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Tweed New Haven Regional Airport FAR Part 150 Study



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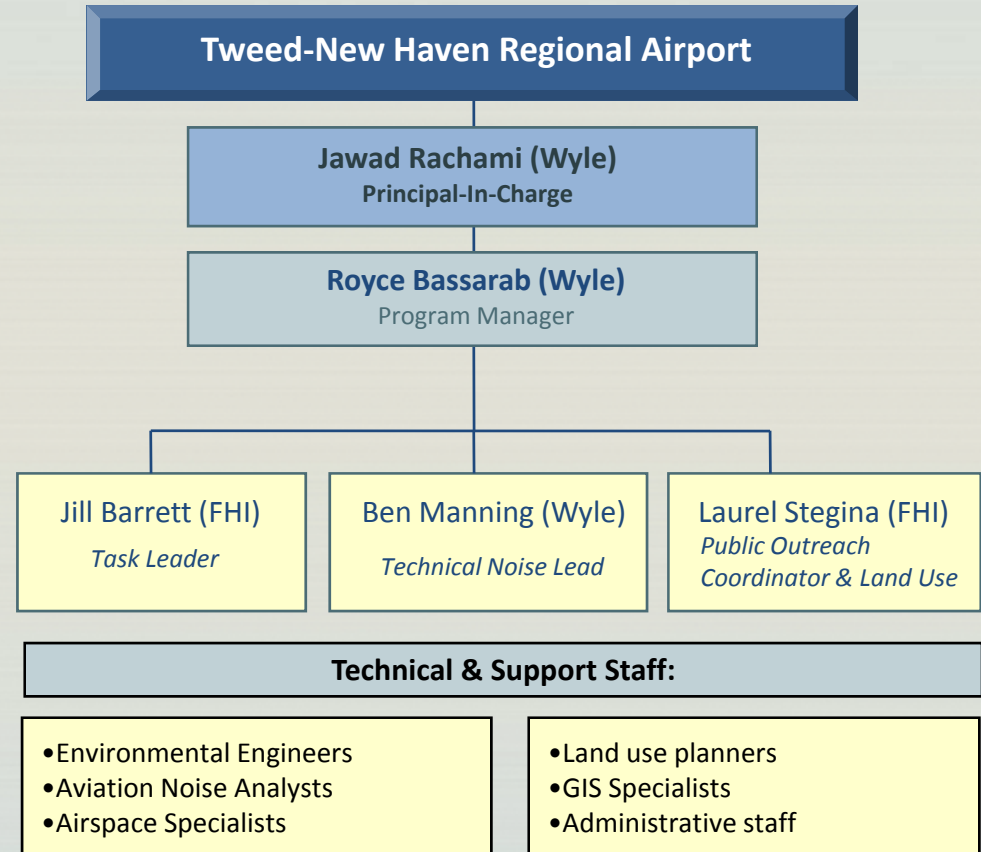


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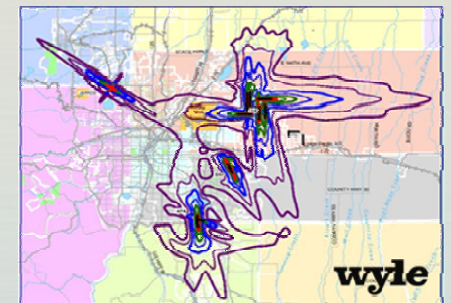
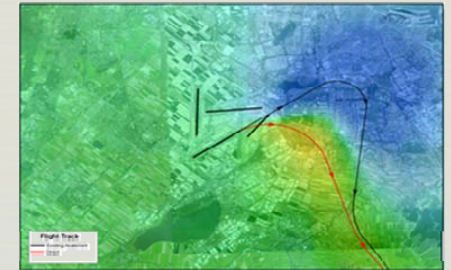
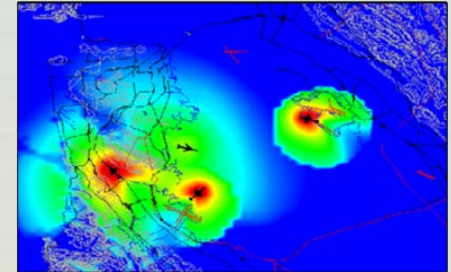
The Wyle and FHI Team

