

# **Monitoring, Modeling & Emissions Inventory Update**

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# Outline

- Chemical Speciation Network (CSN)
- Near-Road Monitoring Network
- Air Quality Sensors
- Air Quality Modeling
- National Emissions Inventory (NEIv2)



## Network Overview

- 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS review led to the establishment of the Chemical Speciation Network (CSN)
- Initial monitoring began with 13 pilot sites in 2000
- Currently, the network consists of 189 sites:
  - 52 Speciation Trends Network (STN) sites
  - 137 supplemental sites
  - *174 sites utilize EPA's national contract and were considered in the network assessment*
- Sites collect aerosol samples of 24 hours on filters analyzed for:
  - PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass
  - Elements
  - Ions (sulfate, nitrate, sodium, potassium & ammonium)
  - Organic and elemental carbon (OC/EC)



## Assessment Goals & Approach

### Goals

- Create a CSN network that is financially sustainable going forward
- Redistribute resources to new or high priorities from those of low-priority or low-benefit
- Extract more value from the existing network
- Fully leverage the value of other existing networks (e.g., IMPROVE)

### Approach

- An objectives based approach was taken in an effort to optimize the network to support the primary objectives, which include:
  - Support of PM<sub>2.5</sub> Implementation (e.g., SIPs, non attainment areas, control strategies, model development, etc.)
  - Aid in interpretation of health studies
  - Detection of trends

# CSN Assessment Recommendations

## Original Recommendations (Shared with AAPCA 4/23/14)

#1 – Defund  
53 “Low  
Value” Sites

#2 –  
Eliminate  
CSN PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
Mass (July  
2014)

#3 – Reduce  
Sample  
Frequency  
(2 sites)

#4 – Reduce  
Carbon  
Blank  
Frequency

#5 – Reduce  
Icepacks in  
Shipment

*Feedback received from Regions, State & Local Monitoring Agencies, Researchers, Academics, etc.*

## Revised Recommendations (August 2014)

#1 – Defund  
44 “Low  
Value” Sites

#2 –  
Eliminate  
CSN PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
Mass (Oct.  
2014)

#3 – Reduce  
Sample  
Frequency  
(3 sites)

#4 – Reduce  
Carbon  
Blank  
Frequency

#5 – Reduce  
Icepacks in  
Shipment  
(all but 4  
sites)

*Feedback received at National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference (NAAMC)*

## Final Recommendations (September 2014)

#1 – Defund  
42 “Low  
Value” Sites

#2 –  
Eliminate  
CSN PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
Mass (Oct.  
2014)

#3 – Reduce  
Sample  
Frequency  
(3 sites)

#4 – Reduce  
Carbon  
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Icepacks in  
Shipment  
(all but 4  
sites)



## List of CSN Sites Scheduled for Defunding

- |                               |                         |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Huntsville Old Airport, AL | 16. Rochester, MN       | 31. Harrisburg, PA            |
| 2. MOMS, AL                   | 17. Liberty, MO         | 32. Erie, PA                  |
| 3. Dover, DE                  | 18. Bonne Terre, MO     | 33. Scranton, PA              |
| 4. Skyview, FL                | 19. Hickory, NC         | 34. York, PA                  |
| 5. Athens, GA                 | 20. Buncombe County, NC | 35. Chesterfield, SC          |
| 6. Douglas, GA                | 21. Lexington, NC       | 36. Greenville ESC, SC        |
| 7. Linn County, IA            | 22. Rockwell, NC        | 37. Lockeland School, TN      |
| 8. Public Health Building, IA | 23. Camden, NJ          | 38. Lawrence County, TN       |
| 9. Elkhart Prarie Street, IN  | 24. Chester, NJ         | 39. UTC, TN                   |
| 10. Ashland Health Dept, KY   | 25. Toledo, OH          | 40. VANNEVAN, WA              |
| 11. Grayson Lake, KY          | 26. Head Start, OH      | 41. Waukesha, WI              |
| 12. Lexington Health Dept, KY | 27. ODOT Garage, OH     | 42. S. Charleston Library, WV |
| 13. Houghton Lake, MI         | 28. Columbus, OH        |                               |
| 14. Sterling Park, MI         | 29. Reading Airport, PA |                               |
| 15. Port Huron, MI            | 30. State College, PA   |                               |

***\*While sites recommended for defunding will no longer receive laboratory analysis funding, their speciation monitors may continue to operate if other funding sources are provided***



