

Airport Environmental Issues

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Anderson & Kreiger is one of the country's leading environmental law firms. We have advised airports on a wide variety of environmental issues, from permitting and compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), to disputes involving airport noise, and to the remediation of contaminated airport sites and associated cost recovery efforts.

Below are recent examples of our environmental experience:

- We advised the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority in responding to a threatened NEPA challenge to a new consolidated rental car facility. We worked with the Authority and the FAA to prepare the response. Ultimately, no challenge was filed.
- We advised Los Angeles World Airports and its team of consultants on the preparation of a pending application to the FAA for approval under Pt. 161 of a new ordinance that would bar certain night-time operations at LAX affecting low-income, minority populations in neighborhoods surrounding LAX.
- We advised Salt Lake City in connection with the NEPA review of the proposed development of light rail service to the Salt Lake City International Airport, including working closely with an environmental consultant in preparing the Environmental Assessment. Salt Lake City also retained us to help obtain all necessary federal environmental permits and approvals for the phased expansion of the Salt Lake City International Airport, including a new terminal, concourses, parking garage, consolidated car rental facility and airfield improvements.
- We represented the Port of Oakland in the renegotiation of its operating agreement with the airlines' fuel consortium at Oakland International Airport. These protracted and difficult negotiations implicated a series of complex operational, environmental, financial and rate-setting issues but ultimately resulted in an agreement that has become a national model for fuel consortium agreements. Anderson & Kreiger partner **William Lahey** and Patricia Heilbron, the Port lawyer with whom he worked most closely on this transaction, jointly

published a law review article describing their experience, “Aviation Fueling at Large Airports: Negotiating Workable Agreements Between Airlines and Airport Proprietors,” 35 Transportation Law Journal 245 (2008).

- Since then, **William Lahey**, **TJ Roskelley**, and **Mina Makarious** have represented numerous other airports around the country in similar negotiations with fuel consortia, helping to craft solutions to each airport’s unique environmental, operational and business needs.