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Comments:

Congresswoman Kay Granger wanted the Commission to have a copy of the attached letter that was sent to her regarding NAS JRB, Fort Worth. Thank you. Robert Head.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

August 4, 2005

The Honorable Kay Granger
United States House of Representatives
435 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Granger:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) monitors and assesses the quality of the state's air and administers programs that support clean air. As part of that responsibility, the TCEQ maintains the emissions inventory for all stationary, mobile, and area air contaminant sources. The Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) area, including Tarrant County, is currently designated as "moderate" non-attainment for the eight-hour ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The area must comply with the NAAQS by June 15, 2010. The DFW area has made significant progress in meeting the one-hour ozone standard. In the past ten years approximately 275 tons per day of emissions have been reduced, which will substantially assist our efforts to attain the eight-hour ozone standard.

We understand that the Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base (JRB) in Fort Worth is scheduled to receive additional aircraft for its operations, which would increase air traffic and possibly raise projected air emissions at the base. We also understand that local government leaders and the North Central Texas Council of Governments believe that NAS Fort Worth is a high priority for the North Texas Region. For several reasons that make this situation unique, including the base's location and the timing and nature of potential future emissions from base operations, we believe that any emissions increases will not significantly impact the area's ability to comply with the federal air quality standards. Because of the importance of the base's operations to national defense and homeland security, we are confident that we can work with the North Central Texas Council of Governments to offset any increases, if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Ms. Candy Garrett, Director of the TCEQ Air Quality Planning and Implementation Division, at (512) 239-2376.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Shankle".

Glenn Shankle
Executive Director

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