## Timeline & Key Points

- Implementation Timeline
  - October 2014
    - Eliminate CSN PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass measurement
  - January 2015
    - Defund 42 sites
    - Reduce sample frequency at 3 sites
    - Reduce carbon blank frequency
    - Reduce icepacks in shipment
- The CSN network assessment recommendations incorporate feedback received from regional, state & local monitoring agencies, researchers, academics and attendees at the NAAMC conference
- Sites recommended for defunding will no longer receive laboratory analysis funding, however their speciation monitors may continue to operate if other funding sources are provided



## Near-road NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Origination

- Near-road NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring requirements were promulgated in 2010 NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS revision
  - Subject to CASAC review & public notice and comment
- The NAAQS revision was keyed on minimizing 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> exposures that occur anywhere in an area
- Health-based evidence suggested a majority of exposures are linked to mobile sources, prompting the new near-road monitoring requirements
- Installation deadlines revised in 2013, introducing a phased implementation plan
  - Subject to public notice and comment



# Near-Road Monitoring



## Near-Road Monitoring Requirements

Implementation Phase	CBSA Population	NO <sub>2</sub>	CO*	PM <sub>2.5</sub> *
<u>Phase 1</u> 52 Sites [funded]	≥ 1 Million	Jan 1, 2014	Jan 1, 2015 for CBSAs ≥ 2.5M  Jan. 1, 2017 for CBSAs ≥ 1M and ≤ 2.5M	Jan 1, 2015 for CBSAs ≥ 2.5M  Jan. 1, 2017 for CBSAs ≥ 1M and ≤ 2.5M
<u>Phase 2</u> 23 Sites (second sites) [funded]	≥2.5 Million <b>OR</b> road segment ≥250,000 AADT (NO <sub>2</sub> only)	Jan 1, 2015 (second site)		
<u>Phase 3</u> 51 Sites [unfunded]	Between 500K and 1 Million	Jan 1, 2017		

\*Near-road CO and PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors are required to be co-located with an NO<sub>2</sub> monitor.

