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Mr. Robert Dogan
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RE: Comments on Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Implementation of the Base Alignment and Closure (BRAC) Final Recommendations and Associated Actions for the 104th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts Air National Guard at Westfield-Barnes Airport, Westfield, Massachusetts (CEQ # 20070457)

Dear Mr. Dogan:

The Environmental Protection Agency-New England Region (EPA) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the National Guard Bureau's (NGB) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the actions at the Westfield-Barnes Airport, Westfield, Massachusetts. Based on our review, we continue to strongly encourage the NGB to work closely with the host communities and the neighborhoods that will be impacted by noise increases from the proposed project to develop effective mitigation measures. This type of coordination will be helpful especially when the results of the FAA-funded Part 150 Noise Study become available.

Please contact Timothy Timmermann (617-918-1025) of EPA's Office of Environmental Review with any comments or questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Varney
Regional Administrator