

OAC Health and Safety Report
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Airplane Impacts Mitigation Act of 2016

Queens Times Leger, May 7, 2016 "Boro Electeds Support Study in Link Between Plane Noise and Health"; also reported in Crain's Chicago Business, April 28, 2016, "Quiqley, Lipinski Back Health Study of Airport Noise:

- Federal legislation proposed by U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-Mass)
- Mike Quigley, Dan Lipinski and Jan Schakowsky are local co-sponsors
- Purpose to study impact of prolonged exposure to airplane noise
- Requires FAA administrator to partner with a public health school to conduct study
- Study will focus on residents living under flight paths used most frequently for take offs and landings at altitudes under 10,000 feet
- Study to focus on Chicago, Boston, New York and San Francisco Bay Area

DFW First Airport to Receive EPA's Climate Leadership Award

Facility Executive Magazine

- EPA awarded DFW for "setting an absolute target of an annual two percent reduction in its direct and indirect GHG emissions from 2010 to 2020."
- As of March 1, 2016 DFW has expanded its proportion of renewable energy to 40 percent, has reduced costs and doubled airport renewable energy use over the past 2 years (equivalent to installation of 33 wind turbines
- "DFW plans to achieve further additional reduction goals by increasing renewable energy and alternative fuel use; by integrating best available energy-efficient technology into facilities, systems, processes, and operations, and by expanding partnerships with airlines, regulatory agencies, academia, nongovernmental organizations, business associations and other stakeholders to develop effective and sustainable solutions to improve air quality and reduce aviation's impact on climate change."

EPA sued by Environmental Groups for Failure to Set Pollution Standards for Aircraft

"Environmental Groups Sue Over Pollution from Airliners", by Michael Biesecker, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, April 12, 2016.

- Lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court in Washington
- Groups allege EPA is waiting too long to enact regulations, EPA's position is that 2018 is the earliest possible date
- Groups also filed in 2007, when a federal judge ruled that EPA is required to address aircraft emissions under the Clean Air Act.