



Outlook

Access to Information Request – Noise Monitoring Terminal (NMT) uptime / outage records for Toronto Pearson (CYYZ)

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To ATIP/AIPRP <atip-aiprp@tc.gc.ca>

To the Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator, Transport Canada,

Pursuant to the *Access to Information Act*, I am requesting access to records held by Transport Canada relating to the uptime, outages, and reliability of the Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMTs) associated with Toronto Pearson International Airport (CYYZ).

For the period from **January 1, 2010 to the date this request is processed**, I request copies of:

1. NMT uptime / outage records

Any records, logs, reports, spreadsheets, or databases that track, describe, or summarize the operational status of NMTs used to monitor aircraft noise around Toronto Pearson, including:

- Uptime / downtime / outage status for each NMT;
- Start and end date/time of each outage or degraded state;
- Stated reasons for the outage (e.g., equipment failure, power, connectivity, planned maintenance, decommissioning);
- Any notes on remedial actions (temporary replacements, mobile monitoring, etc.).

2. Correspondence and reports about NMT reliability

Any correspondence, briefing notes, presentations, or reports (including internal emails and attachments) provided to or from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), NAV CANADA, or other parties that:

- Discuss the reliability, availability, outages, or performance of NMTs around Toronto Pearson;
- Identify concerns or issues about monitors being offline or “flat-lining” for extended periods;
- Discuss the implications of NMT outages for noise monitoring, community reporting, or compliance with Pearson’s noise management program.

3. Internal analyses or reviews by Transport Canada

Any internal Transport Canada analyses, summaries, or reviews prepared between January 1, 2010 and the present that evaluate:

- The adequacy and reliability of the NMT network around Toronto Pearson; or
- The extent and duration of NMT outages and their impact on noise monitoring, noise management, public reporting, or community consultation.

For greater clarity, this request includes records held by Transport Canada that were:

- Received from or shared with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), NAV CANADA, or their contractors; or
- Generated internally by Transport Canada in the course of its regulatory, oversight, or policy functions in relation to noise monitoring at Toronto Pearson.

I am **not** seeking personal information about identifiable individuals; if necessary, such information may be severed. I am also **not** seeking raw audio recordings; my interest is in the operational status of the NMT infrastructure (uptime / downtime / outages) and Transport Canada's knowledge and assessment of that status.

If it would assist in processing this request, I am open to discussing reasonable ways of narrowing or structuring the search (for example, by directorate, branch, or type of record), provided that the core objective—obtaining a complete picture of NMT uptime / outage history and related oversight—is preserved.

Fee waiver request – section 11(2)

I also request, under section 11(2) of the *Access to Information Act*, that all fees associated with the processing of this request be waived.

The requested information concerns noise-monitoring infrastructure around Toronto Pearson International Airport—a federally regulated facility whose operations have significant environmental, public-health, and community impacts. There is clear and demonstrable public interest in understanding:

- the reliability of federally overseen noise-monitoring systems;
- the frequency and duration of NMT outages;
- the extent to which missing noise data affects public reporting, consultation, and policy decisions; and
- Transport Canada's oversight of these systems.

Disclosure will contribute directly to public understanding and allow communities, journalists, health professionals, researchers, and elected officials to evaluate whether Pearson's noise-monitoring program meets its stated objectives. The information will be published in full on the **Pearson Accountability Alliance** website to ensure free public access.

Given the significant public interest, the environmental-health context, and the intended public dissemination of the information, a fee waiver is justified and appropriate under section 11(2).

Sincerely,

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