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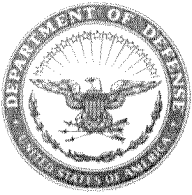
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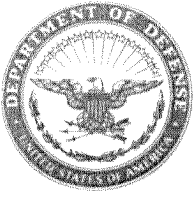
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From: Clarence Goward  
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2002 4:04 PM  
To: Kenneth Sims

Subject: Comments on GMD VOC

Kenneth,

I have reviewed the coordinating draft of the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Validation of Operational Concept Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and have only a few comments, which are listed below.

In regards to the extension of the main runway -- It is not clear from the SEA why the runway extension is required.

Changes in fleet mix over existing routes can increase noise exposure and require environmental documentation.

Procedural changes that create new or alter existing flight tracks or altitudes may change or increase noise exposure and require environmental documentation.

New or revised air traffic control procedures which routinely route air traffic over noise sensitive areas at less than 3,000 feet above ground level normally require an environmental assessment.

If procedure/flight track changes are needed or anticipated as a result of this action, the impacts should be addressed in the SEA.

In regards to the reactivation of the control tower.

Allen Army Airfield does not meet the FAA establishment criteria for an Airport Traffic Control Tower.

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Our Air Traffic Mission does not require an airport traffic control tower at this location. FAA staffing of this facility would require funding support (approx. \$1,200,000 annually) from the organization requiring this service.

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This type of action is normally categorically excluded from environmental documentation beyond the preliminary environmental review. It is, however, subject to a review of extraordinary circumstances. The extraordinary circumstances review areas appear to be adequately covered in the SEA, with one possible exception. I did not see specific mention of impacts to the use of public property under section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (remodified as 49 USC 303).

There is a rulemaking process required for this action which invites public comments.

I hope the comments are helpful. Please call if you have questions  
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**From:** "Sims, Kenneth R Mr USASMDC"  
**To:** "Edd Joy, "Robert Harward (E-mail)""  
**Date:** 10/23/02 2:12PM  
**Subject:** FW: VOC SEA Coordinating Draft

I've talked with MSG Sumpter and his comment 2 should be "Class D to Class E" instead of vice versa. I see no problem with these comments.

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From: Clarence Sumpter, FAA  
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2002 12:52 PM  
To: Sims, Kenneth R Mr USASMDC  
Subject: Re: VOC SEA Coordinating Draft

Hi Kenneth,

These are some items I noticed that you may want to change or take another look at on your document.

(See attached file: EA 2028 GBD.doc)

Regards  
MSG Sumpter



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