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Mr. Matt Nelson
Skydive Chicago
3215 East 1969th Rd.
Ottawa, IL 61350

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Your inquiry, contained in your letter dated April 22, 2013 to Mr. Barry Cooper, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Regional Administrator, was referred to me for further action.

Several years ago, Chicago ARTCC, Chicago TRACON, O'Hare Air Traffic Control Tower and Rockford Air Traffic Control Tower engaged in a route and airspace redesign supporting the O'Hare Modernization Program. This \$6.6 billion dollar construction project will add four new runways and numerous other changes to the airport surface. The routes in question were carefully designed and modeled in simulation to optimize the new airport configuration and accommodate the anticipated growth in air traffic to O'Hare International Airport.

An environmental assessment on the proposed airspace and route designs was conducted in 2005. At that time the initial funding was secured, the airspace and route changes were processed for publication, and planning for implementation of these changes began. The planning process was open to public review and the FAA addressed thousands of comments received during the plan's development.

The ENDEE arrival to Midway (MDW) is scheduled for publication on June 27, 2013 and the TRTLL and TRIDE arrivals to O'Hare (ORD) are scheduled for publication on October 17, 2013. There is no opportunity to reconsider the design and placement of these routes at this time.

It has been my intent throughout this project to enhance the safety and efficiency of Chicago ARTCC's airspace in a manner that accommodates the demands of all our various stakeholders. My staff would like to meet with representatives from your skydiving operation to discuss options that will provide the highest level of safety possible.

Please contact our Airspace and Procedures Manager, Thomas Rucker at 630-906-8718, to schedule a time to meet and begin the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William L. Cound', written in a cursive style.

William L. Cound
Air Traffic Manager
Chicago ARTCC