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Regional FAA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Sign Understanding to Streamline Aviation Projects

Cincinnati OH – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at streamlining aviation projects in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana. The agreement establishes a framework for more efficiency and better regulatory coordination between the agencies on airport projects. With closer FAA and Corps cooperation, federal government decision-making about airport projects will be better and faster in order to benefit the traveling public.

The goal is to limit duplicating National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) compliance efforts and to make the permit process more efficient. The Corps is responsible for balancing protection of the aquatic environment with reasonable and necessary development when evaluating permit applications in the public interest review process.

The FAA's objective is to enhance environmental quality and avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts that might result from a proposed project in a manner consistent with the safe operation of aircraft.

The Memorandum of Understanding is a regional agreement that encourages coordination at the field level, and supports FAA and Corps daily efforts and respective missions.

The boundaries of the Federal Aviation Administration Great Lakes Region and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division regulatory boundaries coincide within these four states.