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## Airports Authority Introduces "Airscene" – New Online Noise and Flight Tracking Tool, Providing Convenient Access to Data about National and Dulles Flights

A new online noise and flight tracking tool called "Airscene" is now available via the Airports Authority's website. Airscene provides direct access to archival noise and flight tracking data in the region around Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport. By clicking on Airscene, the public can:

- Pinpoint a local street address
- > View the movement of flights over the area
- ➤ View numerical readouts from noise monitors around the region
- File noise complaints online with the Airports Authority

The noise data presented on Airscene is loaded into the system each night and can be viewed the next day. Flight track data is generally available within 72 hours after the flight occurs. Live flight tracks are not available due to security concerns. This on-line system will provide better access to information along with the ability to easily send inquiries and concerns to Airports Authority environmental staff.

Airscene is provided through a contract with Era Systems Corporation. Era maintains the equipment and provides the flight data and noise information.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Authority) has also replaced the 20 year old noise monitors that have been in place around National and Dulles as part of the effort to better respond to community noise related concerns.

These improvements are a result of work with the community and local governments over the years on identifying ways that the Airports Authority can provide timely and useful information to the public regarding flight paths in the region.

The public can access Airscene from the Authority's website <a href="www.mwaa.com">www.mwaa.com</a> by selecting an airport then clicking on "Flight Information." A link to "Aircraft Noise and Flight Tracking Data" is on the left.

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