



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

October 5, 2015

Mr. John Reed
Executive Director
Rochester International Airport
7600 Helgerson Drive SW
Rochester, MN 55902

Dear Mr. Reed:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has maintained an official presence at the Rochester International Airport (RST) in Rochester, Minnesota for many years. CBP provides international passenger and crew inspection services to general aviation doing business at your facility, to include diplomatic flights. The Rochester International Airport was granted User Fee designation on February 10, 2004, when a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was executed between CBP and RST. Per that agreement, the MOA is subject to annual review. Part of that review is to ensure facilities are in compliance with current operational requirements and the Airport Technical Design Standards (ATDS). The MOA states that, *"Airports requesting Customs and Border Protection services must meet and maintain Customs and Border Protection facility standards. Facilities that fail to maintain Customs and Border Protection facility standards will be subject to a 120-day notice terminating this agreement."*

In early 2012, members of my field office staff, the Area Port of Minneapolis and the local CBP port officer conducted a site visit at your airport. During that visit, it was determined that the facility did not meet the CBP 2012 ATDS. Those findings were communicated to RST. Mr. Steven Leqve, then Airport Director, notified CBP in a letter dated May 17, 2012, of the airport's intention to bring the facility into compliance. For reference, a copy of the MOA and RST letter are enclosed.

Please contact my Facilities Manager, Ms. Ranay Blanford at (312) 542-5728 or ranay.m.blanford@cbp.dhs.gov, or her supervisor, Anthony Dolas at (312) 542-5710 or anthony.dolas@cbp.dhs.gov, with any questions you may have regarding CBP technical or facility requirements.

Thank you for your support as we work together to serve the international community and protect our homeland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Ferrara".

William A. Ferrara
Director, Field Operations
Chicago Field Office