



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Great Lakes Region
2300 East Devon Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60018

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Thank you for your letter dated February 10, 2011 regarding concerns with aircraft noise around your condominium complex.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has provided extensive funding throughout the nation to address airport noise impacts to communities. The FAA has worked with the City of Chicago and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) and has provided more than \$285 million for school sound insulation and more than \$62 million for residential sound insulation to address O'Hare related noise impacts.

According to our analysis for the Build Out of the O'Hare Modernization Program, the [redacted] are not within the 65-decibel Day-Night Equivalent Sound Level (DNL contour) and are not eligible for Federal sound insulation funding. A map of the noise contours is presented on page 5.1-38 (Exhibit 5.1-10) of the O'Hare Modernization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/eis/feis/Media/Section%205.01.pdf.

The location of the [redacted] in relation to the 65 DNL Build Out contour can also be viewed on the City of Chicago's Property Locator website at: <https://gisapps.cityofchicago.org/aviation/>.

The Build Out noise contour presented in the EIS is based upon modeling for the future condition when the O'Hare Modernization Program is completed. In addition, the City of Chicago operates an Airport Noise Management System for O'Hare and monitors noise levels on a monthly basis. Please note that eligibility for Federal sound insulation funding is based on the Build Out noise contours from the EIS, and not the levels recorded by the City's noise monitors.

However, if you are still interested in having a temporary noise monitor placed at the condominium complex, you should submit the form located at:

<http://flychicago.com/PDF/Environment/O'HarePortableNoiseMonitorApplication.pdf>
to the City of Chicago Department of Aviation.

Sincerely,



for
Barry D. Cooper
Regional Administrator
Great Lakes Region