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## **INTRODUCTION**

As part of the planning process, the public, airport users, and local, state, and federal agencies were given the opportunity to review and comment on the Noise Exposure Maps (NEM) and supporting documentation. Materials prepared by the consultant were submitted for local review, discussion, and revision at several points during the process.

Much of the local coordination was handled through a special study committee formed specifically to provide advise and feedback on the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. Known as the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), it included representatives of all affected groups, including local residents, airport users, officials from the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, local businesses, aviation organizations, fixed base operators, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). (A list of the PAC members is presented in **Appendix A**.)

The PAC reviewed and commented on the working papers, prepared by the consultant, and provided guidance for the next phase of the study. Most comments were made orally during the meetings, but some were followed by written confirmation. All comments were appropriately incorporated into this document or otherwise addressed.

The PAC met two times during the preparation of the Noise Exposure Maps (NEM). The first meeting was held on June 25, 2002 to introduce the participants, describe the study process, discuss goals and objectives, distribute the study workbooks, and hear comments and views pertaining to conditions at the airport. Chapter One (Inventory) was presented at this meeting.

Due to security concerns after the events of September 11, 2001, there was a long delay in obtaining flight track data. This data was used for the preparation of the noise contours. Once the data was received and processed, and the chapters were prepared, the second PAC meeting was held on November 21,2002. Chapter Two (Aviation Noise) and Chapter Three (Noise Impacts) were discussed.

Following the PAC meetings the general public was invited to a series of Public Information Workshops. These workshops were structured as an informal open-house, with display boards and information posted throughout the meeting room. The meetings allowed citizens to acquire information about the F.A.R. Part 150 Study process, aircraft operations forecasts, baseline noise analysis, and noise impacts, ask questions, and express concerns. The meetings were also intended to encourage two-way communication between the airport staff, consultants and local citizens.

In addition to formal meetings, many written and verbal contacts were also made between project management staff and officials of local, state, and federal agencies, representatives of various aviation user groups, and local residents. These were related to the day-to-day management of the project, as well as the resolution of specific questions and concerns arising from the working papers.

A supplemental volume entitled, "Supporting Information on Project Coordination and Local Consultation" contains detailed information in support of the Noise Exposure Maps document. It includes copies of meeting announcements, sign-in sheets, and all written comments received on the Noise Exposure Maps study.