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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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In response to the referenced proposed rule, Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, GA, USA (HAIA), is pleased to provide the enclosed comments.

1. HAIA proposes that airports have the option to submit written test plans to local FAA representatives documenting a proposed Test Plan with supporting documentation specifying the equipment and / or systems that will be tested, how the test will be performed, and what information will be reported. HAIA would submit its formal plan on or about October 31, 1999.
 - a) by submitting a written Plan, both HAIA and the FAA can be assured that the highest standards for airport safety are being enacted
 - b) by submitting a written Plan that is accepted by the FAA, HAIA has advanced notice to proceed and is better positioned to budget, fund and staff the procedure
2. With the proposed rule, HAIA respectfully suggests a formal mechanism for advisories from the FAA that would allow airports West of the international time line to benefit from advance information on events that occurred at the time of date rollover in that region, hours before they would occur in the U.S.
3. Should the proposed rule be enacted, HAIA respectfully suggests that the FAA lead the formulation of a plan for a schedule of flights that allows the airports a reasonable window in which to safely perform the testing.

HAIA continues to be firmly committed to safe airfield and airport operations, in accordance with the highest operational and safety standards. HAIA would greatly appreciate a written response to the above comments and has provided a self addressed and stamped envelope for that purpose. Please direct any questions to Mr. Otis Clark, HAIA DOA Y2K Coordinator, or Mr. Charles Gravitt, DOA Deputy Y2K Coordinator, at the address below.

Sincerely,

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