Los Angeles Helicopter Noise Initiative

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Presentation Overview

- Background of the Initiative
- Actions Identified in May 2013 Report
- Issue Areas
- Challenges
- Regional distribution of helicopter activity
- Ongoing Actions
Background of the Los Angeles Helicopter Noise Initiative

Congressional Request – May 2012

- Noted longstanding problem of helicopter noise in residential areas of Los Angeles
- Asked FAA to begin a consultative process to examine potential remedies

FAA’s Response

- Initiated a process to solicit local stakeholder views
- Issued Report May 2013
- Ongoing efforts to undertake and support six actions identified in May 2013 Report
Actions from May 2013 Report

1. Evaluate existing helicopter routes to identify feasible modifications
2. Analyze potential for higher altitudes in specific areas
3. Develop and promote best practices for hovering and ENG
4. Conduct outreach to helicopter pilots
5. Explore a more comprehensive noise complaint system
6. Continue collaborative engagement
Issue Areas

• Residents identified various regions throughout the LA Basin affected by helicopter noise

• FAA is using this information along with additional stakeholder input to do more in-depth analysis
Airspace Complexity

- Safety Issues
- Land Use
- Topography
- Diverse Operators
- Traffic Volume
- Air Traffic Operations

August 2013: 124,207 total flight tracks
August 2013: 91,439 IFR flight tracks
Orange: 1200 codes
Surface through 5,000

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Ongoing Actions

- Stakeholder meetings

- Working groups
  - Routes
  - Best Practices
  - Outreach
  - Noise Complaint System

- FAA analysis of routes/altitudes