FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
EASTERN REGION AIRPORTS DIVISION  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FORM

Airport Name: Philadelphia Northeast Airport  
Airport Identifier: PNE  

Project Title: Airport Property Sale to DeSimone Auto Group  
Date: November 29, 2010

APPLICABILITY:

This Environmental Evaluation Form should be used only if the sponsor’s proposed project meets the following two (2) criteria:

1. The proposed project is a federal action subject to NEPA. List applicable paragraph number from FAA Order 5050.4B, Chapter 1 para. 9g (3) and (6).

And

2. The proposed project is identified as one that can be categorically excluded. List applicable category from FAA Order 1050.1E paragraphs 307 through 312. (Review Tables 6-1 and 6-2 in FAA Order 5050.4B)

Note: If action is listed in Table 6-1 - Complete project description, go to page 4 and sign certification. No further review necessary. If action is listed in Table 6-2 - Complete remainder of form.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION - List and clearly describe ALL components of project proposal including all connected actions. Include summary of existing conditions at project site. (Attach site map identifying project area)

Philadelphia Northeast Airport (PNE) is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia and occupies 1,150 acres of land in the northeast section of the city. PNE is a reliever airport serving a wide variety of aircraft types, ranging from small, propeller driven airplanes to corporate business jets. Airport operations consist of non-scheduled passenger service, corporate aviation, personal flying and flight instruction. Non-aviation development is also present on airport property. An example of this is the DeSimone Car Dealership located at the far north corner of the airport. The DeSimone Auto Group plans to purchase the 3.5 acre site at the corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and Red Lion Road which they have leased from the City of Philadelphia since 2003 (see Figure 1 – Location Map).

As seen in Figure 2 (DeSimone Area Map) the DeSimone parcel is separated from the airfield operations area by the TJ Maxx Distribution Center, Swenson Arts and Technology High School, Southwark Metal Manufacturing Company, Orleans Technical Institute, and an active rail spur owned by Philadelphia Industrial Development Group (PIDC) that serves the industrial parks around PNE; none of which are on airport property. The DeSimone parcel is outside of any runway protection zone, does not conflict with any runway navigational aids or lighting systems and is not identified for future aviation use on the current Airport Layout Plan.

The 3.5 acre parcel is zoned C7 (Commercial Centers) and consists entirely of made-land that is either paved or grass covered (see Site Photos on Page 4 and 5). The DeSimone Auto Group maintains the parcel. No wetlands, water resources or other natural resources (including habitat for threatened or endangered species) would be affected by the sale of this parcel. No buildings or structures would be affected, no zoning changes would be required, and no land would be disturbed.

The sale of these 3.5 acres from the City of Philadelphia to the DeSimone Auto Group will not result in a change in land use and thus is not anticipated to cause environmental impacts. This action will require a modification to the Airport property line on the Airport Layout Plan.
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PREPARER CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information I have provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

_________________________________________  11/29/2010
Signature                                           Date

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AIRPORT SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information I have provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, correct. I also recognize and agree that no construction activity, including but not limited to site preparation, demolition, or land disturbance, shall proceed for the above proposed project(s) until FAA issues a final environmental decision for the proposed project(s), and until compliance with all other applicable FAA approval actions (e.g., ALP approval, airspace approval, grant approval) has occurred.

_________________________________________  12/02/2010
Signature                                           Date

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FAA DECISION:
Having reviewed the above information, certified by the responsible airport official, it is the FAA’s decision that the proposed development project has been found to qualify for a Categorical Exclusion from preparation of a formal environmental assessment.

Project Reviewed by:

_________________________________________  12-15-10
(Signature of Responsible FAA Official)                                           Date

Effective Date: Oct 2007