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December 13, 2011

Mr. Bert Ganoung  
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P.O. Box 8097  
San Francisco, CA 94128

Dear Mr. Ganoung:

This letter replies to your request dated February 13, 2009, for a waiver to the threshold noise levels applicable to San Francisco International Airport's (SFO's) aircraft noise monitoring system (NMS) pursuant to Section 5001(i) of the Noise Standards (California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Section 5000 et seq.). The California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics (Department) delayed its formal response anticipating your being able to demonstrate the required accuracy for all necessary monitors.

The thresholds you identify for Remote Monitoring Terminals (RMTs) 1, 4, 5, 6, 12, and 14 through 19 will not cause SFO's NMS to exceed applicable tolerances specified in the Noise Standards. Indeed, these thresholds should prevent the introduction of any significant non-aviation noise into your noise monitoring records, as intended by these regulations. The Department hereby grants your request for a waiver to the thresholds for the RMTs listed above.

The documentation provided for RMT 8 does not demonstrate the required accuracy. Therefore, the Department cannot approve your request for a waiver for RMT 8.

If there is some way the Department could help as you evaluate other methods to verify the accuracy for RMT 8, please contact Philip Crimmins at (916) 654-6223 or via email at philip\_crimmins@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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