

#### 4.13 COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

**Written Comment 16K:**

I am also puzzled at the lack of response to the plan by the US Defense Department, since the proposed array is planned for an area that sees considerable numbers of military training flights. What contact has been made with the Department of Defense and by whom?

**Response to Written Comment 16K:**

As discussed in Section 3.12.1.6 of the DEIS, Comsearch sent a written notification of the proposed Project to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) on October 23, 2008. Upon receipt of the notification, the NTIA provides plans for the proposed project to the federal agencies represented in the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC), which includes the Department of Defense (DOD). The agencies have 45 days to express any Project-related concerns. According to the NTIA response the DOD did not identify any Project-related concerns.

**Written Comment 54XX:**

Provide the status of the *OE/AAA aeronautical studies*.

**Response to Written Comment 54XX:**

Sections 3.12.2.2.7 and 3.12.3.2.7 of the DEIS incorrectly state that OE/AAA aeronautical studies are underway. As indicated in Section 3.12.1.7 of the DEIS, *"The objective of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 77, is to promote air safety and the efficient use of the navigable airspace. To meet this objective, the FAA conducts obstruction evaluation/airport airspace analysis (OE/AAA) aeronautical studies based on parameters of the proposed project, such as wind turbine locations, maximum height above ground level (agl), and wind turbine lighting and color. For the proposed Allegany Wind Power Project, a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) was filed on-line with the FAA, and accepted for study on November 24, 2009. FAA determinations were subsequently issued on January 24, 2010, and all turbines are classified as "No Hazard" (see Appendix S)."*

All FAA Determinations of No Hazard are provided in FEIS Appendix F.