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## Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION:** Program Guidance Letter 08-01

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We are issuing this Program Guidance Letter as interim guidance on airport design surfaces.

08-01 Meeting Airport Design Standards

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This Program Guidance provides interim guidance pending changes to FAA Advisory Circular 150/5300-13, Airport Design.

A change is anticipated to the Federal Aviation Regulations, Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace. A Notice of Public Rulemaking (NPRM) is expected that may modify Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77 (Part 77), Paragraph 77.25, Civil Airport Imaginary Surfaces: Primary Surface for Nonprimary Instrument Approaches having visibility minimums greater than three-fourths statute mile.

Following the NPRM, a Final Rule is typically issued incorporating the changes into the FAR. If that occurs, it may impact the airport design standards for those nonprimary airports having visibility minimums greater than three-fourths statute miles.

The FAA is working on a coordinated review of the design surfaces. It is expected that FAA will issued a revision to FAA AC 150/5300-13 that reflects this agency coordination and the revisions to Part 77.

Until a change to FAA AC 150/5300-13 is published and associated guidance is issued, airports should continue to plan based on the current standards published in FAA AC 1505300-13.