




Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Initiated of Air Traffic
Controller Staffing at FAA Facilities in California
Federal Aviation Administration
Project No. 08A3013A000

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To: Assistant Administrator for Financial Services
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The Office of Inspector General plans to review controller staffing at three Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) facilities in California: the Los Angeles International Airport Traffic Control Tower, the Southern California Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON), and the Northern California TRACON. We are conducting this audit in response to a May 6, 2008, request from Senator Diane Feinstein. The Senator expressed concerns about potential shortages of trained and experienced controllers at several facilities during our recent testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

Consistent with Senator Feinstein's request, our audit objective is to review FAA's plans for ensuring adequate air traffic controller staffing at these three FAA facilities.

We plan to begin the audit later this month and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dan Raville, Program Director, at (202) 366-1405 or Bob Romich, Project Manager, at (202) 366-6478.

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