

O'Hare Airport Commission  
Health and Safety Update  
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Lawsuits Filed Against FAA in California. "Newport Beach is Suing the FAA Over New Flight Plans, and Culver City is Expected to Follow," Los Angeles Times, Dan Weikel, October 27, 2016; "Culver City sues FAA over new air traffic plan," Los Angeles Wave, November 4, 2016; "Laguna Sues FAA Over Airport Noise," The Indy, November 4, 2016. These lawsuits allege that the FAA's plans to reroute flights as part of the Metroplex project were completed without adequate environmental review. The cities are challenging the environmental impact analyses which concluded that the projects would not create new problems for residents of these cities.

British Court Finds UK Efforts to Reduce Air Pollution Inadequate. "British court rules government failing to tackle air pollution," Nina Chestney, Reuters, November 2, 2016. UK government measures to tackle air pollution still don't comply with European Union legislation to improve air quality and meet nitrogen dioxide limits, Britain's High Court ruled on Wednesday. Britain's highest court, the Supreme Court, ordered the government last year to come up with a plan to bring air pollution within legal limits as soon as possible.

Kids' Lawsuit Over Climate Change Allowed to Proceed. "Kids Win the Right to Sue the US Government Over Climate Change," Motherboard.vice.com, Sarah Emerson, November 11, 2016. A lawsuit filed by 21 youth plaintiffs was ruled valid by Judge Ann Aiken in Eugene, Oregon. Judge Aiken found that "This action is of a different order than the typical environmental case. It alleges that defendants' actions and inactions – whether or not they violate any specific statutory duty – have so profoundly damaged our home planet that they threaten plaintiffs' fundamental constitutional rights to life and liberty."