



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

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Mr. Malcolm R. McNeill, Jr  
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Dear Mr. McNeill:

Reference *is* made to our meeting of November 14 concerning the funding of a Federal Aviation Regulation Part 161 study at the Pease International Tradeport (formerly the Pease Air Force Base) *in* Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

To summarize our meeting and subsequent conversation with Eliot Cutler:

The Part 161 study is eligible for funding under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). This is a recent determination and to date we have not funded any Part 161 study. We believe Part 161 studies must be tied to Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 to be eligible for AIP. This can be done in two ways.

(1) The Part 161 study is part of the scope of work of a Part 150 study and funded as airport noise compatibility planning; or,

(2) The Part 161 study is a recommended measure in a Part 150 program and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a noise project.

We understand the Pease Part 161 study to be a recommended measure in the Pease Part 150 study for which FAA review will be completed no later than February 10, 1996. A funding commitment cannot be made until that process is concluded.

Finally, I would like to reiterate our assurance that the receipt of either entitlement funds or discretionary funds by the Pease Development Authority (PDA) under the AIP, or the use by the PDA of other PDA funds, for the Pease Part 161 study will not have a detrimental effect upon the future availability of FAA discretionary or entitlement funds.

Sincerely,

/s/  
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Associate Administrator for Airports

cc: Eliot Cutler  
Richard J. Lettieri  
Lynne Hurmnell