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Re: Docket # FAA-2004-17041: - 22

The Port of Portland would like to comment on the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Noise Stringency Increase for Single-Engine Propeller-Driven Small Airplanes Proposed Rule Making. The Port owns and operates Portland International Airport (PDX) and three general aviation airports in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan region.

Like many U.S. airports, Port of Portland airports have seen growth in air travel and flight training in the last decade, and with it, increasing public concern about aircraft noise in our region. The Port of Portland is committed to reducing noise and noise impacts when possible. Through a collaborative and proactive approach, the Port is balancing the citizens concerns about aircraft noise and, planning for future development in facilities and operations at our four airports.

The Port of Portland strongly supports the FAA's proposal to increase the noise stringency standards for Single-Engine Propeller-Driven Small Airplanes. All of our airports will benefit from this NPRM. The Port of Portland urges the FAA to adopt the new standard as a useful step towards a quieter environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steven H. Schreiber'.

Steven H. Schreiber
Director of Aviation

c: Citizens Noise Advisory Committee