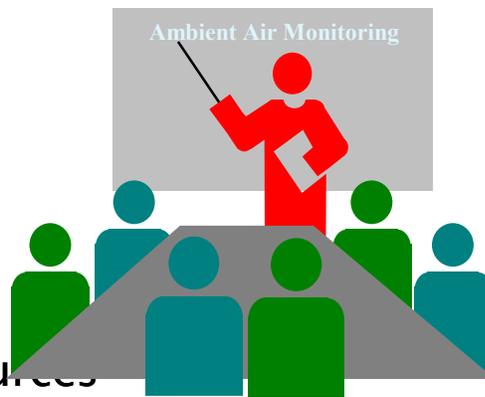


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Course Overview

- ▶ Regulations and Standards
- ▶ Monitoring Networks
- ▶ Station Siting
- ▶ Instrumentation
- ▶ Documentation
- ▶ Data Handling
- ▶ Quality Assurance
- ▶ References and Resources



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Standards and Regulations

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EPA Responsibilities Under CAA

- ▶ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
 - Identification
 - Attainment
- ▶ Toxic air pollutants
 - Identification
 - Control
- ▶ Acid Rain
- ▶ Pollution Index
- ▶ PSD

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Monitoring

- ▶ Attainment
- ▶ Progress Toward Attainment
- ▶ Pollution Trends
- ▶ Emergency Control Procedures
- ▶ Database.

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Regulations

- ▶ U.S. EPA
 - 40 CFR 50 – NAAQS
 - 40 CFR 53 – Methods
 - 40 CFR 58 – Monitoring criteria
 - 40 CFR 51.24 – PSD
- ▶ State and Local Regs



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Monitoring Networks

SLAMS -- State and Local Air Monitoring Station

NAMS -- National Air Monitoring Station

PAMS -- Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Station

NCORE--National Core Multipollutant Network



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Monitoring Networks

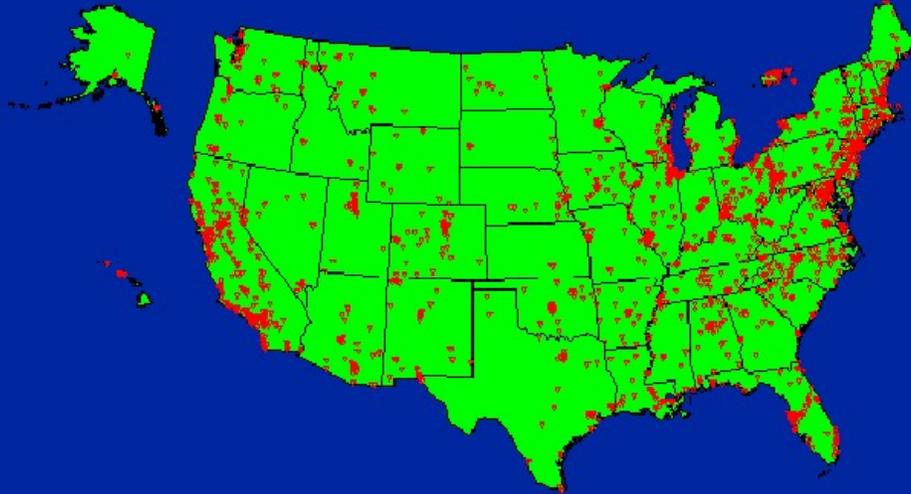
- ▶ PSD -- Prevention of Significant Deterioration
- ▶ SPM -- Special Purpose Monitoring
- ▶ IMPROVE -- Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments
- ▶ Acid Rain Network



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State and Local Monitoring (SLAMS) Network



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National Air Monitoring (NAMS) Network



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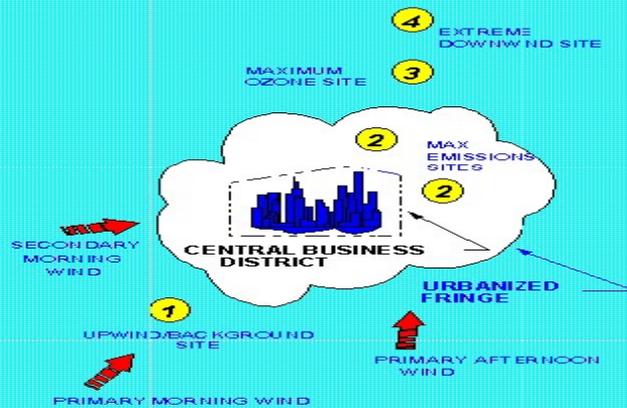
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Photochemical Assessment Monitoring (PAMS) Network



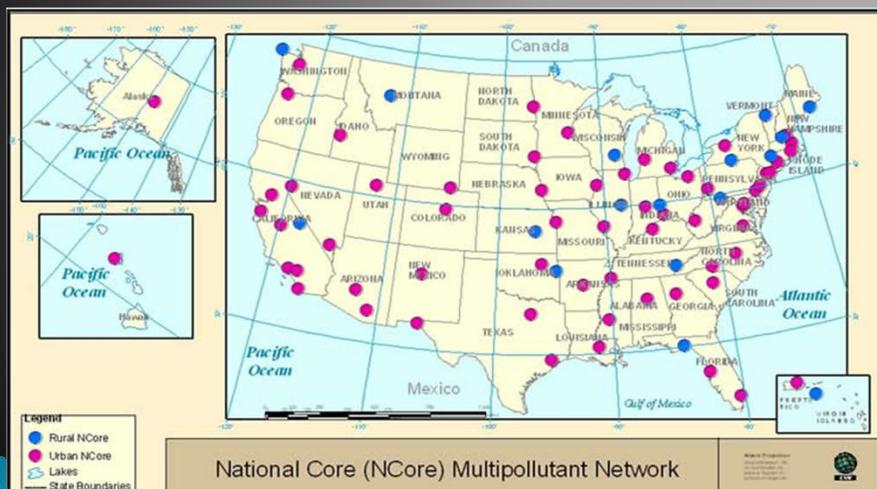
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PAMS NETWORK DESIGN



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NCore Network



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NCore Objectives

- ▶ Timely reporting of air quality data to public
- ▶ Support for development of emission strategies
- ▶ Long-term tracking of emission strategies
- ▶ Long-term health assessment for NAAQS reviews
- ▶ Establish Attainment/Nonattainment areas
- ▶ Support for scientific studies in technical, health & atmospheric disciplines
- ▶ Support to ecosystem assessment

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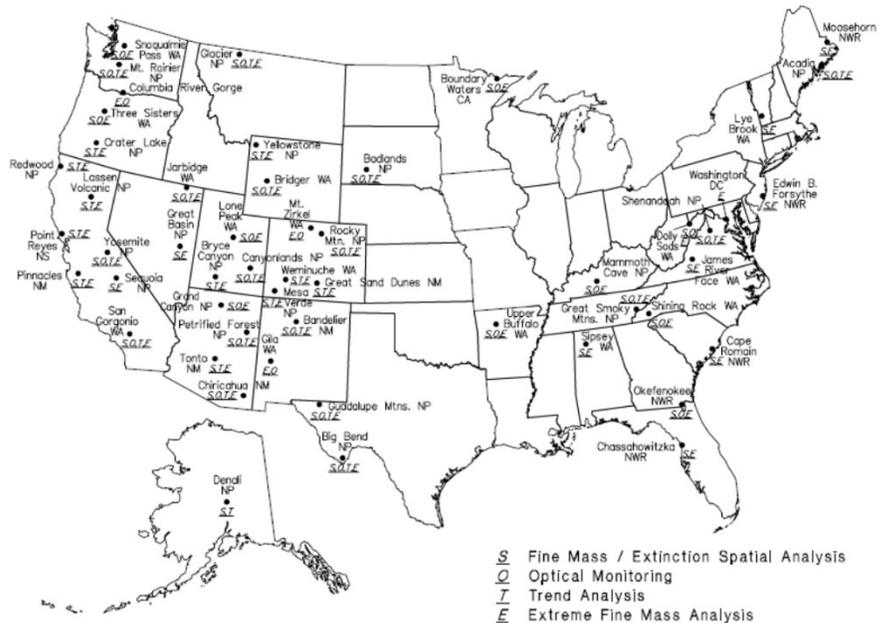
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NCore pollutants

Parameter	Comments
PM2.5 speciation	Organic and elemental carbon, major ions and trace metals (24 hour average; every 3rd day); IMPROVE or CSN
PM2.5 FRM mass	24 hr. average at least every 3rd day
continuous PM2.5 mass	1 hour reporting interval; FEM or pre-FEM monitors
PM(10-2.5) mass	Filter-based or continuous
ozone (O3)	all gases through continuous monitors
carbon monoxide (CO)	capable of trace levels (low ppm and below) where needed
sulfur dioxide (SO2)	capable of trace levels (low ppb and below) where needed
nitrogen oxide (NO)	capable of trace levels (low ppb and below) where needed
total reactive nitrogen (NOy)	capable of trace levels (low ppb and below) where needed
surface meteorology	wind speed and direction (reported as "Resultant"), temperature, RH

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IMPROVE Sites



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CURRENT NAAQS

Pollutant [links to historical tables of NAAQS reviews]	Primary/ Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form	
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	primary	8 hours	9 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year	
		1 hour	35 ppm		
Lead (Pb)	primary and secondary	Rolling 3 month average	0.15 µg/m ³ ⁽¹⁾	Not to be exceeded	
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)	primary	1 hour	100 ppb	98th percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations, averaged over 3 years	
	primary and secondary	1 year	53 ppb ⁽²⁾	Annual Mean	
Ozone (O₃)	primary and secondary	8 hours	0.070 ppm ⁽³⁾	Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour concentration, averaged over 3 years	
Particle Pollution (PM)	PM _{2.5}	primary	12.0 µg/m ³	annual mean, averaged over 3 years	
		secondary	15.0 µg/m ³	annual mean, averaged over 3 years	
	PM ₁₀	primary and secondary	24 hours	35 µg/m ³	98th percentile, averaged over 3 years
		primary and secondary	24 hours	150 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded more than once per year on average over 3 years
Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)	primary	1 hour	75 ppb ⁽⁴⁾	99th percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations, averaged over 3 years	
	secondary	3 hours	0.5 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year	

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Carbon Monoxide(CO) Standards–Table of Historical CO NAAQS

Final Rule/Decision	Primary/ Secondary	Indicator	Averaging Time	Level ¹	Form
1971 36 FR 8186 Apr 30, 1971	Primary and Secondary	CO ²	1-hour period	35 ppm	Maximum, not to be exceeded more than once in a year
			8-hour period	9 ppm	Maximum, not to be exceeded more than once in a year ³
1985 50 FR 37484 Sept 13, 1985	Primary standards retained, without revision; secondary standards revoked.				
1994 59 FR 38906 Aug 1, 1994	Primary standards retained, without revision.				
2011 76 FR 54294 Aug 31, 2011	Primary standards retained, without revision.				

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Current CO monitors



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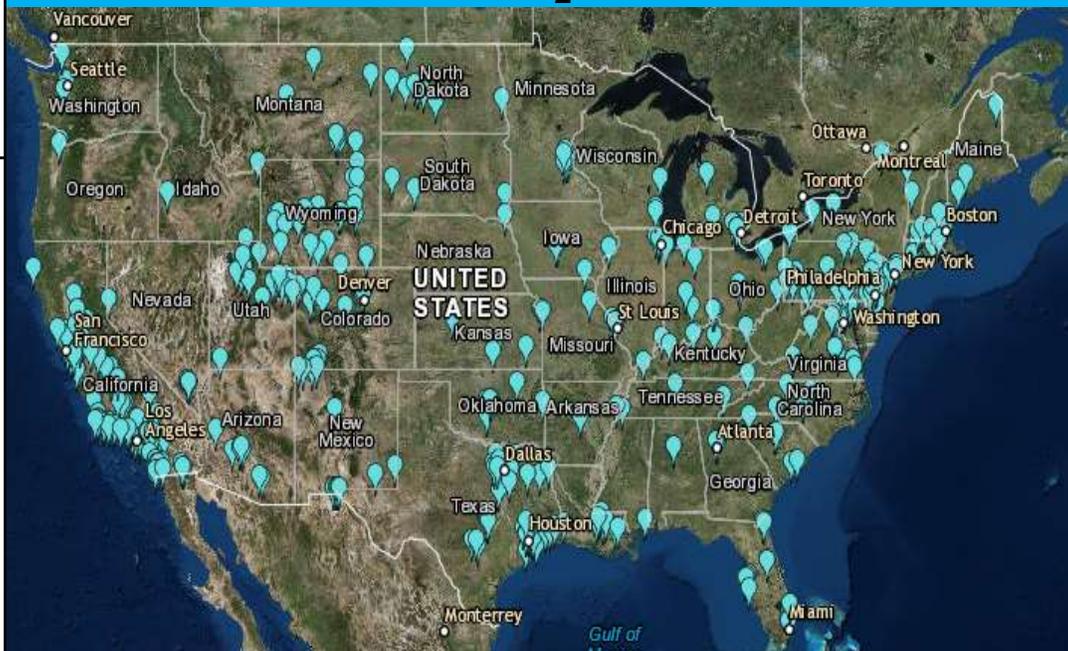
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Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) Standards – Table of Historical NO₂ NAAQS

Final Rule/Decision	Primary/ Secondary	Indicator ^(a)	Averaging Time	Level ^(b)	Form
1971 36 FR 8186 Apr 30, 1971	Primary and Secondary	NO ₂	Annual	53 ppb ^(c)	Annual arithmetic average
1985 50 FR 25532 Jun 19, 1985					
1996 61 FR 52852 Oct 8, 1996	Primary and secondary NO ₂ standards retained, without revision.				
2010 75 FR 6474 Feb 9, 2010 ^(d)	Primary	NO ₂	1-hour	100 ppb	98th percentile, averaged over 3 years ^(e)
Primary annual NO ₂ standard retained, without revision.					

