

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR AIRPORT ACTIONS

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**SUBJ:** National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions.

The Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Airports (ARP) is responsible for identifying major Federal actions involving the Nation's public-use airports. After determining that an airport sponsor is proposing a major Federal action, ARP is responsible for analyzing the environmental effects of that action and its alternatives. ARP issues Order 5050.4B to provide instruction on evaluating those environmental effects.

Order 5050.4B supplements FAA Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures." That Order provides all FAA organizations with policies and procedures for complying with NEPA and the implementing regulations the Council on Environmental Quality has issued (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508).

Order 5050.4B substantially updates and revises Order 5050.4A, "Airports Environmental Handbook." ARP's issuance of Order 5050.4B cancels Order 5050.4A, which has served ARP well for over 20 years.

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