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**GULFPORT-BILOXI REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
IMPLEMENTS FAR-PART 150 NOISE COMPATIBILITY PROGRAM**

The Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority (GBRAA) introduced the Federal Aviation Regulations Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) as defined by the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration's Record of Approval (ROA) issued August 24, 2004.

Included in this ROA is the approved Noise Exposure Maps (NEM) which depicts existing and future noise impacts around the Gulfport Biloxi International Airport and established the preliminary boundaries of the NCP project areas. In addition, the ROA lists the three approved mitigation measures to be utilized by the Airport, its agents, contractors or subcontractors in the implementation of the NCP based upon the Part 150 Regulations and the funds available. Regulations allow for only one mitigation method per parcel in the established boundary areas.

As a result of Hurricane Katrina, the Noise Compatibility Program was amended and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration on March 8, 2006. This amendment approved a new approach to the program implementation by refining the NEM to include additional residential properties and increased the total program cost from \$31,284,397.00 to \$59,548,938.00.

**Approved Mitigation Measures:**

- Residential Sound Insulation Program – Replacement of exterior windows and primary doors, where necessary, and the possible use of acoustical storm windows over existing windows
- Easement Acquisition Program – One time nominal fee payment to owner of record in the amount of \$3000.00
- Acquisition and Relocation Program – Voluntary acquisition of real estate property and the relocation of owner occupants.

The Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority has contracted the W.D. Schock Company, Incorporated (WDSKO) to implement the Noise compatibility Program and will serve as the Program Manager. W.D. Schock Company is a nationally recognized firm in the airport industry and the FAA for knowledge and management of Part 150 Noise Implementation Programs, Land Acquisition and Relocation, Sound Insulation and Purchase of Easements.

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Gulfport, MS. – On July 19, 2006, the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority kicked off the implementation of its Noise Compatibility Program with a series of information meetings. These meetings were conducted by the W.D. Schock staff and its sub-consultants, THC and LeBatard Architects. These meetings provided general information to homeowners within the program boundaries relating to the mitigation methods available.

Since July 19<sup>th</sup>, W.D. Schock has been working with eligible homeowners that have elected to participate in the program. At this time, 111 eligible homeowners are participating in the Residential Sound Insulation Program and 56 homeowners are participating in the Easement Acquisition Program. Due to the limited funding available, the Acquisition and Relocation Program has not begun implementation to date.

The estimated time period for implementation and completion of the total Noise Compatibility Program is 8 to 10 years.

For more information contact the Executive Director of the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority, or contact the Gulfport, MS office of W.D. Schock Company at (228) 575-3444.