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Current NO₂ monitors



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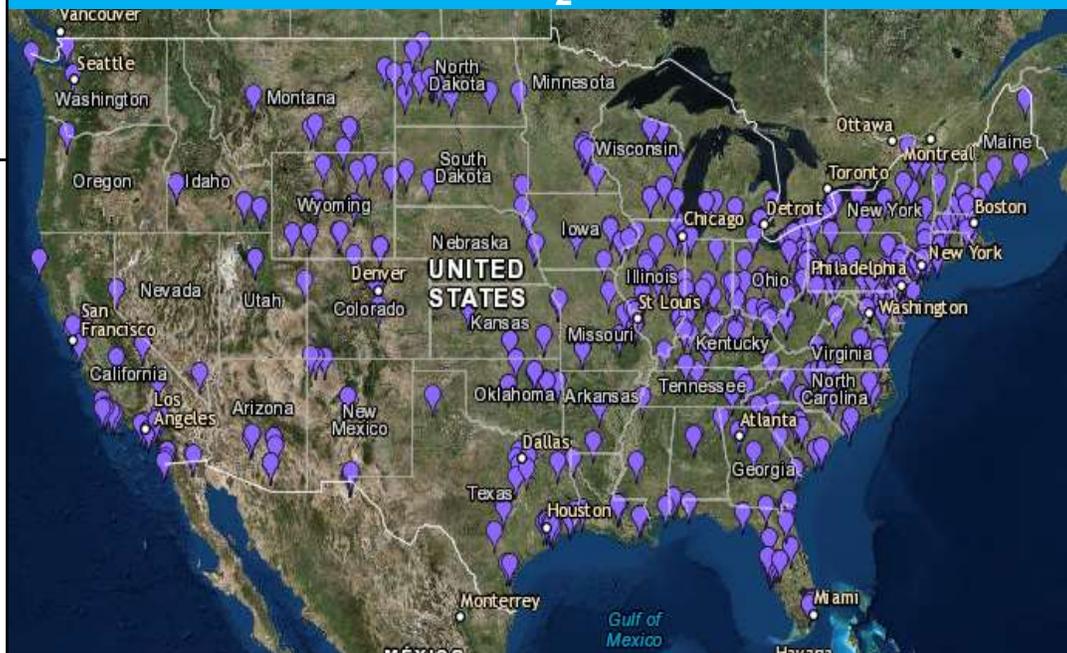
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Oxides of Sulfur (SO₂) Standards—Table of Historical SO₂ NAAQS

Final Rule/Decision	Primary/Secondary	Indicator	Averaging Time	Level	Form
1971 36 FR 8186 Apr 30, 1971	Primary	SO ₂	24-Hour	0.14 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year
			Annual	0.03 ppm	Annual arithmetic average
	Secondary		3-Hour	0.5 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year
			Annual	0.02 ppm	Annual arithmetic average
1973 38 FR 25678 Sept 14, 1973	Secondary	Secondary 3-hour SO ₂ standard retained, without revision; secondary annual SO ₂ standard revoked.			
1996 61 FR 25566 May 22, 1996	Primary	Existing primary SO ₂ standards retained, without revision.			
2010 75 FR 35520 Jun 22, 2010	Primary	SO ₂	1-hour	75 ppb	99th percentile, averaged over 3 years
		Primary annual and 24-hour SO ₂ standards revoked.			

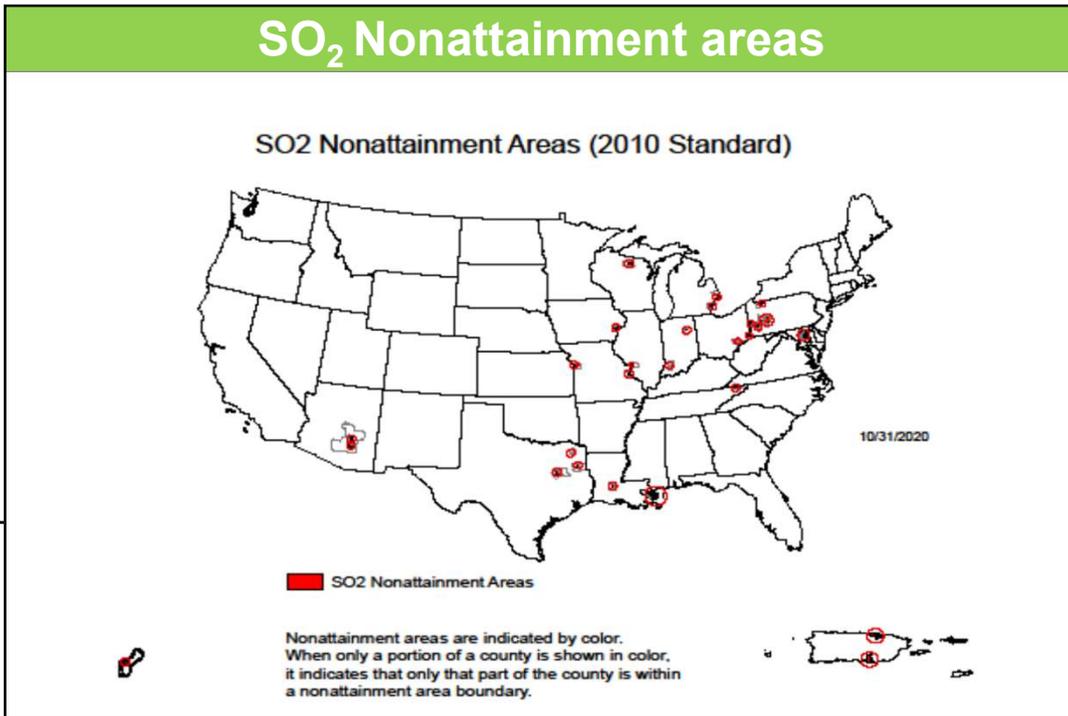
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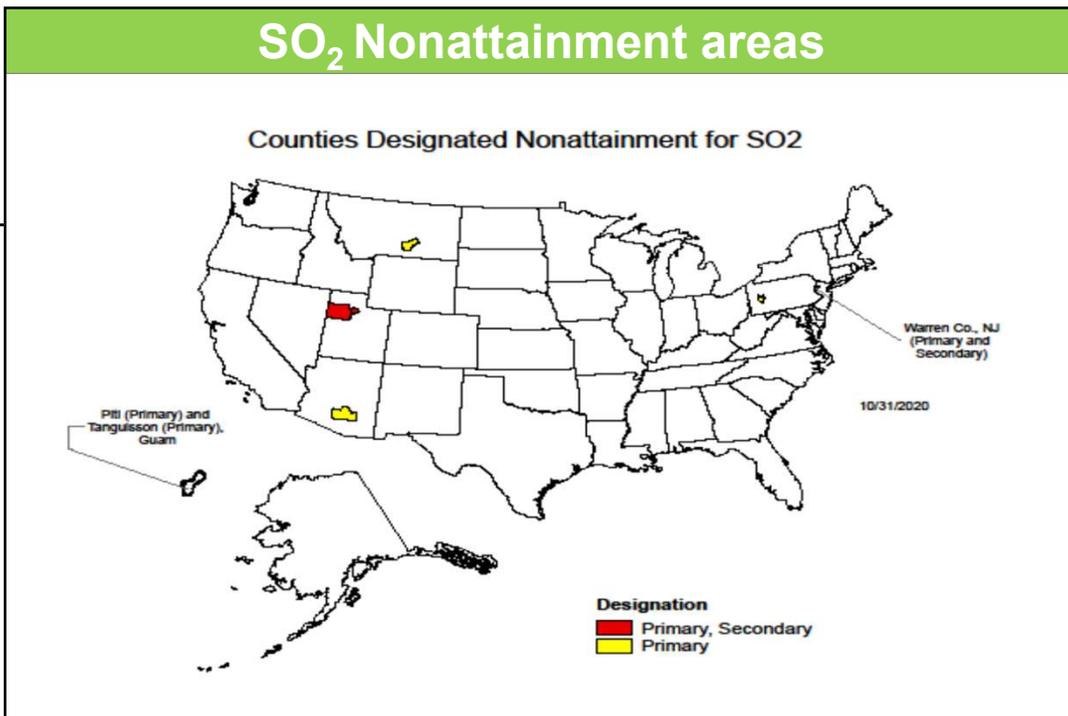


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Lead (Pb) Standards – Table of Historical Pb NAAQS

Final Rule/Decision	Primary/ Secondary	Indicator	Averaging Time	Level ⁽¹⁾	Form
1978 43 FR 46246 Oct 5, 1978	Primary and Secondary	Pb-TSP ⁽²⁾	Calendar Quarter	1.5 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded
Feb 21, 1991 - Agency released multimedia "Strategy for Reducing Lead Exposures" ⁽³⁾					
2008 73 FR 66964 Nov 12, 2008	Primary and Secondary	Pb-TSP	3-month period	0.15 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded

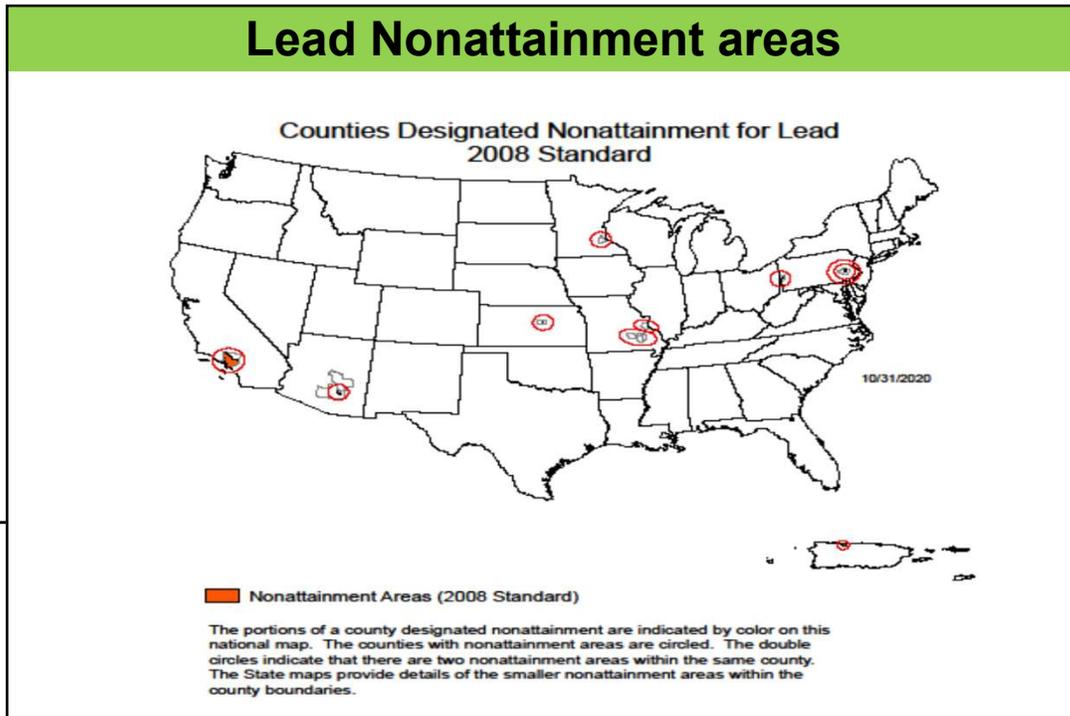
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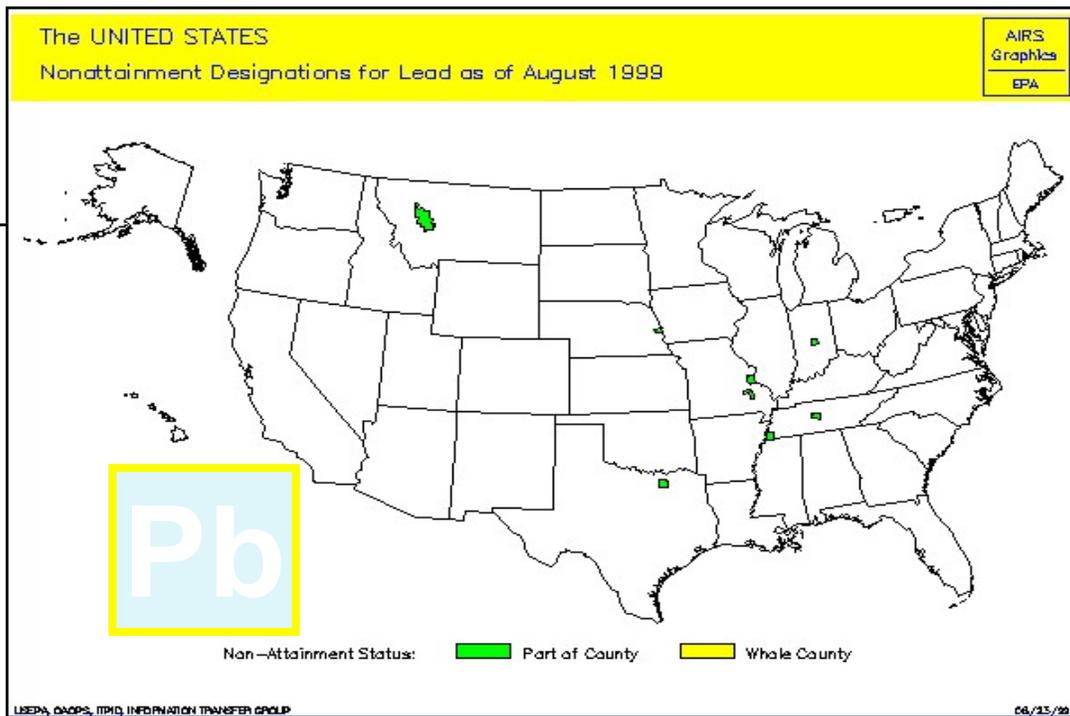


