



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

September 19, 2018

Jonathan Edelson, Chair
Oakland Mills Community Association
The Other Barn
5851 Robert Oliver Place
Columbia, MD 21045

Re: Oakland Mills Community Association Administrative Petition

Dear Mr. Edelson:

I am writing in response to the administrative petition dated August 31, 2018, that you submitted to Acting Administrator Dan Elwell on behalf of the Oakland Mills Community Association.

We have read the administrative petition and concluded that no formal right exists in the applicable statutes, regulations, or guidance to petition the Acting Administrator as Oakland Mills has done. We also note that the FAA's actions with respect to the DC Metroplex and the identified procedures at BWI are fully implemented and were complete years ago. There is currently no major federal action associated with these actions.

Accordingly, the FAA declines to respond to Oakland Mill's administrative petition. This letter does not constitute final agency action, nor should it be construed as a reopening of prior agency actions. However, as you may know, on July 25, 2018, the FAA agreed to reengage with the DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable, and we believe that the roundtable is the proper forum to address Oakland Mills' noise concerns from departing and arriving aircraft at BWI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Lofton".

James A. Lofton
Assistant Chief Counsel for Airports & Environmental Law