



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION:** FY 2016 EAS/EDA Determinations

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 determinations under Title 49 U.S.C. § 47109(f) Special Rule for Economically Distressed Communities (herein referred to as the "Special Rule"), which provides an exception to the 90 percent federal share for grants at smaller airports (i.e. other than Large and Medium Hub) that are both receiving Essential Air Service (EAS) and are located in Economically Distressed Areas (EDA). FAA Regional Airports Offices and Airports District Offices are encouraged to distribute this memo widely to the airport and consultant community.

A full listing of the FY 2016 EAS/EDA locations will be made available on the FAA website as soon as possible.

Determinations

FAA makes a determination of whether an airport qualifies for the increased 95 percent federal share for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants on an annual basis. Because federal share percentages affect how the agency plans AIP spending, determinations will only be made based on the data available at the start of the fiscal year as soon as possible after October 1. Once the FAA determines that an airport qualifies for the increased federal share, it will maintain that status for the entire fiscal year, regardless of mid-year changes in Essential Air Service (EAS) or Economically Distressed Area (EDA) status.

For FY 2016, a determination of the airports that meet the Section 47109(f) criteria was made on October 28, 2015.

The EAS program is administered by the DOT. The DOT office administering the program provides the FAA annually with an official list of all EAS locations. For more information about the EAS program, visit their site here: <http://www.dot.gov/policy/aviation-policy/current-list-eligible-eas-communities>

EDAs are determined through a series of calculations, which include unemployment data obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and per capita income data obtained from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Because unemployment data is updated on a monthly rate and per capita income data is updated on an annual rate, it is possible that a community may change EDA status throughout the fiscal year. In order for an airport to be considered for the Special Rule outlined in Title 49 U.S.C. §47109(f), the community wherein the airport is located, must qualify using the latest data available when the calculations are made at the start of the fiscal year.

Qualifying Airports

In FY 2015, there were 97 airports that qualified for the Special Rule. Of those 97 airports, one (1) airport is not included on the updated list of EAS locations provided by DOT and, therefore, not considered in the EDA calculations because it is no longer eligible for the Special Rule. However, for FY 2016 Eight (8) new airports did qualify under the Special Rule as EAS/EDA locations for a total of 100 qualifying airports as of October 28, 2015 (see Table 1). The 8 new qualifying airports for FY 2016 are marked with an asterisk (*). The 100 qualifying airports will be eligible to receive the higher 95 percent federal share for grants issued in FY 2016 only. Table 2 identifies the airports that were on the list of eligible airports in FY 2015, but no longer qualify for FY 2016.

TABLE 1: EAS Locations in EDAs - Of the 152 NPIAS airports receiving EAS, the FAA has identified 100 that are located in EDAs as of October 28, 2015. These airports are eligible to receive a 95 percent federal share for AIP grants in FY 2016.

* Indicates new locations in FY 2016

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS	ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
AK	7AK	Akutan	020005	AK	CZN	Chisana	020057
CO	ALS	Alamosa	080002	AK	CRC	Circle	020407
AK	5A8	Aleknagik*	020359	AK	CLP	Clarks Point*	020438
MI	APN	Alpena	260004	AK	CDV	Cordova	020067
AK	AGN	Angoon	020018	CO	CEZ	Cortez	080011
ME	BHB	Bar Harbor	230006	CA	CEC	Crescent City	060057
WV	BKW	Beckley*	540001	IL	DEC	Decatur	170033
MN	BJI	Bemidji	270010	AK	DM2	Diomedes	020381
PA	BFD	Bradford	420008	KS	DDC	Dodge City	200017
MO	CGI	Cape Girardeau*	290013	PA	DUJ	DuBois	420023
UT	CDC	Cedar City	490005	AR	ELD	El Dorado	050018
AK	CEM	Central	020045	AK	ELV	Elfin Cove	020089
NE	CDR	Chadron	310017	MI	ESC	Escanaba	260031

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
AK	EXI	Excursion Inlet	020095
AK	KFP	False Pass*	020097
MO	TBN	Fort Leonard Wood (U.S. Army)	290091
PA	FKL	Franklin	420032
AK	FNR	Funter Bay	020101
MS	GLH	Greenville	280027
AK	GKN	Gulkana	020110
AK	GST	Gustavus	020111
MD	HGR	Hagerstown	240019
MI	CMX	Hancock	260041
AR	HRO	Harrison	050026
MS	PIB	Hattiesburg/Laurel	280041
AK	HRR	Healy	020414
AR	HOT	Hot Springs	050031
AK	HYG	Hydaburg	020129
CA	IPL	Imperial	060109
MN	INL	International Falls	270043
MI	IMT	Iron Mountain Kingsford	260049
MI	IWD	Ironwood	260050
TN	MKL	Jackson	470032
NY	JHW	Jamestown	360048
PA	JST	Johnstown	420045
AR	JBR	Jonesboro	050033
MO	JLN	Joplin	290037
AK	KAE	Kake	020458
HI	MUE	Kamuela	150010
MO	IRK	Kirksville	290045
WV	LWB	Lewisburg	540012
KS	LBL	Liberal	200050
GA	MCN	Macon	130079
MI	MBL	Manistee	260059
AK	MLY	Manley Hot Springs	020170
IL	MWA	Marion	170065
NY	MSS	Massena	360054
AK	MYK	May Creek	020173
PR	MAZ	Mayaguez	720010
AK	15Z	McCarthy	020334

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
CA	MCE	Merced	060152
MS	MEI	Meridian	280050
AK	MHM	Minchumina	020180
AK	51Z	Minto	020336
UT	CNY	Moab	490020
AL	MSL	Muscle Shoals	010054
MI	MKG	Muskegon	260071
NY	OGS	Ogdensburg	360089
KY	PAH	Paducah	210043
AZ	PGA	Page	040025
WV	PKB	Parkersburg	540018
AK	PEC	Pelican	020216
MI	PLN	Pellston	260076
OR	PDT	Pendleton	410046
AK	PEV	Perryville*	020218
AK	PSG	Petersburg	020219
NY	PBG	Plattsburgh	360229
AK	AHP	Port Alexander	020228
AZ	PRC	Prescott	040030
ME	PQI	Presque Isle	230039
CO	PUB	Pueblo	080046
AK	RMP	Rampart	020244
WI	RHI	Rhineland	550070
NY	SLK	Saranac Lake	360105
MI	CIU	Sault Ste. Marie	260139
AZ	SOW	Show Low	040035
NM	SVC	Silver City	350039
AK	WSN	South Naknek*	020186
AK	7KA	Tatitlek	020342
AK	TKE	Tenakee Springs	020295
MS	TUP	Tupelo	280070
AK	A63	Twin Hills*	020356
UT	VEL	Vernal	490037
CA	VIS	Visalia	060271
NY	ART	Watertown	360120
AK	WRG	Wrangell	020323
AK	YAK	Yakutat	020327

TABLE 2: Airports Qualifying in FY 2015 that do not Qualify in FY 2016 - Five (5) locations qualified for the Special Rule in FY 2015, but do not qualify in FY 2016. Of these 5 locations, one was not considered in FY 2016 due to the loss of Essential Air Service.

ST	Loc ID	Associated City	NPIAS
AK	ADK	Adak Island	20001
AK	AKA	Atka	20394
MN	BRD	Brainerd	270014
AZ	IGM	Kingman [■]	40021
MT	OLF	Wolf Point	300086

[■]DOT confirmed location did not have EAS as of October 28, 2015