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## AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE WAUKEGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT TO OUR USERS, TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND TO OUR COMMUNITY

To All:

As you know, the Waukegan National Airport is engaged in planning a project to replace our main runway. As required by federal regulations, we have submitted a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review. A document of this type is highly complex and subject to unforeseen changes during its preparation. The Waukegan DEA has been subject to those changes and has required an extension of time to complete the process.

We understand that this extension is frustrating for those looking for a conclusion to this process. Please know that we are working closely with the FAA to reach that goal. Additional environmental and biological assessments, as well as review by other governmental partners have taken additional time. But we now believe we are in the final stages of review and look forward to releasing the DEA as soon as the FAA completes its review.

Once the DEA is released, we will notify everyone. It will be available online for public comments and a public hearing and workshop will be held, all part of the required federal approval process. After that, the FAA will review all public comments and make its final determination on the runway replacement project.

Thank you for your patience and thank you for your interest in the Waukegan National Airport's Replacement Runway Program. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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