

From : Daly Ditches Irrigation District

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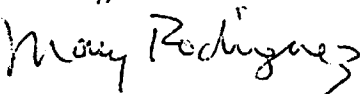
Dear Sirs,

The Commissioners of Daly Ditch Irrigation District are very concerned that the FAA and Ravalli County are proposing a runway change that will bring the south end of the runway directly over the Daly Ditches Irrigation District offices. We have a number of concerns.

1. We were not apprised of this situation which will have a very damaging effect on our company and its employees that will be dramatically exposed to extreme noise conditions for potentially extended periods of time. As close as Daly Ditches Irrigation District is to the current runway, we're already exposed to a considerable amount of noise which would only increase with this expansion. The damages your recommendations will cause cannot be determined at this time but are potentially very significant. As you are well aware, most aircraft accidents occur at take-off and we are essentially on the fringe of the runway protection zone.
2. The flight path over our buildings will expose our employees to elevated pollution comprised of lead, NOX and particulate matter. This is the creation of a very unhealthy environment. Moving the runway will directly cause health issues for our employees. Are the County and the FAA prepared to make compensation for long term health issues?
3. The buildings on this property are historic old buildings and the vibrations created by landing and take-off will create damage to these buildings. There is no mention in the EA about reimbursing Daly Ditches Irrigation District for these losses. This action on your part could be considered a taking of property.
4. Your actions will devalue our assets both in land value and building value. How can we possibly sell a building on land located under the end of the runway. Over one million dollars was spent by the FAA to add the protection zone at the south end of the runway for the purchase of the Leonardi property and nothing is done to protect our asset. We will now be between this million dollar purchase and the end of the runway. Are you proposing to purchase Daly Ditches Irrigation District property or will you simply try to zone our health and property rights away? Need we resort to litigation against the County and the FAA to protect our health and property rights?
5. The engineer is unaware that these are the offices of the Daly Ditch Irrigation District (DDID) which is proven by the statement in the EA (Page 5-1) "Currently, they (referring to the two buildings on the property) are being used by the Irrigation District primarily for equipment and material storage ". This is a false and misleading statement. The fact is that one of these buildings houses the offices of the DDID and employees are at this location 8 or more hours per day/5-6 days per week. The Daly Ditches Irrigation District offices also serve as a public meeting place for our clients. The close proximity of the Runway Protection Zone and the public meeting place likely violates FAA standards. The complete disregard by the FAA and County Commissioners by considering this alternative with no regard for our employees is not in the spirit of the NEPA and we would like an answer to this situation.

We strongly request that you abandon this project and find a different solution to the situation.

Sincerely,



Mary Rodriguez, Chairman
Daly Ditches Irrigation District