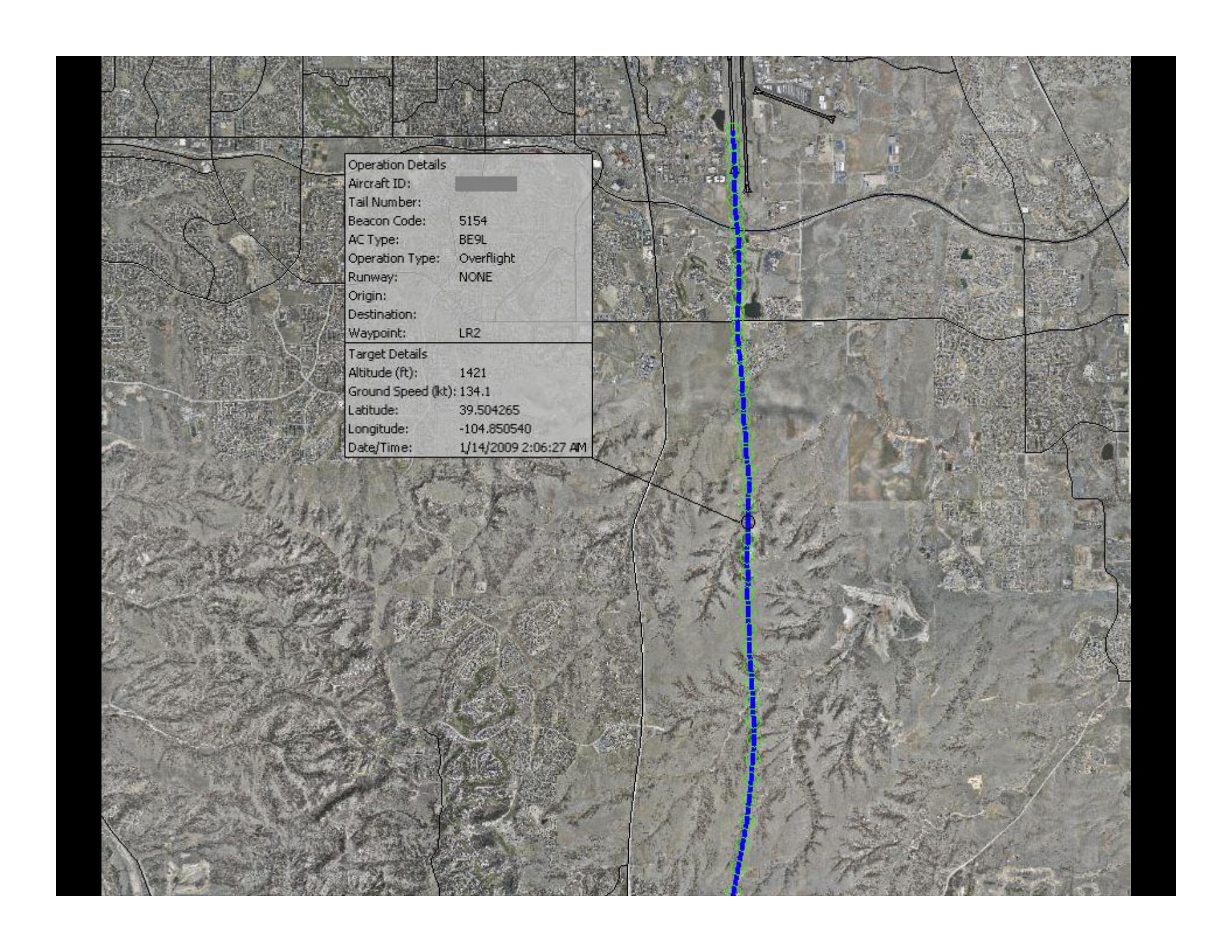


# Centennial Airport Part 150 Study

- Part 150 History
  - 1998 Part 150 Study Begins
  - 1999 First Set of Noise Contours completed
  - 2002 Completed Study Submitted to FAA
  - 2002 Lost Federal Funding - Part 150 Shelved
  - 2004 Federal Funding Restored
  - 2006 FAA Provides grant Funding for Noise Contours update
  - 2007 Updated Noise Contours Complete
  - 2008 Part 150 Published in Federal Register, 180 day review period and 60 day comment period begins



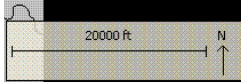
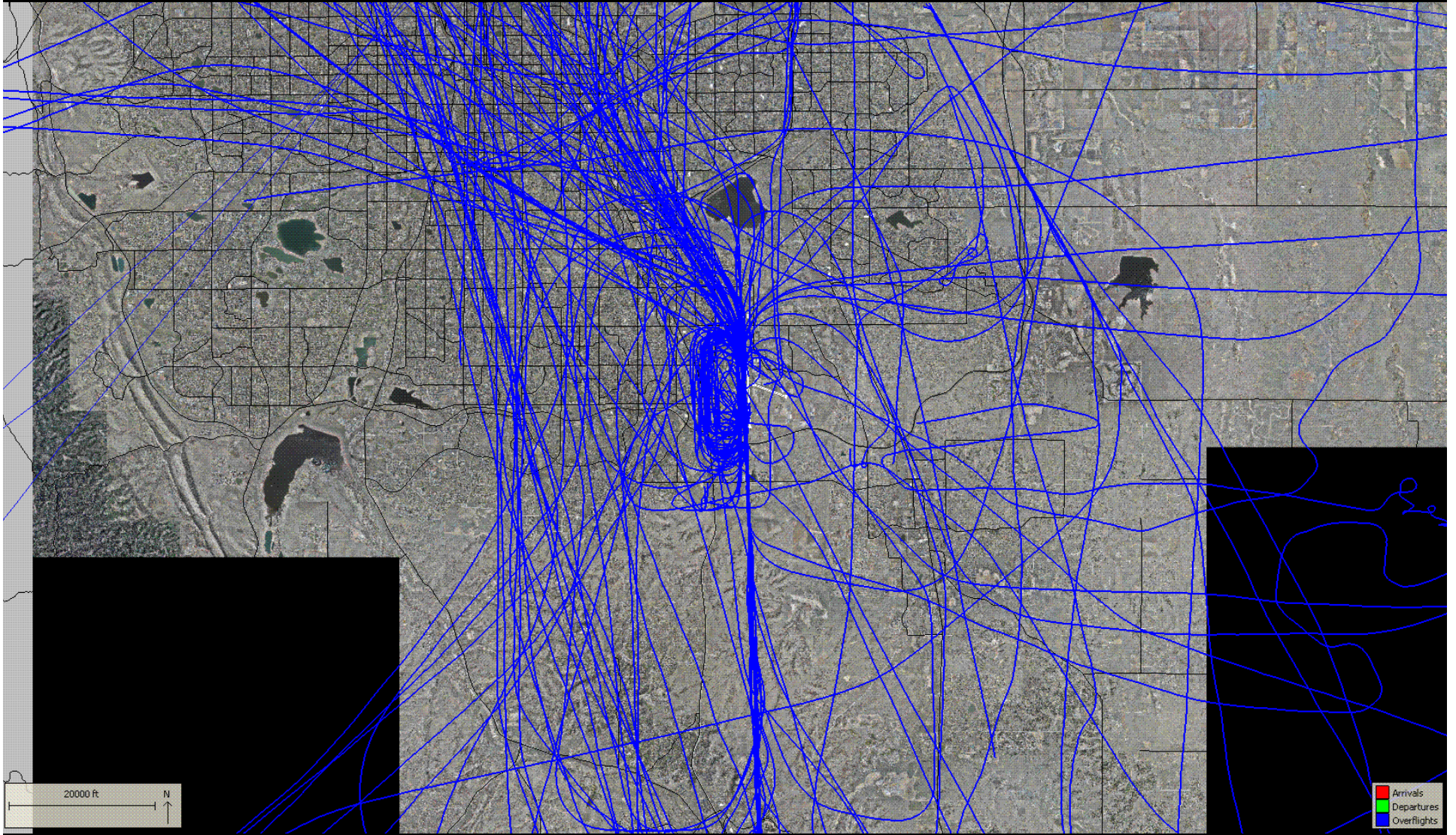




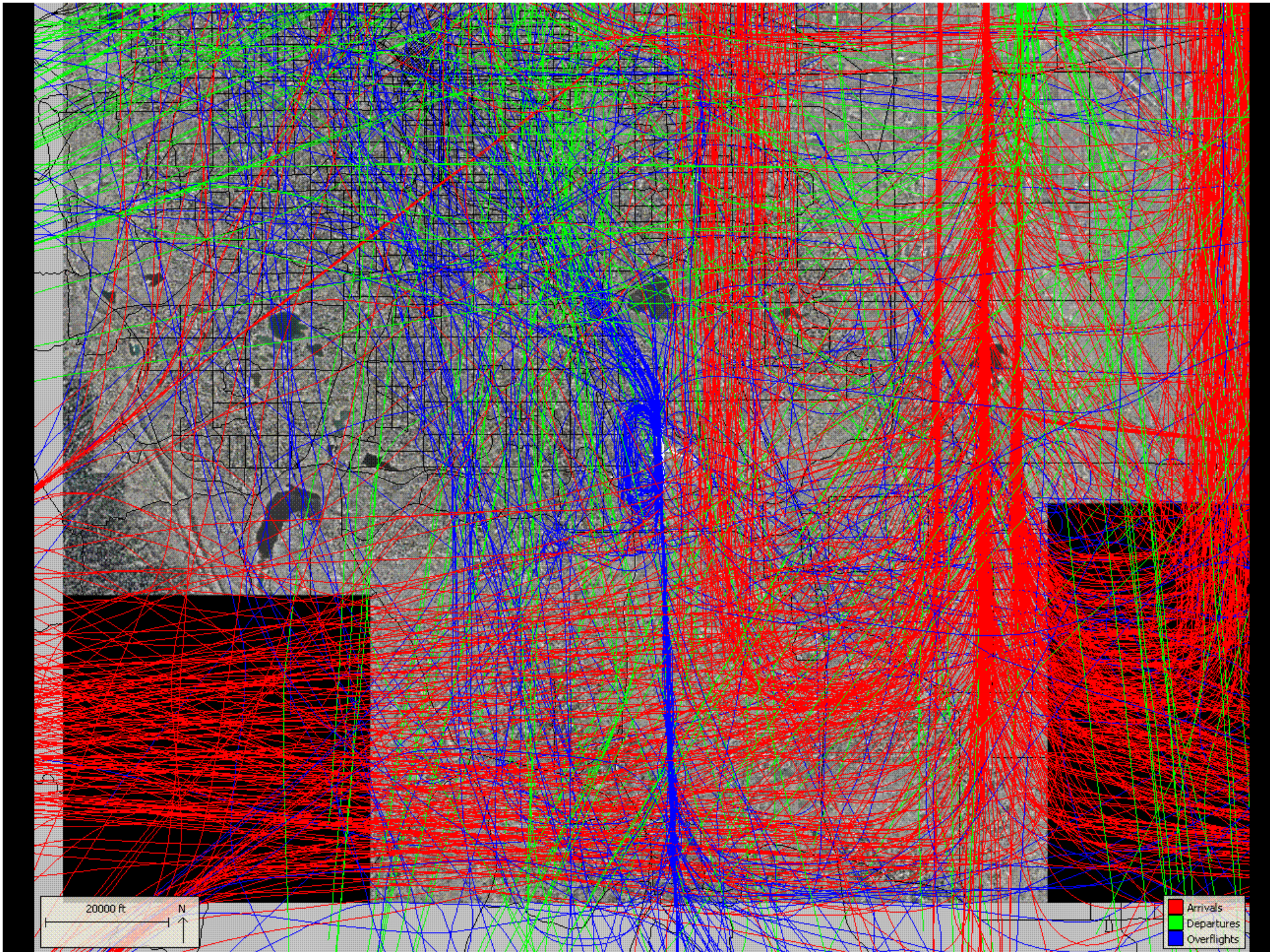
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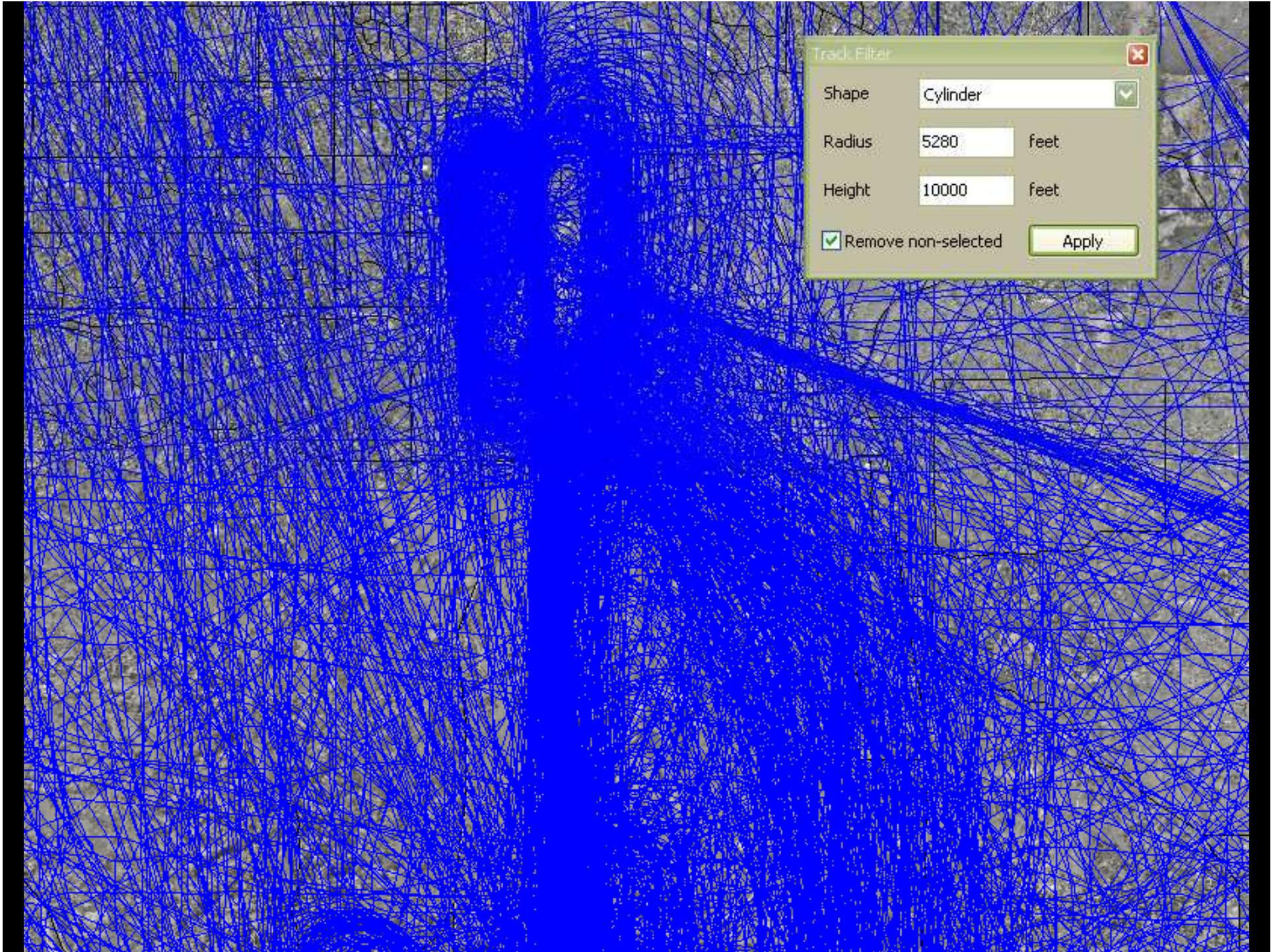