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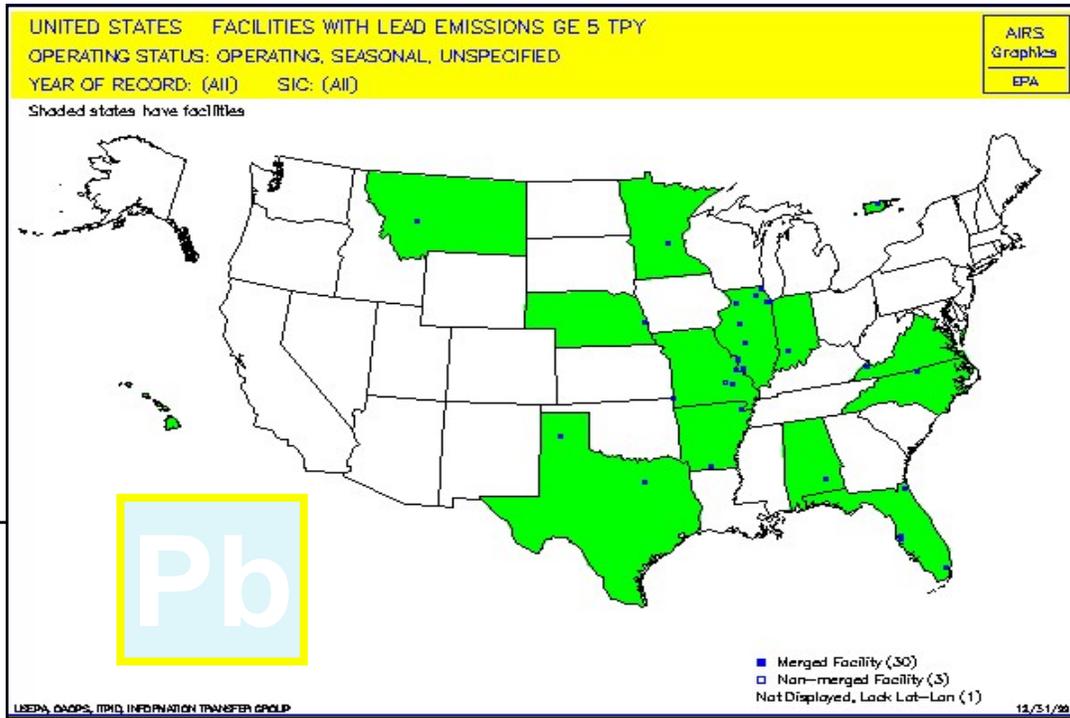


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Ozone (O₃) Standards – Table of Historic O₃ NAAQS

Final Rule/Decision	Primary/Secondary	Indicator	Averaging Time	Level	Form
1971 36 FR 8186 Apr 30, 1971	Primary and Secondary	Total photochemical oxidants	1-hour	0.08 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than one hour per year
1979 44 FR 8202 Feb 8, 1979	Primary and Secondary	O ₃	1-hour	0.12 ppm	Attainment is defined when the expected number of days per calendar year, with maximum hourly average concentration greater than 0.12 ppm, is equal to or less than 1
1993 58 FR 13008 Mar 9, 1993	EPA decided that revisions to the standards were not warranted at the time				
1997 62 FR 38856 Jul 18, 1997	Primary and Secondary	O ₃	8-hour	0.08 ppm	Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hr concentration, averaged over 3 years
2008 73 FR 16483 Mar 27, 2008	Primary and Secondary	O ₃	8-hour	0.075 ppm	Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hr concentration, averaged over 3 years

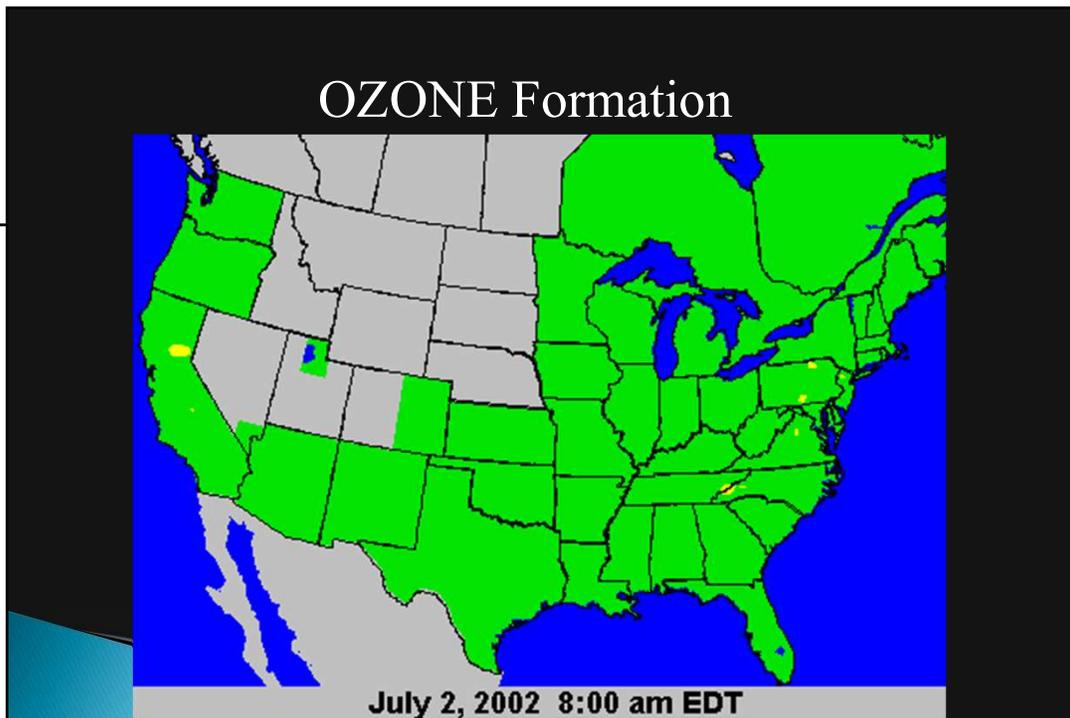
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History of the NAAQS for Ozone, from 1971 to 2015

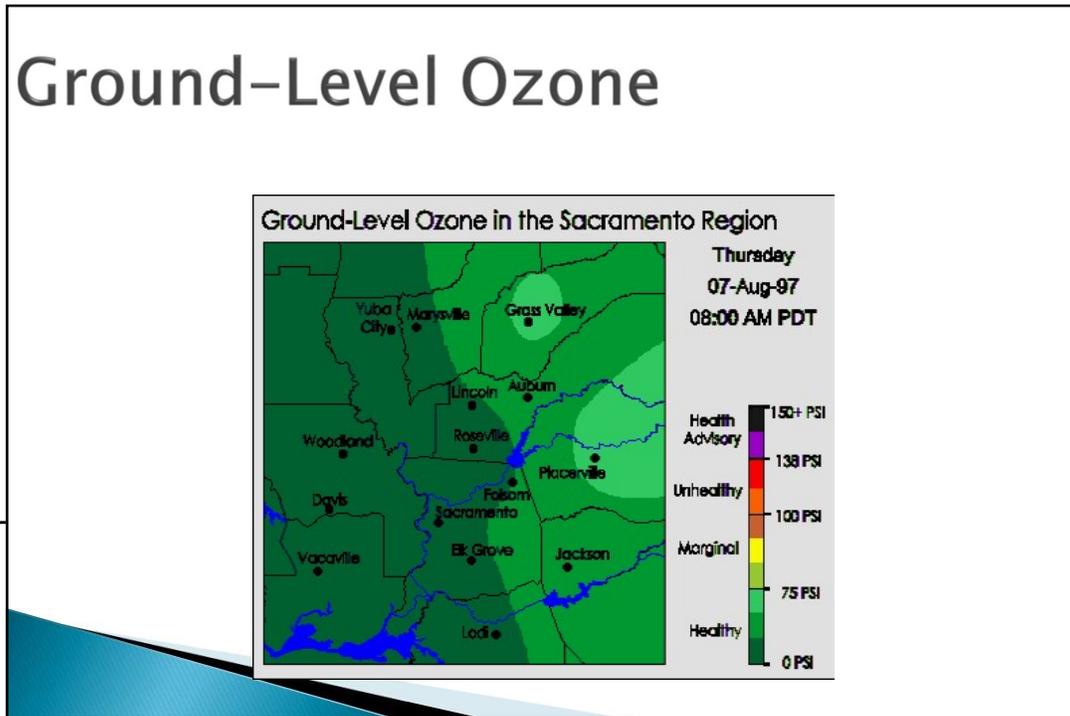
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2015 80 FR 65292 Oct 26, 2015	Primary and Secondary	O ₃	8 hours	0.070 ppm	Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8 hour average concentration, averaged over 3 years

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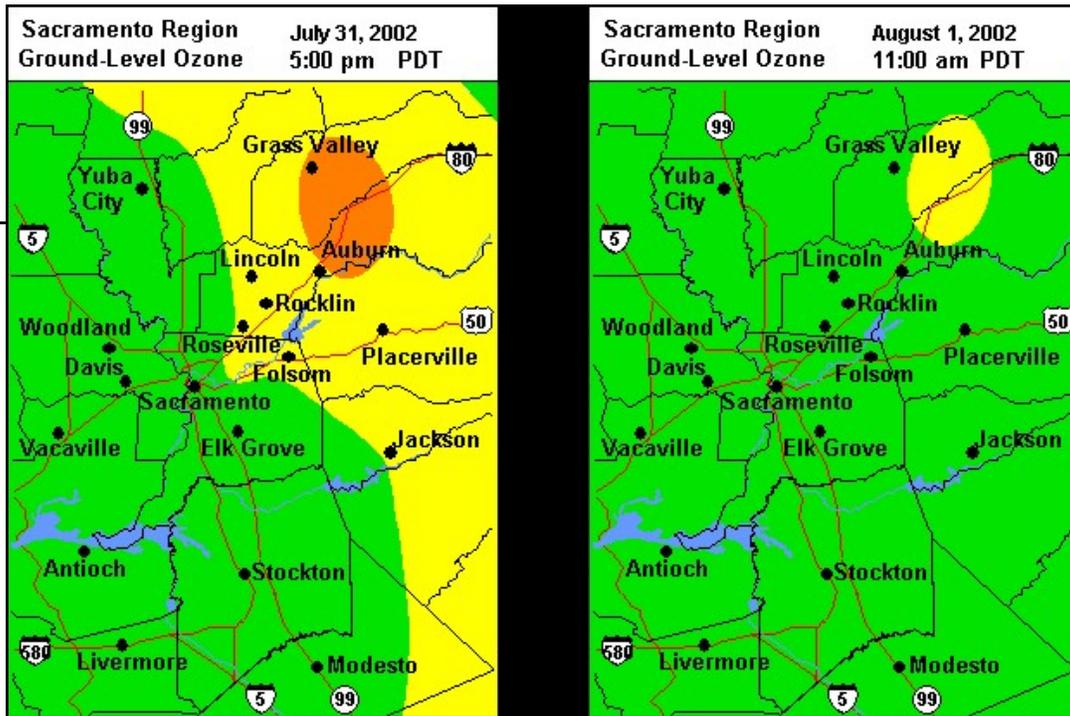