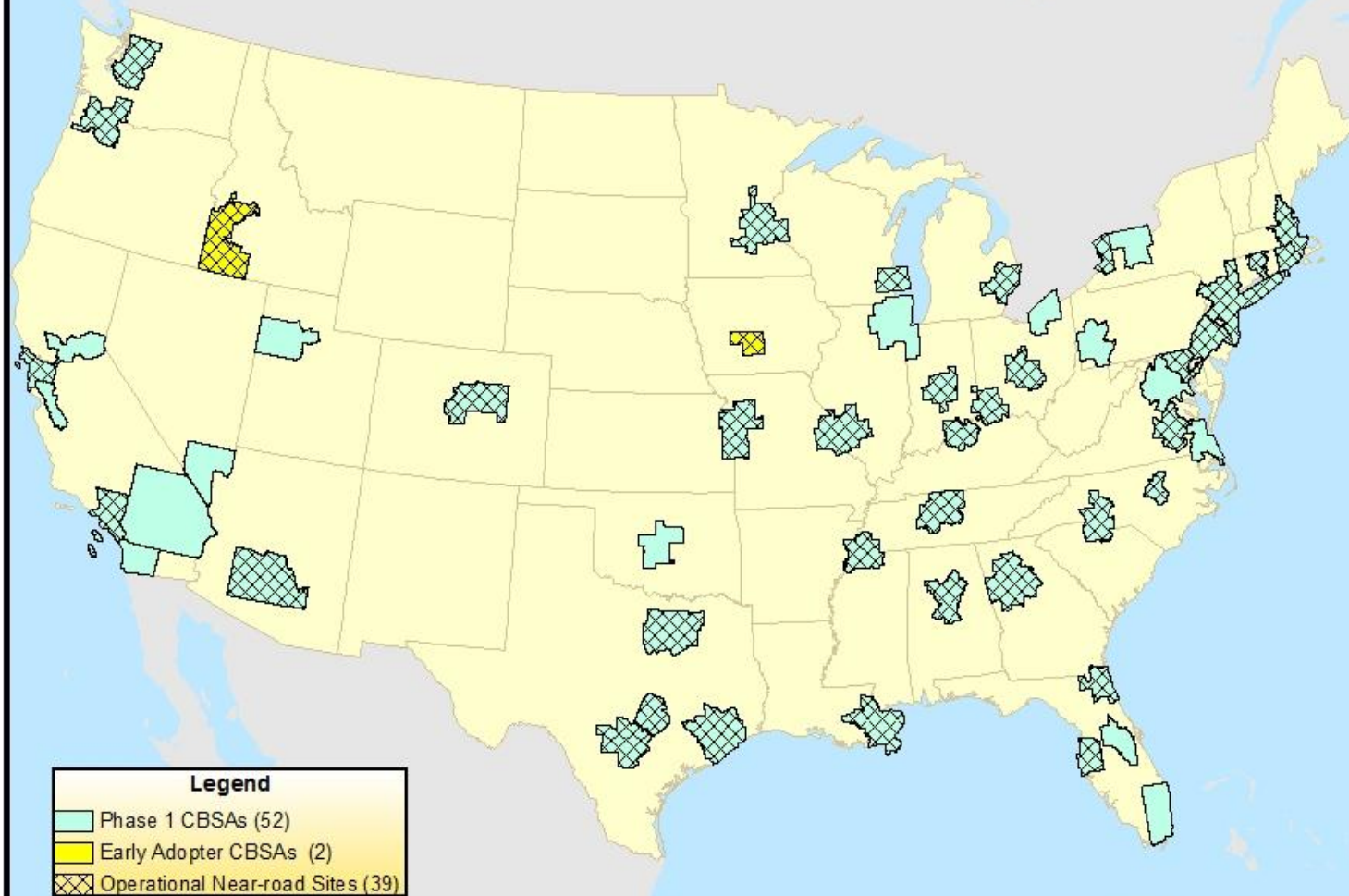


## Near-road Sites will be Multi-pollutant

- Multi-pollutant near-road sites will fill a number of current data gaps:
  - Improved understanding of human exposure on and near roads
  - Improved understanding of pollutant behavior, interaction, and dispersion in the near-road environment
- Required Metrics:  
NO<sub>2</sub>, CO, PM<sub>2.5</sub>
- Optional Metrics:  
Black Carbon, Ultrafine PM, Air Toxics, Ozone, Meteorology, Traffic Count



## Near-road Monitoring Network - Aug. 2014



Note: San Juan, PR (not shown) does not have its Phase 1 near-road site operational as of Aug. 2014.

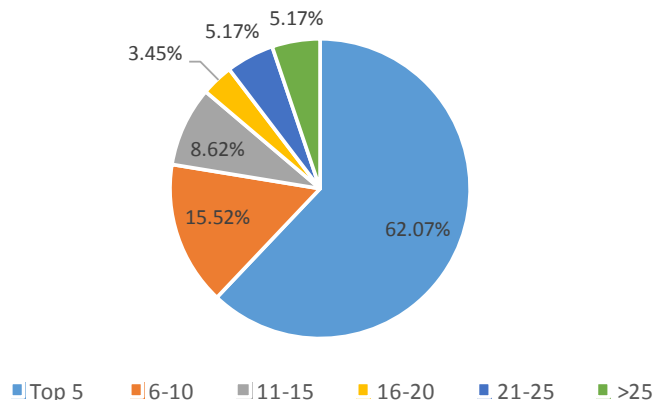




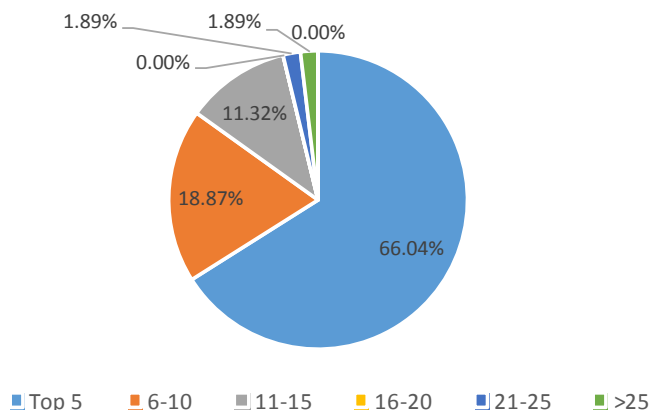
## Target Roadway Rankings

- A majority of sites target a top 5 trafficked road segment in their CBSA
  - 20 sites along #1 ranked road segment for AADT
  - 16 sites along #1 ranked road segment for FE-AADT\*
- Over 75% of sites along a top 10 ranked AADT road
- Over 95% of sites along a top 15 ranked road for FE-AADT

