

Events in May 2011

On Tuesday 10th May 2011:

The UK Secretary of State for Transport Theresa Villiers MP announced: **“The main conclusion of Cranfield’s research was that there was no evidence of pollutants occurring in cabin air at levels exceeding available health and safety standards and guidelines. Levels observed in the flights that formed part of the study were comparable to those typically experienced in domestic settings.”**

On Saturday 14th May 2011:

Aircrew filed a Mandatory Occurrence Report (MOR):

Occurrence #: 201105165

Date: 14th May 2011.

Type: Boeing 757.

Series: 200.

Engines: Rolls Royce RB 211.

Flight phase: Initial climb.

Location: Leipzig.

Event 1: Fumes.

Event 2: Crew illness / incapacitation.

Pretitle: Strong smell of oil in flight deck. Oxygen used.

Precis: Smell of oil on flight deck was originally noticed on the ground with the engines shut down, Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) running and left pack selected On. Left pack turned Off until before take off, however, smell returned on climb out. Left pack selected off and remained off for the remainder of the flight. Oxygen used throughout the flight to clear headache and reduce metallic taste. Reporter highlights that this event is recurring problem on this aircraft.

Aerotoxic Association comment:

- 1. Oil smell detected on the aircraft before departure, but aircrew still continued to fly.**
- 2. B 757 200 series carries around 200+ passengers.**
- 3. Aircrew and passengers breathe the same air and would suffer the same health effects.**
- 4. Oxygen is only available for aircrew.**
- 5. Oxygen was used by aircrew to clear headache and reduce metallic taste.**
- 6. Reporter says that the same event is a “recurring problem” – yet the other fume events were not reported, even though it is MANDATORY to do so.**
- 7. The substances in a ‘fume event’ which Cranfield University were asked to identify URGENTLY in 2007 by the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee have still not been published – at least, not publically.**

“Which chemicals are you breathing? - Demand to know the truth.”