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# Existing INM Flight Tracks North Flow (Jets)

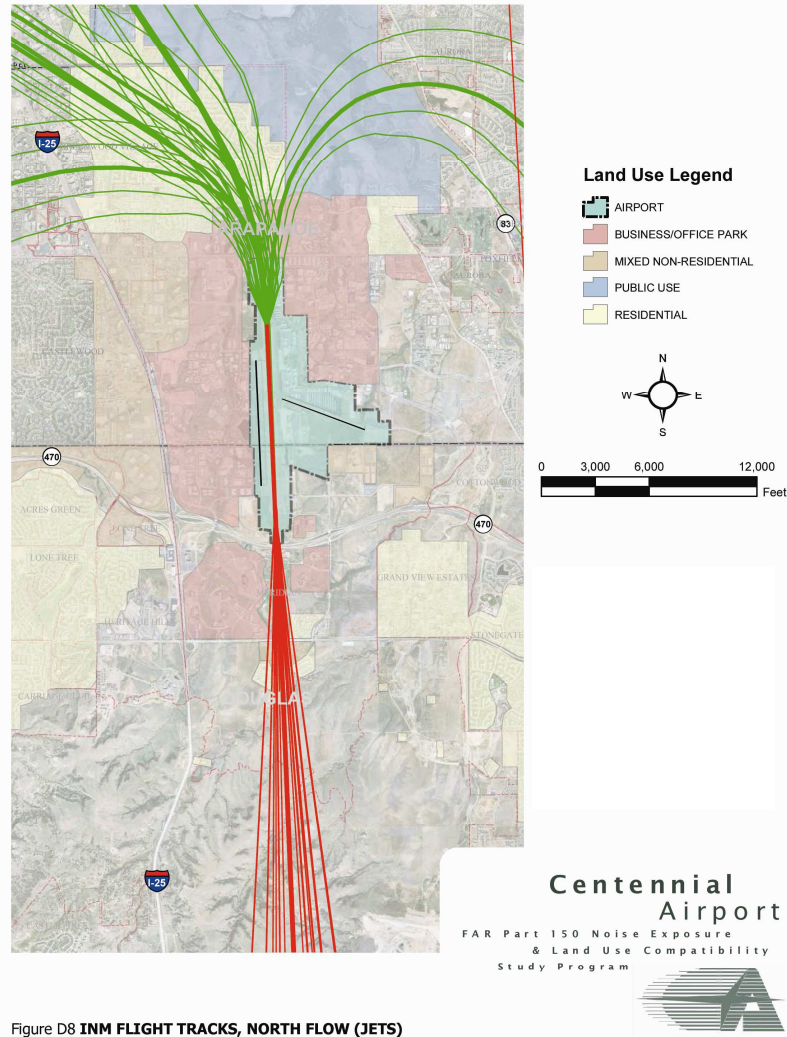


Figure D8 INM FLIGHT TRACKS, NORTH FLOW (JETS)

# Existing INM Flight Tracks South Flow (Jets)

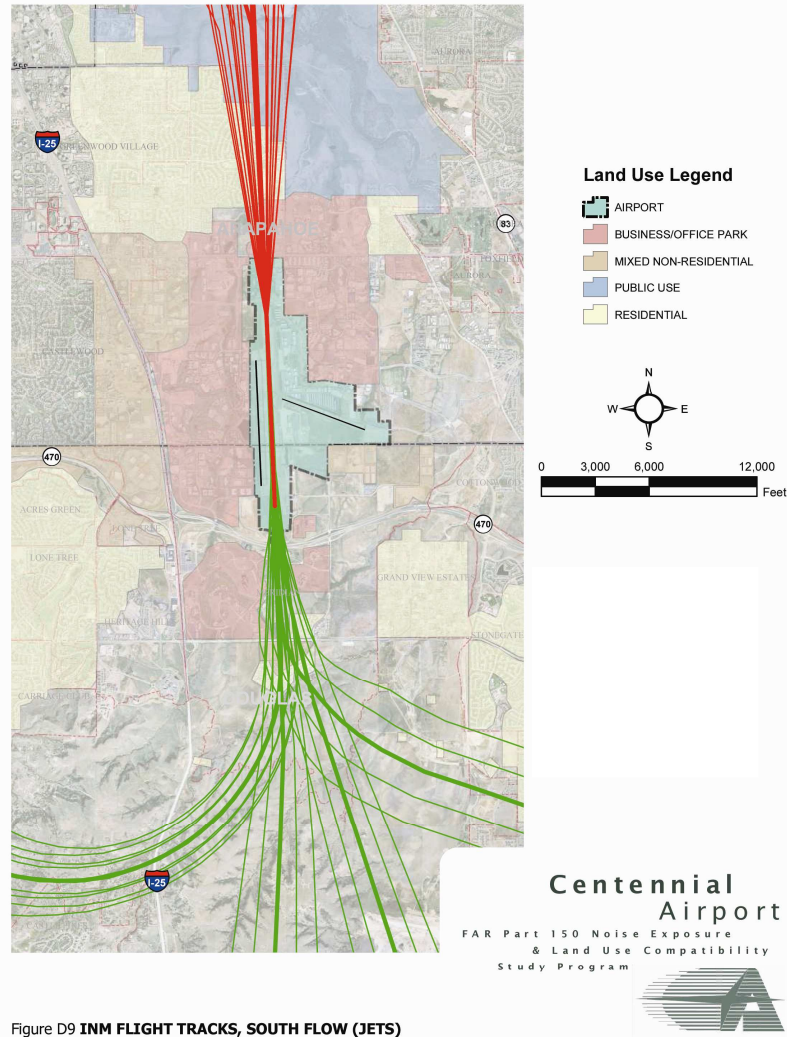


Figure D9 INM FLIGHT TRACKS, SOUTH FLOW (JETS)

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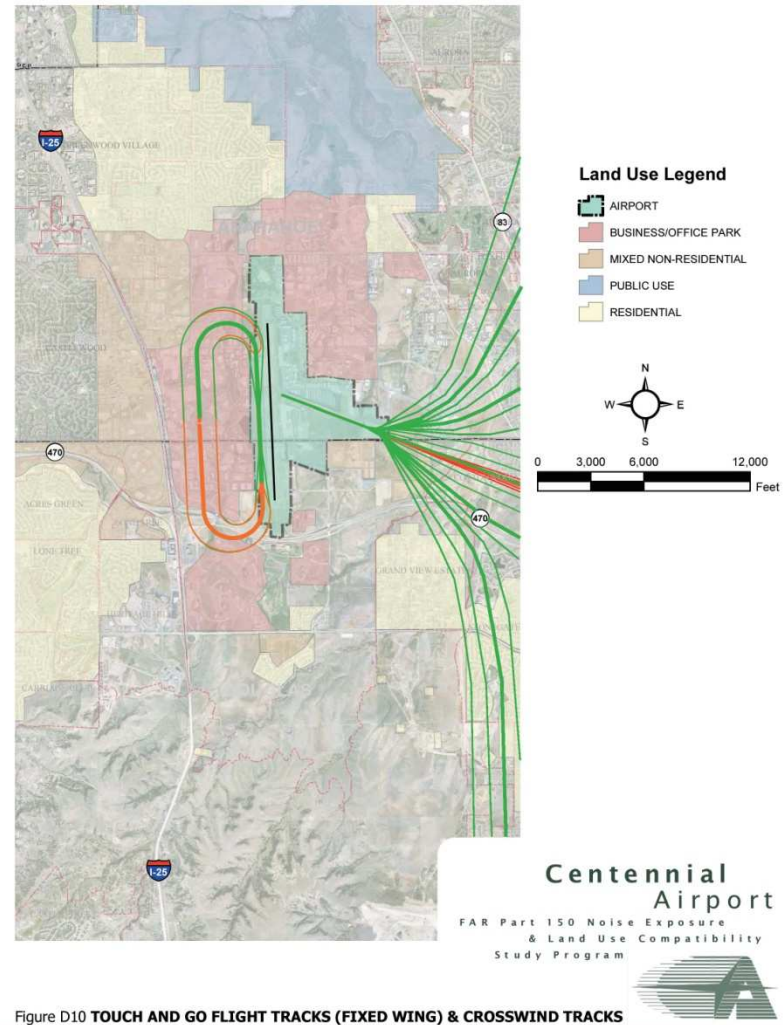


