

Las Vegas • McCarran International Airport

NEWS RELEASE

Clark County Department of Aviation - Randall H. Walker, Director

CONTACT:

Chris Jones
Public Information Administrator

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Dec. 18, 2008

(702) 261-5290

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Morning flights operations under way at McCarran International

LAS VEGAS **(8:15 a.m.)** – Airlines resumed arriving and departing flight operations at McCarran International Airport around 6 a.m. Pacific Standard Time Thursday.

While the airport did not close overnight, low visibility caused by a record-setting winter storm had curtailed flight activity at the nation's seventh-busiest airport from Wednesday afternoon through early Thursday morning.

Snowfall that accumulated overnight on McCarran's runways is melting under the morning sunlight. Each of the airport's three runways is open for flight operations.

Many airlines cancelled flights late Wednesday due to the poor weather conditions. The Federal Aviation Administration on Wednesday afternoon issued a national ground stop that temporarily prevented most aircraft bound for Las Vegas from departing their origination cities.

Travelers who are attempting to fly out of Las Vegas Thursday should contact their respective air carriers to obtain information on their current flight status. Those expecting arriving passengers should also contact the appropriate airlines directly.

Flight information can also be obtained online at www.mccarran.com. Additional updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

###

