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September 6, 2005

Mr. Michael W. MacMullen
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Dear Mr. MacMullen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Executive Summary of the O'Hare Modernization Final Environmental Impact Statement of July 2005. The document states that the changes to the Draft EIS consist of updated or refined analyses and more detailed information added to the text in response to comments from the public. The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission commends the Federal Aviation Administration and their partners in the efficient and professional responses addressing stakeholder concerns.

A synopsis of the changes to the original document is provided on page ES-5 through ES-7. The changes listed include additional graphics and supporting text, further development or updates of analyses, additional inventory information, an Appendix that includes comments received, more details on alternative mitigation measures, and clarifications to address commenter's assertions of violations of rights. Our response to your request for review is based on the changes described in this document, and our prior review of the entire EIS.

The description of the material added – that is, responses to public comments, graphics, and more detailed information and analyses, leads us to conclude that our original determination of the document's consistency with NIPC plans and policies still stands. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (312) 454-0400.

Sincerely,

Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

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