

The proposed Rule seems reasonable to me; whatever economic burden may be imposed by it will assuredly be recouped in ticket prices in the years succeeding its implementation and any such costs would be several orders of magnitude smaller than those incurred in achieving compliance with the various noise-abatement regulation schedules.

Its various specifications are in accord with previous efforts in this field, likewise with general trends in other transportation sectors and, most of all, with the generally held desire of citizens to have safe, reliable conveyance available for their use.

Politically, given the strong visceral reaction produced in the public by air crashes, particularly in that their fear of such crashes is disproportionate to the actual number of both incidents and casualties, this is a wise Rule at a time when both airlines and the FAA are often seen by the flying public as being at least reluctant to act on their behalf, particularly when any costs are involved. Rulings such as this, and a more pro-active approach to other issues of concern to passengers are, I feel, significant in addressing ridership issues currently faced by commercial airlines.