Target Road **AADT** - CBSA Rank Percentages



Target Road **FE-AADT** - CBSA Rank Percentages



NOTE: These data are current for July 2014

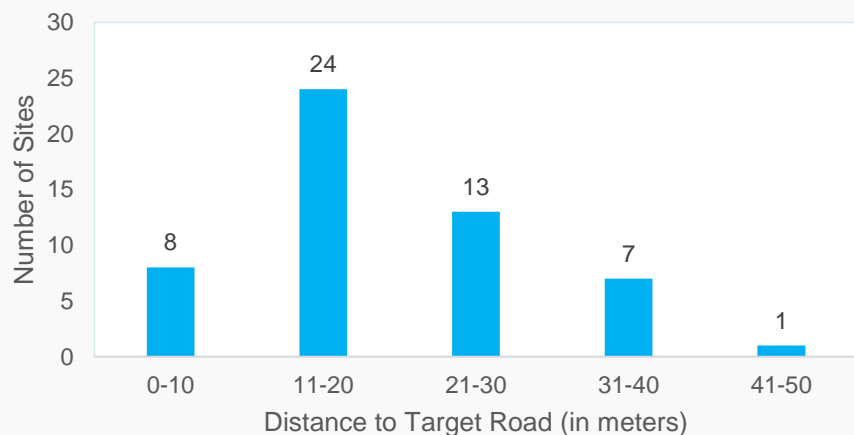
\*Fleet Equivalent AADT (FE-AADT) is a single metric accounting for both traffic volume and fleet mix (diesel vs gasoline ratio)



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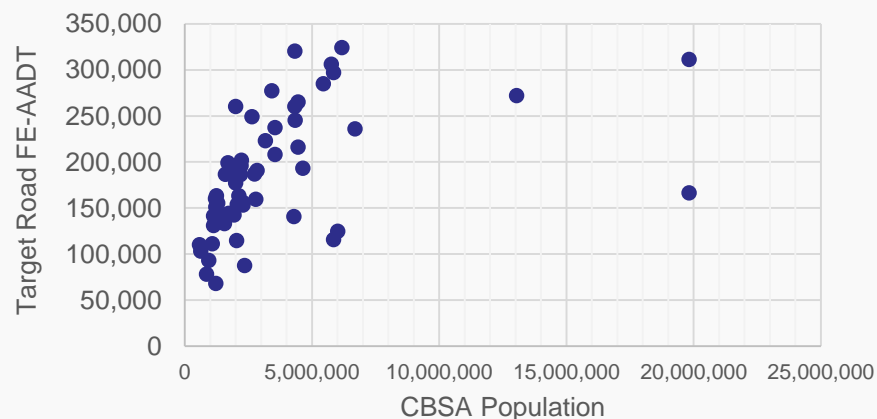
Distance from Site to Target Road



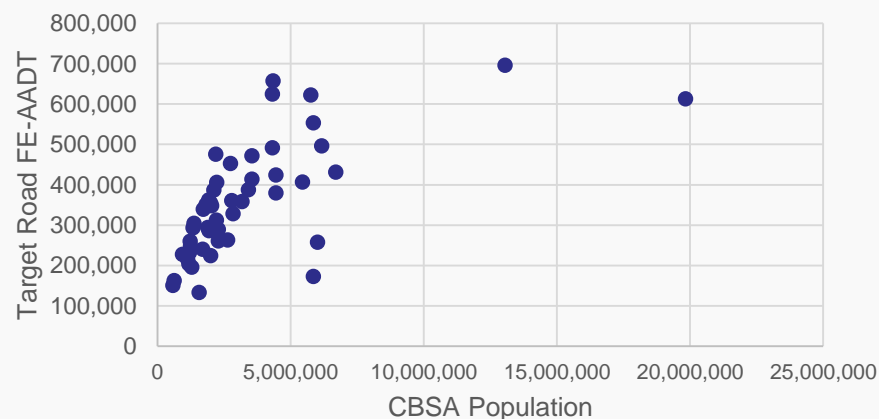
## Site Characteristics

- ~60% of sites within 20 meters of target roads
- ~85% of sites within 30 meters of target road
- Largest population cities tend to have monitors at higher traffic volume roads
- Many roads with monitors have large truck volumes (reflected in FE-AADT)