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Ground-Level Ozone

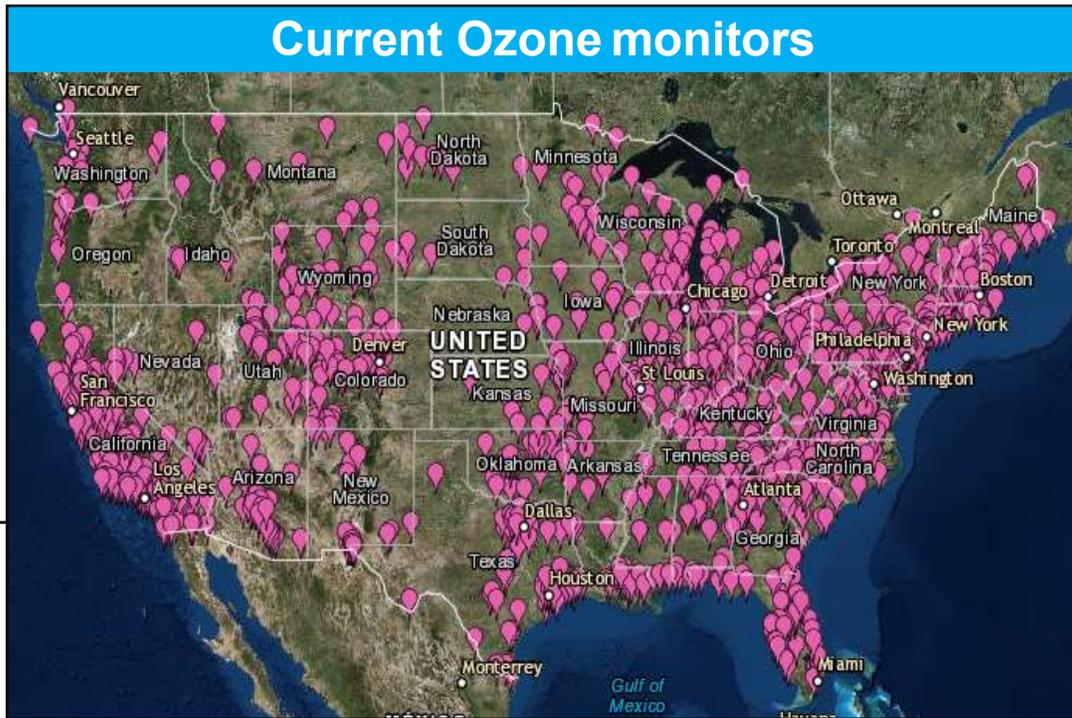


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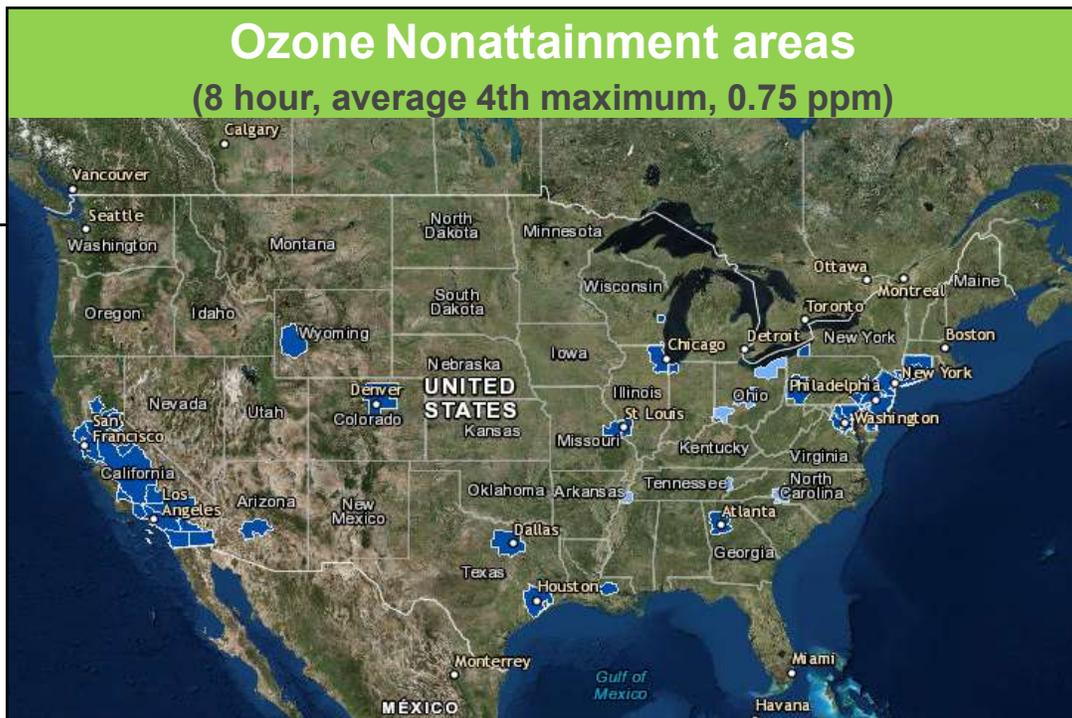


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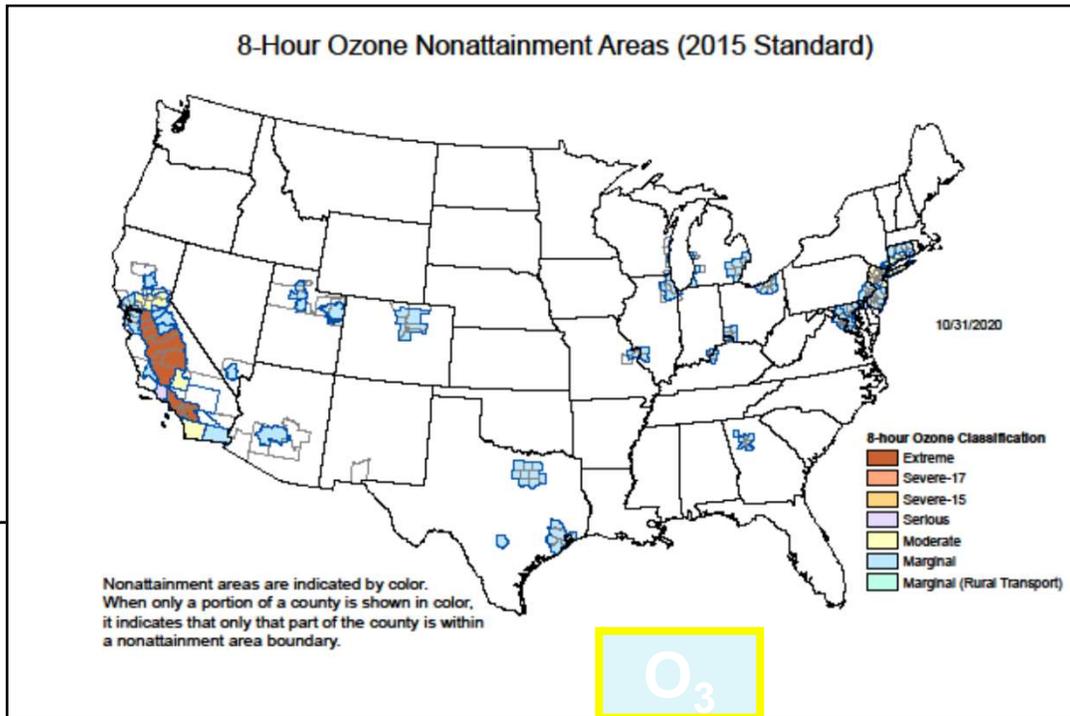


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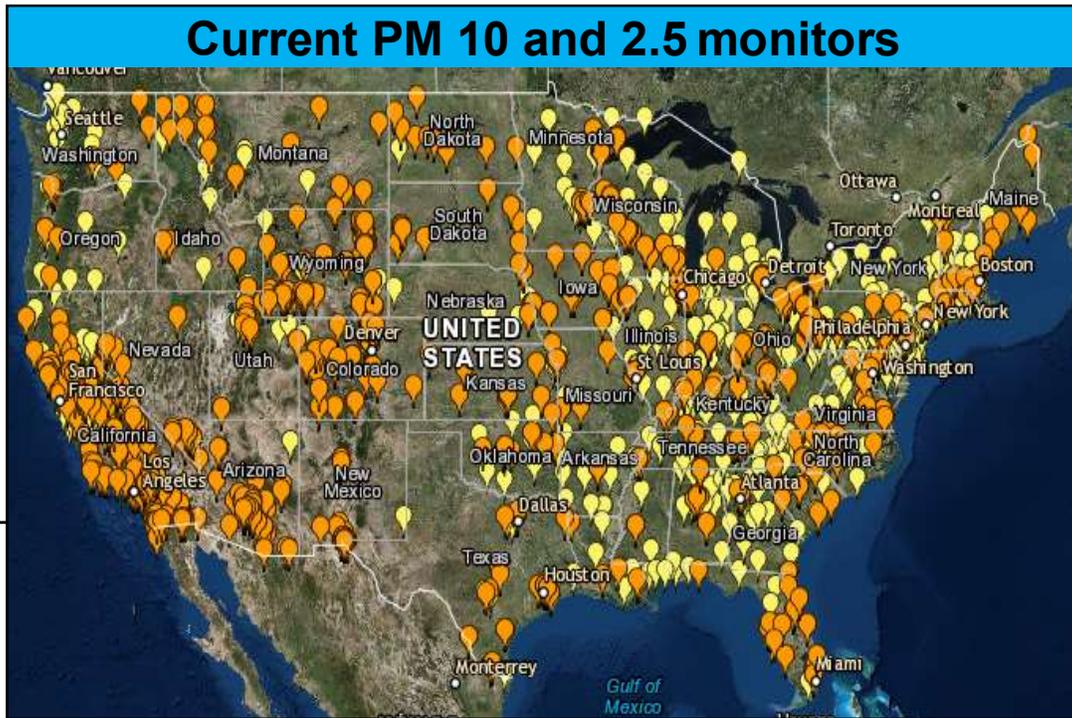
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Particulate Matter (PM) Standards—Table of Historical PM NAAQS

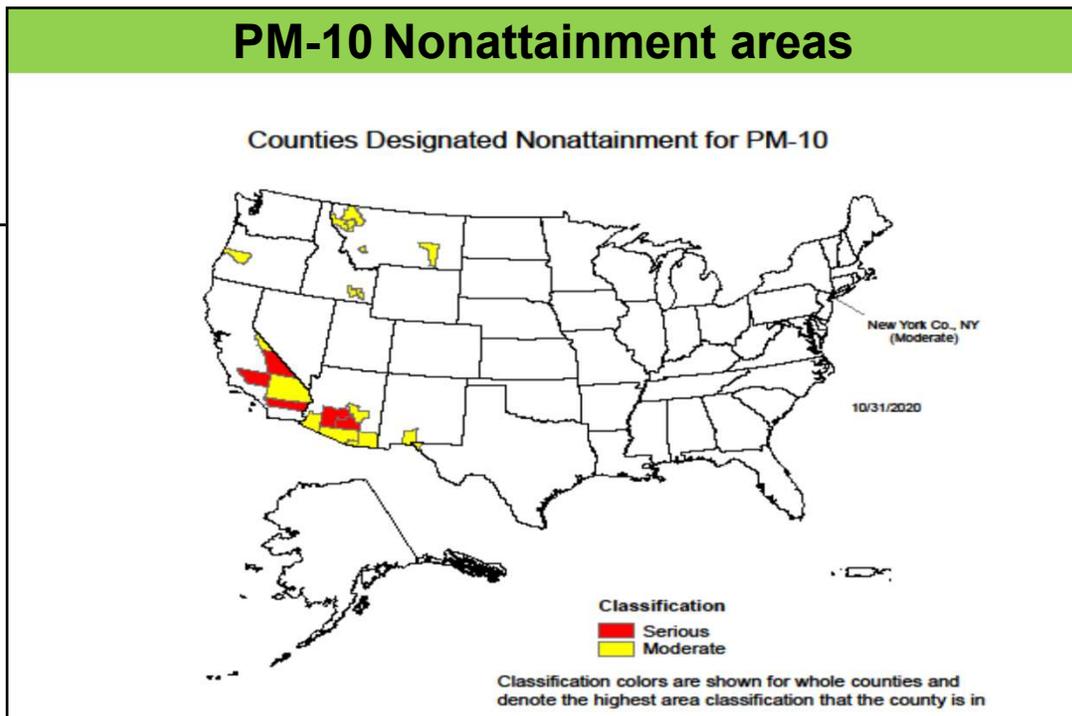
Final Rule	Primary/Secondary	Indicator	Averaging Time	Level ⁽¹⁾	Form
1971 36 FR 8186 Apr 30, 1971	Primary	TSP ⁽²⁾	24-hour	260 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded more than once per year
	Secondary	TSP	Annual	75 µg/m ³	Annual Average
1987 52 FR 24634 Jul 1, 1987	Primary and Secondary	PM ₁₀	24-hour	150 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded more than once per year on average over a 3-year period
			Annual	50 µg/m ³	Annual arithmetic mean, averaged over 3 years
1997 62 FR 38652 Jul 16, 1997	Primary and Secondary	PM _{2.5}	24-hour	65 µg/m ³	98th percentile, averaged over 3 years
			Annual	15.0 µg/m ³	Annual arithmetic mean, averaged over 3 years ^{(3),(4)}
2006 71 FR 61144 Oct 17, 2006	Primary and Secondary	PM ₁₀	24-hour	150 µg/m ³	Initially promulgated 99th percentile, averaged over 3 years; when 1997 standards for PM ₁₀ were vacated, the form of 1987 standards remained in place (not to be exceeded more than once per year on average over a 3-year period) ⁽⁵⁾
			Annual	50 µg/m ³	Annual arithmetic mean, averaged over 3 years
2012	Primary and Secondary	PM _{2.5}	24-hour	35 µg/m ³	98th percentile, averaged over 3 years ⁽⁶⁾
			Annual	15.0 µg/m ³	Annual arithmetic mean, averaged over 3 years ^{(6),(7)}
	Primary and Secondary	PM ₁₀	24-hour	150 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded more than once per year on average over a 3-year period
			Annual	12.0 µg/m ³	Annual arithmetic mean, averaged over 3 years
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		24-hour	35 µg/m ³	98th percentile, averaged over 3 years	
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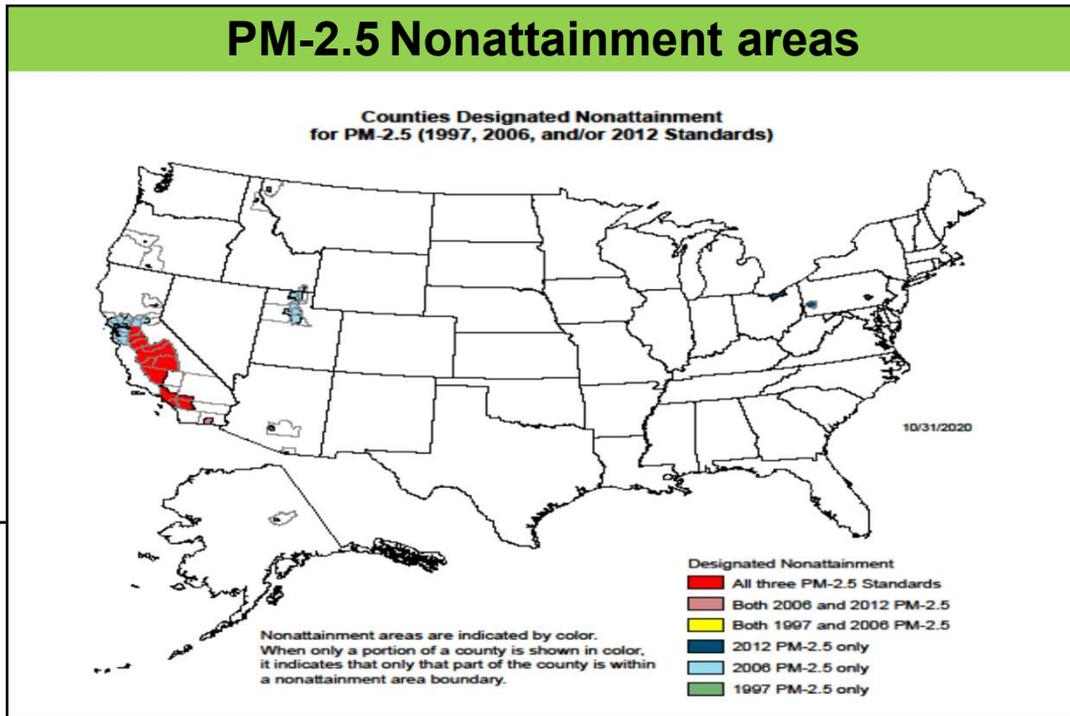


