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*CLE has reduced noise impact to surrounding communities says preliminary findings report*

*Cleveland, March 5, 2010* – Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) will release preliminary findings from its Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study (NSP) indicating the airport has reduced the impacts of noise resulting from aircraft arrivals and departures on affected communities, including Berea, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, Fairview Park, Brook Park, and parts of Cleveland. The airport is in the process of updating its noise compatibility program.

“The preliminary findings so far look promising for CLE,” said Airport Director Ricky Smith. “We have always strived to be a good neighbor to our surrounding communities and that is why we continue to look at how aircraft noise impacts the surrounding. Despite the progress we’ve made over the last ten (10) years, we are committed to making additional noise mitigation improvements going forward.”

The primary purpose of the Noise Compatibility Program is to address noise made by aircraft operations and to identify land use strategies that can reduce the incompatibilities of excessive noise on surrounding communities. The update of the Noise Compatibility Program is being conducted by a team of consultants led by Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc. (HMMH), one of the country’s leading firms specializing in aviation noise control programs.

The preliminary findings show the 65 Day-Night Sound Level (DNL), which is the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) threshold for noise, has been reduced and the reduction can be attributed to:

- Current aircraft fleets are much quieter
- Airlines are using a smaller fleet of aircraft, e.g. airlines use more regional jets
- The airport is experiencing a reduction in operations

The preliminary results from the study also concluded that the majority of flights arriving and departing from CLE were in compliance with the voluntary noise abatement procedures which were put in place as a result of the 2000 study.

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According to Smith, “CLE has been working hard to reduce the impact of noise in the surrounding communities by instituting sustainable measures such as: the Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP); Noise Monitoring Stations; Aircraft Noise Reports; Noise Hotline; Runway Closure Notices; Aircraft Run-up Policy; and Home Acquisitions.”

In the coming months, CLE and HMMH will present its findings to the community for public comment and then submit the report to the FAA for final approval. Meetings with the Part 150 Working Group will be held in March and April, followed by public workshops in early May.

“In the meantime, we will also continue to self-monitor our aircraft noise through the ten (10) permanent monitoring sites established throughout the city. We also continue to encourage our neighbors to report back to us on how we are doing through the dedicated noise hotline at (216) 898-5220,” said Smith.

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