



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Airport Compliance and Field Operations

800 Independence Ave., SW.
Washington, DC 20591

DEC 16 2009

Mr. Brent Blue



Jackson, WY 83002

Dear Mr. Blue:

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request 2010-0878

This responds to your November 8, 2009 FOIA request for a copy of "any and all noise complaints from owners/occupants of hangar homes (residences) with through-the-fence access at federally funded airports in the United States for the past 10 years that have been transmitted to the FAA in any form."

A records search was conducted in the Office of Airport Compliance and Field Operations at Washington, D.C. headquarters, all FAA Airport District Offices (ADOs) and the FAA's Noise Ombudsman. We were not able to locate any records or files pertaining to your specific request, and we are unaware of any other federal offices likely to possess responsive records. As a practice, FAA does not collect individual noise complaint data. As noted in FAA Order 5190.6B, FAA Airport Compliance Manual, Chapter 13, complaint data are generally not statistically valid indicators or measures of a noise problem. Congress enacted the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act in 1979 that directed FAA to establish a single system of noise measurement. The FAA developed a cumulative noise measurement system called the annual average day/night sound level (DNL). This noise measurement system has been made available to individual airport operators to assess the impact of aircraft noise at their airport.

There are no fees associated with this request because the cost of processing was less than \$10.

The undersigned is responsible for the no records determination. Should you consider this no records response a denial of your request, you may request reconsideration of this determination by writing to the Assistant Administrator for Regions and Center Operations, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20591. Your request must be made in writing within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter and must include all information and arguments relied upon. Your letter must also state that it is an appeal from the above-described denial of a request made under the FOIA. The envelope containing the appeal should be marked "FOIA."

Sincerely,

Randall S. Fiertz
Director of Airport Compliance
and Field Operations