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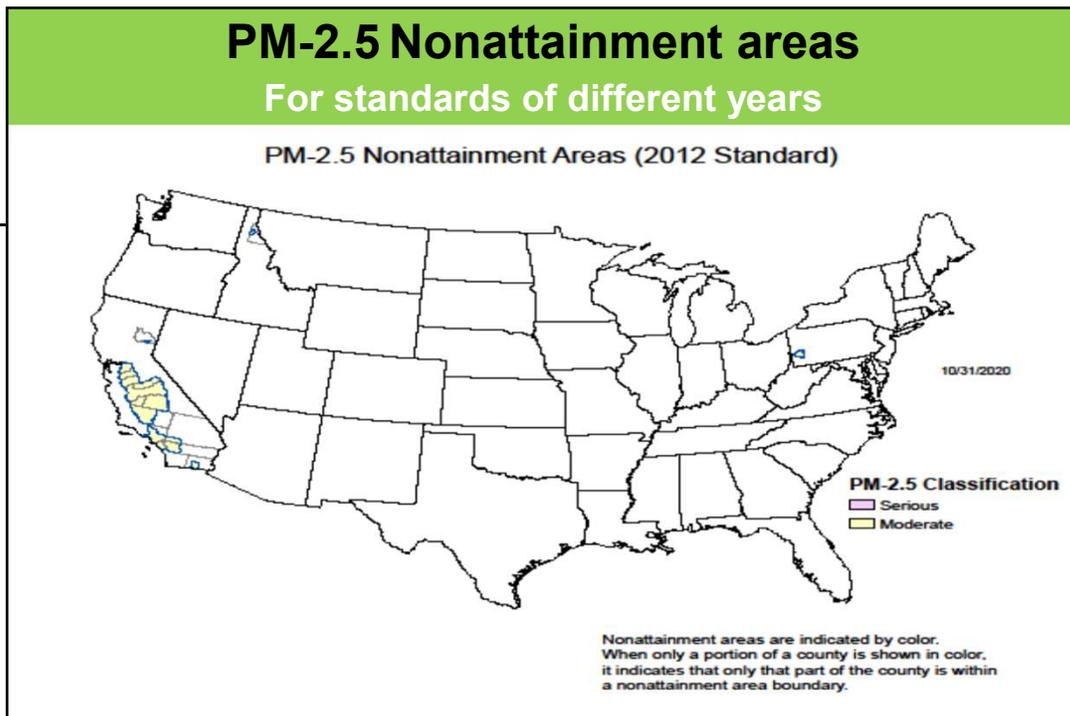


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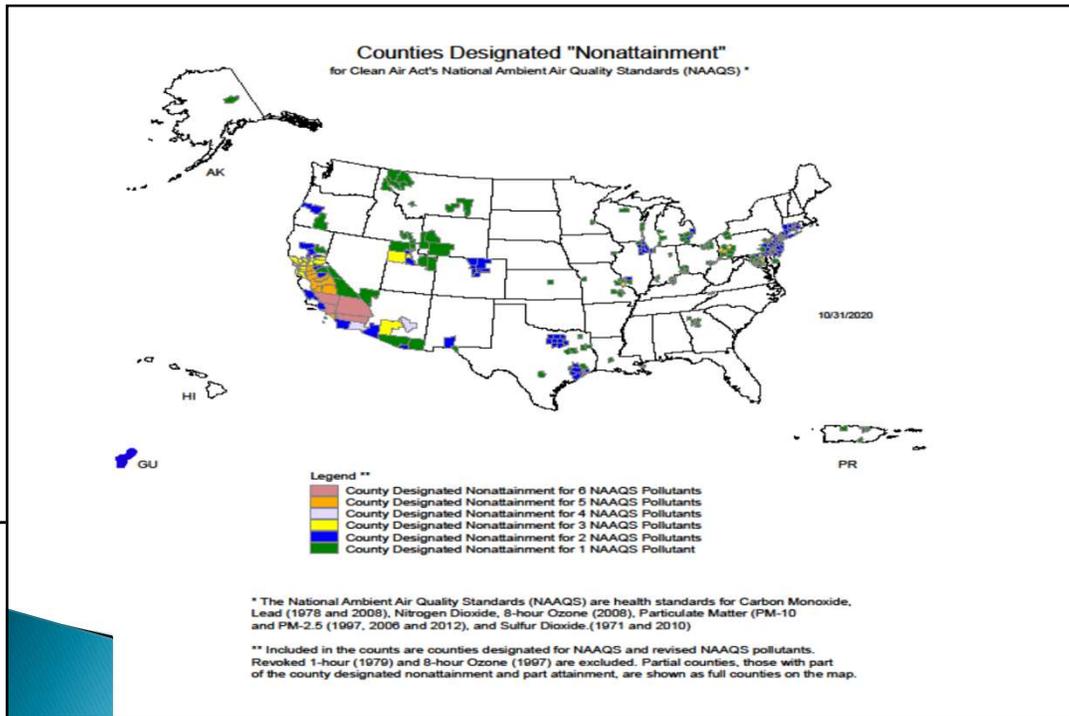


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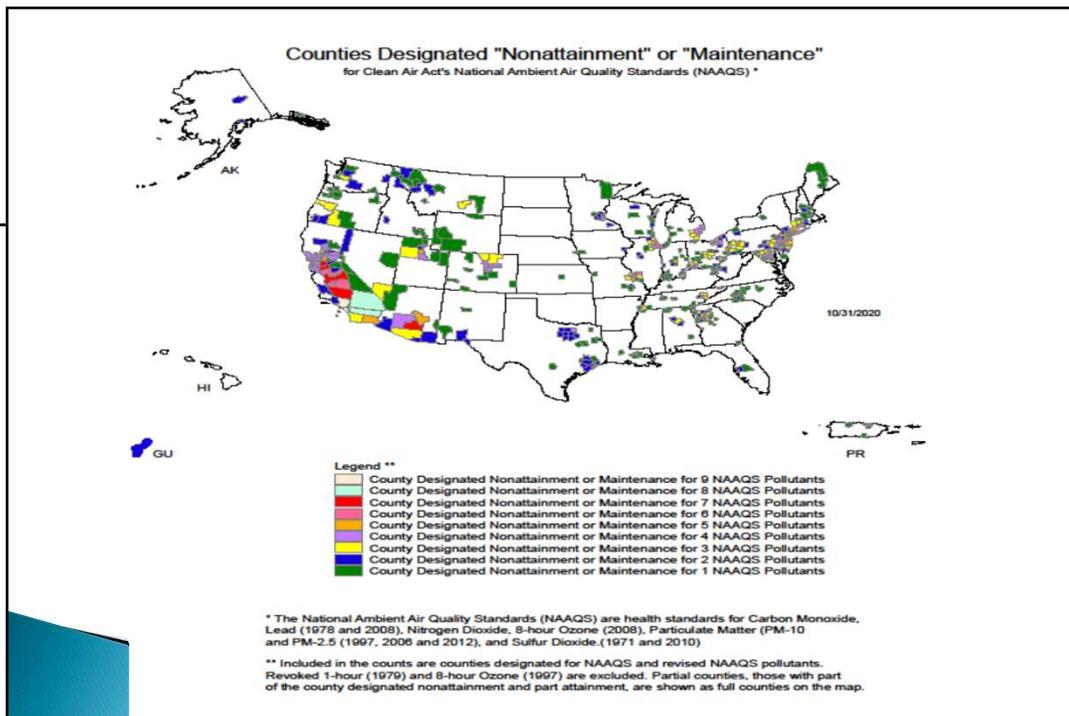


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Network Design Considerations

- ▶ Concentration Expected
- ▶ Representative Concentrations
- ▶ Significant Sources or Source Categories

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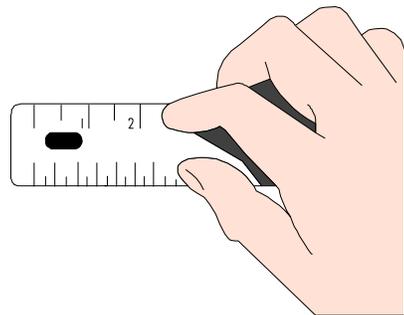
Network Design Considerations

- ▶ Background Concentrations
- ▶ Regional Transport
- ▶ Welfare-Related Impacts for Rural Areas

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Scales of Monitoring

- ▶ Micro
- ▶ Middle
- ▶ Neighborhood



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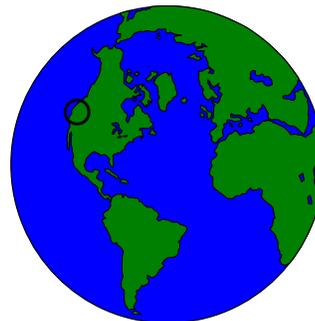
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Additional Scales of Monitoring

- ▶ Urban
- ▶ Regional
- ▶ National and Global



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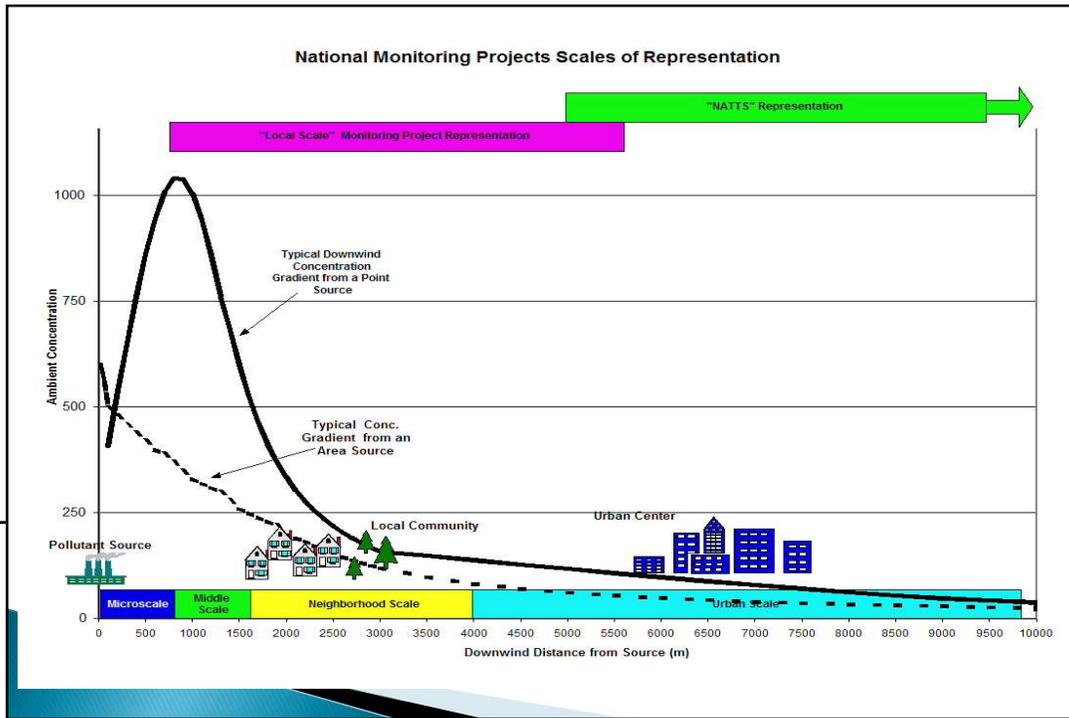
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Monitoring Objectives & Scale

<u>Monitoring Objective</u>	<u>Appropriate Siting Scales</u>
Highest concentration	Micro, middle, neighborhood (sometimes urban)
Source impact	Micro, middle, neighborhood
Population	Neighborhood, urban
General / Background	Neighborhood, regional, global

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Network Design Considerations

- ▶ Priority area (zone of highest pollution conc.)
- ▶ Air Transport
- ▶ Evaluation

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Network Design Considerations

