Reducing Pollution Associated with Aircraft Deicing Activities

**VOLUNTARY POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM GOVERNING PRINCIPLES**

The Program represents a voluntary commitment made by the aviation industry’s principle trade associations, Airlines for America, Airports Council-North America, American Association of Airport Executives and Regional Airline Association.

*It does not create a rule or regulatory program and the voluntary commitments apply to the signatory Associations, not their members.*

The Program is a proactive effort to facilitate and document progress in reducing environmental impacts associated with aircraft deicing activities.

*The key components of the Program are: outreach, technology facilitation, goal setting and progress documentation.*

The Associations’ core commitment is to establish a national pollution reduction goal for the 2005 to 2017 period that reflects the adoption of pollution reduction technologies.

**National** - The Program will not establish standards or impose any specific obligation on any individual airport, airline or other entity involved in aircraft deicing activities. The goal is not a benchmark for specific airports or aircraft deicing operations.

**Reflects Adoption of Technologies** - The Program will not impose or imply a limit or constraint on the use of aircraft deicing fluids, attempt to monitor airport discharges or catalogue ADF/PDM usage.

The Associations will document the adoption of pollution reduction technologies and industry’s progress towards the pollution reduction goal during the 2005-2017 period.

*Progress toward the pollution reduction goal will be based on generally accepted, existing engineering estimates of the efficacy of pollution reduction technologies adopted during the 2005-2017 period. The Program will not attempt to predict or “model” industry performance or rely upon new studies of individual technologies, operations or airports.*

*The Associations will report progress towards the goal to the US Environmental Protection Agency on an industry-wide basis (there will be no reporting on performance of specific sites or operations).*

The Associations will facilitate awareness and development of commercially appropriate technologies that reduce pollution associated with aircraft deicing activities.

*While the Associations cannot endorse specific technologies, they will support efforts to raise awareness of pollution reduction technologies and encourage the development of such technologies.*