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Mr. Carl L. Remmel, Airport Director
DeKalb-Peachtree Airport
2000 Airport Road
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Dear Mr. Remmel:


We have completed our review of the Environmental Assessment concerning implementation of noise abatement measures relating to departure procedures for Runway 2R/20L. The proposed departure procedures were tested and Air Traffic determined them to be both safe and efficient.

However, the purpose and need for the proposed departure procedures, as stated in the environmental document, is "to implement noise abatement measures intended to provide noise relief to residential neighborhoods north and south of the airport." However, a review of the information contained in the environmental assessment showed that while a few persons would be exposed to less noise, a much larger number of persons would experience an increase in noise. When comparing the estimated 2009 population figures for persons within the 70 DNL contour, the Preferred Alternative resulted in a reduction of only 28 persons when compared to the No Action Alternative. On the other hand, with implementation of the Preferred Alternative, the number of persons within the 65 DNL would increase by 587 persons when compared to the No Action Alternative.

FAA is committed to supporting communities' attempts to reduce noise when proposed measures do not affect the safety or efficiency of operations. However, in this case, the proposed procedures do not accomplish the stated purpose of reducing noise nor do the procedures enhance safety or efficiency; therefore, we can not accept the environmental document.

If, however, DeKalb County remains interested in pursuing measures to reduce noise, we will continue to work with you in order to develop measures that will serve as a benefit to DeKalb County residents.

Sincerely,


John McCartney
Acting Terminal Director



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