- ▶ Population Areas
- ▶ Future development
- ▶ Full Representation

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Number of Stations – PM₁₀

Population	Expected Maximum Concentration		
	High ¹	Medium ²	Low ³
> 1,000,000	6 - 10	4 - 8	2 - 4
500,000 - 1,000,000	4 - 8	2 - 4	1 - 2
250,000 - 500,000	3 - 4	1 - 2	0 - 1
100,000 - 250,000	1 - 2	0 - 1	0

¹ Exceeding NAAQS by 20% or more, or 95% Probability of PM₁₀ Nonattainment

² Exceeding 80% of NAAQS, or 20% to 95% Probability of PM₁₀ Nonattainment

³ Less than 80% NAAQS, or < 20% Probability of PM₁₀ Nonattainment

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Station Siting Considerations

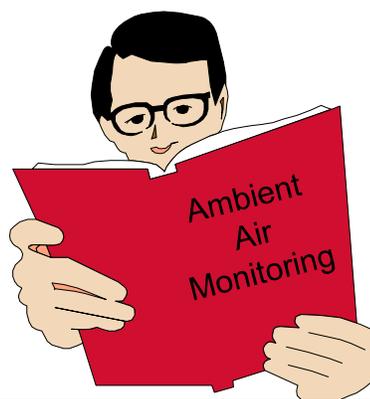
- ▶ Available sites
- ▶ Start-up costs
 - Equipment
 - Facility improvements
- ▶ Operation costs
 - Equipment operation and maintenance
 - Station costs (lease payments, heating, etc.)
 - Expendables (calibration gases, chart paper, etc.)
 - Personnel



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Station Siting Considerations

- ▶ Types of Pollutants
- ▶ Topography
- ▶ Air flow



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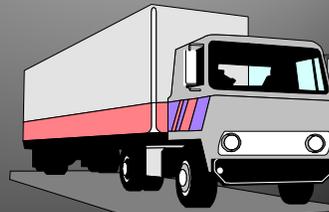
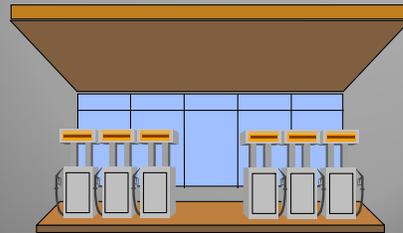
Station Categories

A (Ground Level)	Heavy pollutant concentration, high potential for pollutant buildup
B (Ground Level)	Heavy pollutant concentration, minimal potential for buildup
C (Ground Level)	Moderate pollution concentration
D (Ground Level)	Low pollutant concentration
E (Air Mass)	Sampler probe that is between 6–45m (20–150 ft) above ground
F (Source-Oriented)	Sampler that is adjacent to a point source

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Site Information

- ▶ **Local Sources**
 - Flues & Vents by Inlet
 - Non-Vehicular/Local Industry
 - Traffic
- ▶ **Dominant Influence Category**
 - Industrial
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Vehicular
 - ▶ Urbanization
 - ▶ Near Urban
 - ▶ Agricultural
 - ▶ Recreational Area



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Site Information

- ▶ Data Acquisition Objective
- ▶ Station Type
- ▶ Spatial Scale
- ▶ Instrumentation
- ▶ Sampling System
- ▶ Influential Pollutant Sources
- ▶ Topography
- ▶ Atmospheric Exposure



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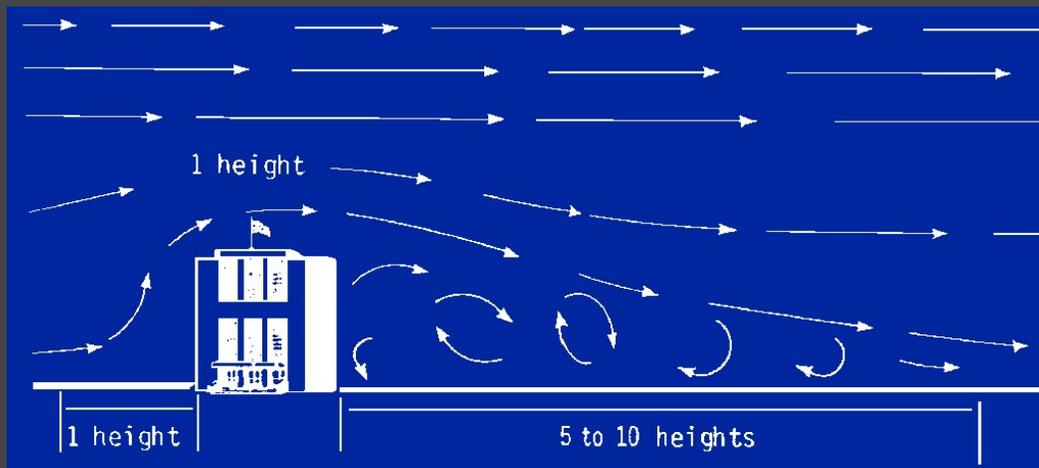
Site Information

- ▶ Obstacles
 - Description
 - Distance
 - Height above inlet
 - Walls
 - Air flow arc
- ▶ Trees
 - As obstacles
 - As interferants



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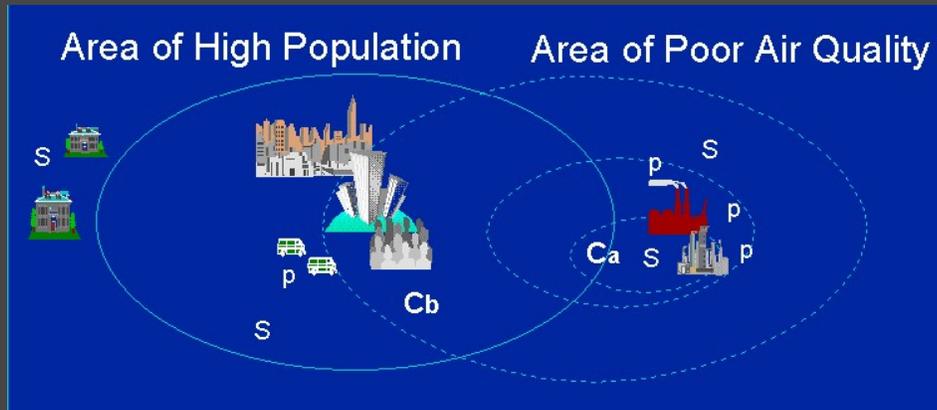
Obstacle Effects



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Location of Monitors

- ▶ C = Core site
- ▶ S = SLAMS site
- ▶ p = Special Purpose Monitor



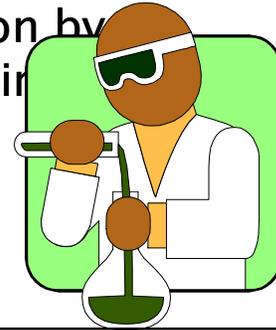
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Air Pollutant Measurement Process

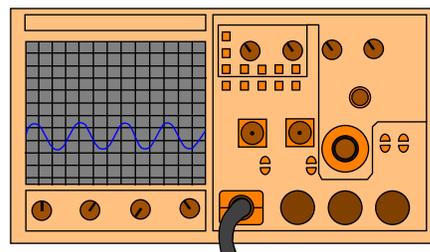
- ▶ Separate pollutant from air
- ▶ Determine pollutant quantity and air volume
- ▶ Calculate pollution concentration by dividing pollutant quantity by air volume
- ▶ Analyze data



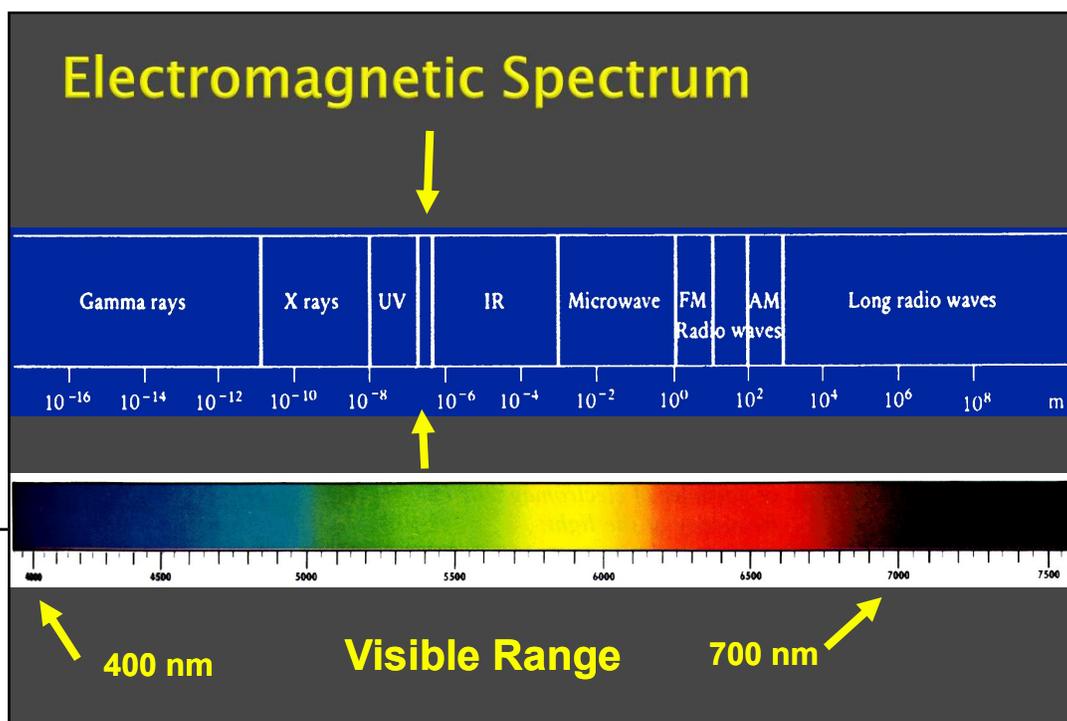
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Types of Monitoring

- ▶ Automated analytical methods
 - Point analyzers
 - Open path analyzers
- ▶ Time averaged samplers
 - Manual methods
 - Filter (ex. PM_{10}) samples



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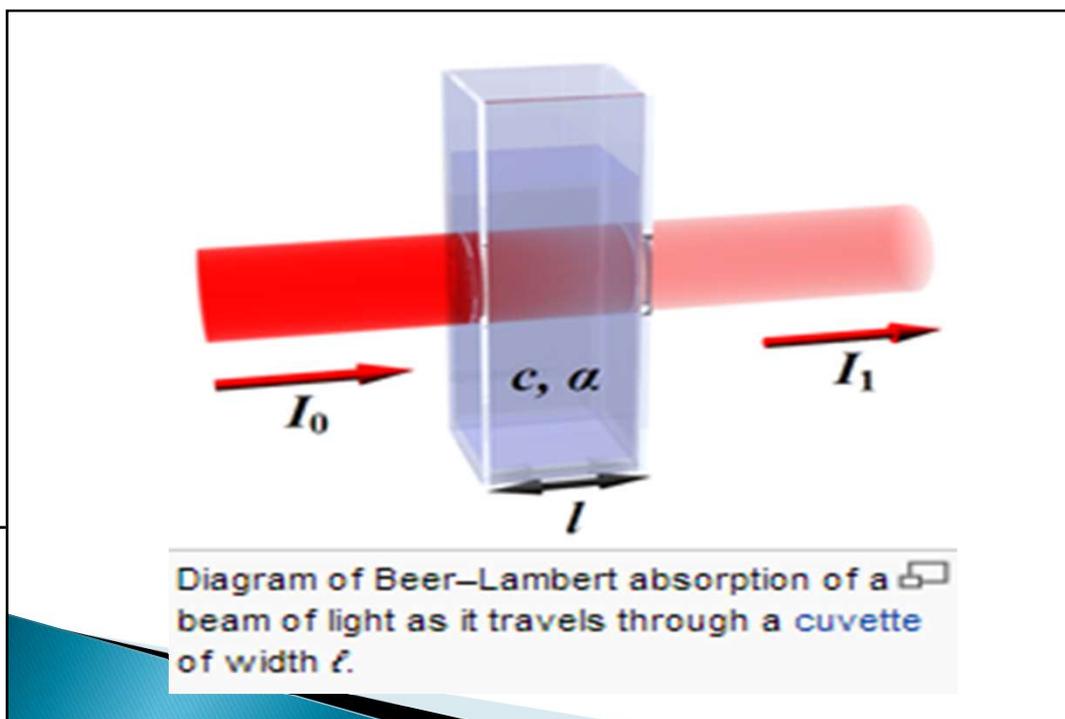
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Beer-Lambert Law

- ▶ Absorption of light related to:
 - Absorption coefficient dependencies
 - Wavelength of light
 - Properties of the pollutant molecule
 - Number of molecules in light path
 - Concentration
 - Path length



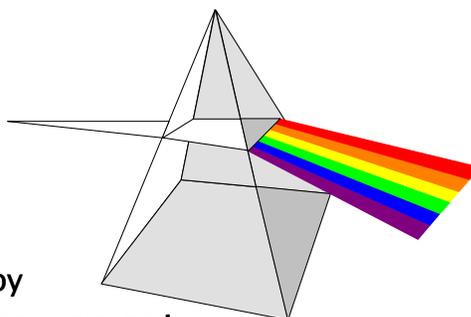
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Analytical Techniques