- **Jawad Rachami, Wyle**
 - Principal in Charge
- **Royce Bassarab, Wyle**
 - Part 150 Noise Study Project Manager
- **Jill Barrett, Fitzgerald & Halliday**
 - FHI Task Manager
- **Laurel Stegina**
 - Land Use and Public Outreach Participation
- **Ben Manning, Wyle**
 - Noise Analysis; Noise Monitoring Coordination



Introduction to the Wyle Team

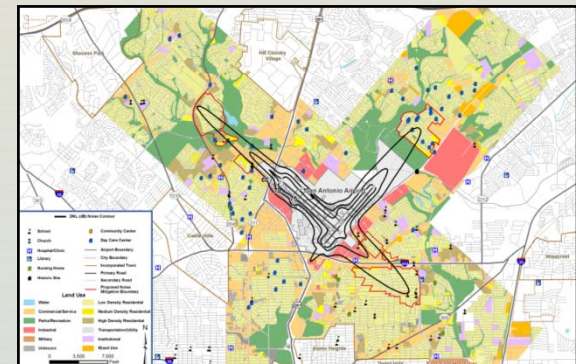
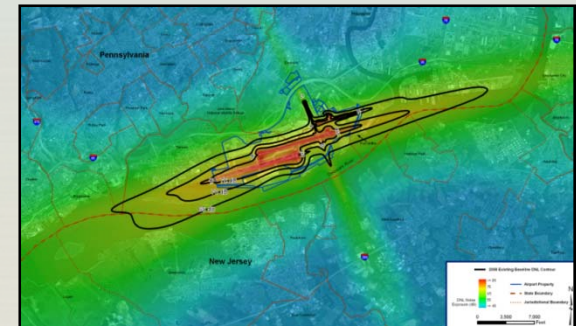
- Wyle has been in the aviation environmental business since 1963.
- Wyle has supported or lead over 250 studies, including FAR Part 150s, noise analysis for Environmental Impact Statements, Environmental Assessments, Master Plans.
- Wyle is a key developer of tools and models including the FAA's future Environmental model: AEDT
- FHI is a full-discipline transportation and environmental planning and analysis firm, founded in 1987.
- FHI supports a wide variety of public and private sector clients, including state departments of transportation, regional agencies, municipalities, corporations, institutions and developers.



Recent FAR Part 150 Experience

Examples of recent studies include:

- **Westfield Barnes Airport**
 - Included impacts from Massachusetts Air National Guard
 - Development of noise abatement procedures and program measures
- **Nashua Municipal Airport / Boire Field**
 - Noise Exposure Map Update with challenging data availability
- **Philadelphia International Airport**
 - Extensive public participation and noise monitoring programs
 - NCP/NEM included supplemental metrics
- **San Antonio International Airport**
 - Completed in record time to meet airport/FAA goals
 - Worked with a large and contentious community