Figure D10 TOUCH AND GO FLIGHT TRACKS (FIXED WING) & CROSSWIND TRACKS



- Existing 2006 Noise Contours

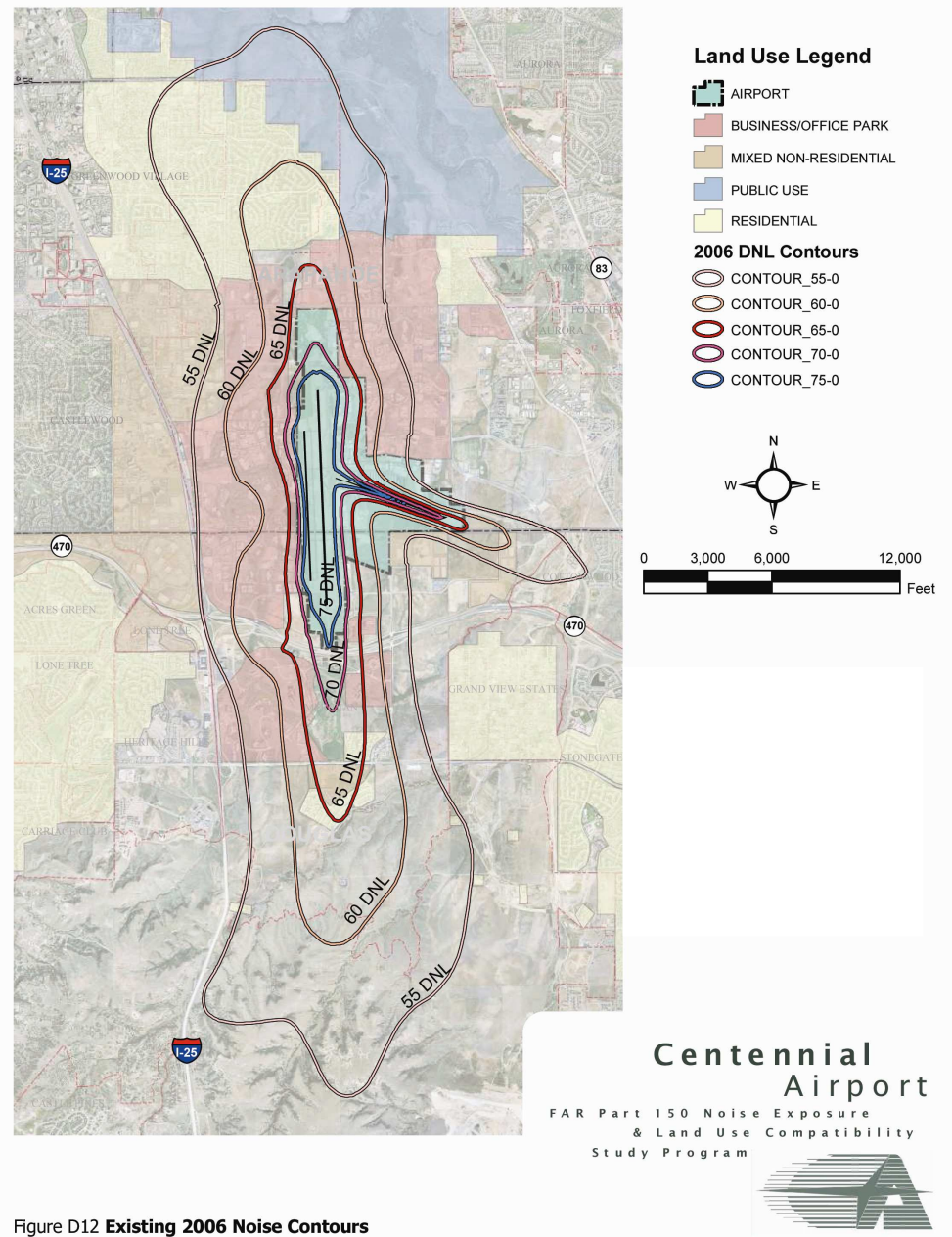


Figure D12 Existing 2006 Noise Contours



- Future 2012 Noise Contours

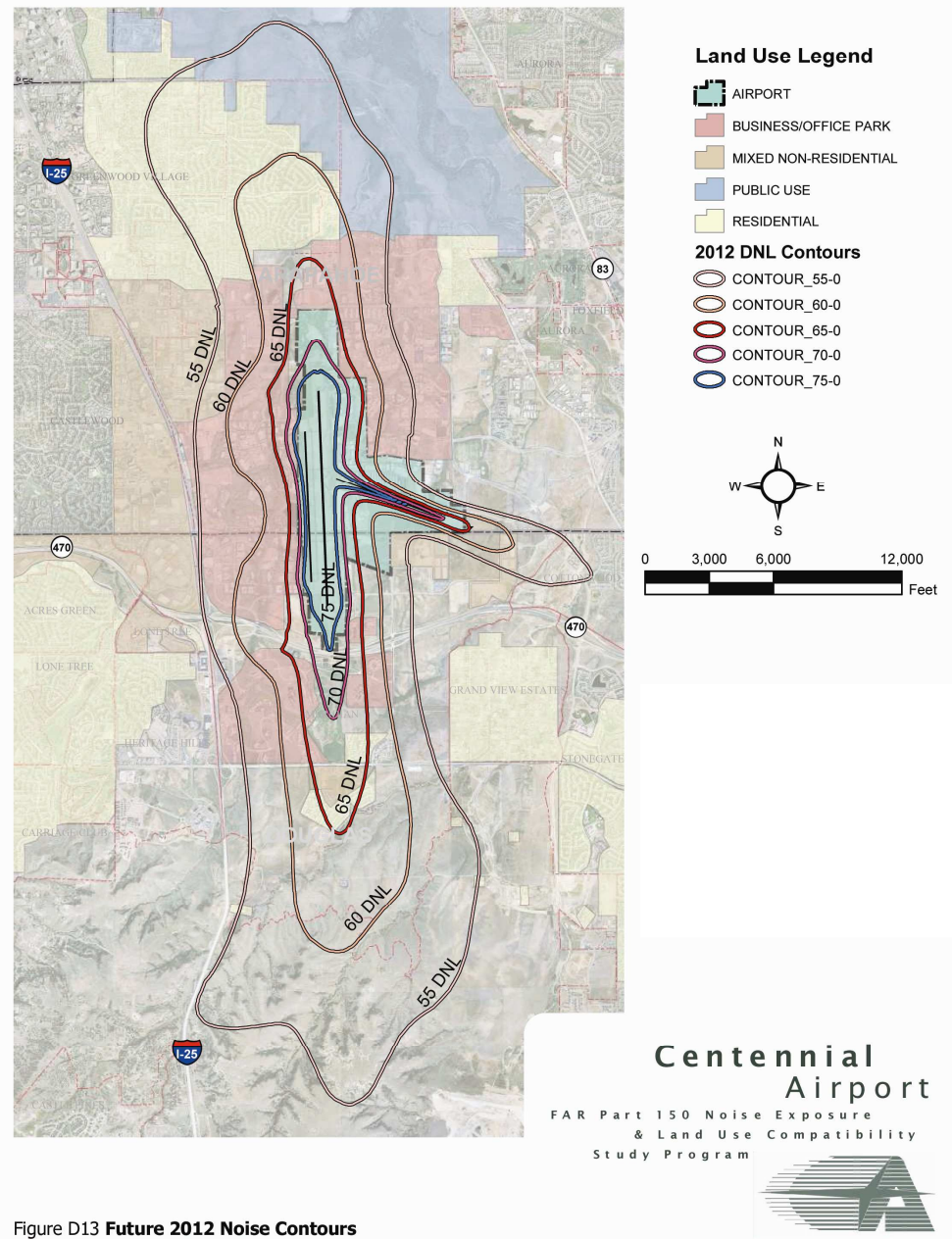


Figure D13 Future 2012 Noise Contours





# Part 150 Study

- Ban Stage 1 Aircraft – FAA disapproved this recommendation. The FAA stated that there was not enough evidence provided to prove the proposed ban would significantly reduce noise impact, as required under Part 150. The Airport Authority may submit additional information to FAA for further evaluation and reconsideration of this measure.
- Ban Stage 2 Aircraft at Night – The FAA disapproved of this recommendation. The FAA found the Airport Authority had not complied with all the requirements of Part 150 to demonstrate the noise benefit of this ban. Further, the Airport Authority also must comply with Part 161 requirements, including the analysis of the economic impact of such a ban, before the ban can be implemented. As with the proposed ban of Stage 1 aircraft, the Airport Authority may submit additional information for FAA review



# Part 150 Study

- 010 Degree Departure at Night – The FAA approved of this recommendation as a voluntary measure, subject to weather, operational safety, and efficiency. Before implementation of this procedure an Environmental Assessment would need to be completed.
- Test 24-hour Flight Tracks between 350 and 010 degree Headings – The FAA disapproved this recommendation and concluded that there would be significant adverse impacts to the safety and efficiency of FAA Air Traffic Control in the Denver metro area.









# Part 150 Study

- Amend Community Plans and Zoning Ordinances – The FAA approved-in-part this recommendation. They approved of amendments being made in recognition of the noise impact around the airport but wanted to ensure that any height related issues are handled under 14 CFR Part 77, Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace.
- 170 Degree Departure – The FAA disapproved this recommendation and concluded that there would be significant impacts on safety and efficiency of Air Traffic Control operations.



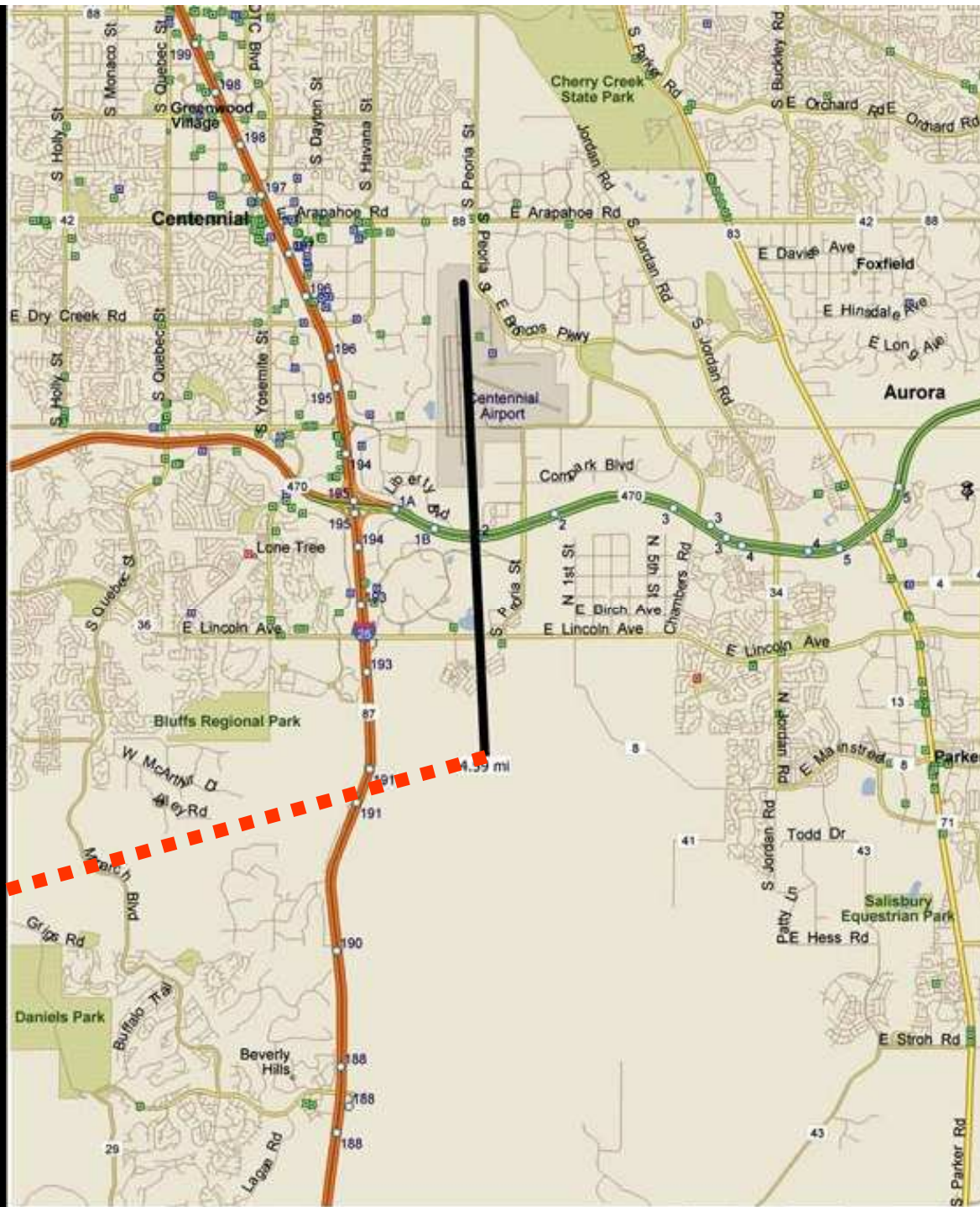


# Part 150 Study

- Establish Noise Abatement Office – The FAA approved this recommendation.
- Noise Monitoring System – The FAA approved of this recommendation provided the system not be used for enforcement purposes. The Airport is planning to request a FAA grant for this project in 2009.
- Develop Fly Quiet Program – For Part 150 purposes, the FAA approved this recommendation as a voluntary measure only for the 010 departure procedure. Other fly quiet procedures could be analyzed and included in future Part 150 Noise Studies.









