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Mr. Philip M. Smithmeyer, Manager
Chicago Airports District Office
Federal Aviation Administration
2300 East Devon Avenue
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

Dear Mr. Smithmeyer:

I am responding on behalf of Colonel Gary E. Johnston to your July 18, 2003 letter extending the opportunity to be a Cooperating Agency on the Environmental Impact Statement on the expansion and realigning of the O'Hare International Airport.

Our Regulatory Branch has been working closely with your staff on this project for some time. In light of our need to evaluate the proposed project under our regulatory authority, as well as looking at any potential impacts to the O'Hare Reservoir it is appropriate that we agree to become a Cooperating Agency in this endeavor.

Coordination of this project should occur primarily through our Regulatory Branch Ms. Kathy Chernich, Senior Project Manager, is our primary contact. She can be reached at 312-846-5531. If there is anything we can do in this capacity, please feel free to contact me at 312-846-5525.

Sincerely,

Mitchell A. Isoe
Chief, Regulatory Branch