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Des Plaines, IL 60018

Mr. William C. Dixon
Village Manager
Village of Arlington Heights
33 South Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005-1499

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Jack Delaney, Assistant Manager Chicago Airports District Office, forwarded your July 17, 2012, letter to me to provide a comprehensive response. My office has coordinated with appropriate Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) lines of business and researched your questions and concerns regarding noise exposure for the address you referenced in your letter. The FAA is sensitive to noise issues and the concerns of all residents living in the vicinity of airports and has investigated the questions you raised.

Airfield operations may vary as frequently as hour to hour and day to day. O'Hare has seven runways that are all utilized at different times depending upon the prevailing weather and wind conditions, as well as runway availability due to construction, maintenance or operational issues such as snow removal. The examples you mentioned in your letter all contribute to variations in noise experienced in any given location in the vicinity of O'Hare.

Enclosed is FAA's detailed response to the residents referenced in your July 17, 2012 letter. In addition to FAA's letter, our Regional Administrator has had numerous conversations with the residents regarding their concerns. The residents have also contacted many different offices within the FAA and U.S. Department of Transportation, both locally and at headquarters. FAA will continue to respond as needed to these residents.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 847-294-7812.

Sincerely,

Christina Drouet

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Manager, Chicago Modernization Program
Great Lakes Region

Enclosure
http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_development/omp/FAQ/Media/2012-08-31_Citizen_letter_25_Response.pdf
cc: Jack Delaney, Assistant Manager, Chicago Airports District Office