Fundamentals of Aircraft Noise



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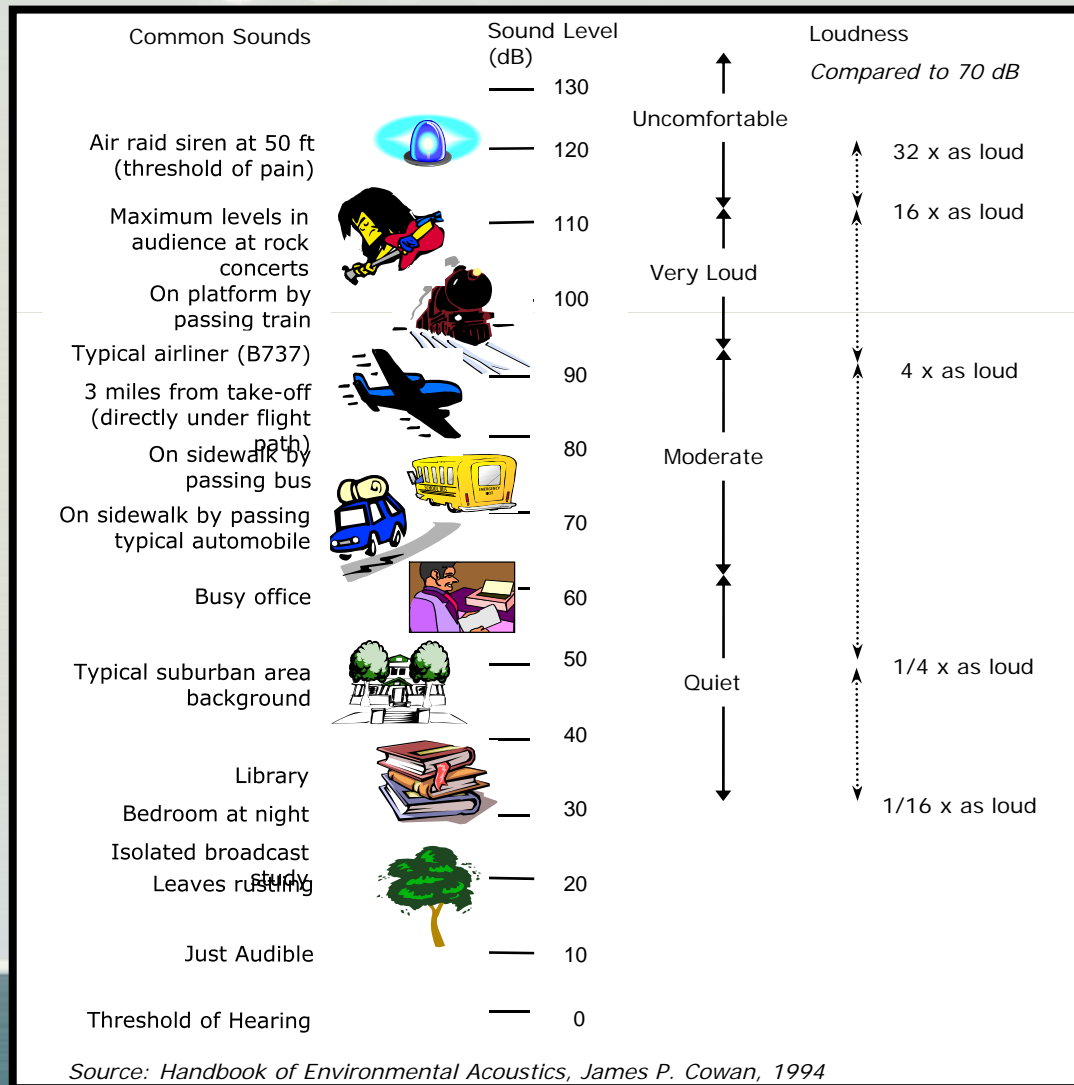
Sound - Minute vibrations that can be sensed by the human ear by traveling through air or water.

Noise - Unwanted sound that disturbs our activities and our enjoyment of “peace and quiet.”

Decibel (dB) - The logarithmic unit of measure for sound.

Attenuation - The reduction in the intensity of noise.

