

Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution

C.R.A.A.P. REPORT

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Election Day – Tuesday, May 17, 2005

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ELECTION UPDATE

May 10—Due date for vote by mail **application**

Our choices:

Mayor → Antonio Villaraigosa ([Website](#))
City Council District 11 → Bill Rosendahl ([Website](#))
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To volunteer at Bill Rosendahl's campaign headquarters, call: (310) 398-4890

To volunteer at Antonio Villaraigosa's Westside campaign headquarters, call: (310) 838-2970

Our website www.jetairpollution.com has a new page devoted to the: **AQMD General Aviation Airport Study.**

After four Advisory Committee meetings, proposed sampling sites and dates are being discussed.

The graph below shows how the winds blow mostly in an easterly direction throughout the year.

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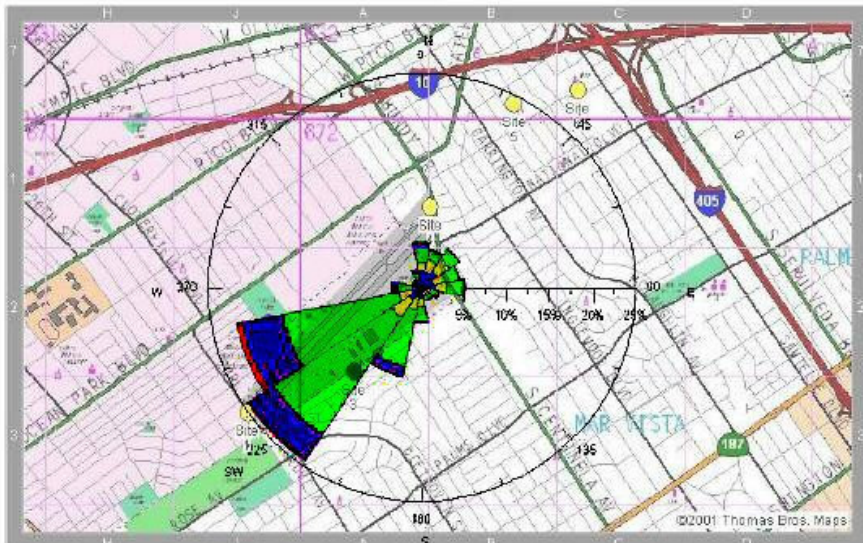
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Santa Monica (SMO) Wind Rose (overlay onto map) 2000-2004 (showing wind direction & intensity)



2. SCAQMD general aviation airports air quality study report.

The fourth advisory committee meeting was held in Van Nuys on May 4, 2005. The process of finalizing measurement locations and start dates is moving forward. You can now view the AQMD's official minutes and other information on our new website page at www.jetairpollution.com.

3. Santa Monica Task Force on the Environment:

The April 18, 2005 meeting reported on the AQMD study progress. Next meeting: Monday, May 16, 2005, 7 PM

4. April 25 Santa Monica Airport Commission meeting and Annual Noise Report Workshop:

The meeting had a rather sparse attendance for a noise workshop. Several members of the public made comments and asked questions during the Noise Workshop. I commented that five minutes of input per person or group representative does not constitute a workshop. Since public comments and questions are rigorously restricted and a good back and forth discussion is not possible, one can hardly call it a workshop. Marty Tachiki, Santa Monica Deputy City Attorney, invited me to visit him at his office to discuss the "Santa Monica Airport Agreement", but I told him that I prefer any discussion should take place in a public forum with other interested parties also invited. Vince Mestre, the noise consultant hired by Santa Monica, was not able, for a fourth year in a row, to give specific examples of how noise readings would be inaccurate when aircraft do not fly over the noise monitors. This year, like last year, he gave a rough approximation that only shows how difficult it is for the community to get clear answers to questions in regards to noise impacts. The staff gave two presentations before the public got their turn to comment and ask questions. I would give you a more detailed report about the workshop and Airport Commission meeting that followed, but I am still working on getting a copy of the audio that is recorded by airport staff. For all the claims about how airport staff wants to work with the community, I find it disturbing how difficult it is to get a little cooperation from staff so that we can review tapes of meetings and workshops.

The 3rd "Annual Airport & Aviation Environmental Workshop", is set for Monday, May 23, 2005. Last year airport staff's expert could not admit that fumes from idling jets were discernable from auto traffic on Bundy Drive. Please attend this workshop and let airport staff know how you feel about jet fumes where you live.

Airport & Aviation Environmental Workshop

Monday, May 23, 2005, 7:30 PM
Santa Monica City Hall
City Council Chambers
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, 90401

Are you concerned about jet emission odors and their potential health effects? At this "Workshop" you can tell airport staff and the Airport Commission how you feel. If we are going to get something done about this, we need to be the squeaky wheel that demands to be oiled. I urge all to attend and to speak. It is essential that our voice is heard now. Know that we will have our concerns addressed because *they must be*. Others around the country are complaining also, but no airport has residential homes as close to the ends of the runway as we do here around the Santa Monica Airport.

Are you, your children, your neighbors, and neighborhood pets experiencing respiratory problems? Are pets in your area getting cancers? Please let me know if you are concerned about this and know anything. We need to learn what might be happening to us now. We can't afford to wait for time to go by while chances of our getting sick increase.

It is better to be active now than reactive later.

Thank You,
Martin Rubin – Director of C.R.A.A.P.