

Public Notice: FAA Atlanta OAPM Environmental Assessment (EA) Document Release

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FAA is releasing for public review an Environmental Assessment (EA) that has been prepared to consider the potential environmental impacts of the implementation of the Atlanta Optimization of Airspace and Procedures in the Metroplex (ATL OAPM) Project.

A “metroplex” is a major metropolitan area with multiple airports, where heavy air traffic and environmental constraints combine to hinder efficient aircraft movement. The ATL OAPM Project would improve the efficiency of the national airspace system in the Atlanta Metroplex by optimizing aircraft arrival and departure procedures at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) and outlying satellite airports. The project would involve changes in aircraft flight paths and altitudes in certain areas. Specifically, the FAA proposes to publish and implement optimized standard arrival and departure instrument procedures, serving air traffic flows into and out of airports in the Atlanta Metroplex. The proposed action would not require any ground disturbance or increase the number of aircraft operations within the Northern Georgia area airspace. The analysis of potential environmental impacts in the EA was conducted in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*.

The EA is released and made available for public review online at:

http://oapmenvironmental.com/atl_metroplex/atl_introduction.html

The FAA encourages interested parties to review the EA, and provide written comments during the public comment period. Written comments will be accepted by the FAA until April 23, 2014. The public is invited to comment by mail or email. Comments may be emailed to:

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Also, comment submissions can be made by regular mail to:

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