

To: Dane County Board
From: Carrie Springer
Re: Quarterly Airport Update 3/23

Quick Point Summary

- Federal grant to the WI Department of Military Affairs for community outreach plan was officially announced. DCRA is providing the funding for the local match required for the grant. You can see the press release [here](#).
- Contractor doing the bioremediation pilot project at the airport will give an overview of the work at the Airport Commission on March 8th at 5:30. The meeting is hybrid so all supervisors are welcome to watch the presentation.
- Second public meeting on the Part 150 noise study held 11/14/22.
- Sewer lining project work has begun.
- F-35s due to arrive at DCRA in late spring.
- WI DNR presented a PFAS overview at the 12/7/22 Lakes and Watershed meeting. Video is [here](#).
- DNR added white bass to the fish consumption advisories for the Yahara Chain. Press release on that announcement can be found [here](#).

Senator Baldwin announces federal funds for community outreach plan and noise mitigation feasibility study

Senator Baldwin announced on 3/3/23 the grant funding from the DOD Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation for outreach and a noise mitigation feasibility study is being released to the WI Department of Military Affairs (DMA). DCRA is providing the funding for the local match the grant required.

The nearly \$800,000 in funding will start 18 months of outreach, community events, and noise mitigation planning sessions. The outreach activities will include town halls, a website, and multi-lingual communication.

The grant will fund a communications director housed at DMA and the DMA team will start initial planning meetings next week. They will also develop an RFP for a noise mitigation feasibility study. The study will include a focus on Blackhawk Middle School, Gompers Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Sherman Middle School, and Emerson Elementary. The study will also include the following neighborhoods: Oak Park Terrace Trailer Park, Darbo Worthington, Eken Park, Sherman Village, Berkeley Oaks, and Whitetail Ridge.

You can see a press story on the grant announcement at the following link:

<https://www.nbc15.com/2023/03/03/new-grant-plans-community-outreach-f-35s-move/>

Remediation method DNR asked airport to do shown to be ineffective

Early in the airport site process, DNR staff advocated for the airport to install an activated carbon treatment system on the airport property to remove PFAS from storm water. Airport staff informed DNR staff that the storm water volumes on the airport property would make this system infeasible. DNR did get the property in Marinette near the Tyco contamination to put that type of activated carbon system in at a cost of \$25 million and it has now been shown to be ineffective. You can find an article about it here: <https://www.ehextra.com/5687609a-9845-11ed-88b7-03c46f84b253.html>

Airport “Part 150” Noise Study Update

The airport hosted a second public meeting on 11/14 about the Part 150 noise study last fall. This study is required by the FAA in order to update the Noise Compatibility Plan before recommendations can be made on federal assistance for noise mitigation. The airport mailed out over 9000 postcards to area residents announcing the meeting beforehand and 37 people attended the meeting. About 70 people attended the first public meeting.

The informational boards from the 11/14 meeting are at the following link: <https://www.msnaairport.com/documents/pdf/MSN-20221114-Public-Mtg2-Boards-Final.pdf>

A third public meeting will be held in the fall of 2023 as well as a hearing on the Noise Compatibility Program with a 30-day comment period.

The second informational newsletter on the Part 150 noise study was posted in the fall. It can be found at the following link: <https://www.msnaairport.com/documents/pdf/MSN-Part-150-Newsletter---Fall-2022.pdf>

The website with all of the study information can be found at the following link: <https://www.msnaairport.com/about/ecomentality/Part-150-Study>

Storm water pipe televising and repair project started

The work to repair the storm water system to reduce PFAS infiltration began earlier this year and the first four weeks of work are complete. Three more rounds of sampling will occur after the project is completed at the same locations that were sampled earlier to see if the repairs help reduce the amount of PFAS entering the storm sewer system.

Former fire training areas

Last fall the DNR sent a letter to the three responsible parties requesting a plan for this area of the airport property. The airport responded with an outline of their approach and followed up with updates during technical meetings with the DNR. In January the responsible parties received a letter back from the DNR thanking us for the work done so far and the airport team continues to work with the DNR on developing a work plan for the former fire training areas that factor in other site response developments. They are meeting again this week to discuss the airport team's planning. The formal work plan is due to the DNR on March 26th.

You can find the letter from the DNR on their BRRTS website under #02-13-583366 or at the following link it is the top file listed right now:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/botw/GetActivityDetail.do?dsn=583366&siteId=31857900&crumb=1>

Air National Guard Remedial Investigation

The WI Air National Guard did another round of extensive sampling this fall after the initial round of 300 samples were taken over the summer. The additional sampling was completed on 12/6/22. The monitoring well installation is ongoing and will be advanced once results from the additional sampling are analyzed. They anticipate being done with the monitoring well installation phase in late summer/early fall.

DNR External Advisory Group

The DNR hosted another external advisory group meeting last month. You can find a recording of that meeting at this link: https://widnr.widen.net/s/phgnc95slq/em_peag_20230217. The next meeting is April 21st.