

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Notice of Information Collection Under Emergency Review: DS-4131, Advance Notification Form: Tourist and Other Non-Governmental Activities in the Antarctic Treaty Area, OMB Control Number 1405-xxxx**AGENCY:** Department of State.**ACTION:** Notice of request for emergency OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Advance Notification Form: Tourist and Other Non-Governmental Activities in the Antarctic Treaty Area.

- *OMB Control Number:* none.

- *Type of Request:* Emergency Review.

- *Originating Office:* Office of Oceans Affairs, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science (OES/OA).

- *Form Number:* DS-4131.

- *Respondents:* Operators of Antarctic expeditions organized in or proceeding from the United States.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 22.

- *Average Hours Per Response:* 10.5 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 231 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to respond:* Mandatory.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by May 31, 2008. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503. Fax number 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of the emergency approval period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Comments will be accepted until 60 days from the date that this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* HughesLR@state.gov.

- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Lawrence R. Hughes, Office of Oceans Affairs, Room 2665, Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Science, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Lawrence R. Hughes, Office of Oceans Affairs, Room 2665, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington DC 20520, who may be reached on (202) 647-0237 or at HughesLR@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Information solicited on the Advance Notification Form, (DS-4131), is required to provide the U.S. Government with information on tourist and other non-governmental expeditions to Antarctica. This is needed to comply with Article VII(5)(a) of the Antarctic Treaty and comport with Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting Recommendation XVIII-1 and Resolution XIX-3.

Methodology

Information will be submitted in signed original by U.S. organizers of tourist and other non-governmental expeditions to Antarctica. Advance copies are submitted by e-mail.

Dated: April 10, 2008.

Constance C. Arvis,

Director of Oceans Affairs, Acting, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6174]

Announcement of Meetings of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee

SUMMARY: This notice announces meetings of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC) to receive advice from its ad hoc groups tasked with developing draft advice for the Department of State's positions on telecommunications matters to be taken at meetings of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Asia-Pacific Economic Community (APEC), and the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), and to review the ITAC industry advisory process supporting the activities of the Department of State at the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) and conducted in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

The ITAC will meet on May 14, 2008 2:30-4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time to review the ITAC FACA industry advisory process supporting the activities of the Department of State at the ITU-R, and to receive advice drafted by various ad hoc groups on telecommunications positions to be taken at meetings of the ITU, OECD, APEC, and CITEL.

The ITAC will meet on July 16, 2008, 2:30-4:30p.m. Eastern Daylight Time to review and approve the work performed by the ITAC ad hoc groups preparing advice for meetings of the three sectors of the ITU, OECD, APEC, and CITEL.

Both these meetings will be held at the offices of AT&T at 1120 20th Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC. These meetings are open to the public as seating capacity allows. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments at these meetings. A conference bridge will be available for attendees outside the Washington Metro Area. Conference bridge information is available from the secretariat at minardje@state.gov and (202) 647-3234. People desiring further information on these meetings may apply to the secretariat.

Dated: April 4, 2008.

Richard C. Beard,

International Communications & Information Policy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Noise Compatibility Program Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Covington, KY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the Noise Compatibility Program submitted by the Kenton County Airport Board under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and 14 CFR part 150. These findings are made in recognition of the description of Federal and nonfederal responsibilities in Senate Report No. 96-52 (1980). On October 9, 2007, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by the Kenton County Airport Board under Part 150 were in compliance with applicable requirements. On October 9, 2007, the FAA approved the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport noise compatibility program. Most of the recommendations of the program were approved.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date of the FAA's approval of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Noise Compatibility Program is April 4, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip Braden, Federal Aviation Administration, Memphis Airports District Office, 2862 Business Park Drive, Bldg G, Memphis, TN 38118-1555, phone number: 901-322-8180. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA has given its overall approval to the Noise Compatibility Program for Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, effective April 4, 2008.

Under Section 47504 of the Act, an airport operator who has previously submitted a Noise Exposure Map may submit to the FAA a Noise Compatibility Program which sets forth the measures taken or proposed by the

airport operator for the reduction of existing non-compatible land uses and prevention of additional non-compatible land uses within the area covered by the Noise Exposure Maps. The Act requires such programs to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties including local communities, government agencies, airport users, and FAA personnel.

Each airport noise compatibility program developed in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 is a local program, not a Federal Program. The FAA does not substitute its judgment for that of the airport operator with respect to which measure should be recommended for action. The FM's approval or disapproval of FAR Part 150 program recommendations is measured according to the standards expressed in FAR Part 150 and the Act, and is limited to the following determinations:

a. The Noise Compatibility Program was developed in accordance with the provisions and procedures of FAR Part 150;

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grant agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal government; and

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use and management of the navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

Specific limitations with respect to FAA's approval of an airport Noise Compatibility Program are delineated in FAR Part 150, Section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, state, or local law. Approval does not by itself constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the

program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. Where Federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Airports District Office in Memphis, Tennessee.

Kenton County Airport Board submitted to the FAA on February 21, 2007, the Noise Exposure Maps, descriptions, and other documentation produced during the noise compatibility planning study conducted from December 2003 through December 2006. The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Noise Exposure Maps were determined by FAA to be in compliance with applicable requirements on October 9, 2007. Notice of this determination was published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2007.

The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport study contains a proposed Noise Compatibility Program comprised of actions designed for phased implementation by airport management and adjacent jurisdictions from December 2006 beyond the year 2011. It was requested that FAA evaluate and approve this material as a Noise Compatibility Program as described in Section 47504 of the Act. The FM began its review of the Program on October 9, 2007, and was required by a provisions of the Act to approve or disapprove the program within 180-days (other than the use of new or modified flight procedures for noise control). Failure to approve or disapprove such program within the 180-day period shall be deemed to be an approval of such program.

The submitted program contained twenty-nine (29) proposed actions for noise mitigation on and off the airport. Sixteen (16) previous measures that were completed or withdrawn were also included for numbering purposes. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied.

The overall program, therefore, was approved by the FAA effective April 4, 2008. Outright approval was granted for twenty-two (22) of the specific program elements. Six measures are approved with conditions because the measures relate to changes in the nighttime preferential runway use program or a departure procedure and require environmental analysis, coordination of timing of implementation and revisions to the Air Traffic Control Tower Order. One proposed measure was disapproved for purposes of Part 150 because the measure would not reduce incompatible land development within the DNL 65