# Part 150 Study

- Operations Review and Part 150 Update – The FAA approved this recommendation.
- Elimination of Preferential Runway Use – The FAA approved this recommendation.
- Establish follow-up Roundtable/Committee – The FAA approved this recommendation.





# Noise Basics





# Terms & Metrics

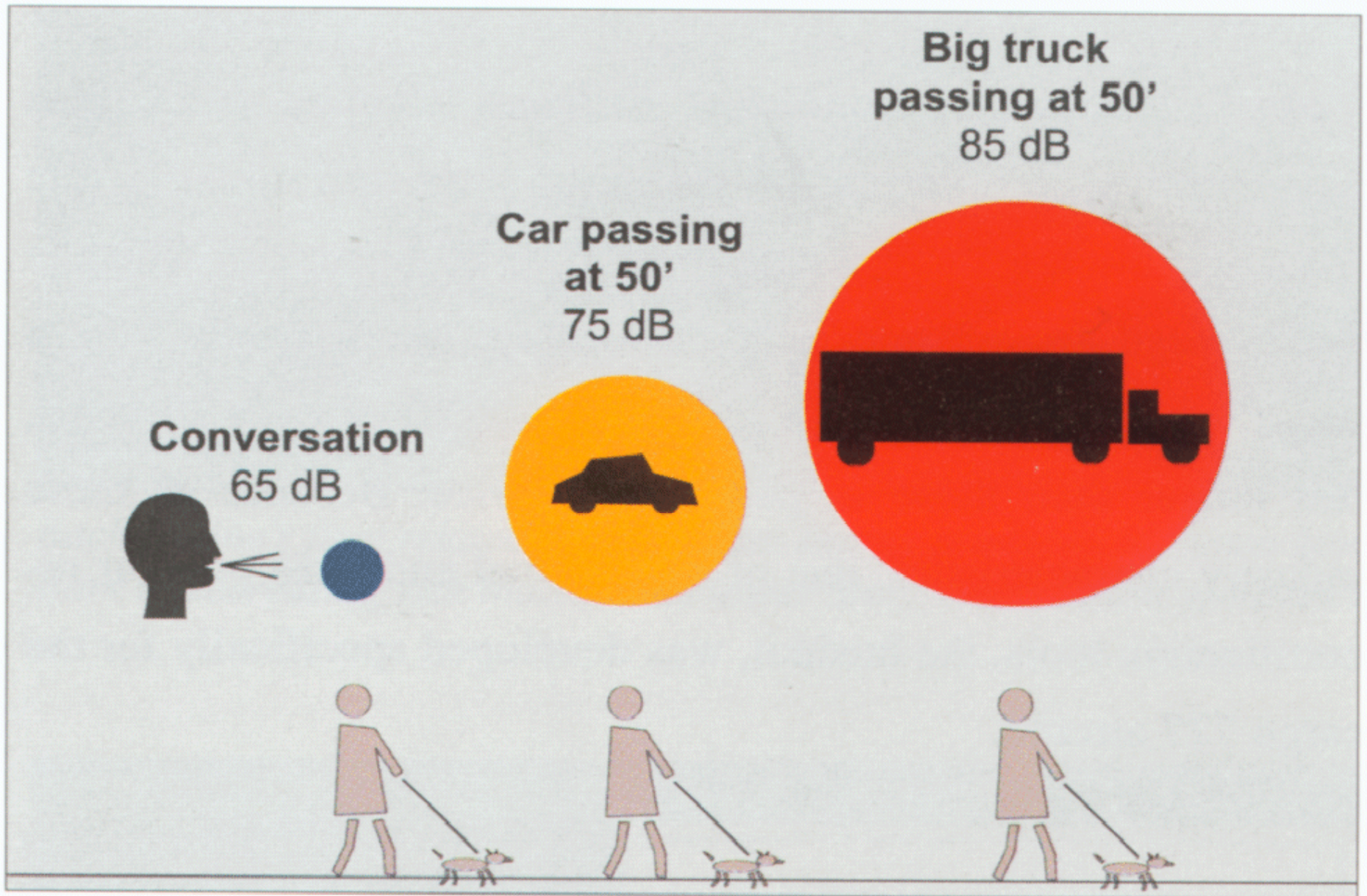
- dB (Decibels)
- dBA (A-Weighted Decibels)
- Lmax (Maximum Noise Level)
- SEL (Sound Exposure Level)
- Leq (Equivalent Sound Level)
- CNEL (Community Noise Equivalent Level)
- DNL (Day-Night Average Sound Level)
- INM (Integrated Noise Model)



# Decibels

- Decibels (dB) are the unit of measurement on the loudness scale
- The decibel scale is logarithmic, not linear
  - Smallest detectable change = 1 dB
  - 3 dB is readily detectable
  - 10 dB seems twice as loud





*The bubbles represent the relative difference in perceived noise from a reduction of 10 dB and 20 dB.*

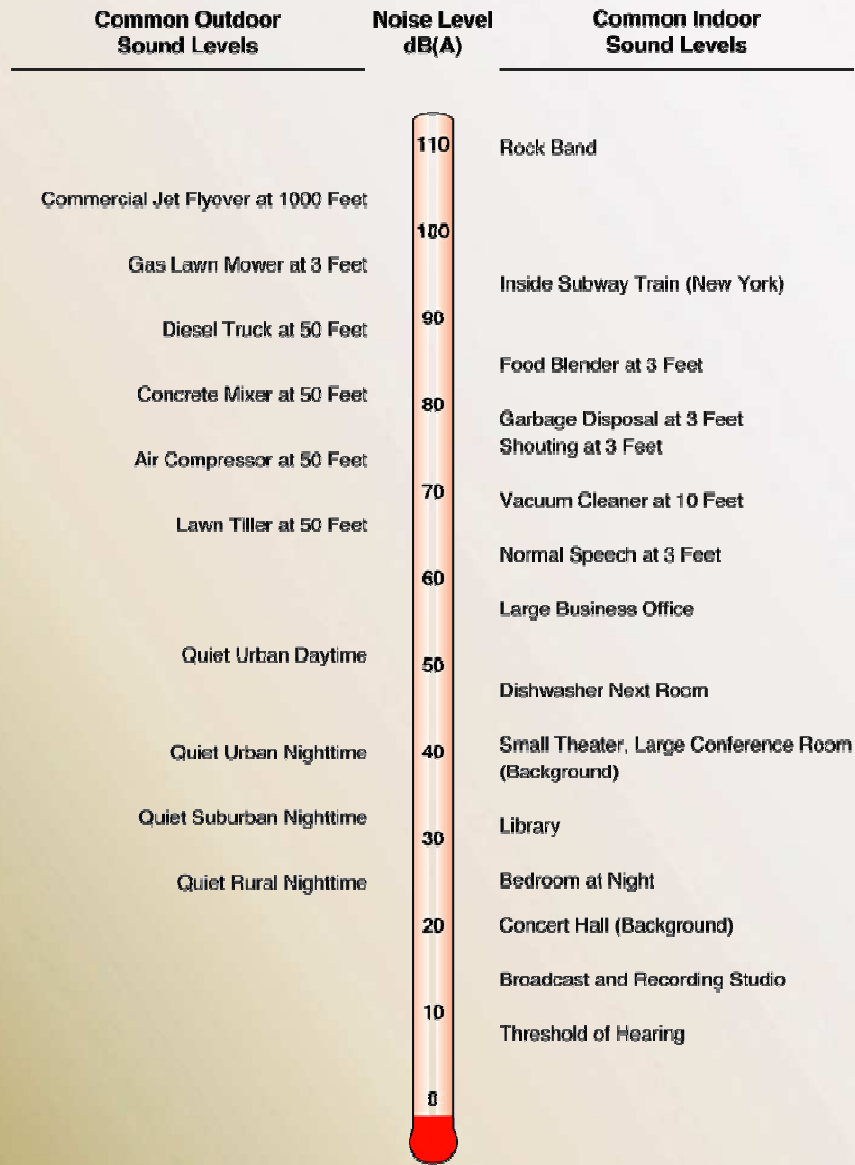
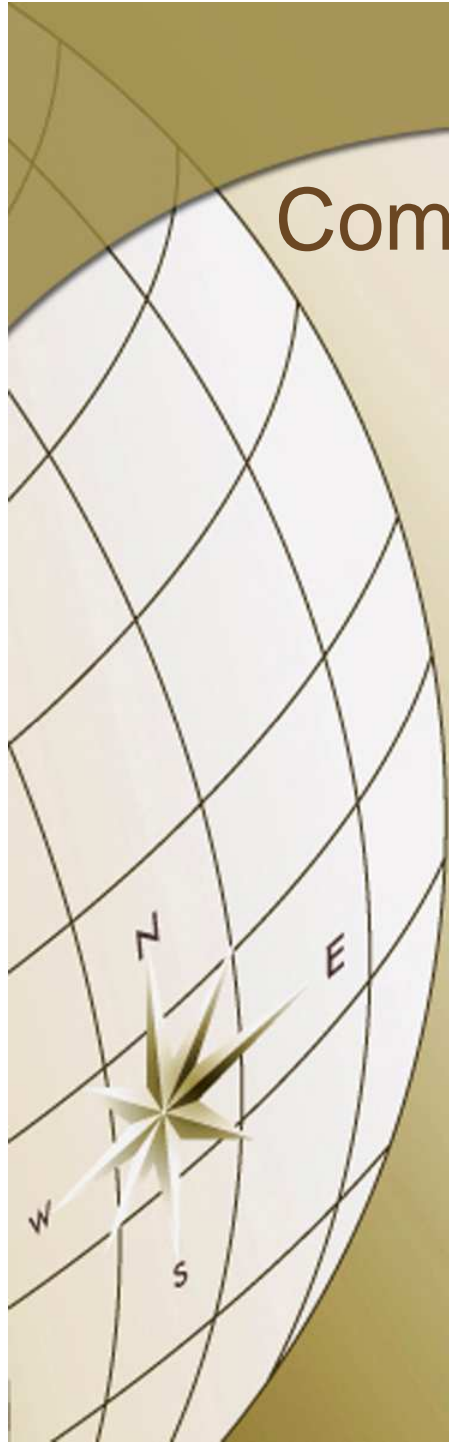


# A-Weighted Decibels

- Accounts for the fact that humans do not hear low frequencies and high frequencies as well as they do middle frequencies.
- The dBA measurement system has a highly reliable relationship between projected noise exposure and the surveyed reactions of people to the noise.



# Common A-weighted Sound Levels, in dB

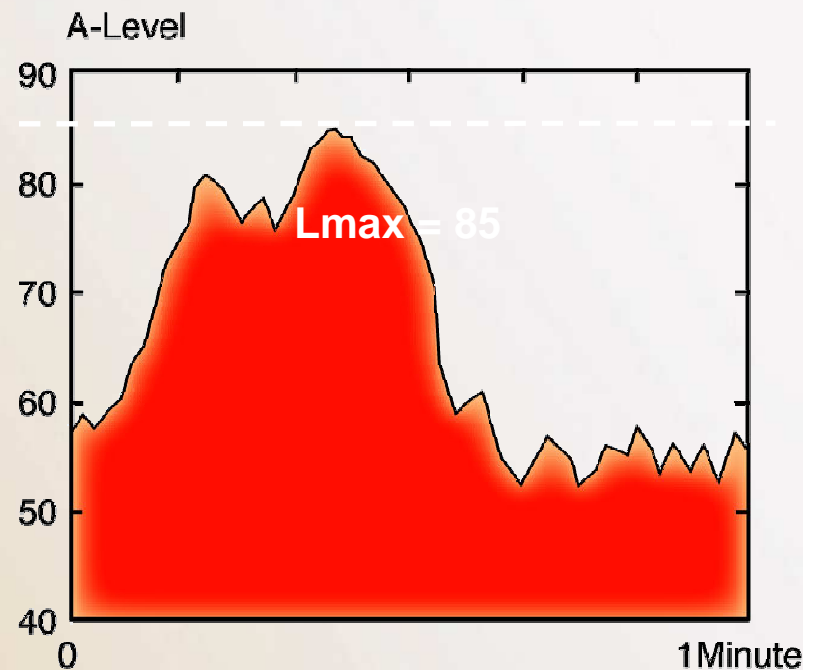




# Maximum Sound Level (Lmax)

- Because of the variation in level of a sound event, it is often convenient to describe the event with its maximum sound level, abbreviated as Lmax

