

THE FAA RESPONDS TO MARYLAND LAWSUIT REGARDING NEXTGEN FLIGHT PATHS

As posted by the National Quiet Skies Coalition

Dear colleagues for quiet skies:

For those interested in following legal challenges to the FAA's NextGen debacle, you may be aware that the state of Maryland, like the city of Phoenix, has taken that federal agency to court on behalf of its impacted citizens. The FAA just filed its "Answering Brief" (link below) to Maryland's petition and the state's reply will be forthcoming in a few weeks.

Maryland's case against the FAA centers on two core issues:

- (1) The procedural question on whether Maryland has filed its petition in a timely manner, and/or whether special circumstances warrant the filing delay (as was determined by the court in the Phoenix case).
- (2) Whether the FAA, in adopting the 2015 runway approach changes at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, acted in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

You can read the FAA's Answering Brief here:

<https://www.nqsc.org/downloads/FAA-BRIEF.pdf>