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Good News for Pacoima – Bad News for Disinformation Campaigners

LOS ANGELES, CA – New Data from the LA County Department of Public Works and the County Department of Public Health in addition to data from the South Coast AQMD discredit the often-reiterated criticism that might propel certain “Shutdown Whiteman” Campaigners.

LA County Board of Supervisors as a matter of due diligence on Nov.7, 2023, directed the Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch (CLPPB) to perform an analysis of blood lead levels around the Whiteman Airport. Critics of the airport might suggest that children are endangered because of existing lead levels. The following official reports are meant to document certain Whiteman Airport highlights and discount bogus negative imaging.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH DATED FEB.5, 2024

Based on the analysis completed by CLPPB, the percentage of children under 6 years old with a blood lead level equal to or greater than the CDC Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) of 3.5 mcg/dL within 1.5 miles of Whiteman Airport is 1.75% compared to 2.26% for rest of Los Angeles County.” RESULT: Children’s endangerment messaging should cease immediately, and valid information should be substituted.

REPORTS FROM SOUTH COAST AQMD - We believe these studies are overlooked.

The **Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V – 2018-2019** – Whiteman Airport Results were substantially lower than the U.S. EPA Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) - similar to lead concentrations found in other parts of the South Coast Air Basin

2022 - Ten 24-hour samples were collected at Whiteman airport and analyzed for lead at South Coast AQMD’s laboratory. Results were substantially lower than U.S. EPA’s national standard (150 ng/m³) - RESULT: Skewed Whiteman Airport lead messaging should cease immediately. Valid information should be substituted.

REPORT FROM LA COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DATED FEB 5, 2024

UNLEADED FUEL IS ON THE WAY- **Public Works will provide Swift Fuels UL94 unleaded aviation gasoline.** All LA COUNTY AIRPORTS WILL BE SERVED once the master agreement is finalized and the needed equipment is installed.

The LAC Department of Public Works Report and the LA County Public Health Report are available at <https://scauwg.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/LACDPW-DIRECTOR-REPORT-FEB1.pdf> The AQMD reports can be accessed at [Whiteman Airport Lead Monitoring \(aqmd.gov\)](http://Whiteman Airport Lead Monitoring (aqmd.gov))

SCAUWG.ORG believes that good people armed with good information will make good decisions. Those truly interested in the welfare of the Pacoima community should be truly interested in ceasing any possible false statement of facts and instead embrace the opportunities that a local airport important for the National Airspace System, for community emergency services, for pilot safety, and for community economic vitality has to offer. For additional airport information and aviation safety education, you are invited to visit www.scauwg.org