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FROM: HQ USAF/CE
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SUBJECT: Design Standards for Accessibility to Disabled Persons

This letter provides interim guidance for application of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, pending revision of AFI 32-1023, Design and Construction Standards and Execution of Facility Construction Projects.

The ADA expanded accessibility requirements for people with disabilities. As you may be aware, The Secretary of Defense has directed the services to follow ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) whenever they allow for equal or greater access than is provided under the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS). I would like to reemphasize the importance of incorporating these accessibility standards into design of Air Force facilities.

All FY95 projects must incorporate both ADA and UFAS standards to the maximum extent possible. These standards must be incorporated in all FY96 and beyond projects. These guidelines should not impose significant impact since our design agents, the Corps of Engineers and The Naval Facilities Engineering Command have required that ADAAG be included in projects since 25 Jan 94 and 26 May 94 respectively.

Should you have any questions concerning ADA, they should be addressed to Mr. Mikeual Perritt, HQ AFCEE/DGA. He can be reached at DSN 240-3547 or commercial (210) 536-3547.

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