

Letter to FAA Associate Administrator for Airports, Eduardo Angeles

From: David A. Greene, North Westdale resident. Los Angeles, 90064

Dear Mr. Angeles:

Your position with the FAA has an immense responsibility for managing a number of federal programs including national airport planning and development along with environmental processing. The purpose of this message relates to flight based operations at Santa Monica Airport (SMO) and its effect on the health and well-being of those of us living near that airport who support closing flight based operations there immediately, with the hope you will understand the need to protect the health and safety of thousands and will cease your attempt to require SMO to remain open.

Jet run-up at SMO occurs most days at the east end of the runway at Centinela Avenue, where neighborhood family homes exist directly across the street and extend for miles eastward into the city of Los Angeles. Those of us living in this area are affected every day by toxic jet exhaust and we are concerned for our safety and that of our children. I would invite you, your wife, and Dannie and Andrew and their families to join us for a Sunday afternoon of nausea from having to ingest the kerosene-particulate-filled air inside and outside our homes, but I have no realistic expectations that you would want to expose your family to those toxins by joining us.

Those of us living near SMO do not participate in the benefits of businesses whose profits are made on the backs of our health, an issue which seems to be ignored by FBO businesses at SMO. We don't, for example, find the issue of toxic jet exhaust in the recent complaint filed with the FAA for Atlantic Aviation FBO, Inc. by O'Melveny & Meyers LLP, the mention of which would have provided a more complete explanation as to why the City of Santa Monica wishes to close the airport.

Residents of both Santa Monica and Los Angeles are angry and frustrated by the arrogance of these businesses and of the FAA position which attempts to extend the amount of time we have to endure toxic exposure from SMO flight operations. One would think the FAA's primary concern would be the health and safety of all citizens, but only those wealthy enough to own and fly personal jet aircraft seem to be served by you and your office and I'm asking you to explain your position on this issue so it might be shared with others similarly exposed to toxic jet exhaust from SMO flight operations.

All of us await your prompt reply.

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