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CLE reaches agreement with FAA

Agreement settles four winter related investigations opened last year

Cleveland, May 17th, 2016 – Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) has reached an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) over four open winter related investigations that were filed last year. The FAA fined the airport \$735,000 at the close of their investigation after which CLE entered into negotiations with the FAA and jointly agreed on a lower fine of \$200,000.

“Cleveland Hopkins International Airport has been working closely with the FAA during the past year in order to address the issues raised in past snow seasons,” said Interim Director Fred Szabo. “We are pleased that our partnership with the FAA has helped to strengthen our overall snow removal operation.”

Since the violations that led to the initial fine, CLE has made significant improvements including increased staffing and the purchase of new snow removal vehicles. Additionally, CLE pledged to continue to work with the FAA to evaluate and improve future Snow and Ice Removal Plans, upgrades to the snow removal fleet and a facility to house the upgraded fleet’s equipment.