6-2; respectively. The part 150 Update contains the required information for Section 47503 and section A150.101 including the following specific references: current and forecast operations in Table 3.19; fleet mix, nighttime and type of aircraft operations in Tables 3.3, 3.8, 3.9, and 3.10; flight patterns in Figures 4-6 through 4-15; location of noise monitoring sites, Figure 4-19; land uses maps, Figures 5-2 and 5-3; and number of people residing within Contours, Table 5.5 and 5.8. The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on March 3,

2005. 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 47503 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 regards 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 47506 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 that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 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 full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations: Federal Aviation Administration Minneapolis Airports District Office, 6020 28th Avenue South, Room 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450; Chad Leque, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450.

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

Issued in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 3, 2005.

**Nancy Nistler,**

*Manager, Minneapolis Airports District Office, Great Lakes Region.*

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