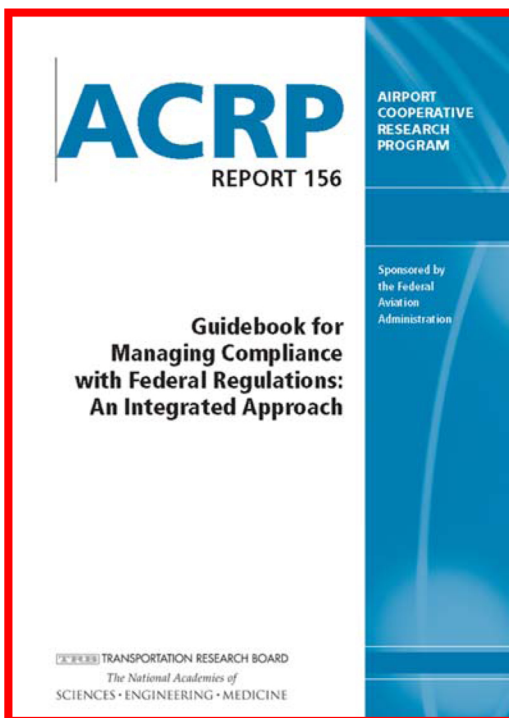


## New ACRP Guidebook for Airport Managers By Office of Technical Services and Programs

The Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) recently released a guidebook for airport managers to help them manage compliance with federal regulations pertaining to the operation and management of airports including planning and development. The Guidebook for Managing Compliance with Federal Regulations: An Integrated Approach is free as a PDF booklet at the following web address: <http://www.trb.org/Main/Blurbs/174389.aspx>



Accompanying the guidebook is the Regulation Compliance Management (RCM) Tool, an index of the applicable statutes, federal regulations, executive orders, and other documents with compliance requirements. This guidebook provides information about these regulations and how to integrate them into a compliance management program. Additionally, the RCM Tool is designed to track compliance and allow the addition of State and local regulations and requirements.

The guidebook emphasizes that compliance requirements placed on the sponsors of federally obligated airports is complex because of the breadth of the regulations. These regulations include requirements for documentation, inspections, notifications, and other activities. Guidebook researchers also found that 17 different federal entities have regulations pertaining to many activities of airports including aviation operations, development, and planning. Additionally, compliance is *mandatory* according to Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant Assurance #1. Allowing an airport to slip into non-compliance with the regulations could result in the loss of AIP grant funding eligibility or even a requirement to repay past grants.

ACRP carries out applied research on problems that are shared by airport operating agencies and that are not being adequately addressed by existing federal research programs. Subject areas such as airport design, construction, maintenance, operations, and safety are studied by aviation specialists, peer-reviewed, and published for all to use. There are cooperative research programs for highways and transit also. The Federal Aviation Administration sponsors ACRP.

We hope that you will review this guidebook and see how its valuable information can help your airport succeed.