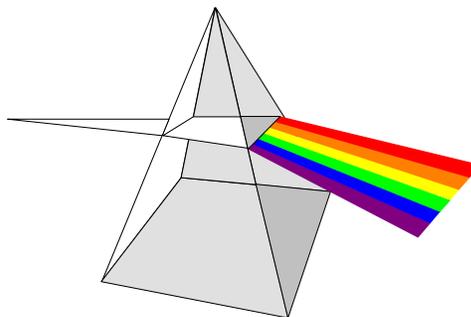
- ▶ Infrared Methods
 - Differential Absorption
 - Gas Filter Correlation
 - Fourier Transform Infrared
- ▶ Ultraviolet Methods
 - Differential Absorption
 - Second Derivative Spectroscopy
- ▶ Visible Light – Opacity Measurement
 - Scattering & Absorption



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Analytical Techniques

- ▶ Luminescence Methods
 - Fluorescence
 - Chemiluminescence
 - Flame Photometry
- ▶ Electroanalytical Methods
 - Polarography
 - Electrocatalytic
 - Paramagnetism
 - Conductivity



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Site Information

- ▶ Site Description
 - Ground Cover
 - Height of Inlet
 - Type of Samplers
 - Spacing Between Samplers
 - Inlet Boom Description and Orientation
 - Meteorological Instrument Tower Description
 - Meteorological Instrument Radiation Shield



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Site Information

▶ Probe Information

- Probe Material
- Probe Dimensions
- Manifold Description
- Manifold Dimensions
- Tubing Material
- Tubing Dimensions
- Residence Time
 - Probe, Manifold, Tubing, Total

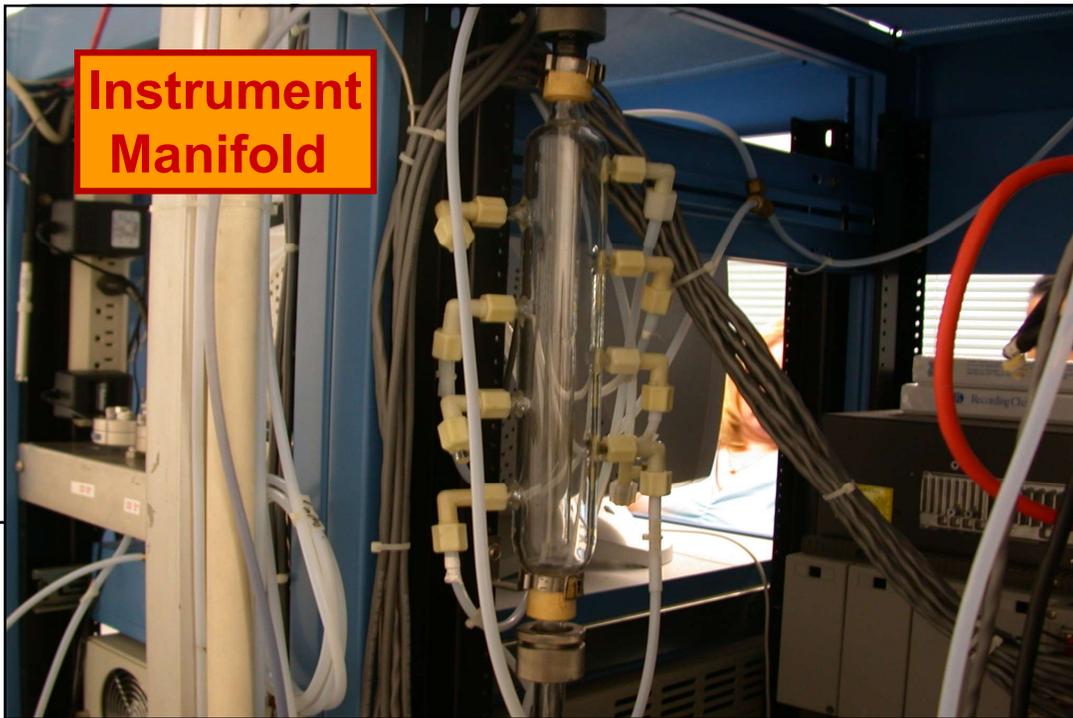


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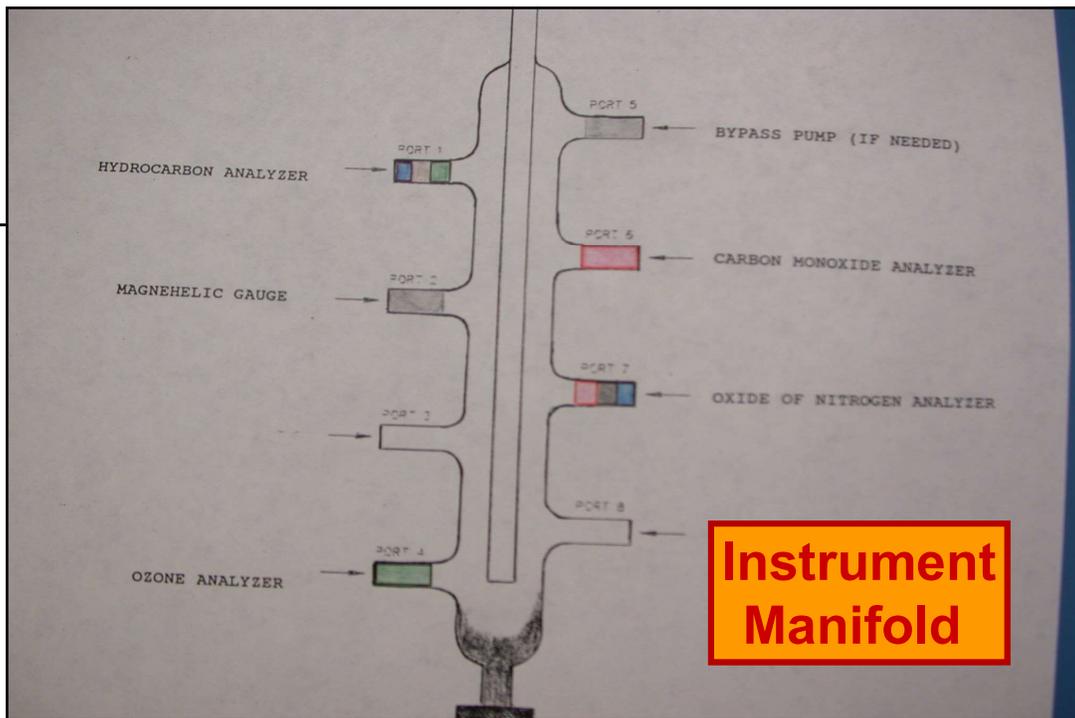


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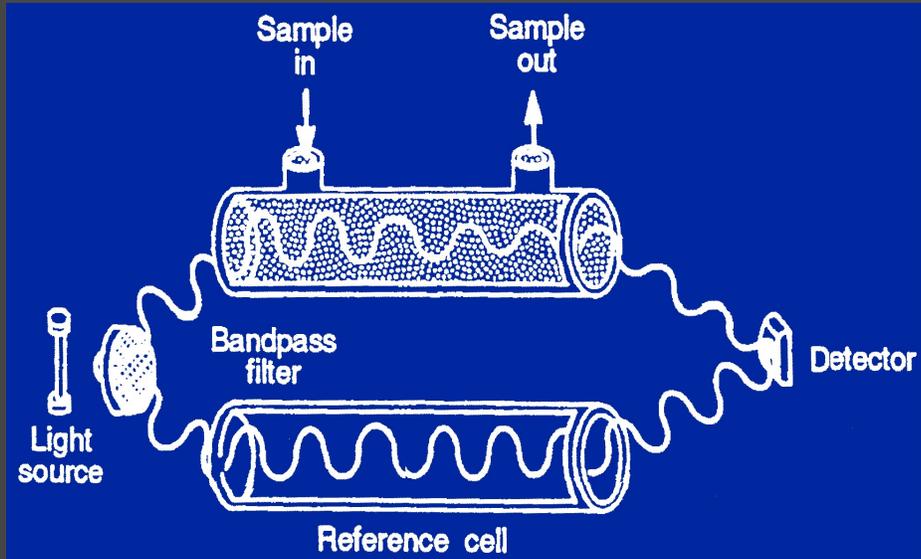
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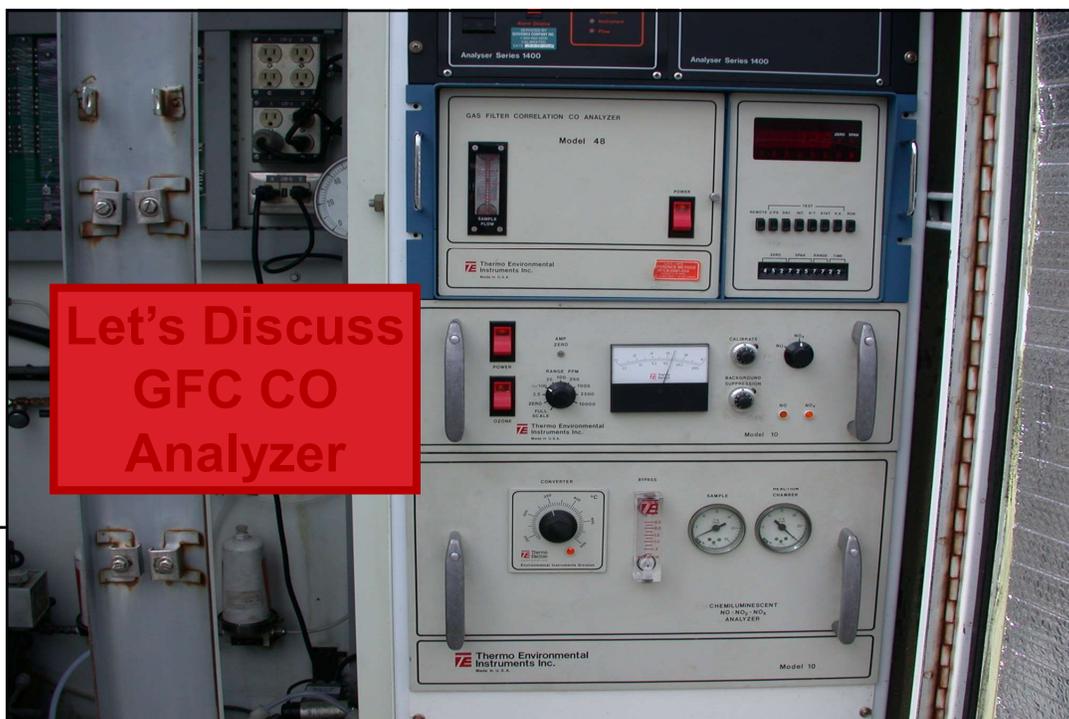


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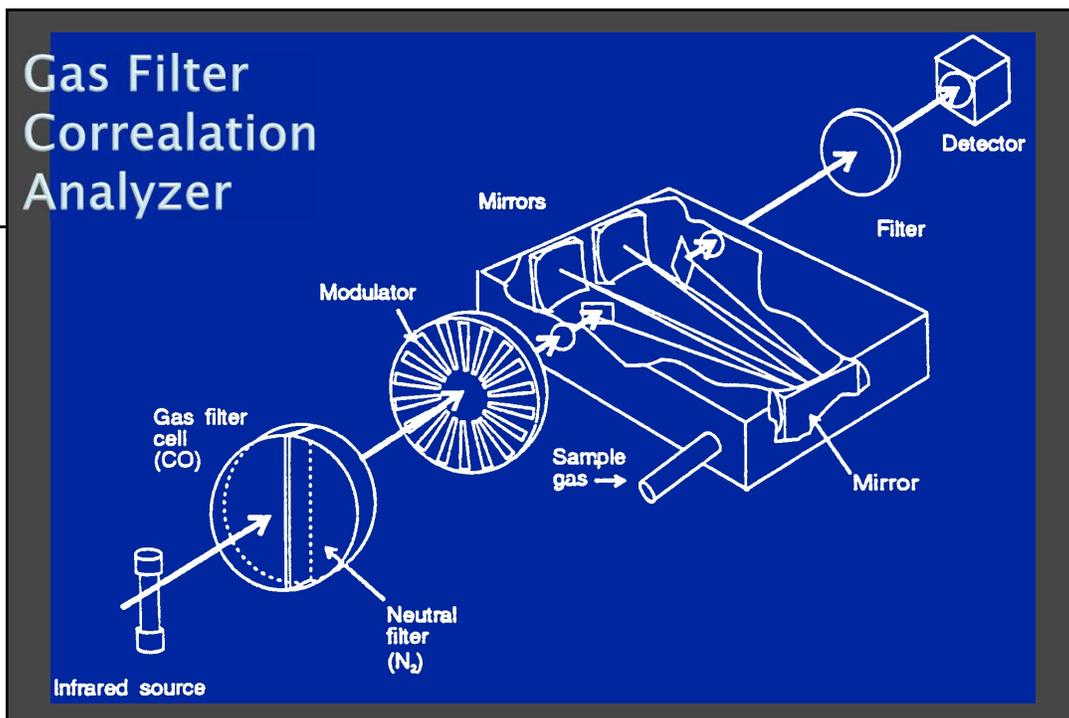


