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# Memorandum

Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Audit  
of Management of Land Acquired Under  
Airport Noise Compatibility Programs  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Project No. 04B4009B000

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The Office of Inspector General will perform an audit to determine if Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) oversight ensures that airport sponsors properly sell or lease land that was purchased for noise compatibility but is not needed for airport development and aviation-related purposes.

Our objective is to assess policies, procedures, and practices of airport sponsors for: (1) identifying land that is no longer needed for noise compatibility purposes, (2) disposing of excess land through sales or leases that are based on the land's fair market value, (3) ensuring that excess land will only be used for purposes compatible with noise levels associated with airport operations, and (4) using proceeds from the disposition of excess land in accordance with FAA grant assurances.

We plan to start this audit the week of July 26, 2004. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance date to discuss the planned audit. The Program Director for the project is Darren Murphy, and the Project Manager is James Diecker. For any additional information, please call James Diecker at (206) 220-6499 or Darren Murphy at (206) 220-6503.

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