

## ***Palomar Airport Air Pollution - First in a Series***



Dear C4FA Supporters,

As is common knowledge, all aircraft emit hazardous air pollutants into the air we breathe, however, residents living within 10 miles of airports are exposed to large amounts of these harmful pollutants through emissions from aircraft landing and takeoff operations. These pollutants are bad, really bad, and have been shown to lead to lung and heart illnesses, some types of cancer, and premature death.

This is the first in a series to discuss some of the different pollutants that come from aircraft at Palomar Airport. We'll start with **LEAD**. **The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states that there is NO KNOWN SAFE LEVEL of exposure to lead.**

Piston-engine aircraft that operate on leaded fuel are the largest remaining source of lead emissions into the air. Leaded fuel used in cars was outlawed decades ago, but somehow airplanes were deemed exempt. Lead from aircraft that use leaded aviation gasoline (known as **leaded avgas**) pollutes our air, our water, our lands and tragically, our bodies as well.

Palomar Airport is among the 50 most lead-polluting airports in the nation

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**We must stop poisoning our communities immediately, especially our children.**

### **CALL TO ACTION:**

1. Email County Airport Operations at [airports@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:airports@sdcounty.ca.gov) AND your local officials and ask them to **ban the sale of leaded avgas at Palomar Airport and offer unleaded avgas instead**. Contacts for local officials can be found here:

<https://www.c4fa.org/copy-of-contact-local-officials>

2. Email your local Congressperson and ask them to **support a ban of the sale of leaded avgas, just like the ban of leaded gas for cars and trucks**.

Stay tuned - more to come in this series.

Thank you!

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