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Mr. David Fusco
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Dear Mr. Fusco:

Administrator Blakey asked me to respond to your letter of August 28 concerning smoking in airport terminals.

As indicated in our previous response, the Federal Aviation Administration does not regulate smoking in airport terminals. The Department of Transportation's strategic goal of Environmental Stewardship is intended to address emissions from transportation sources, such as automobile exhaust, aircraft engine emissions, and aircraft noise. It was not intended to address general public health issues or smoking in public buildings.

Smoking in public buildings is subject to local and State law. We continue to believe that local government, not the FAA, has the appropriate regulatory authority on this matter.

I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Chapman

for Catherine M. Lang
Acting Associate Administrator
for Airports