

respectively. The information from these surveys have been used to improve the questionnaire and inform rule making.

This information collection request is to modify and renew the existing Survey of UAS Operators. The continuation of this survey is expected to improve the FAA's knowledge of UAS operations and better predict the nature of UAS operations within the national airspace system (NAS). The information gathered empowers the FAA to make informed decisions surrounding UAS operations within the NAS thereby supporting its mission of safety and alignment with title 49 of the United States Code.

This information collection renewal asks to improve the survey design by expanding the target population and adding an additional stratum to the sampling process. The original survey's target population included only registered small UAS operators—operators with UAS weighing less than 55lbs—within the United States. The survey under the renewed information collection would expand the target population to include all UAS operators, regardless of UAS weight, by including UAS operators with a section 44807 exemption, which utilizes the aircraft registry under section 44103 as a sample frame. In addition, data collected from the 2021 and 2022 UAS activity surveys suggested that operators with larger UAS fleets have more diverse UAS activity than UAS operators with small fleets, who are most of the section 349 and part 107 registries. Therefore, to improve sampling a fleet-size based stratum will be added to the sampling process when a registry contains information on the size of the fleet, such as the part 107 registry. This will ensure proper sampling of operators with large fleets.

Selected registrants are invited to complete a questionnaire regarding the operator's fleet characteristics, flight behavior, and overall UAS activities. The survey's questionnaire contains over 80 questions, but due to skip logic, the average respondent will only answer 18 questions. Commercial and emergency response operator have 6 and 10 additional questions, respectively, specific to their sector. We estimate the questionnaire requires 10 minutes on average to complete. Responding to the survey is voluntary, and respondents are given the option of opting out of the current year's survey or all future surveys. All collected data are anonymized and only aggregated data are reported, thereby protecting the identity of the respondents. The survey will open in November of the year for which the UAS activity is gathered and

close on February 1st of the following year.

Due to the changing nomenclature of this section of aviation, we request to change the name of the survey from the Survey of Unmanned-Aircraft-Systems Operators to the Survey of Uncrewed-Aircraft-Systems Operators.

**Respondents:** We expect approximately 113,000 respondents from across the United States over the three-years authorization of this information collection. The collection's sample is formed from three registries of UAS operators: (1) the registry of small, non-recreational operators under Title 14, Part 107 of the Code of Federal Regulation, (2) the registry of small, recreational operators under Section 349 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018; and (3) the commercial operators with section 44807 exemptions who are registered in the aircraft registry under title 49 of the U.S.C., section 44103 registry.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 10 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 6,279 hrs/yr.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Review Document for Amended Arrival Routes at Los Angeles International Airport

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Public comment period for the FAA's draft environmental review document.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA announces the release of the draft environmental review document for the amendments to area navigation (RNAV) arrival procedures, HUULL, IRNMN, and RYDRR, at Los Angeles International Airport (KLAX), in Los Angeles, California for public review and comment. The draft environmental review document is available for public review beginning on October 2, 2023

and comments can be submitted on or before November 1, 2023. Comments can be submitted by email to [9-AJO-LAX-Community-Involvement@FAA.GOV](mailto:9-AJO-LAX-Community-Involvement@FAA.GOV) or by mail to Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 2200 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment-including your personal identifying information-may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit's (Court) holding in *City of Los Angeles, et al v. Dickson*, No. 19-71581, the FAA is performing a new review of the potential environmental impacts of the implementation of the amendments. The Court's decision "remand[ed] the amended Arrival Routes to the FAA without vacatur, leaving the amended Arrival Routes in place while the FAA undertakes the proper National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 16 U.S.C. 470, *et seq.*, (NHPA) and Department of Transportation Act of 1966, 49 U.S.C § 303 (Section 4(f)) consultation.

The draft environmental review document is available on the FAA website at: [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/community\\_engagement/lax](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_engagement/lax).

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