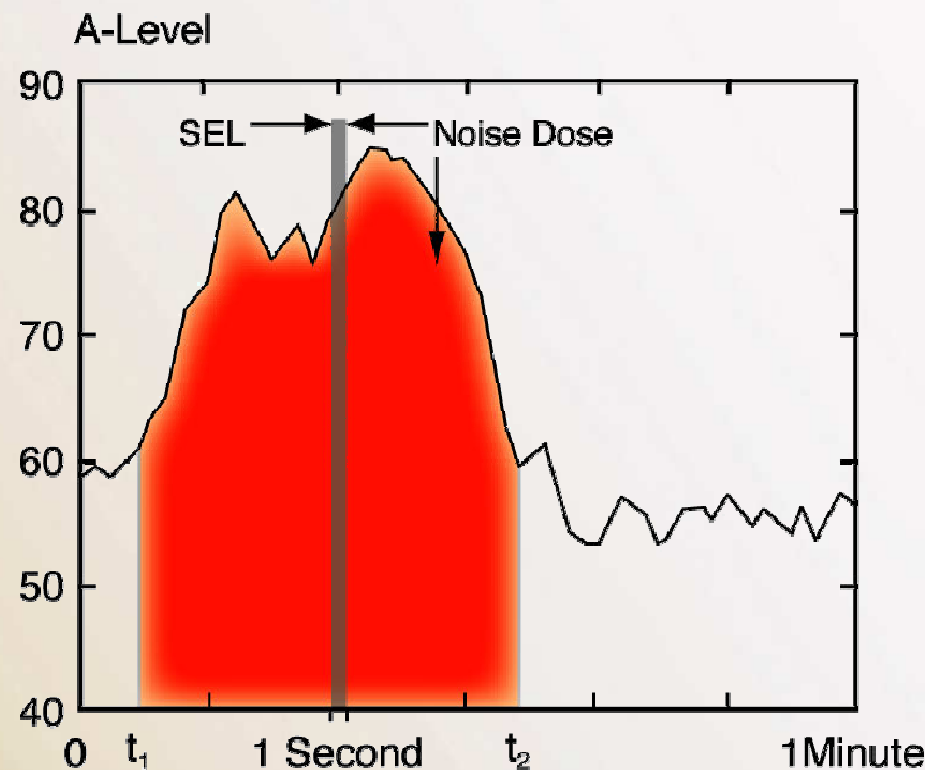
- Accounts only for sound amplitude (A-weighted level)
- Two events may have the same maximum level, but much different exposures



# Sound Exposure Level (SEL)

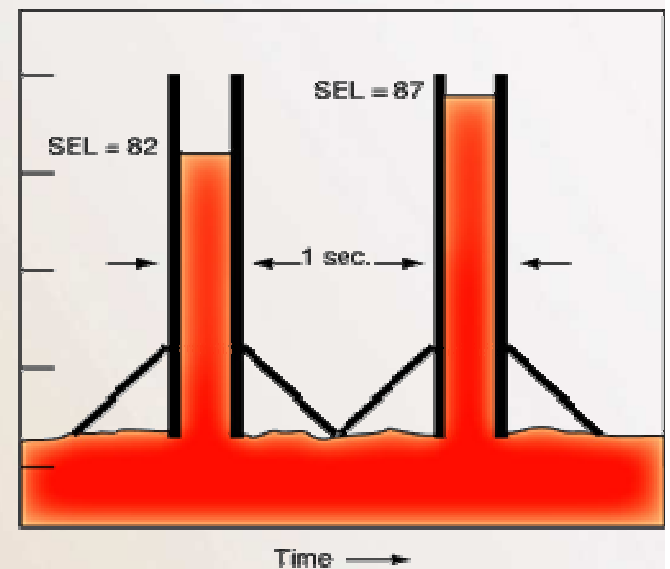
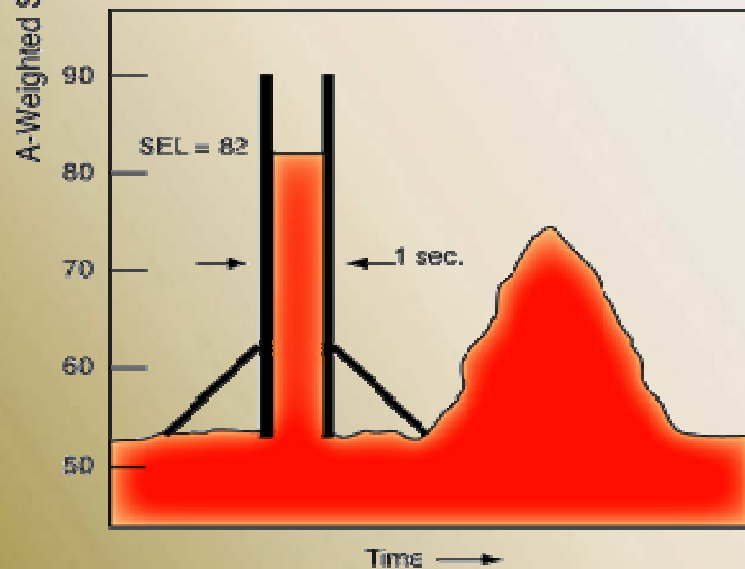
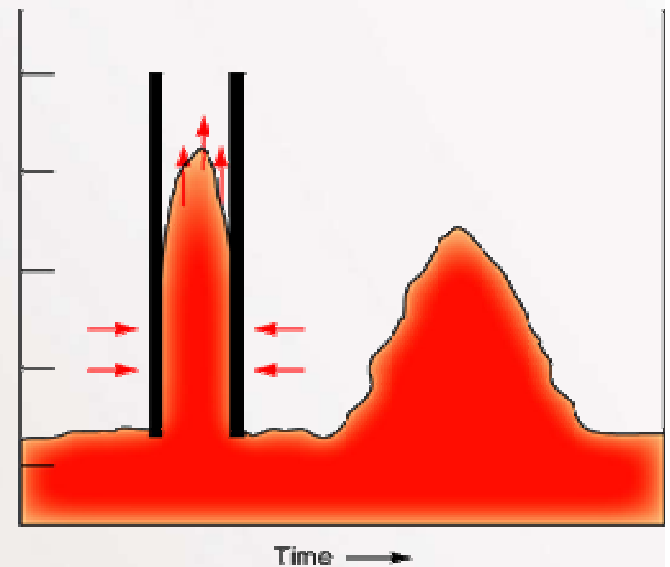
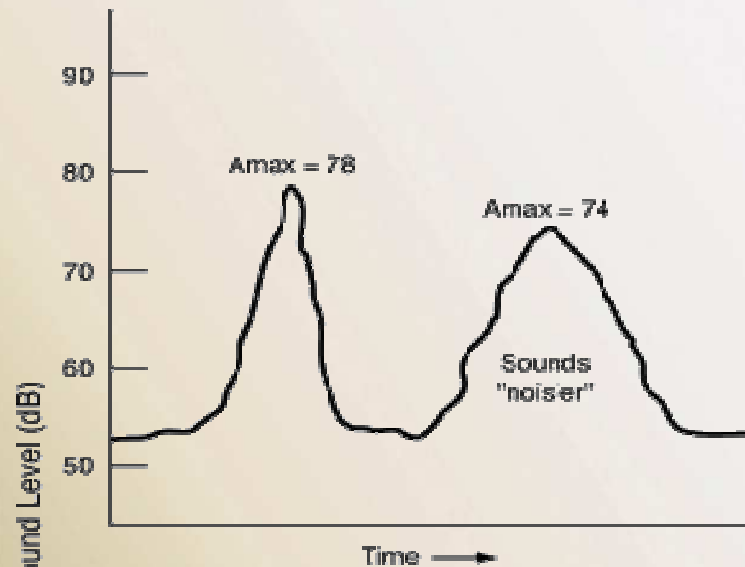
- A way to describe the “noisiness” of a complete noise event or to compare noise events of varying durations and intensities

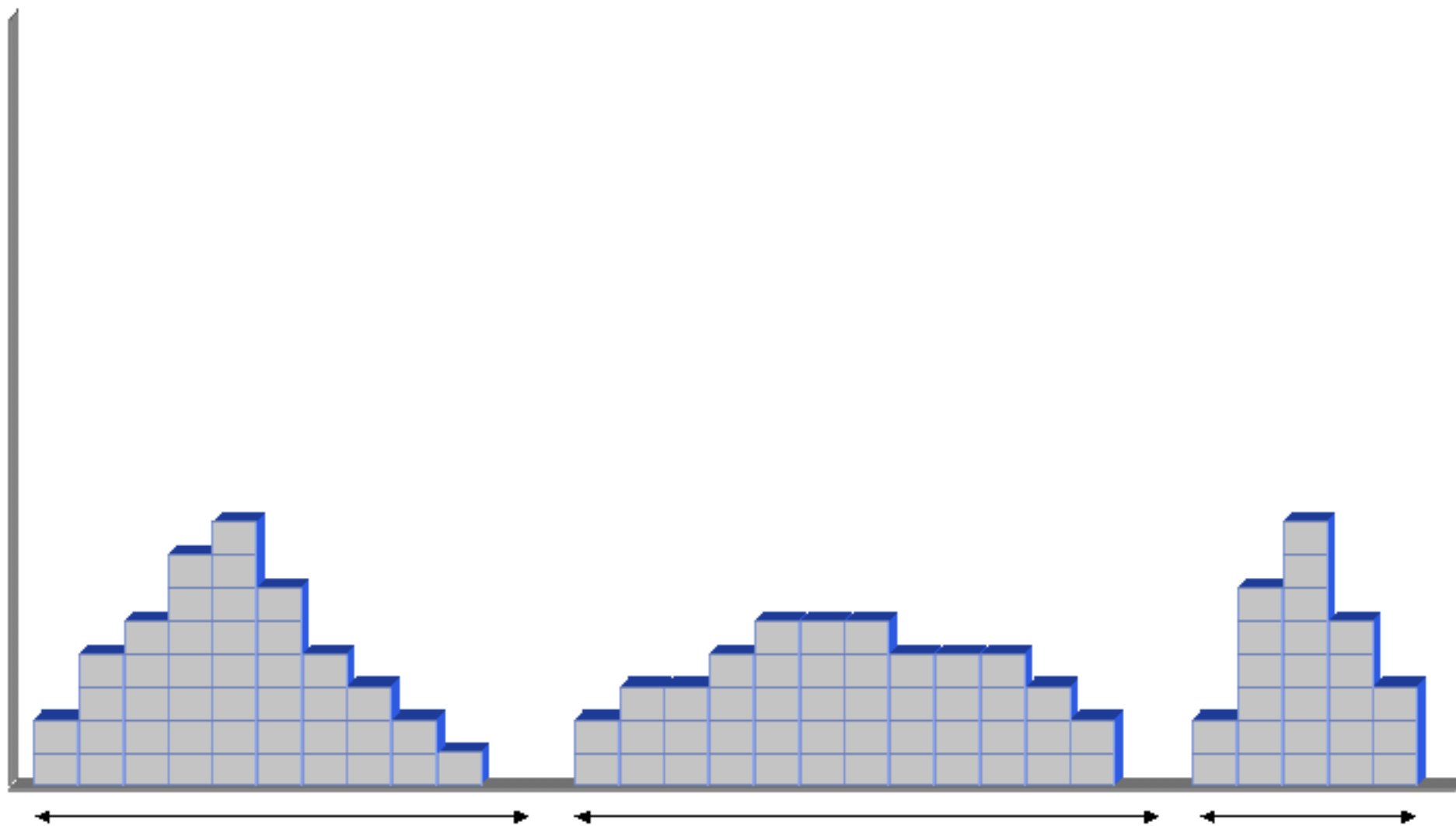
- Accounts for sound amplitude (A-weighted level)
- Accounts for noise event duration





