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### Memorandum

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To: Director, Technical Operations Aviation System Standards, AJW-3

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Subject: Implementation of the Airport Obstructions Standards Committee (AOSC)  
Decision Document (DD) #4 for Existing Category (CAT) II/III Approach Procedures

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On March 21, 2005, the Assistant Administrator for Regions and Center Operations, the Associate Administrator for Airports, the Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, and the Chief Operating Officer for Air Traffic Organization approved a decision of the AOSC revising runway/parallel taxiway separation standards for CAT II/III operations. The details of the decision are contained in AOSC DD#4.

Order 8260.19C, Flight Procedures and Airspace, paragraph 241, requires a review of all approach procedures at least every 2 years. When this review is conducted, airports found unable to meet the revised CAT II/III runway/taxiway standards are authorized application of the standards exception contained in AOSC DD#4, paragraph 3c (excerpted below).

Excerpt:

*c) **Exceptions:** For airports unable to meet the revised separation criteria, existing CAT II/III approach minima will remain the same unless the airport environment is modified as described below:*

- 1. Major airport improvements are constructed (including new runways, new taxiways, and runway / taxiway extensions adding 3,000 ft or more)*
- 2. The operational environment is changed to allow the airport to meet the above guidance.*
- 3. Applicable agency guidance is changed in such a manner that the airport could meet that guidance without adverse impact.*

*Note: AFS reserves the right to modify CAT II/III approach procedures and/or increase minima in compliance with obstacle clearance criteria and policy unrelated to runway / parallel taxiway separation.*

Direct procedure design policy questions concerning this exception to standards to the Flight Procedure Standards Branch, AFS-420, (405) 954-4164.