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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Office of Airport Safety
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Airport Engineering Division

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Dear Industry Representative:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is circulating draft Advisory Circular 150/5380-8A, *Handbook for Identification of Alkali-Silica Reactivity in Airfield Pavements*, to the public for comment and recommended changes.

Please review the draft and send your written comments to Jeffrey Rapol, AAS-100, Room 621 or to jeffrey.rapol@faa.gov. The draft is available at http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/resources/draft_advisory_circulars/.

The draft deletes references to the dilatometer as a test protocol for identifying alkali reactivity potential of concrete aggregates. The test protocol may be reinstated when fully developed.

We will consider comments received by June 10, 2009, for inclusion in the advisory circular. Also, your concurrence without comments is requested by this date.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Rapol". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey L. Rapol
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