

Appendix E Public Comments

E.1 Summary of Public Comments

GIAA received comments during the Draft Noise Exposure Map public review period, from November 14, 2024, through the end of the public review period for the draft NEM document on December 14, 2024. The study received three public comments via email and one comment via phone as part of this process.

Two comments stated the noise from aircraft is very loud and interferes with conversation and sleep. Their homes were previously located within the RSSP area and ask that GIAA continue the program and include block rounding. One comment also commented on the RSSP program, and the reduced area of potential eligibility and one comment concerned residential mitigation for homes under the flight path.

A photo depicting the public comment and the comment drop box that was available at each location with a printed copy of the Draft NEM report and at the Public Workshop is shown below. Copies of the comments received are provided in Section E.2.



E.2 Public Comments

Name	Date	Comment
Barbara Cruz	12/11/2024	In 1979, my ex-husband and I built our home, 141 Ramirez Way in Toto. My home is directly across the street from the Guam International Airport and I have listened to the growing number of planes flying over my home for the past 45 years. The noise has always been very loud. When my young grandchildren are outside, we cover their ears or teach them to cover their ears when the planes

		<p>fly over us. When we're inside my house, the noise is so loud, my windows shake and we have to stop talking until they finish flying over us.</p> <p>When I sleep at night, I sometimes wake up to the planes flying over my home. This is most bothersome at 1am and 4am I usually wake up and find it hard to fall back asleep.</p> <p>On 06/13/2018, my home was found to be eligible for sound insulation. On 11/8/2018, my next-door neighbor (my ex-husband's cousin) received a letter stating all plans were on hold so maps can be redrawn. I have been waiting patiently for help.</p> <p>Now, in 2024, my son just told me that my home is now not eligible anymore for assistance. He said my home used to be inside the coverage area, but now, it is just right outside the line of coverage.</p> <p>I am asking your team to please reconsider my home's eligibility status. I know there are a couple of homes in our tiny family neighborhood that were built many years ago, just like mine, that need sound insulation. Other homes in our area are newer, like my son's home, and they don't have the same problem that I do - he can't hear planes inside his house even though he's right next door to me.</p> <p>Thank you for reconsidering my home for eligibility. I hope to hear good news from you and your team very soon. Happy Holidays!</p>
Curt Cruz	12/11/2024	<p>In 1979, my father and mother built our family home, 141 Ramirez Way in Toto. My siblings and I grew up with the noise from the airport across the street, knowing it was a normal daily occurrence. As my siblings and I began having children of our own, they were all taught to cover their ears when they visited grandma's house when the planes would fly directly overhead. Our family's young children (and now, my granddaughter) still know to do this when they hear planes approaching. The noise is deafening if outside; unfortunately, as our windows have not been replaced since initial installation, the noise is loud inside the home as well. Noise from planes taking off and landing shakes the windows and doors in the house all day and night. My mother has adjusted her sleeping schedule to try and catch as much sleep in the early evening hours before middle-of-the-night flights wake her in the early morning hours.</p> <p>Below is a list of some of Thursdays flights arriving to and departing from Guam. These flights are disrupting the quality of sleep my mom and our neighbors receive every night. Although some aircraft's may not be as loud as others, they can still be heard and wake any individual up from their sleep.</p> <p>Arriving flights:</p> <p>Jin Air Busan 01:15 United Kansai 01:20 United Narita 01:45 Philippine Airlines Manila 03:55 United Haneda 04:25 United Manila, Philippines 04:40</p>

		<p>Departing:</p> <p>United Manila 19:55</p> <p>United Koror 23:40</p> <p>Jin Air Busan 02:35</p> <p>Philippine</p> <p>Airlines Manila 05:55</p> <p>United Narita 07:00</p> <p>United Osaka Kansai 07:10</p> <p>The 2016 Guam Citizen Centric Report showed an increase in flights in and out of Guam from 11.8 flights per day in 2011 to 163 flights per day in 2016. On 06/13/2018, my mother's residence was found to be eligible for the RSSP upgrades to help with the flight noise. Unfortunately, on 11/8/2018, our next-door neighbor (my aunt) received a letter stating all plans were on hold so noise compatibility maps can be redrawn. We were all told to wait patiently, which we did.</p> <p>Now, six years later, we learn that my mother's home and all other homes in our little family subdivision are now just outside the eligible line of coverage. I am respectfully requesting to please reconsider our eligibility status to allow my mother's home and the negatively affected/older homes in our small neighborhood to be eligible once again.</p> <p>We would like to see block grounding included in the next phase, ensuring the older homes in our small neighborhood are now deemed eligible for sound insulation.</p> <p>Please note that in the last 10 years, several homes have been built in the area. Those homes are not all experiencing the same noise levels. My home, directly behind my mother's, was, built at the end of 2018 and when we are inside our home, we cannot hear any planes flying overhead. Our home does not need any assistance from the program. By my estimation, only a handful of homes in our neighborhood would actually avail of the program.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my request. Please confirm receipt as soon as possible, I hope to hear from you soon. Happy Holidays.</p>
Frances Ramirez-Ada Bell	12/14/2024	<p>On behalf of the Ramirez, Cruz, Leon Guerrero and Perez families - I am submitting this notice of concern to the following:</p> <p>Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)</p> <p>A. B. Won Pat International Airport Authority (GIAA)</p> <p>Since the year 2000 - we had been informed of changed renovation assistance to our homes - some of our families have submitted documents at least three (3) as required and requested by GIAA - in doing so - we had not received or heard from any of the representatives from GIAA until our most recent meeting in November, 2024 - concerning ineligibility of home renovations- A copy of Mrs. Nikki Cruz's findings is attached. As families - we are disappointed to hear that we are no longer in the grid for renovation assistance and it leaves us to think about your updated findings. We will also include this notice to our Navy Military Command as their jets have also affected our area with noise sounds.</p>

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Rey Lieneta	12/14/2024	<p>His concern is that he is in the mist of building his house. He strongly feels that with the noise from planes flying over his property, FAA should assist in mitigating his home from the noise coming from the aircraft's. GIAA did mention to him that there is a cut off date as to when homes were built, he insist that it is only fair and just that assistance should be made by FAA.</p>																														