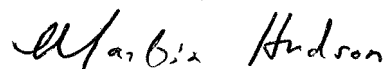


It is clear from a review of the literature that more data would be needed to establish a relationship between the presence and concentrations of cabin air contaminants and potential human health effects. As there is currently a lack of evidence to support the concept of a specific illness due to contaminants in flight deck or cabin air, it is AsMA's view that it is not justified to accept the existence of an illness that fails, on a scientific basis, to meet the criteria required to define a medical syndrome. However, AsMA remains willing to consider any fresh, scientifically- based evidence that supports an alternative hypothesis.

I realize the Aerotoxic Association's position on the Aerotoxic Syndrome differs significantly with the Aerospace Medical Association's position on this subject. However, we are bound to a scientific standard that requires a thorough review of all the available evidence from a scientific approach and not accept, at face value, personally held views no matter how sincere they might be. At present, the balance of scientific evidence provides little basis for the existence of a new medical syndrome resulting from exposure to flight deck or cabin air.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Hudson".

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