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Dear Ms. Wedl:

Carole - Congrats!

We've received the County of Alameda's Quarterly Noise Monitoring Report (report) for Metropolitan Oakland International Airport (airport) for the fourth quarter of 2000. For the fourth consecutive quarter, the report shows that there are no incompatible land uses located in the airport's noise impact boundary. Therefore, the airport meets the airport noise standard, as required in Section 5012 of the State Noise Standards (California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Section 5000 et seq.), and it no longer needs a variance from that standard.

When the report first showed a zero noise impact area last year, we suspended our consideration of the airport's pending application for a variance to the standard. Based on this sustained conformance with the noise standard, we've closed our file for the airport's 1998 application for a variance since it's no longer needed. If, however, in the future the airport's noise impact boundary again contains incompatible land uses, then the airport proprietor would be required to submit a new application for a variance to the standard.

Sincerely,


ELIZABETH D. ESKRIDGE
Airport Environmental Specialist

c: Cindy Horvath, Alameda County Community Development Agency