# Sound Exposure Level (SEL)



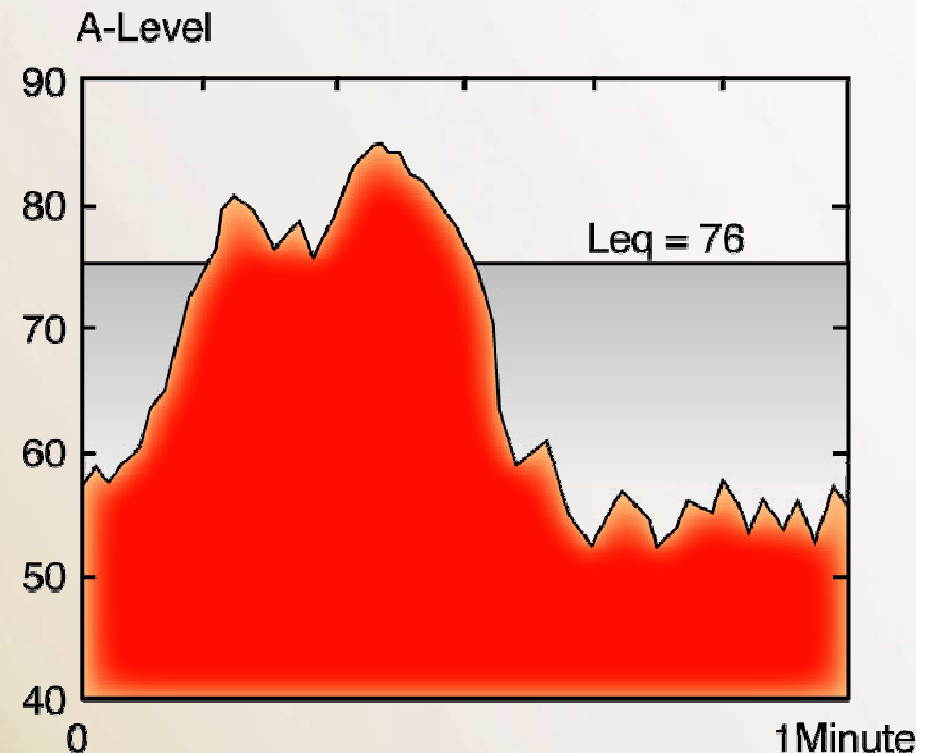




# Equivalent Sound Level (Leq)

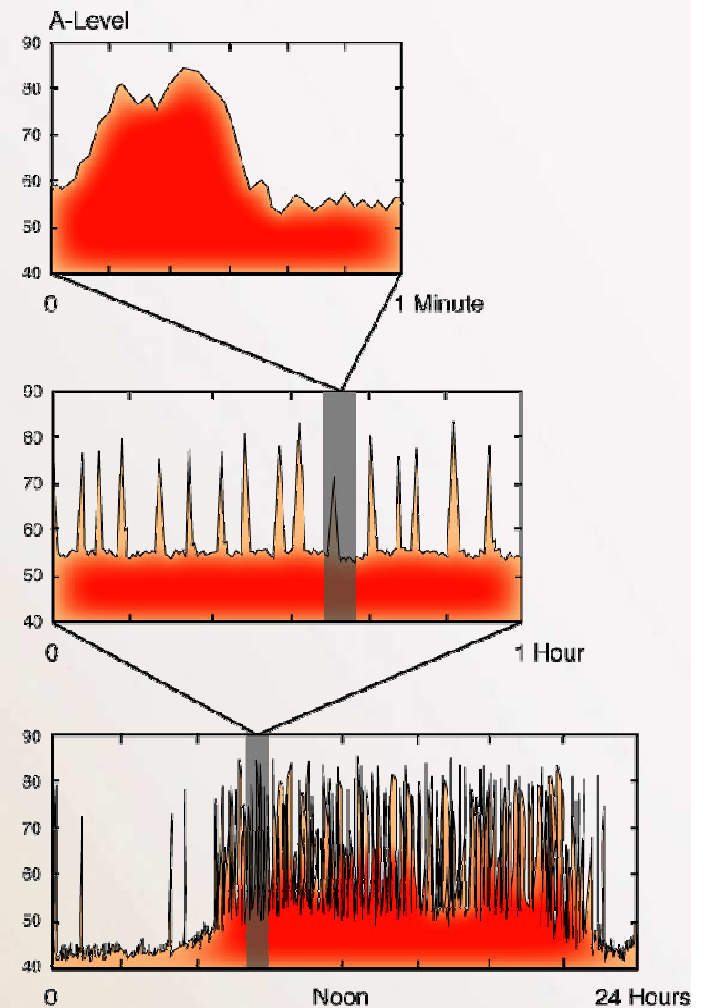
- A constant sound level “equivalent” on an energy basis of a time varying sound level over the same time period

- Leq is time-averaged
- Accounts for sound amplitude and time



# Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL)

- Averaged 24-hour noise exposure
- Accounts for noise event “noisiness” (SEL)
- Accounts for number of noise events
- Provides an additional weighting factor for nighttime operations
  - CNEL includes another weighting factor for evening operations







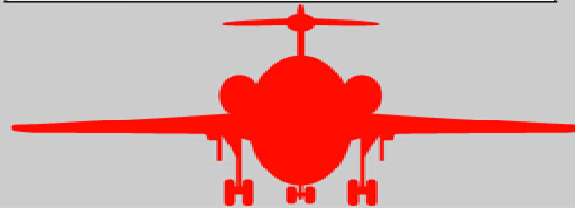
# Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL)

- DNL is a 24-hour time-averaged sound exposure level with a 10 dB nighttime (10p-7a) weighting.
- $DNL = \frac{\text{Total Daytime Sound Energy} + 10 \times \text{Total Nighttime Sound Energy}}{\text{Time (in seconds)}}$
- All Federal agencies have adopted DNL as the metric for airport noise analysis.

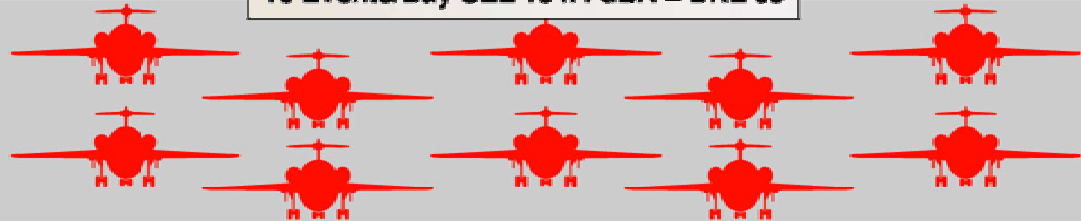
# Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL)

Identical DNL Levels

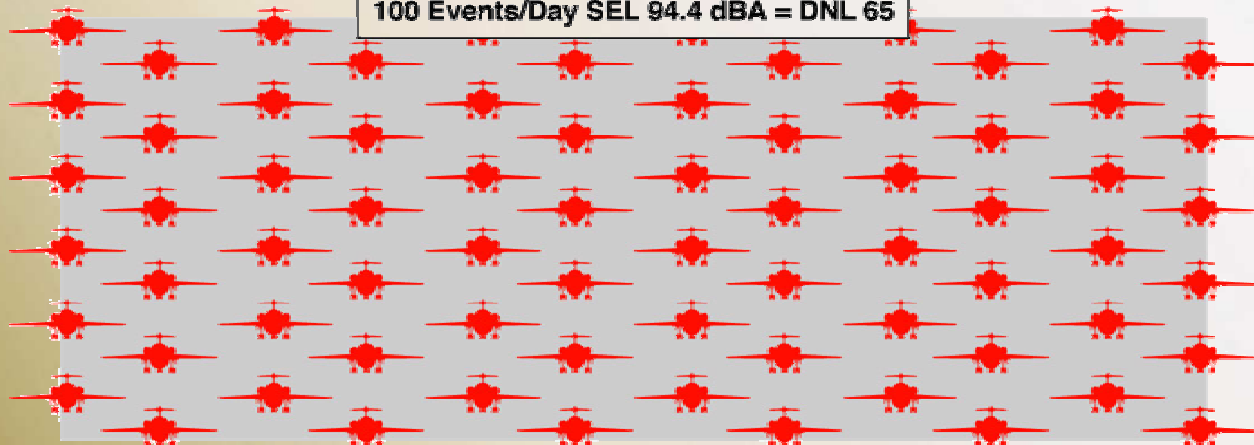
1 Event/Day SEL 114.4 dBA = DNL 65



10 Events/Day SEL 104.4 dBA = DNL 65



100 Events/Day SEL 94.4 dBA = DNL 65







# Integrated Noise Model (INM) and Noise Contours

- The required tool for calculation of aircraft noise contours in studies seeking to make noise mitigation eligible for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) or Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) funding.
- **Ingredients – INM**
  - Airport information - runways, temperature, airport altitude
  - Flight tracks (definitions and usage)
  - Fleet mix data
  - Operations levels – day/night (night=10dB penalty with DNL)
  - What engines are used - hush kit information
  - Where they fly from - runway usage
  - When they fly - time-of-day characteristics
  - How they are flown - climb/descent profiles
  - Where they fly to - performance data
  - Output includes Noise contours connecting points of equal noise exposure (typically 65, 70, 75 DNL), Tabular information, Noise levels at specific locations (grid point analysis)