Target Road AADT & CBSA Population



Target Road FE-AADT & CBSA Population



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# Near-Road Monitoring



## 2012 & 2013 Near-road NO<sub>2</sub> Data Reported to AQS

Year	City	1-Hr Max.	98 <sup>th</sup> %ile	~Annual Avg.	Notes
2012	Detroit	51.0	43.0	25.1	Complete year
	Boise	49.8	44.3*	26.5*	*Incomplete year
2013	Denver	70.8	61.7*	41.1*	*Incomplete year
	St. Louis	64.7	50.4	26.9	Complete year
	Hartford	59.0	48.0*	29.1*	*Incomplete year
	Richmond	58.3	46.0*	26.7*	*Incomplete year
	Minneapolis	54.0	45.0*	24.6*	*Incomplete year
	Boston	50.0	45.0*	27.9*	*Incomplete year
	Detroit	48.0	43.0	23.9	Complete year
	Kansas City	46.1	40.7*	26.1*	*Incomplete year
	Boise	45.9	39.3	25.1	Complete year
	Des Moines	42.2	34.1	19.0	Complete year

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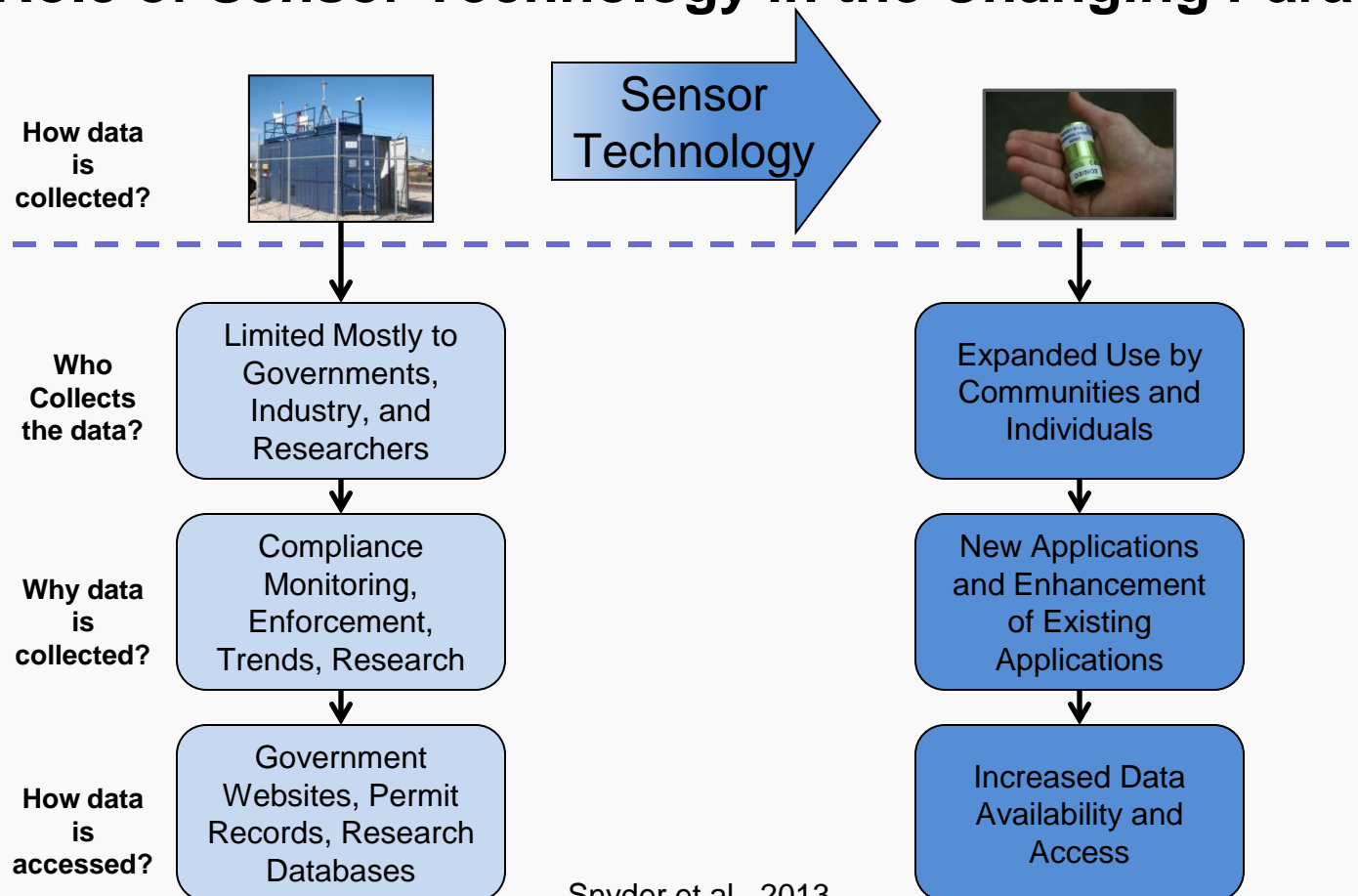
## Selected 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 Near-road NO<sub>2</sub> Data Reported to AQS

