

# Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

*representing Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, and Miramar*

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Date:                      February 23, 2022  
To:                         San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
Cc:                         Gretchen Kelly, Manager, County of San Mateo Airports  
From:                     Midcoast Community Council  
Subject:                 Lead Exposure and Contamination Near Half Moon Bay Airport

The Midcoast Community Council is concerned about the impact of leaded aviation fuel sold at the Half Moon Bay Airport (KHAF). A [peer-reviewed study](#) commissioned by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors last year found that children living near the Reid-Hillview airport had increased levels of lead in their blood. Lead is a cumulative toxicant that is particularly harmful to young children. Even low levels have been shown to reduce a child's learning capacity, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement. According to [the CDC](#), **there is no safe level of lead in blood.**

We request that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors commission a study of lead exposure and contamination surrounding the Half Moon Bay Airport. The study should include the following:

1. An analysis of blood lead levels in children within the areas of Moss Beach, Montara, Princeton, and El Granada, which are all located within two miles of the runway.
2. Soil testing of the ground surrounding the airport, including fields where food is grown for human consumption.
3. Water testing of the Montara Water and Sanitary District wells located at the Half Moon Bay Airport and used for drinking water.

In addition, we request that San Mateo County take immediate steps to sell an unleaded fuel option at the Half Moon Bay Airport, as it has required of fuel providers at the San Carlos Airport since 2014. We also ask that the County be at the forefront of the transition to eliminate the use of leaded fuel in San Mateo County as soon as feasible.

s/Michelle Weil, Treasurer