



SAN Update

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NATA Opposes New Slot Restrictions at JFK and Newark Airports

On May 7th, NATA filed [comments](#) in opposition to an FAA proposal to impose restrictive slot limits on unscheduled operations at JFK and Newark Liberty International Airports. “NATA does not believe the FAA has justified a need to limit unscheduled slots into these airports by any demonstration that such operations are a causal factor of congestion or significant delays,” NATA President and CEO Thomas L. Hendricks stated in a [press release](#) on the issue. The comments detail numerous concerns with the proposal and provide a viable alternative – the establishment of operational baselines, suggesting that should unscheduled operations exceed such baselines by a defined amount, FAA work with industry to develop and implement appropriate mitigations and thus prevent unchecked operational growth in excess of capacity. “Under such a construct, all consumers will continue to enjoy equal opportunities for access.”