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FAA Expert to Present Aircraft Noise Research at O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Meeting May 4

Des Plaines, Ill., April 26, 2012—Lourdes Maurice, Ph.D., executive director of the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Environment and Energy, will discuss current research studies about aircraft noise and its effects on homes near airports during a general meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission at 8 a.m. Friday, May 4, in Rosemont.

Maurice is responsible for the FAA's development and coordination of national and international standards policy, research studies, and analytical capabilities for aviation environmental and energy matters. She also oversees compliance with the agency's environmental and energy statutes and regulations and technical research programs.

Previously, Maurice was the FAA's chief scientific and technical advisor for environment and served as the agency's technical expert for basic and exploratory research and advanced technology development focused on aircraft environmental impact related to noise and emissions.

Maurice founded and provided FAA technical leadership for the Partnership for Air Transportation Noise and Emission Reduction (PARTNER) Center of Excellence, a consortium of America's top universities conducting leading-edge research. She earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Dayton and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of London, United Kingdom.

O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission is recognized internationally as a leading community-based organization that strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise near O'Hare International Airport through its sound insulation programs and to reduce aircraft noise, whenever possible, at its source.

ONCC, in cooperation with the Chicago Department of Aviation, oversees the largest residential sound insulation program in the world and one of the oldest school sound insulation programs, both financed by federal and airport funds.

The May 4 meeting will be held at Rosewood Banquets, 9421 W. Higgins Rd., Rosemont.

For more information, contact Brendan McLaughlin, 773-686-3198, or visit www.oharenoise.org.

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