

APPENDIX 7. ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

1. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES. The Office of Environment and Energy (AEE) is the focal point for all aviation-related environmental and energy programs within the agency. The Office of Environment and Energy is responsible for noise and aircraft emissions rulemaking and for establishing agency policies in these areas. Also, the Office of Environment and Energy provides environmental assessment guidance to all regions, offices, services and other subunits of the agency, other Federal agencies and State and local organizations. In addition, the Office of Environment and Energy is responsible for the organization mission of three divisions: Noise, Energy, and Air Quality.

a. Noise Division. Is the principal element of the office for the development of aviation-related environmental noise standards; for evolving and conducting operational noise monitoring; and for formulating long-range objectives and priorities for aircraft noise and sonic boom research and development programs.

b. Energy Division. Is the principal element of the office for the development of aviation-related energy conservation programs; for developing and formulating long-range objectives and priorities for research and development in aviation-related energy-efficient efforts.

c. Air Quality Division. Is the principal element of the office for the development of aviation-related programs to control atmospheric pollution; for the development and formulation of long-range objectives and priorities for research and development to maintain air quality; for the management of the low and high altitude pollution programs; and for the provision of a focal point for problems concerning the cabin environment, including radiation hazards.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OR FONSI. The environmental considerations of AEE actions shall be documented in an EIS or FONSI as appropriate.

3. ACTIONS SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND PROCEDURES. The following AEE actions are subject to environmental analysis and a decision as to whether to prepare an EIS or FONSI.

a. Rules, regulations, Grant of Exemptions, orders, advisories, or directives which may result in significant impact on the human environment.

b. Statements of Policy, the execution of which could result in a significant impact on the human environment.

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4. CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ACTIONS. The following are excluded actions for the reasons given:

a. All FAA actions to insure compliance with the EPA aircraft emissions standards are excluded. EPA has performed all required environmental analyses prior to the issuance of their aircraft emissions standards.

b. FAA grants service to small communities' exemptions for two-engine airplanes.