Fundamentals of Noise



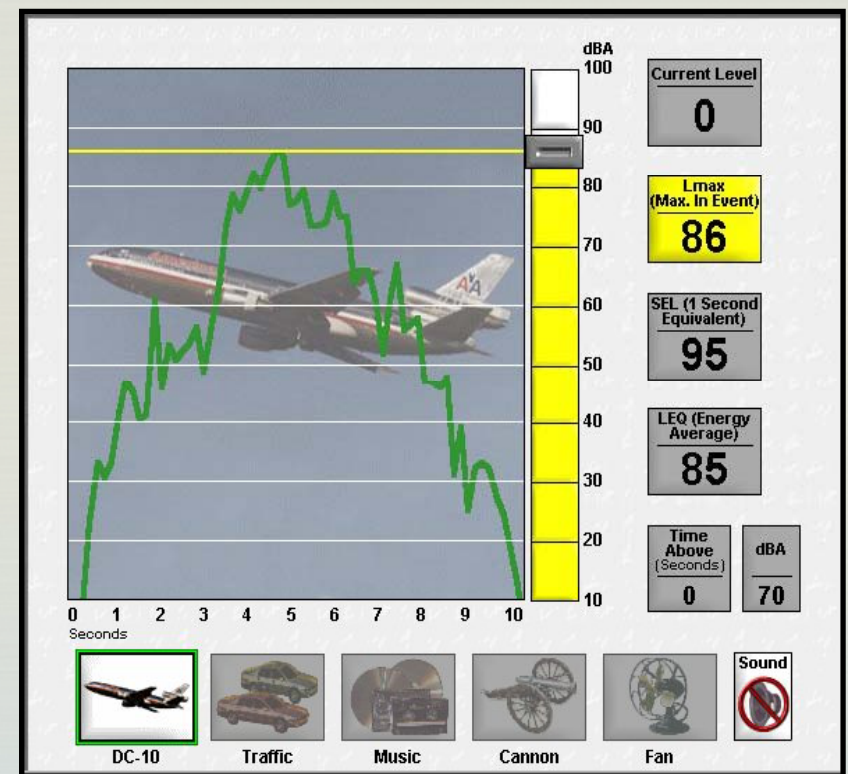
Source: Handbook of Environmental Acoustics, James P. Cowan, 1994

Noise is a subjective event with each source generating varying responses – often at comparable sound levels.

Single-Event Sound Level Metrics

Maximum Sound Level (L_{max})

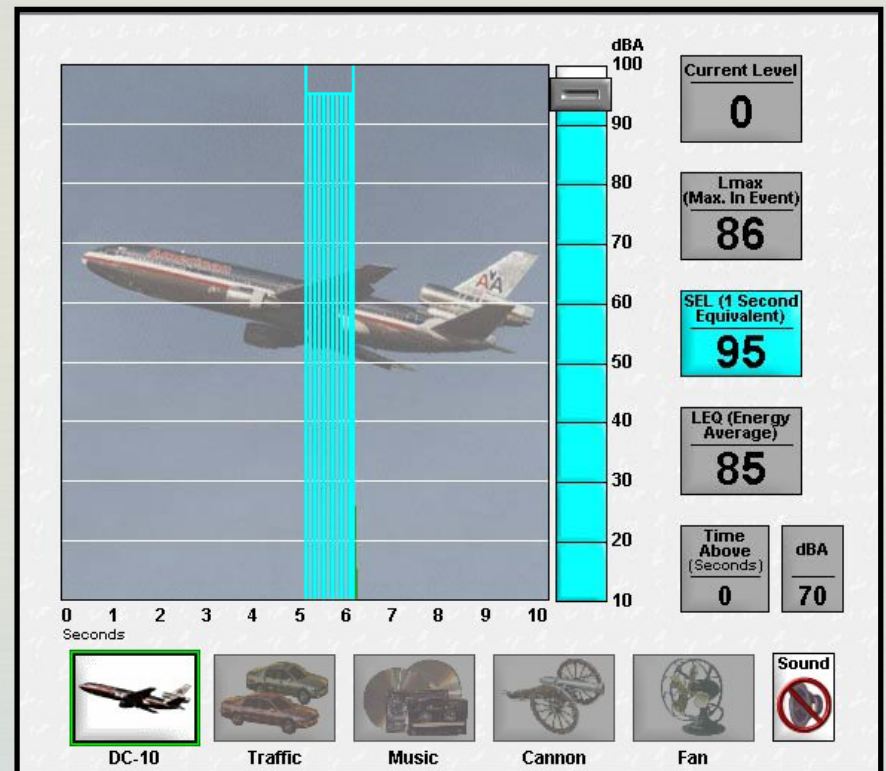
- Useful descriptor of an aircraft overflight.
- The highest sound level measured during a single event.
- Does not consider the duration of the flyover.



