

disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-11) with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or online through the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

### **Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity**

A Federal agency cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

### **Disciplinary Actions**

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline a Federal employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

### **Additional Information**

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, as well as the appropriate offices within the Tennessee Valley Authority (e.g., Equal Opportunity Compliance, Human Resources, the Office of the Inspector General, and TVA's Ombudsman). Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws can be found at the EEOC Web site—<http://www.eeoc.gov> and the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

### **Existing Rights Unchanged**

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this

notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda J. Sales-Long, 865-632-2515.

Dated: January 17, 2008.

**Linda J. Sales-Long,**

*Director, Equal Opportunity Compliance.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Availability of Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper for the Proposed Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport, Las Vegas, Clark County, NV**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper for the Draft EIS will be made available for public comment pursuant to section 304 of the Vision 100 Century of Aviation Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-176) [49 U.S.C. 47171(l)]. The Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper has been prepared for the construction and operation of the proposed Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport, located along Interstate Highway 15 about 30 miles south of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. FAA is seeking comments on the Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andrew Brooks, Environmental Protection Specialist, AWP-610.6, Airports Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, California 90009-2007, Telephone: 650/922-1899. Comments on the Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper should be submitted to the address above and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Friday, February 29, 2008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport (SNSA). The need to prepare an Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS) is based on the procedures described in FAA Order 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*, and BLM NEPA Handbook H-1790-1. Further, the FAA and BLM are preparing this EIS jointly pursuant to the Ivanpah Valley Airport Lands Transfer Act of 2000, (Pub. L. 106-362). Clark County proposes to build the airport along Interstate Highway 15 north of the Nevada/California border about 30 miles south of Las Vegas, between Primm and Jean in Clark County, Nevada. The purpose of the proposed airport is to provide additional capacity to accommodate the forecasted growth in air carrier aircraft operations and aviation passenger demand into the Las Vegas area. This airport would supplement existing air carrier capacity at McCarran International Airport (LAS). The Draft EIS is also being prepared by FAA and BLM pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

FAA and BLM are making the Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper available to the public and governmental agencies for review and comment. This working paper contains information that the FAA and BLM will include into the Purpose and Need Section of the Draft EIS. FAA and BLM will consider all comments received for the purpose of developing future documents supporting the Draft EIS. FAA and BLM will accept comments on the Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper until 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Friday, February 23, 2008.

Copies of the Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper are available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, Office of the Airports Division, 15000 Aviation Boulevard, Hawthorne, California 90261

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, National Headquarters, Office of Airports, Planning and Environmental Needs Division, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591

Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

The document is also available for public review at the following libraries and other locations and at the following Web site: <http://www.snvairporteis.com>.

- Boulder City Public Library, 701 Adams Boulevard, Boulder City, Nevada 89005
- Gibson Library, 280 South Water Street, Henderson, Nevada 89015-7288
- Pittman Library, 1608 Moser Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89015-4323
- Paseo Verde Library, 280 South Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89012-2301
- Malcolm Library, 2960 Sunridge Heights Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89052
- Clark County Law Library, 309 South 3rd Street, Suite 400, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155
- Lied Library—UNLV, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104
- UNLV Libraries Government Publications, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
- Nevada State Library and Archives, 716 N. Carson Street, Suite B, Carson City, Nevada 89701
- North Las Vegas Library District, 2300 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030-5839
- Aliante Branch Library, 2400 Deer Springs Way, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89084
- Pahrump Community Library District, 701 East Street, Pahrump, Nevada 89048-0578
- White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada 89301-1965
- Clark County Library, 1401 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119-5256
- Goodsprings Library, 365 West San Pedro Avenue, Goodsprings, Nevada 89019-0667
- Lincoln County Library, 63 Main Street, P.O. Box 330, Pioche, Nevada 89043-0330
- Alamo Branch Library, 100 South First West, P.O. Box 239, Alamo, Nevada 89001-0239
- Caliente Branch Library, 100 Depot Avenue, P.O. Box 306, Caliente, Nevada 89008-0306
- Searchlight Library, 200 Michael Wendal Way, Searchlight, Nevada 89046
- Sandy Valley Library, 650 W. Quartz Avenue, Sandy Valley, Nevada 89019
- Mt. Charleston Library, 1252 Aspen Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89124
- Moapa Valley Library, 350 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton, Nevada 89040
- Laughlin Library, 2840 S. Needles Hwy., Laughlin, Nevada 89020
- Blue Diamond Library, 14 Cottonwood Drive, Blue Diamond, Nevada 89004
- Moapa Town Library, 1340 E. Highway 168, Moapa, Nevada 89025
- Indian Springs Library, 715 Gretta Lane, Indian Springs, Nevada 89018
- Bunkerville Library, 150 W. Virgin Street, Bunkerville, Nevada 89007
- Mesquite Library, 121 W. First Street, Mesquite, Nevada 89027
- Enterprise Library, 25 E. Shelbourne Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123
- Green Valley Library, 2797 N. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89014
- Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
- Meadows Library, 300 W. Boston Ave. Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
- Rainbow Library, 3150 N. Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
- Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89177
- Spring Valley Library, 4280 S. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89103
- Sunrise Library, 5400 Harris Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89110
- Summerlin Library, 1771 Inner Circle Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134
- West Charleston Library, 6301 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89146
- West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- Whitney Library, 5175 E. Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- University of Nevada Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Parkway Box 457001, Building LLB 1173, MS 7033, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154-7001
- William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Box 451003, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154-1003
- Nevada State College, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89015
- Cambridge Recreation Center, 3930 Cambridge St., Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
- Paradise Recreation Center, 4775 McLeod Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
- Silver Springs Recreation Center, 1951 Silver Springs Pkwy, Henderson, Nevada 89074
- Whitney Ranch Recreation Center, 575 Galleria Dr. #C, Henderson, Nevada 89015
- Hollywood Recreation Center, 1650 S. Hollywood Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89142
- Desert Breeze Community Center, 8275 Spring Mountain Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89117
- Helen Mayer Community Center, 4525 New Forest Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89147
- Whitney Community Center, 5712 Missouri Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89122
- West Flamingo Senior Center, 6255 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89103
- Whitney Senior Center, 5712 Missouri Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89122
- Sunset Park Administration Building, 2601 E. Sunset Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89120
- Henderson City Hall, 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, Nevada 89015
- Las Vegas City Hall, 400 Stewart Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
- North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Dr., North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
- Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155
- Boulder City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, Nevada 89005
- Sunrise Manor Town Hall, 2240 Linn Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada
- McCarran International Airport, Clark County Department of Aviation, Planning Division, 5757 Wayne Newton Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
- Henderson Executive Airport, 1400 Executive Airport Drive, Suite B, Henderson, Nevada 89052
- North Las Vegas Airport, 2730 Airport Dr., #101, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032
- Jean Sport Aviation Center, 23600 Las Vegas Blvd., Jean, Nevada 89019

The Draft Purpose and need Working Paper will be available for public comment for 30 days. Written comments on the Draft Purpose and Need Working Paper should be submitted to the address above under the heading "For Further Information Contact" and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Friday, February 29, 2008.

Issued in Hawthorne, California on January 18, 2008.

**George Aiken,**

*Acting Manager, Airports Division, Western-Pacific Region, AWP-600.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Rotorcraft Issues

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss rotorcraft issues.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2008, starting at 5 pm, Central Standard Time. Arrange for oral presentations by February 15, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** George R. Brown Convention Center, Room 371 B and C (room subject to change, please check events program on day of meeting), 1001