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Re: Docket Number FAA-2010-0302

We, the undersigned, residents of Noyac/Sag Harbor, NY, and members of the Noyac Civic Council, applaud the FAA for proposing mandatory flight rules for helicopters over Long Island. The following amendments are offered in an effort to improve the proposed rules and not to oppose them:

1. That helicopters using the North Shore route be required to use Orient Point as a waypoint to proceed over water to the maximum extent possible when arriving/departing East Hampton Airport (HTO) or points east of HTO. And, further, that they comply with local (HTO) rules concerning flight paths and minimum altitudes.
2. That the FAA establish similar mandatory flight rules for the South Shore route, and establish procedures to equalize the volume of helicopter traffic using the North and South Shore routes.
3. That the minimum altitude be increased to 3000 feet from 2500 feet.

In addition, we strongly urge the FAA to establish procedures in cooperation with local airports to monitor and enforce compliance with the proposed rules.

The data demonstrates that the vast majority of helicopter traffic over Long Island operates between East Hampton Airport (HTO) and New York City. Accordingly, we think it is appropriate to empower HTO management to establish and enforce certain local rules designed to mitigate and reduce the noise impact of helicopter traffic on Long Island residents.

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