

San Diego International Airport
FAR Part 150 Study
UPDATE 12/2008

NTAG meeting for the SAN Part 150 is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. There will not be a public meeting scheduled that evening. We are delaying the public meeting until sometime in March to provide you, the NTAG, an opportunity to review the draft NEM and provide comment prior to holding a public forum.

SDCRAA received a letter from the FAA on November 20, 2008 indicating disapproval of the INM adjustment methodology for hill effects. Based on that letter, HMMH forwarded a memo of options to SDCRAA for consideration. As a result, SDCRAA decided to pursue the option of using the FAA Integrated Noise Model (INM) Version 7.0a and directed HMMH to complete the modeling process using INM7.0a. The preliminary results from this modeling showed a somewhat better representation of the noise levels experienced on the hill behind the start of takeoff, although not the full hill effects that were submitted to the FAA.

The agenda for the January meeting will include the NEM presentation, Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) alternatives presentation to get your comments, and a Soundscape presentation on the nighttime preferential runway alternative and the Noise Abatement Departure Procedure (NADP) for runway 27. I think you will find the Soundscape presentation interesting and helpful. With all this in the agenda, you can expect the meeting to run a full two hours.

You will receive the draft NEM for your review by early January. While we hope you will carefully review the document prior to the January 15th meeting so we can have a good discussion, please note that you will have until the end of January to make comments on the NEM.

I will send another email as a reminder prior to the January meeting. I hope you each have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in mid-January.

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