Single-Event Sound Level Metrics

Sound Exposure Level (SEL)

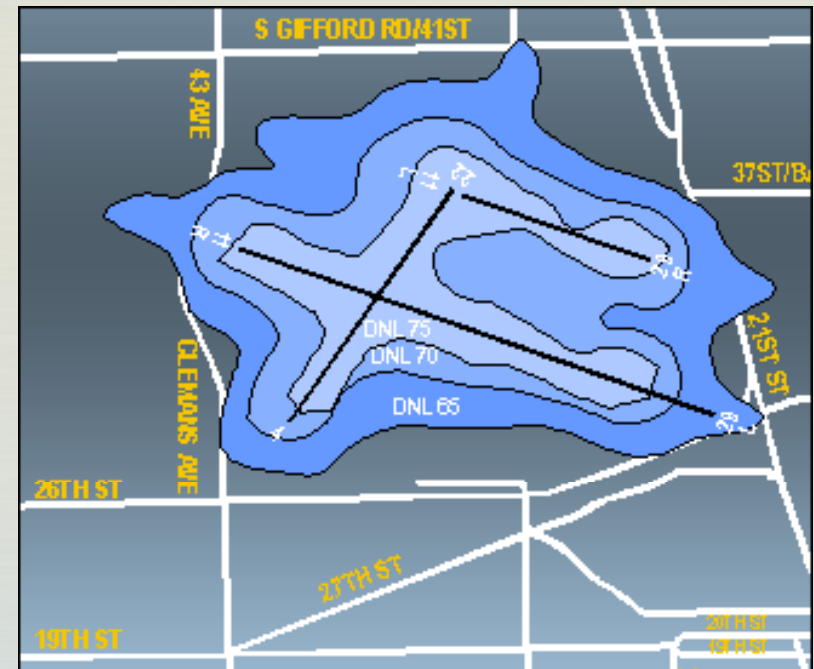
- A metric that normalizes the total energy of a noise event to a 1-second duration.
- Allows the addition of multiple events and calculation of average sound levels.



Time-Averaged Sound Level Metrics

Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL)

- A 24-hour average metric
- Adds a weighting factor (10 dB) for each nighttime (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) operation
- Uses SEL as the single event metric.
- The required metric for aircraft noise analysis.





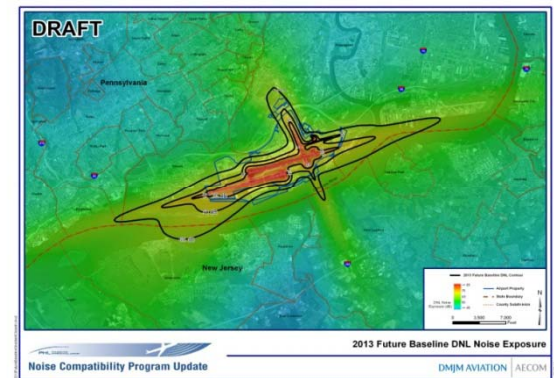
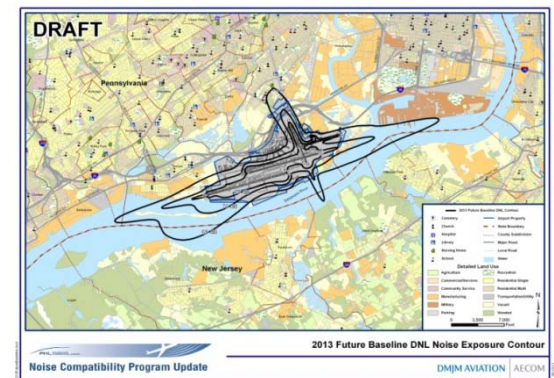
Introduction to FAR Part 150

FAR Part 150

What is a Part 150 Study?

- Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150, originated out of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979.
- Voluntary program initiated by an airport to evaluate noise and land use incompatibilities, balancing the needs of an airport with impacts on the surrounding communities.
- Evaluates existing and future noise levels, and strategies for abatement and mitigation.
- Establishes eligibility for Federal funding for implementation of approved recommended mitigation measures.
- Enhances the public's understanding and trust of the airport.

Example Contour Maps



The FAR Part 150 Study Process

Study
Initiation

Submittal to FAA

- NEMs are accepted
- 180 day NCP review

The Part 150
Process

Data Collection

- Airport Operations
- Aircraft Fleet Mix
- Runway Utilization
- Flight Tracks
- Local Land Use
- Base Mapping

Noise Compatibility Program

- Noise Abatement/Operational Measures
- Land Use Mitigation Measures
- Program Management Measures

Noise Exposure Maps

- FAA's Integrated Noise Model
- Existing and Forecasted
- Determine level of impacts



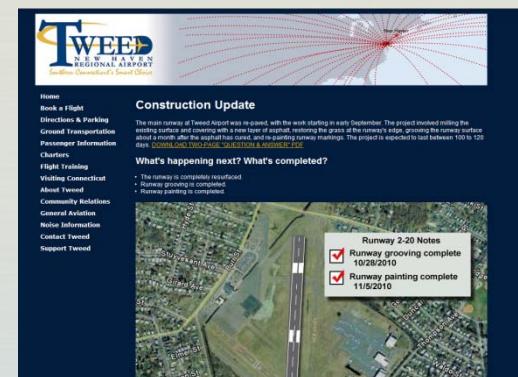
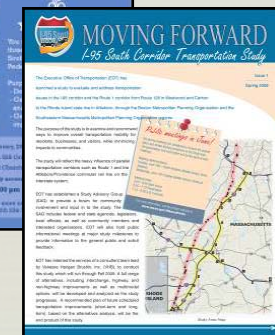
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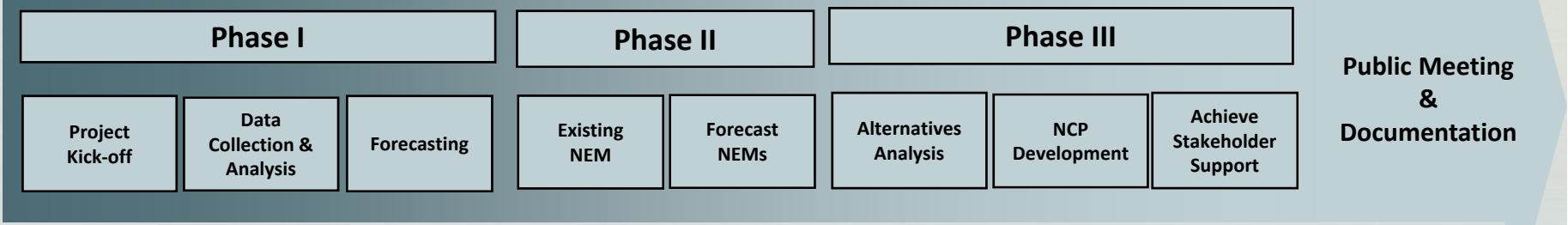
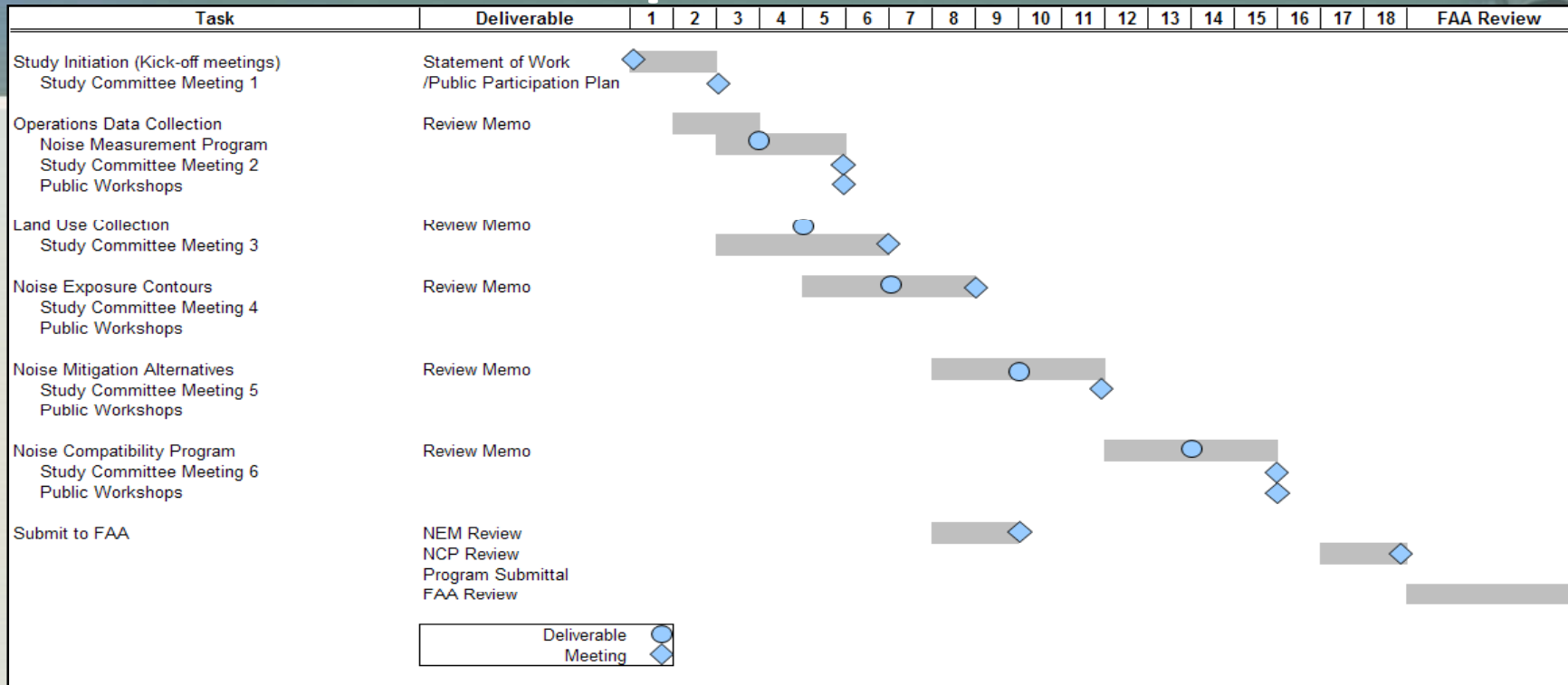
- **Community Involvement is critical to this Noise Compatibility Study and will be maintained throughout the different stages of the study.**
- **Program designed to meet both the airport and community needs:**
 - Public Participation Program Plan
 - Community Advisory Committee
 - Technical Committee
 - Project Newsletter, Direct Mailings, Website
 - Public Workshops/Public Hearings at multiple locations
 - New technology (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)





Project Schedule

Proposed Schedule





Questions and Discussion