- Existing 2006 Noise Contours

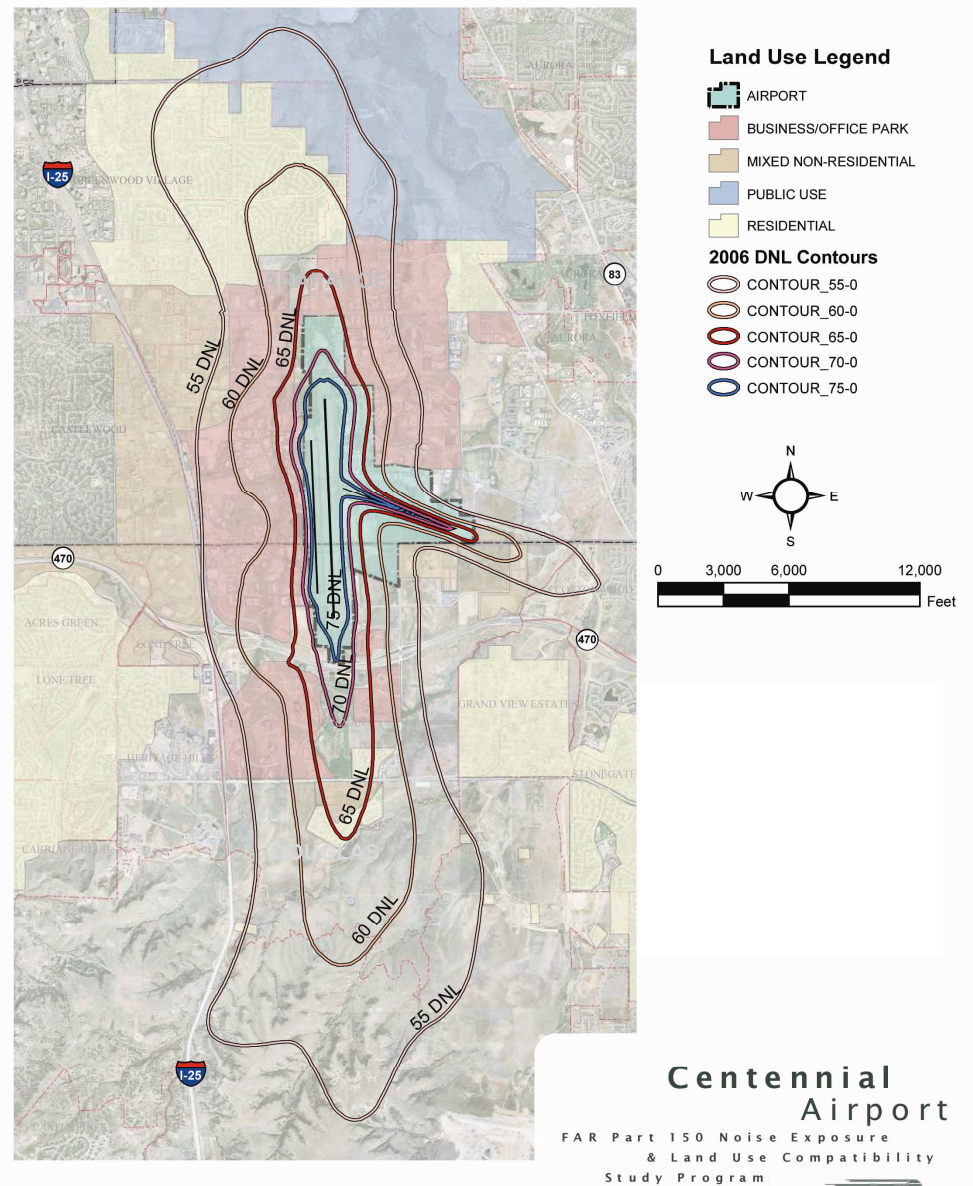


Figure D12 Existing 2006 Noise Contours



- Future 2012 Noise Contours

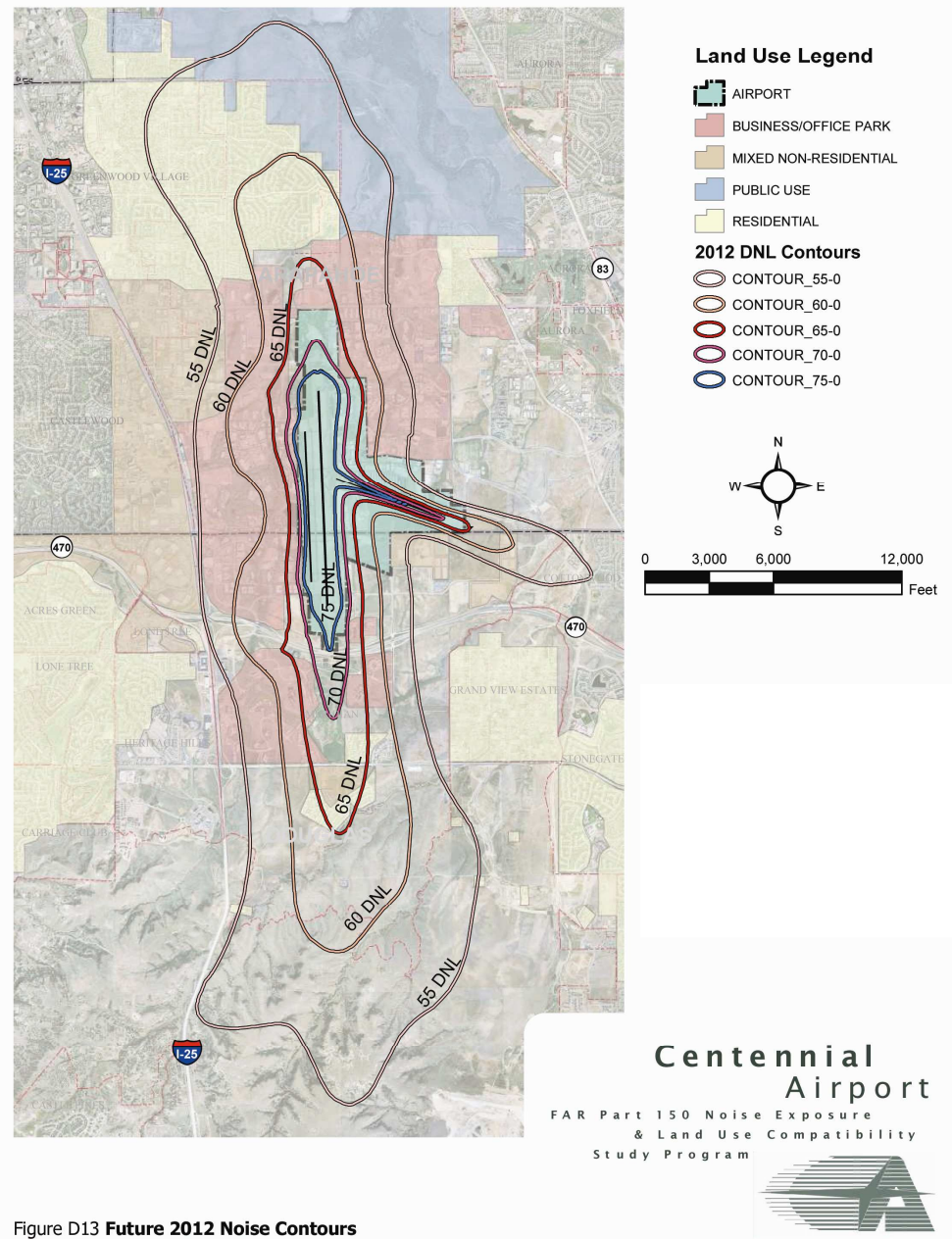


Figure D13 Future 2012 Noise Contours



# Noise Measurement

- Noise is defined as any unwanted sound. Whether or not a sound is noise is subject to the interpretation of the person who hears the sound.
- Aircraft noise began to become a problem in the early 1960's with the advent of commercial jet aircraft.
- Today, aircraft noise is probably the single most important environmental constraint for the development and expansion of airports, or the building of new ones.
- Noise is the primary focus of complaints and objections of people living in areas near an airport.



# Noise Measurement

- In order to quantify the measurement of sound, a unit of measurement known as the decibel (dB) is used
  - The decibel scale varies from 0 to 130 dB
  - Threshold of sound is at zero.
  - Threshold of pain for the human ear is at 130 dB
- Decibel rating is a logarithmic scale
  - Perceived loudness doubles with every 10 dB increase





# Noise Measurement Basics

- The decibel provides an accurate measure of the sound energy, but does **not** provide a reliable measurement of the human response to the sound energy.
- In order to accurately define the effects of noise on a community, a measure of cumulative noise exposure is needed.
  - Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL)
  - Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF)
  - Composite Noise Rating (CNR)
  - Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL)