City	1-Hr Max.	98 <sup>th</sup> percentile	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Avg.
Denver	96.8	71.1	44.7
Hartford	80.0	63.0	34.3
St. Louis	71.2	65.7	35.3
Cincinnati	68.0	67.0	42.3
Philadelphia	65.0	59.6	36.3
Indianapolis	64.4	63.8	38.4
Boston	64.0	60.0	36.8
S.F. - Oakland	60.6	54.5	30.2
Richmond	59.4	54.9	34.6
Houston	49.1	48.4	29.2
Boise	48.1	40.7	26.7
Des Moines	41.1	37.9	20.6

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## Role of Sensor Technology in the Changing Paradigm



Snyder et al., 2013

# Air Quality Sensors



## Convergence of Technologies and Cultural Change

Miniaturized environmental sensors



e.g., CairClip

Introduction of low cost controls and communications



e.g., Arduino microprocessor

Emerging data-viewing/communication apps



AirCasting App

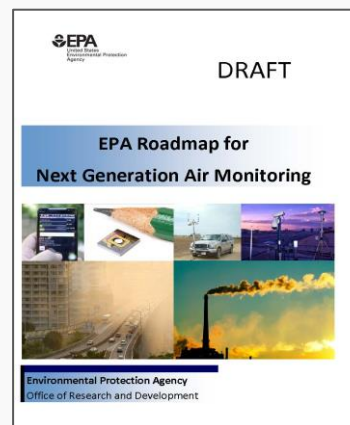
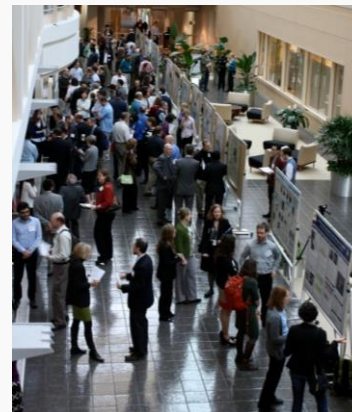
Smartphone / Tablet generation

e.g., fitbit activity tracker



## What is EPA doing?

- Stimulating collaboration and conversation
  - 4 NGAM Workshops since 2012
  - Government, Academia, International, DIY'ers
- Assessing emerging technology
  - Literature review of sensor technology
  - Sensor evaluation through laboratory and field analyses
- Thinking big picture about these developments and implications

