



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

TO: Joint Land Use Study Interested Parties

DATE: May 30, 2007

FROM: Mike Sims, AICP

SUBJECT: Responses to Public Inquiries

Thank you for your recent participation in the Public Meetings to discuss the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) surrounding the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base.

Several questions related to the study, the installation, and environmental impacts were raised at those meetings. Staff at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has researched and collected information on each question. The results of that research are enclosed.

If you have additional questions about the study or about any of the information included in this letter, please contact Rachel Wiggins, E.I.T., at (817) 704-2502 or rwiggins@nctcog.org.

Thank you for your interest and participation. We look forward to seeing you at future Joint Land Use Study events.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Joint Land Use Study Policy Committee
Aviation Joint Land Use Study Project File

**Joint Land Use Study
Public Meetings: April 2 & 3, 2007
Public Comments and Questions**

Q: Are aircraft emissions safe over the community?

A: Yes. NCTCOG staff continues to research the level of emissions associated with aircraft operations at NAS JRB Fort Worth. Additional information will be distributed throughout the course of the study as it becomes available. In addition, NCTCOG staff monitors air quality throughout the Dallas Fort Worth non-attainment area, working to improve the region's impact on the Ozone and our air quality. If you would like to know more about this issue, please visit <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/air/>.

Q: What is the permitting process for tall towers near the base (i.e. cell towers, water towers, et cetera)?

A: Currently all such obstructions are reviewed by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Navy, and local governments. This study includes an analysis of vertical structures surrounding NAS JRB. Study recommendations that will be made to local governments will include provisions for height hazards.

Q: Instead of spending money on studies that tell us what we already know, why not make this an effective initiative that will provide valid results?

A: The money that has been budgeted for this study will produce recommendations for zoning, land use, and height restrictions surrounding NAS JRB. Due to the number of local governments having jurisdiction over this area such a coordinating study is necessary to ensure that land use regulations are consistent throughout the area.

Q: Is there funding available to increase sound insulation of existing homes?

A: While there is no designated source of funding for residential and commercial sound insulation at this time, the Joint Land Use Study recommendations will include building code updates and may suggest long-term funding programs for retrofitting homes, schools, businesses, et cetera with increased sound insulation.

Q: Who is responsible for the road conditions upon entering and leaving the base?

A: The main entrance to the base is along Pumphrey Drive, which is owned by the City of Westworth Village. Recently an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) was signed by the Texas Department of Transportation, Tarrant County, and the city of Westworth Village to re-surface this road. The ILA states that a joint effort will be made to resurface Pumphrey drive during the summer of 2007. In addition, NCTCOG is analyzing access to the base and will provide some recommendations and suggest potential funding sources in the coming months. The base may be reached via a variety of routes. These routes are being analyzed by NCTCOG staff and an update will be provided in the near future.

Comment: I would like to see the public meeting movies on the web.

Response: Videos shown at the Joint Land Use Study public meetings in April will be uploaded to the website at: www.nctcog.org/aviation/jilus. Copies are available by calling Rachel Wiggins, E.I.T. at (817) 897-7427 or via email at rwwiggins@nctcog.org.

Comment: We need to find a way to communicate with people living in apartments.

Response: For the public meetings held in April 2007, a mailing service was used to identify apartments within the zip codes at the ends of NAS JRB's runway. Meeting announcements were sent to all apartment dwellers in those zones. These apartment dwellers will be included in all future mailings related to the study's public meeting schedules.

Comment: Direct mailing needs to be improved.

Response: NCTCOG is working with consultant staff to improve the mailing method, service, and delivery of public meeting notices in advance of the next round of public meetings.

Q: What is the phone number for registering noise complaints with the Navy?

A: Noise concerns may be registered with Base Operations at (817) 782-7531.

Q: Are there any plans in the near future to clean up Lake Worth?

A: NCTCOG staff is researching this issue and will provide an update in the near future.

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