

Proposition 65 Warning Signs are Now Posted at Santa Monica Airport's Observation Deck Areas

Visitors to SMO Will Now Be Alerted to Potential Harm from Exposure to Aircraft Emissions' Toxic Chemicals



Martin Rubin, Director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution points to Prop 65 warning at SMO.

Santa Monica, CA - One may find it exciting to visit the observation decks at Santa Monica Airport (SMO) and watch the planes taking off and landing, however there is a risk to doing so. Now, the City of Santa Monica has posted four official California Proposition 65 warning signs at the two observation decks and the walk way between them warning about the exposure to toxic chemicals. Much information has been gleaned from several air quality studies showing greatly elevated levels of particulate pollution well into the highly populated communities surrounding SMO.

Martin Rubin, Director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution feels that at a time when the future of SMO lies in the balance, it is very important that the negative aspects of the airport are made visible to the public so that people can understand all the elements at stake. Rubin believes that addressing the environmental aspects of SMO over the past few decades has not been a forte of the City, however the decision by the City to post these signs, even though, as a municipality, they were not legally obligated to do so, was a no-brainer decision and is to be commended. Now, it is time for the City of Santa Monica to expand this public effort with regard to extreme and toxic environmental impacts affecting the communities surrounding SMO. In addition to their other arguments, the City must shine a bright light on this critical element in its efforts to scale back and hopefully close SMO.