

General Aviation Airport Air Quality Monitoring Project

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Airport Project Overview

- U.S. EPA Grant to Conduct Neighborhood-Scale Air Toxics Monitoring Studies
- Focus of Study is on General Aviation Airports
- Santa Monica and Van Nuys Airports
 - Van Nuys ranked first in number of General Aviation Operations in the country
 - Santa Monica runways adjacent to neighborhoods, increased small jet traffic

Advisory Committee of Stakeholders

- Membership
 - Airport Management
 - Community Groups
 - Cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica
 - Aviation Industry
 - State and Federal Congressional Offices
- Role
 - Provide Initial Input on Specific Issues
 - Comment on Sampling Locations
 - Coordinate Information Outreach

Objectives

- Characterize air toxics levels in the communities around GA airports
- Compare data to other air toxics studies such as MATES III
- If possible, determine impact of airport emissions on measured pollutant levels
- Provide baseline data for future studies
- Provide validation data for dispersion or health impact assessment modeling

Measurements

- TSP Lead and Hexavalent Chromium
- PM10 Mass and Carbon
- PM2.5 Mass & Components
- Continuous Particle Count (ultrafine)
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
- Carbonyls (acetaldehyde, etc.)
- Continuous Carbon Monoxide





Sampling Schedule

- Approximately 12 months of sampling beginning November 2005
- Three months at each airport in two different seasons
- Van Nuys Complete
- Santa Monica to be complete end of February, 2007

















Data Analysis Questions

- Does increased Lead content of GA fuel impact surrounding communities?
- Do airports impact PM levels and if so, what is the chemical speciation of PM from airports?
- Do airports impact ultrafine particle counts in the surrounding communities?
- Are there VOC and carbonyl emissions signatures from aircraft that differs from vehicles?
 - Published emission factors suggest differences

Future Plans

- Complete Monitoring
- Complete Laboratory Analysis
- Compile Meteorological Data
- Reduce & Analyze Data
- Compare Data With MATES-III
- Draft Report to Advisory Committee and U.S. EPA
- Finalize Report