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### **The City of Cudahy addresses concerns related to the Delta Airlines Fuel Dump.**

Before noon today, a Delta Airplane traveling from the Los Angeles International Airport to China was forced to release jet fuel in order to make a safe emergency landing. The majority of the discharged fuel landed on several schools, including Park Elementary Avenue School, located in the City of Cudahy. Some children were outside playing and may have been sprayed, which included school district staff. All of the sprayed children and adults were treated for skin irritations and breathing problems by paramedics.

The City of Cudahy immediately activated its rapid response team and is working closely with city departments to ensure the safety of residents and students. According to the Los Angeles Unified School District, 15 schools were affected and will be cleaned throughout the night and will be open tomorrow.

According to the Los Angeles County Fire Hazmat Unit, by the time they arrived to investigate, all of the fuel had evaporated.

“The City of Cudahy is working diligently with all parties involved to ensure the health and safety of residents is addressed. We will be posting more information as it becomes available, but want to thank the Los Angeles County Fire Department for their rapid response,” stated Mayor of the City of Cudahy, Elizabeth Alcantar Loza.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) is working with 2-1-1 to provide environmental health information to concerned members of the public. The non-local number for 2-1-1 is 1 (800) 339-6993. Moreover, the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH) Access Hotline can be reached at 1-(800) 854-771.

Further, the public may obtain information from Delta Airlines by calling 1-(800) 441-5955. The hotline was set up to address inquires related to this incident.

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