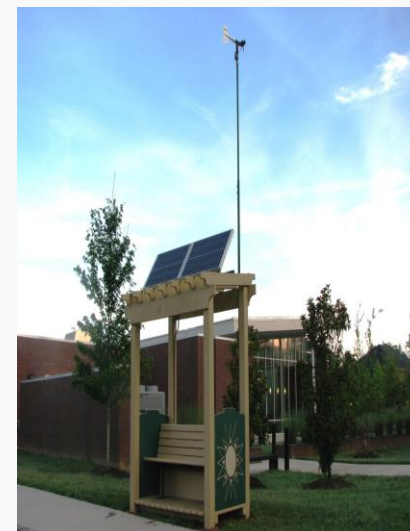


<http://www.epa.gov/research/airscience/docs/roadmap-20130308.pdf>



## EPA Sensor Evaluation Activities

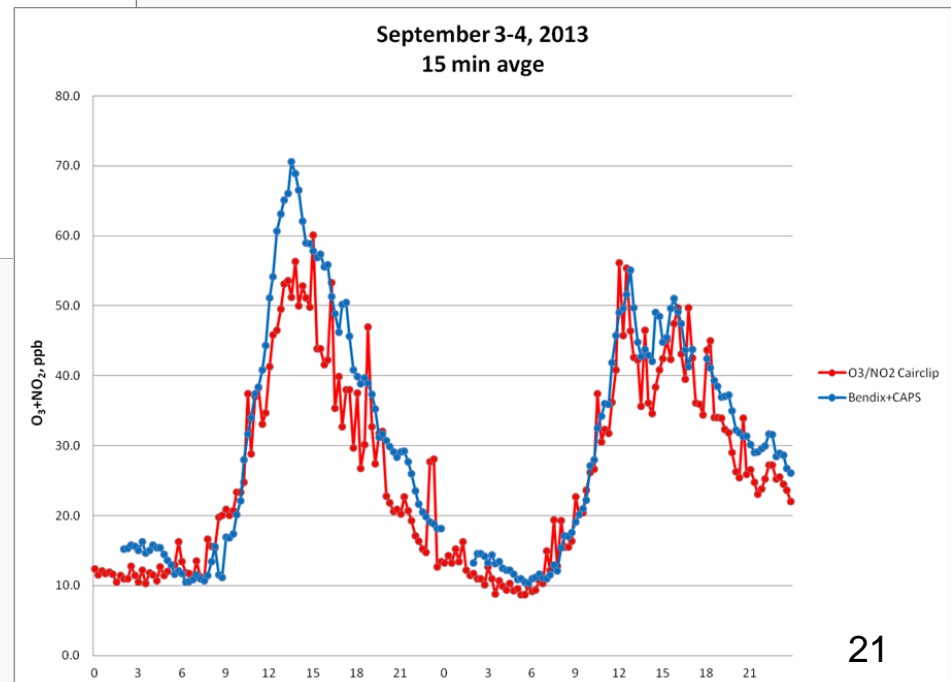
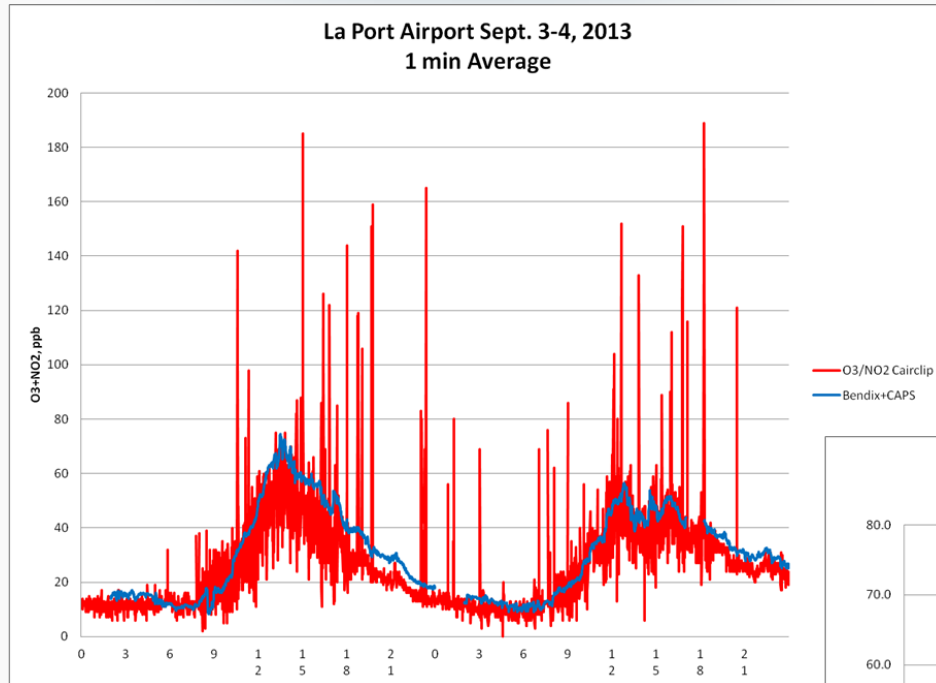
- Ozone, NO<sub>2</sub>, PM and VOC Sensor Evaluations
  - Ozone and NO<sub>2</sub> sensors evaluated in 2012/2013\*
  - A host of low cost (<\$2500) PM<sub>2.5</sub> and VOC sensors purchased or acquired for laboratory and/or field evaluation in 2013/2014
- Publications
  - Air Sensors Guidebook
  - Citizen Science Fact Sheet
  - Mobile Air Sensors & Applications for Air Pollutants
  - Sensor Evaluation Report\*
- Village Green Project
- Short Term Sensor Field Projects
  - Discover AQ; AIRS; Roadside, wildfire, fenceline
- Sensor Seal and other Evaluation efforts
  - FY16 Initiative
  - South Coast AQMD project



