LIGHTNING AND STORM CELLS
IMPACT ON THE OPERATIONS OF MONTREAL-TRUDEAU AIRPORT

Lightning alerts and storm cells in the last few days have had major impacts on airport operations.

1. On June 30, lightning alerts halted operations for almost 3 hours, until 8:30 p.m., which caused significant delays for several flights. Several exemptions were granted because of the weather conditions.

2. In the presence of storm cells in the flight paths, departing aircraft turn more quickly to avoid them which modifies their usual flight path.

3. Lightning and storm cells are particularly dangerous in the open space of ground operations at the airport.

4. The airport is equipped with a lightning prediction and warning system, which detects lightning and atmospheric electrical activity around the airport. For safety reasons, when there is a lightning alert, employees cannot move around outside on the tarmac, with the result that all ground operations are affected: baggage transfer, refuelling, aircraft marshalling, etc.

Safety is always the first consideration for Aéroports de Montréal, NAV CANADA and the air carriers.

We regret any inconvenience this situation may have caused you.

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