

Philadelphia International Airport
NY/NJ/PHL Airspace Redesign Implementation
AIRCRAFT NOISE COMPLAINTS

Each time disruptive sound (“noise”) is observed from aircraft approaching or leaving Philadelphia International Airport over Delaware County, this observation should be reported to the airport, the FAA and Congress. Safety concerns should be included in your report. Do not file a report unless you yourself have heard a disruptive noise event due to aircraft.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) promulgates a standard for “Acoustical Performance Criteria, Design Requirements, and Guidelines for Schools” (ANSI S12.60-2002) that specifies a maximum average background noise in schools of 35 decibels (A-weighted). Higher noise levels are documented to interfere with children’s ability to hear and hence affect their ability to learn. The FAA’s own documents show an estimated outdoor background noise level of 48 decibels (A-weighted) by 2011 if the implemented airspace redesign continues. Our children’s learning is thus potentially at stake. See the following link for more information:
http://www.fican.org/pdf/FICAN_Findings_on_school_study.pdf

It is essential that area residents comment early and often about their observations. It is essential also that this information be communicated to Congress. If a report has been submitted and another event is observed, report it, and the 3rd and 4th and so on. If awakened at 3am by aircraft noise or life is disrupted at 3pm by aircraft noise, report it - every time. Note the day, date, time, location, etc. so the PHL tower can identify the aircraft involved.

TELEPHONE

First -- call **215-937-6750**. This is the Philadelphia International Airport Noise Reporting Number. It is an unstaffed line to record complaints. In times of heavy call volume, this telephone number may be inaccessible or the recording machine may not be able to accept further calls. Call and leave a message if you can. If this fails, call the airport noise officer -- Michael Jeck 215-937-6233.

Second -- call **215-492-4123**. This is the number of the FAA/PHL Tower Radar (“TRACON”) Supervisor, the individual who is in charge of the controllers in the PHL tower. It is a recorded line and each complaint must be retained for future reference (including FOIA requests). The PHL tower radar supervisor can cause the controllers to put more aircraft back over the Delaware River path and may do so if he receives a flood of complaints.

EMAIL

Third – send an email to PHL at MIKE.JECK@PHL.ORG and to the FAA at 9-AEA-NOISE@FAA.GOV. Send your email with the “Request Read Receipt” option activated. Keep the read receipt for future reference.

Fourth – send a confirming email to our U.S. Senators and U.S. Congressman. Congress does not publish individual email addresses. However, your email can be sent by going to the below Internet address for each official and typing the information.

U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (PA):

<http://casey.senate.gov/contact/>

U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (PA):

<http://specter.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Contact.ContactForm>

U.S. Representative Robert Brady (PA-01):

<http://www.house.gov/formrobertbrady/issue.htm>

U.S. Representative Joe Sestak (PA-07):

http://sestak.house.gov/IMA/issue_subscribe.shtml

for more information see the following link:

http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/nas_redesign/regional_guidance/eastern_reg/ny_njphl_redesign/media/Corrected_ROD_071005.pdf