# Air Quality Sensors



## Preliminary Results from Houston: Integrated $O_3$ and $NO_2$



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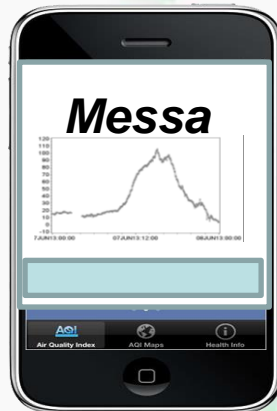
## Brainstorming Sensor Messaging

### Proposed Project:

Mobile Website Development

Sensor Messaging Webpage

Focus Group Study





## Benefits

- Enhanced capability to monitor at local levels
- Enhanced ability to understand people's exposure to air pollution as they actually experience it
- Combined with other technologies (e.g. satellites and models), improved understanding of air quality
- Improved ability for individuals to take specific actions to protect their health
- Over time, ability to improve compliance with air regulations

## Challenges (Opportunities)

- Data quality & levels of detection
- Interpretation & communication of the data
- Big data





## Appendix W Update: Planned Schedule

- Proposed Rulemaking, “Revision to the Guideline on Air Quality Models”, Spring 2015
- 11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Air Quality Modeling
  - Serves as public hearing for NPRM
  - 2 to 3-day conference in RTP, North Carolina
- Final Rulemaking, “Revision to the Guideline on Air Quality Models”, Spring 2016



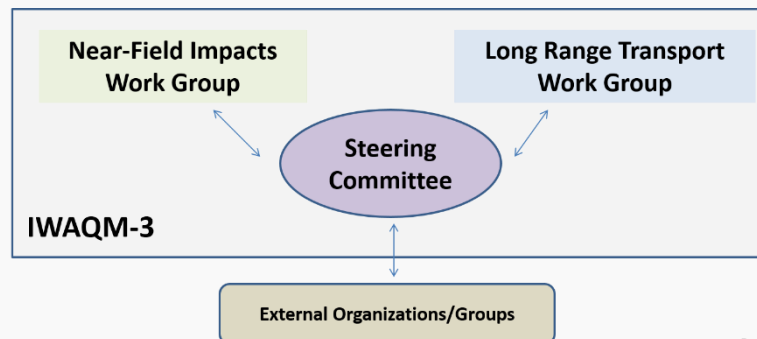


- **Established formal working groups of OAQPS and Regional Office Modelers**
  - AERMOD Development & Evaluation (Roger Brode)
  - Screening Techniques (James Thurman)
  - NO<sub>2</sub> Modeling (Chris Owen)
  - Near-road Modeling (Chris Owen)
  - Meteorological Inputs (James Thurman)
  - IWAQM Phase 3: Near field impacts & Long-range transport (EPA and FLMs)
- **Please refer to 2014 R/S/L Modelers Workshop presentations on SCRAM website for details on priorities and activities of each workgroup**
  - <http://www.cleanairinfo.com/regionalstatelocalmodelingworkshop/archive/2014/agenda.htm>



## IWAQM Phase 3

- IWAQM (phase 3) initiated in July 2013 to provide a mechanism for updating Appendix W and related guidance documents in partnership with the Regional offices and other Federal Agencies (short term)
  - Increase knowledge regarding NSR/PSD program and single source secondary impacts
  - Understand and evaluate modeling techniques for single source secondary impacts
  - Products from the IWAQM3 process intended to inform and support regulatory revisions to Appendix W
- IWAQM3 consists of 2 working groups and a steering committee:





## IWAQM3 Participants

### **Near-Field impacts working group**

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## Key Milestones

- 2011 NEIv1 completed September, 2013
  - MOVES2010b
- 2011 Modeling Platform completed December, 2013
- Open comment period on 2011 Modeling platform from November, 2013 to March, 2014
- Open comment period on 2018 modeling platform from January, 2014 to June 30, 2014
- 2011NEIv2 to be completed October, 2014
  - Addresses comments on 2011NEIv1 & 2011 Modeling platform
  - MOVES 2014 – NEI release timing uncertainty
- Updated 2011 Modeling Platform to be completed December, 2014



## Key Interactions

- MOVES Workgroup thru MARAMA
- Inter-RPO modeling calls
- NEI-ERTAC cross-reference Workgroup
- Oil & Gas Workgroup
  - November 4-5 meeting in RTP with key RPO technical players
- Fire Emissions Workshop
  - November 3 meeting with USFS & other key technical players
- Upcoming workgroup formation for 2014 NEI nonpoint categories
- Emissions Inventory Conference Spring 2015



# Questions?