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Re: Hotline C10E000076CC

Dear Mr. Cobb:

We have completed our inquiry regarding your complaint to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Complaint Analysis Center. You reported that the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) Whistleblower Protection Program (WBPP) is failing to properly address safety-related complaints associated with the culvert under Runway 9-27 at the Memphis International Airport (MEM) in Memphis, Tennessee.

Based on a review of your complaint, we determined your concerns had merit and directed the FAA's Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety (AVS-1) to conduct an inquiry into your allegations. AVS-1 was unable to substantiate the allegations. FAA's Manager, Southern Region Airports Division (ASO-600) reported that the culvert was in good condition, structurally sound and could handle current air traffic. FAA's Quality, Integration & Executive Services (AQS-300) also reviewed the documents sent / calls made by you to FAA's WBPP Hotline and reported your WBPP complaint was handled in accordance with the established procedures.

All federal agencies, including DOT, are required under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, to disclose records requested in writing by any person. Each agency under DOT is responsible for processing FOIA requests for the records they maintain. You may make a FOIA request by writing FAA, National Freedom of Information Act Staff, ARC-40, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, phone [\(202\) 267-9165](tel:(202)267-9165); fax [\(202\) 493-5032](tel:(202)493-5032). Additional information may be obtained online at http://www.faa.gov/foia/foia_request/.

We appreciate your efforts to prevent government waste, fraud and abuse. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to look into this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Scott Harding

Chief, Complaint Analysis Center

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