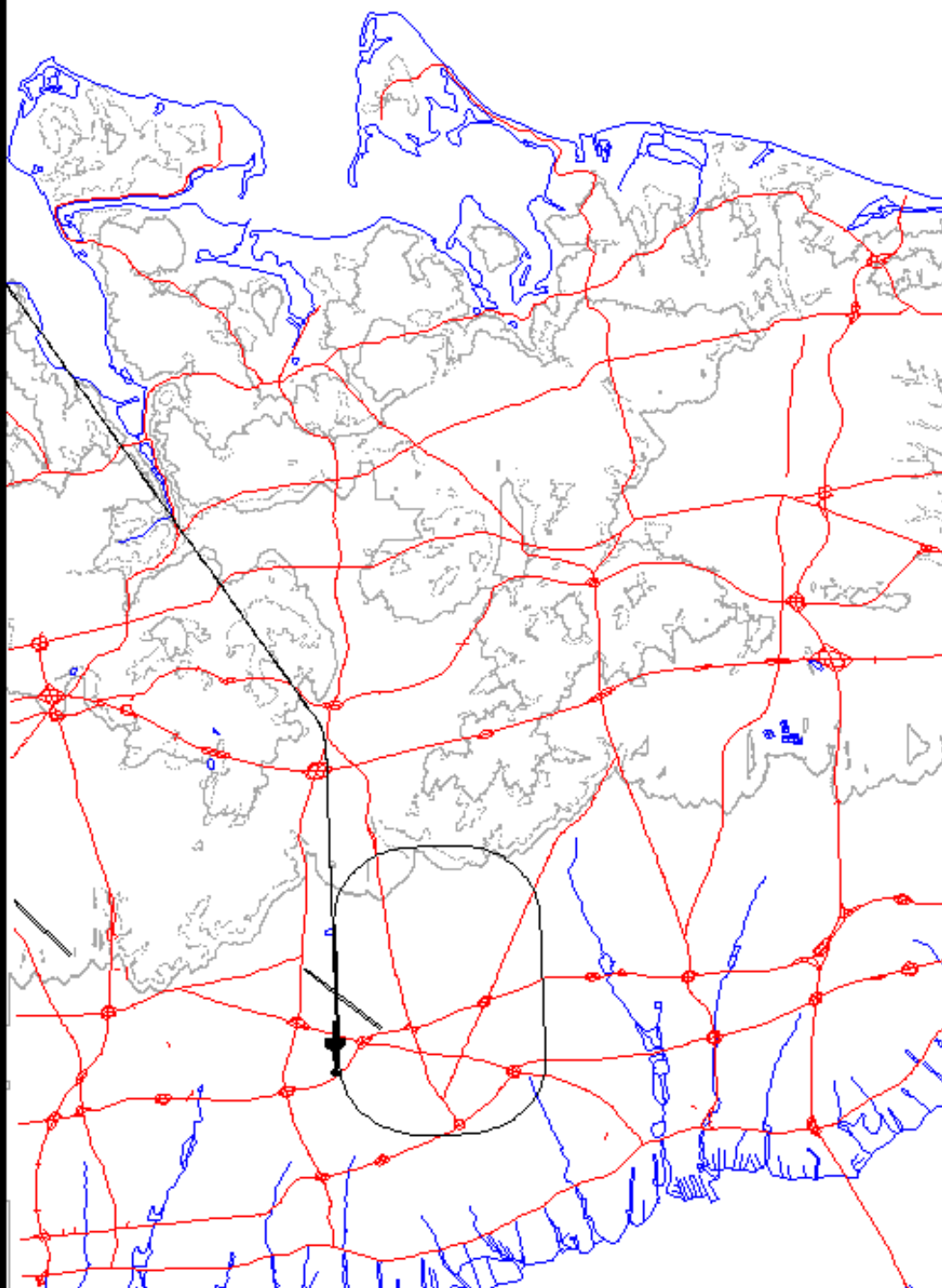
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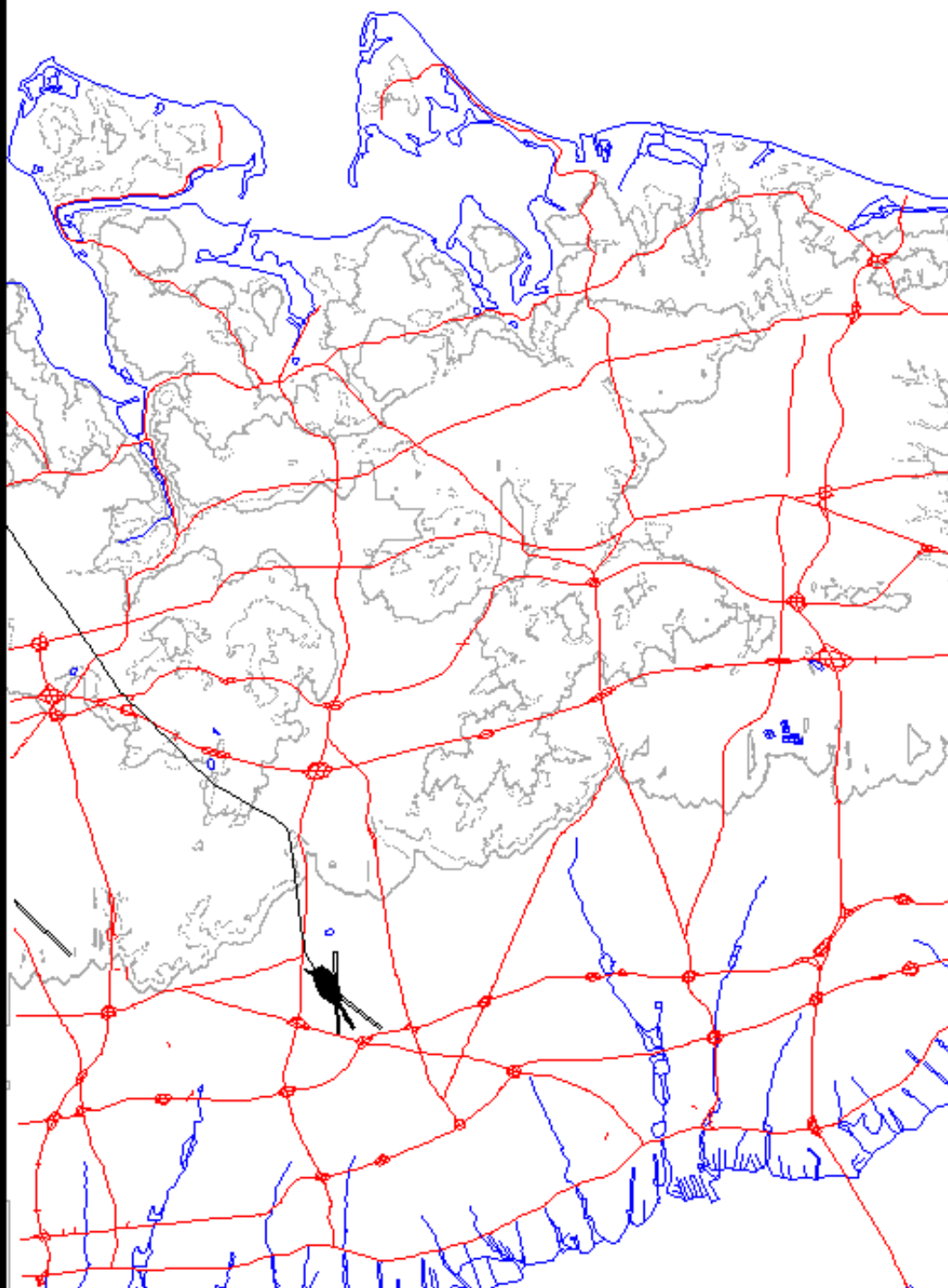
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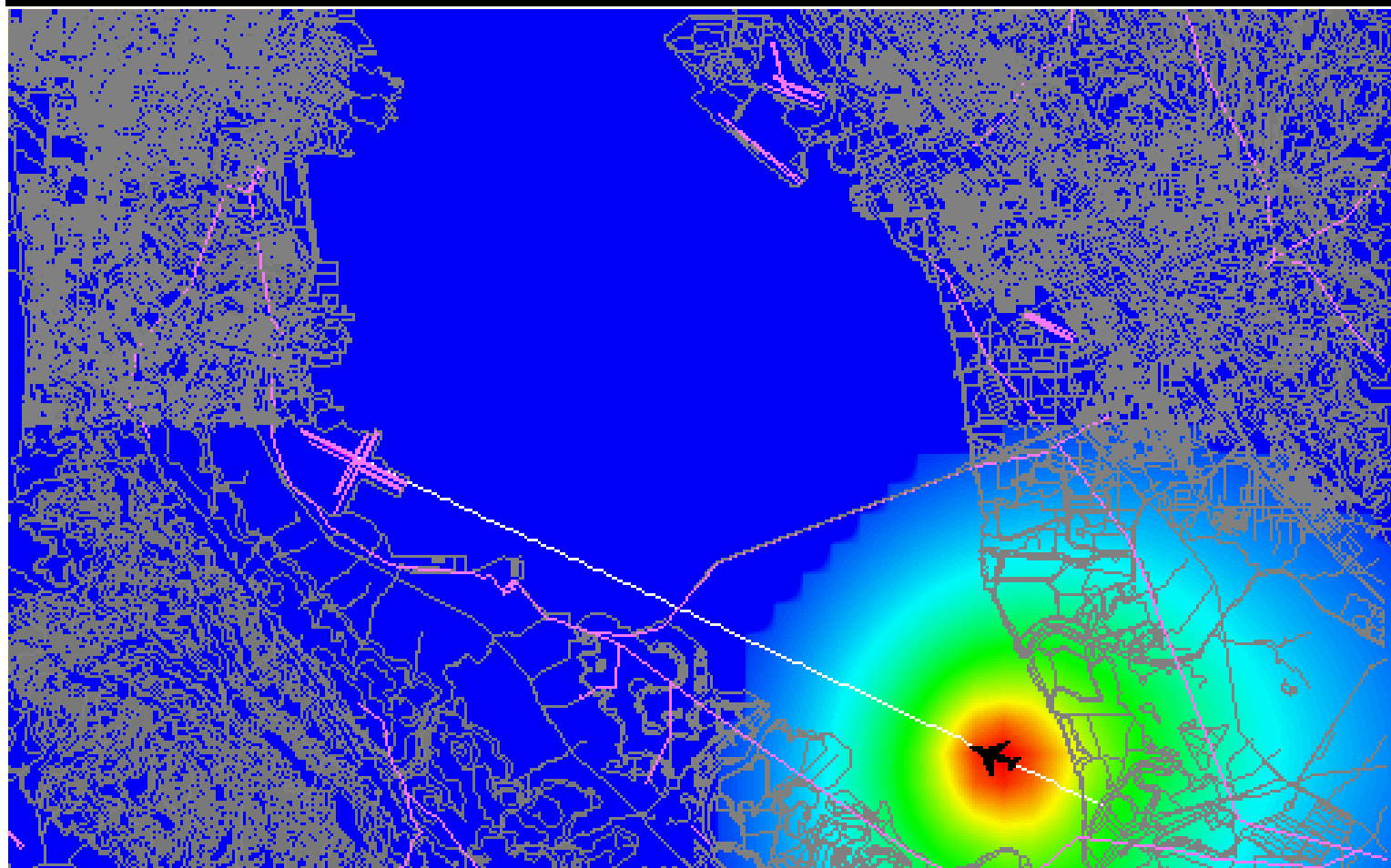
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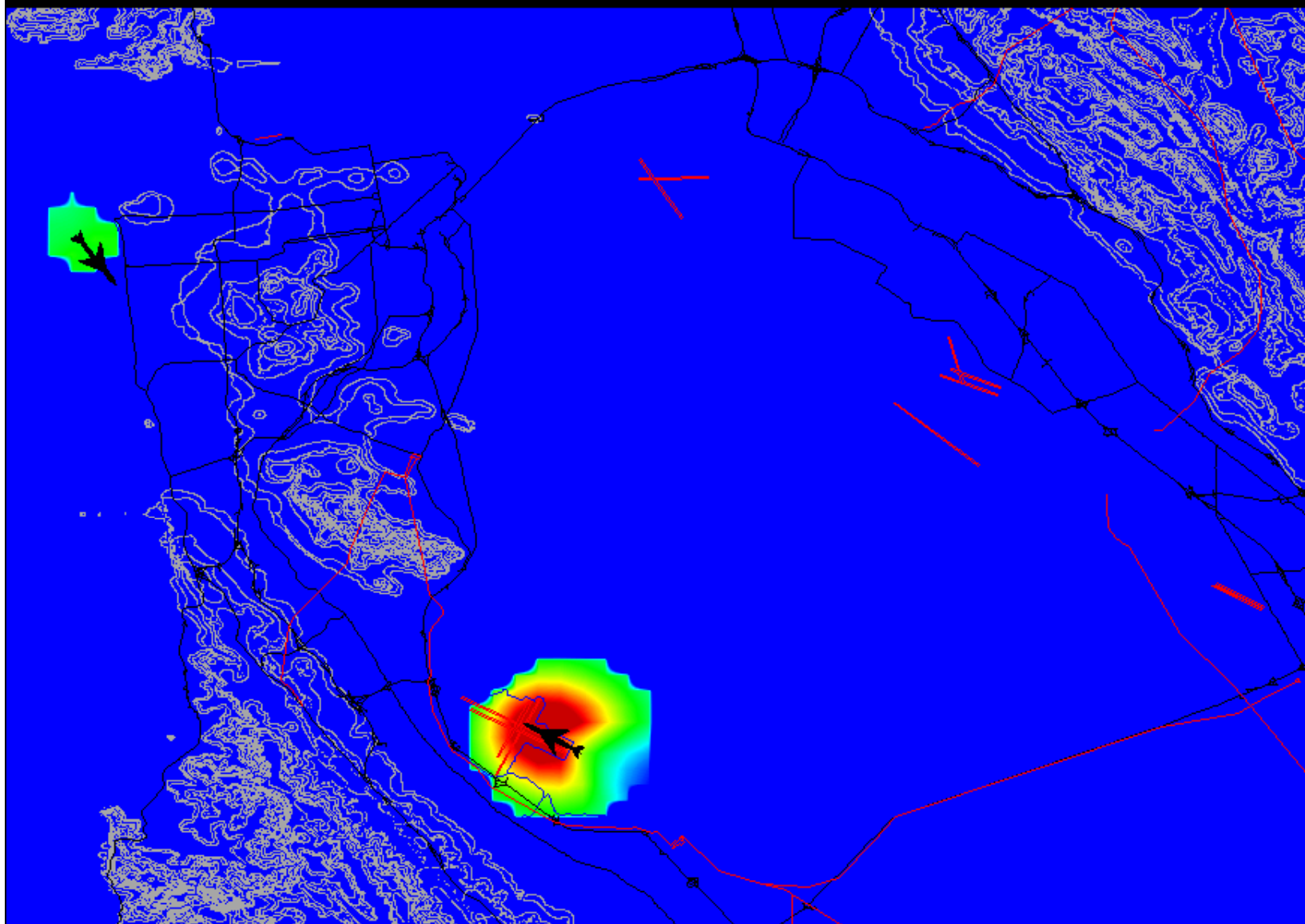
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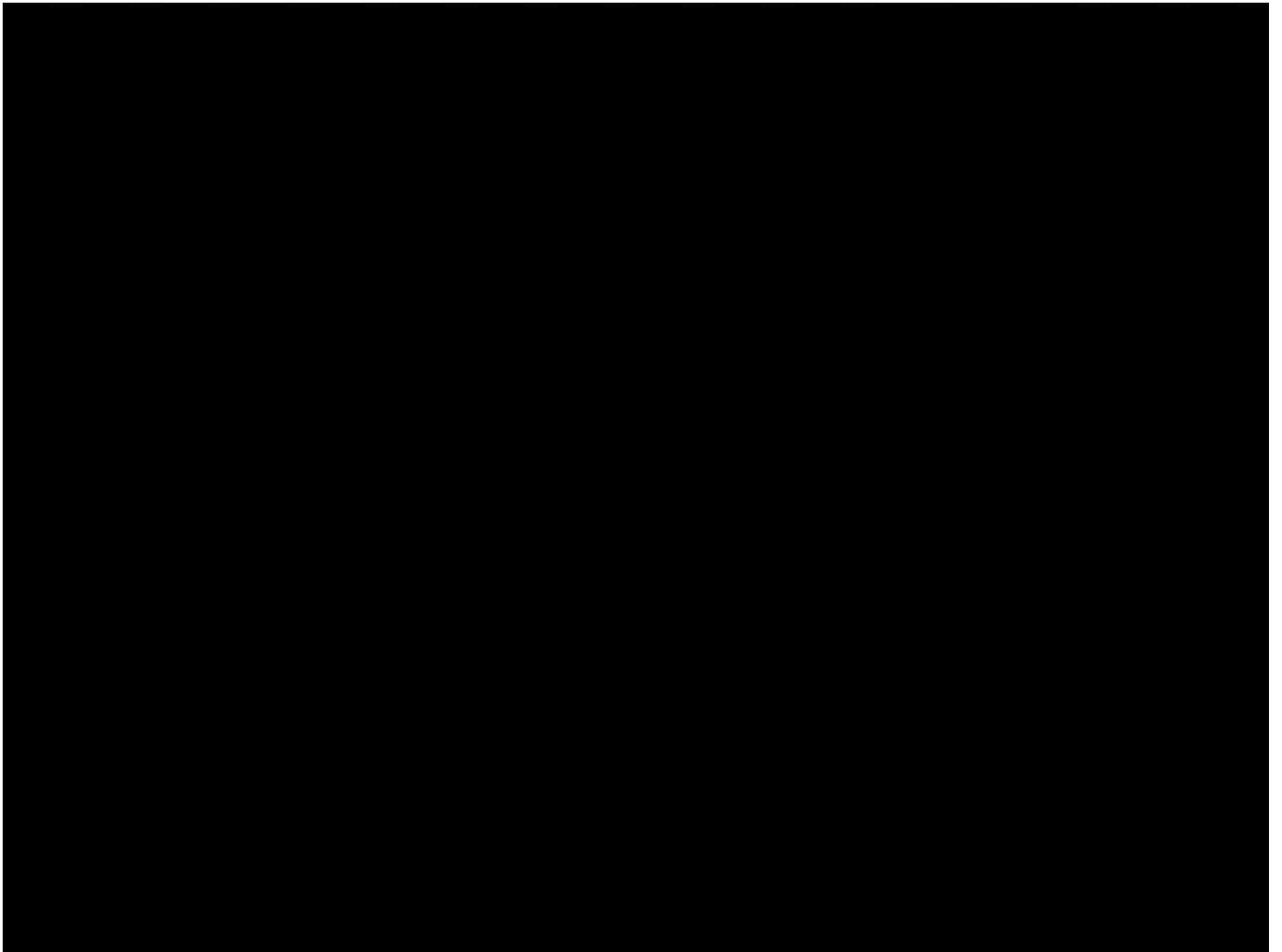


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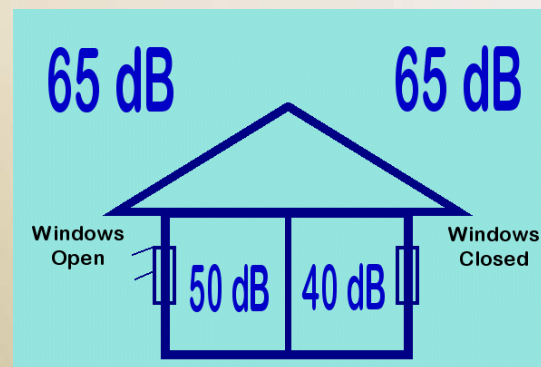
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# Noise Absorption/Attenuation

- Air absorbs noise at the rate of 6 dB per doubling of distance (point source)
- A typical house attenuates outdoor noise:
  - 15 dB with windows open
  - 25 dB with windows closed



# “Rules of Thumb”

- 3 dB is noticeable to most people
- Adding two like sounds adds 3 dB increase
- Double or half the airport operations= +/- 3 dB
- 10 dB sounds twice as loud or twice as quiet
- Double or half the distance equates to 6 dB
- Using DNL, 1 night flight=10 day flights

