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Mr. Christopher Banks  
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Reference – Aeronautical Study Number: 2025-WTW-11364-OE

Dear Mr. Banks,

The Department of Defense (DoD) Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) has received notice from the Federal Aviation Administration, pursuant to section 44718 of title 49, United States Code, of the Gypsum wind energy project near Sharon, Oklahoma. Based on our preliminary review of your wind energy project, we have found that it will have an adverse impact on flight operations conducted by the U.S. Air Force within military training routes IR-171, IR-173, IR-181, and IR-183 if constructed as proposed.

This notice of presumed risk for the wind project, required by section 183a(c) of Title 10, United States Code, requests that you enter discussions with the Department of the Air Force to identify any feasible and affordable mitigation actions. This notice of presumed risk is a preliminary assessment only. It does not represent a formal objection to the project. Discussions of possible mitigation actions could favorably resolve the identified concerns. Please let us know within 30 days from receipt of this letter if you are willing to enter mitigation discussions.

As also required by section 183a(c), DoD is providing a copy of this letter to the Oklahoma Governor's office and requesting any comments the Governor believes of relevance to the application.

If you agree to enter mitigation discussions, the Clearinghouse will task the U.S. Air Force to establish a mitigation response team and will provide you the contact information for the primary Air Force point of contact. I can be reached at robbin.e.beard.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

Robbin E. Beard  
Executive Director  
Military Aviation and Installation  
Assurance Siting Clearinghouse

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