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DOT Inspector General Releases Report Regarding Oversight of Land Purchased by Airports

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On September 30, 2005, the Department of Transportation Inspector General released a report calling on the FAA to strengthen its oversight of land purchased by airports for noise compatibility purposes. The Inspector General found that all eleven airports that were audited were in violation of an FAA requirement that airports sell land when it is no longer needed for noise compatibility purposes. The report is certain to generate increased FAA attention to and enforcement of airport grant obligations in purchase of land for noise purposes.