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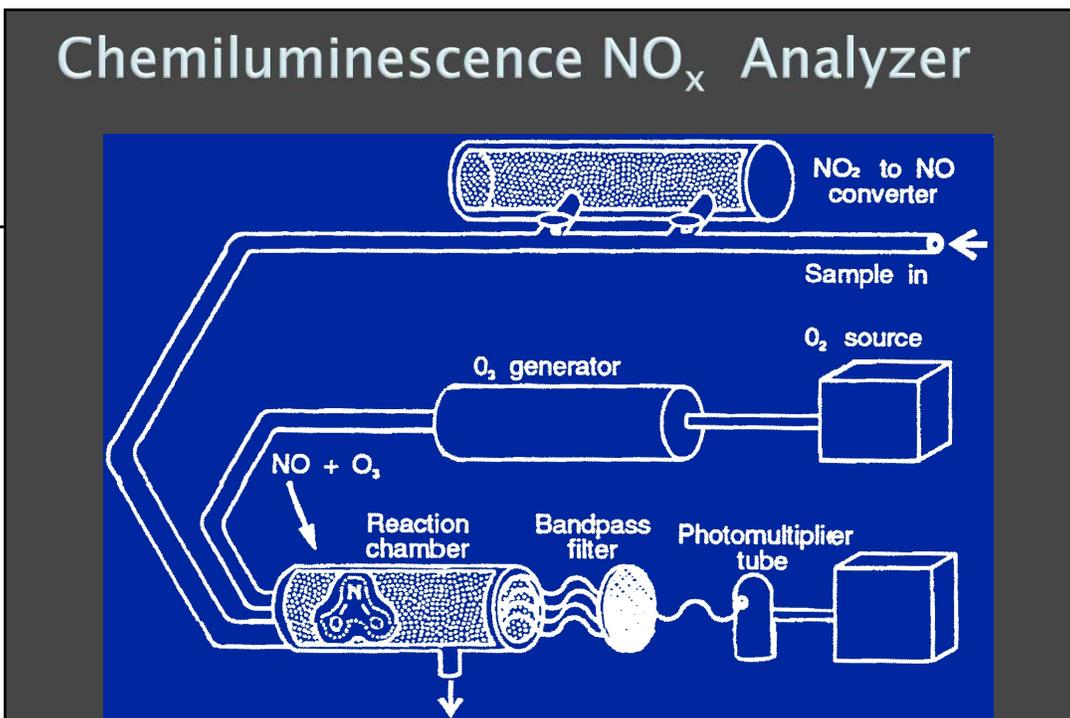


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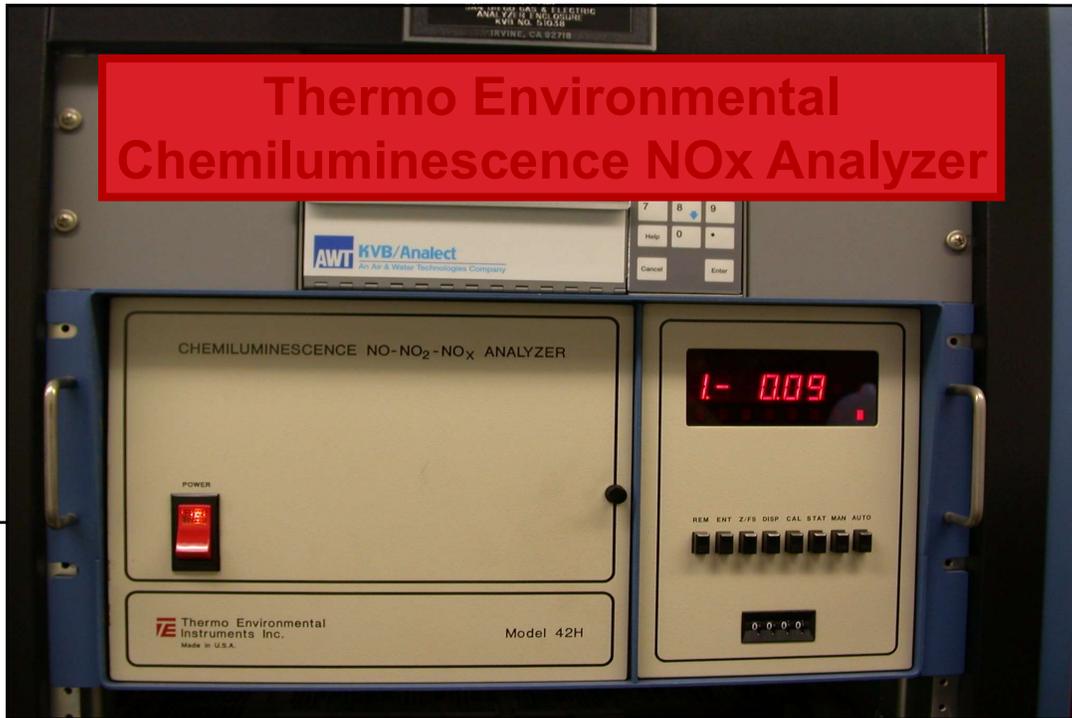


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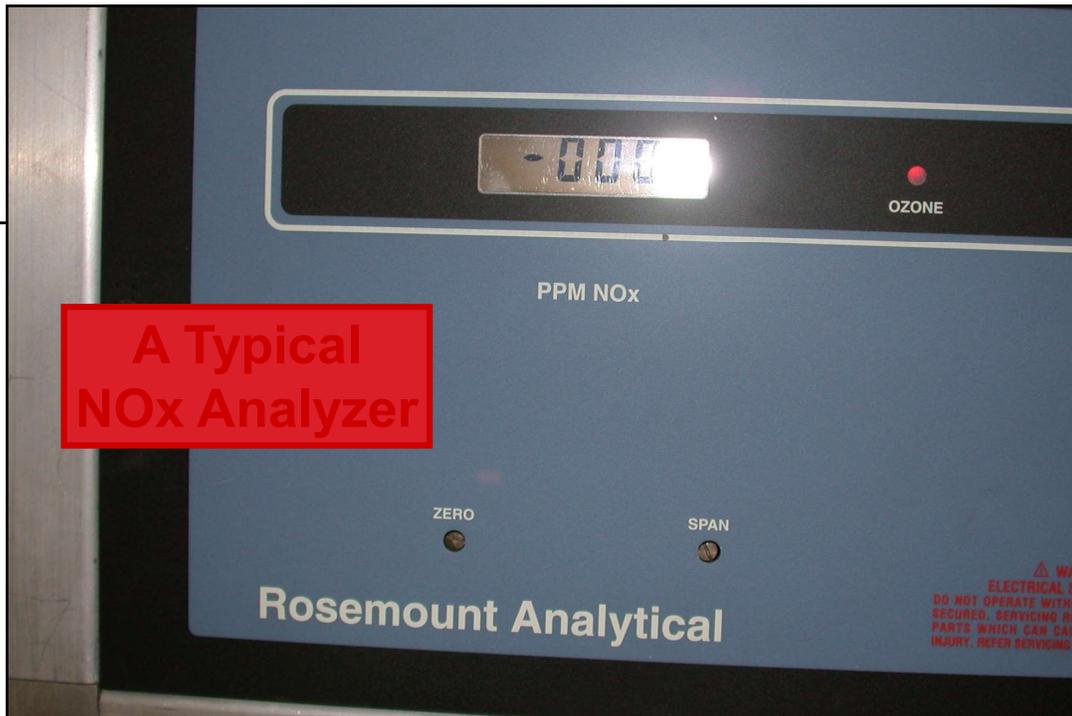


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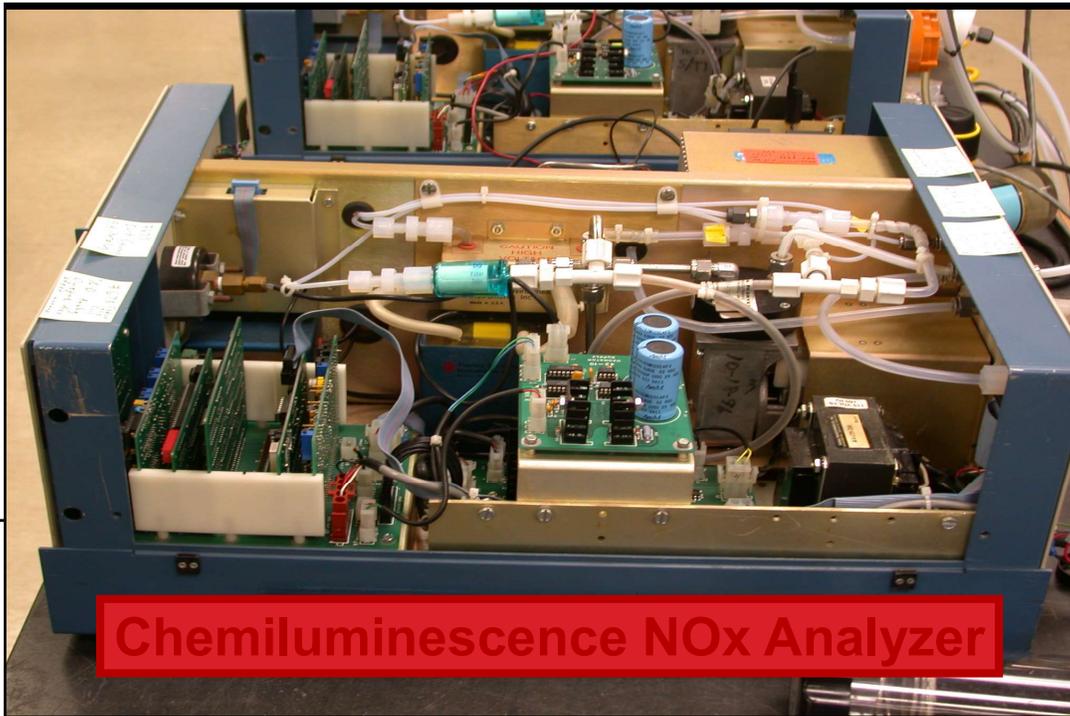


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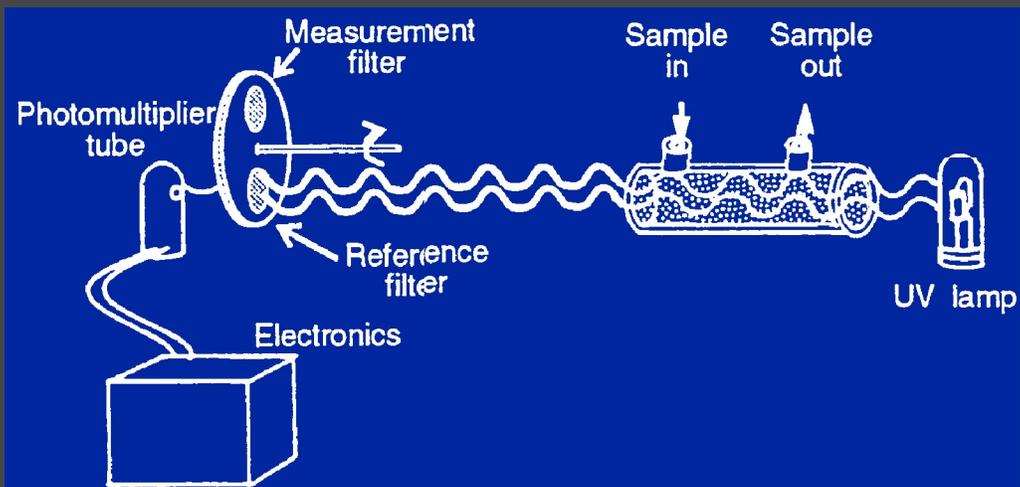
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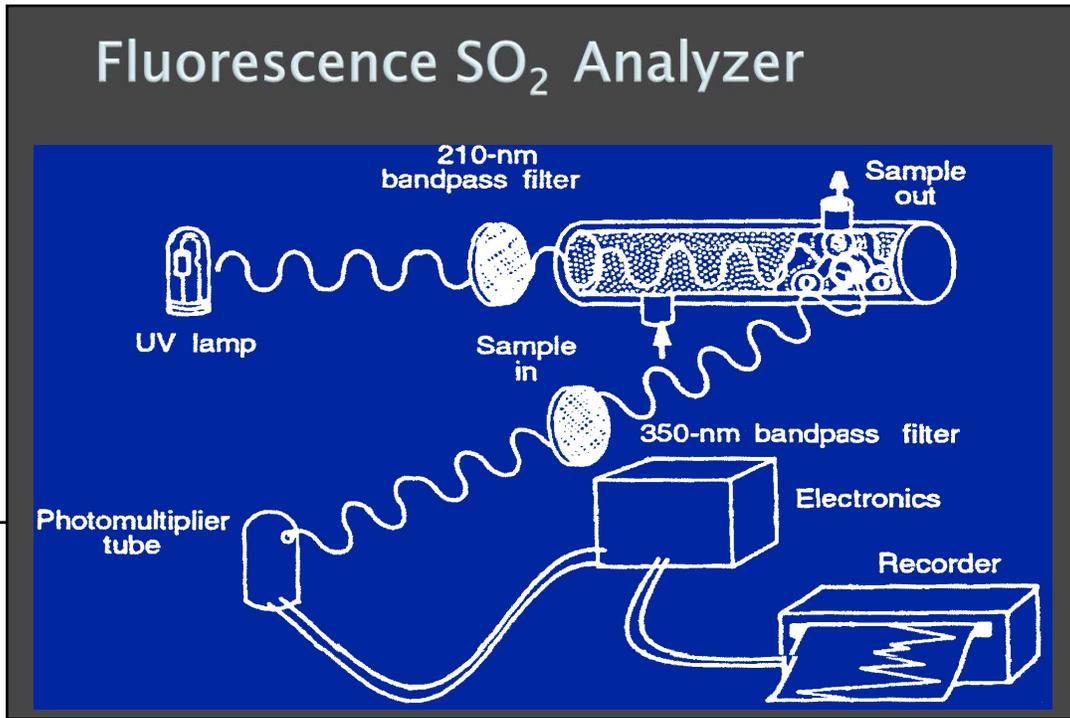
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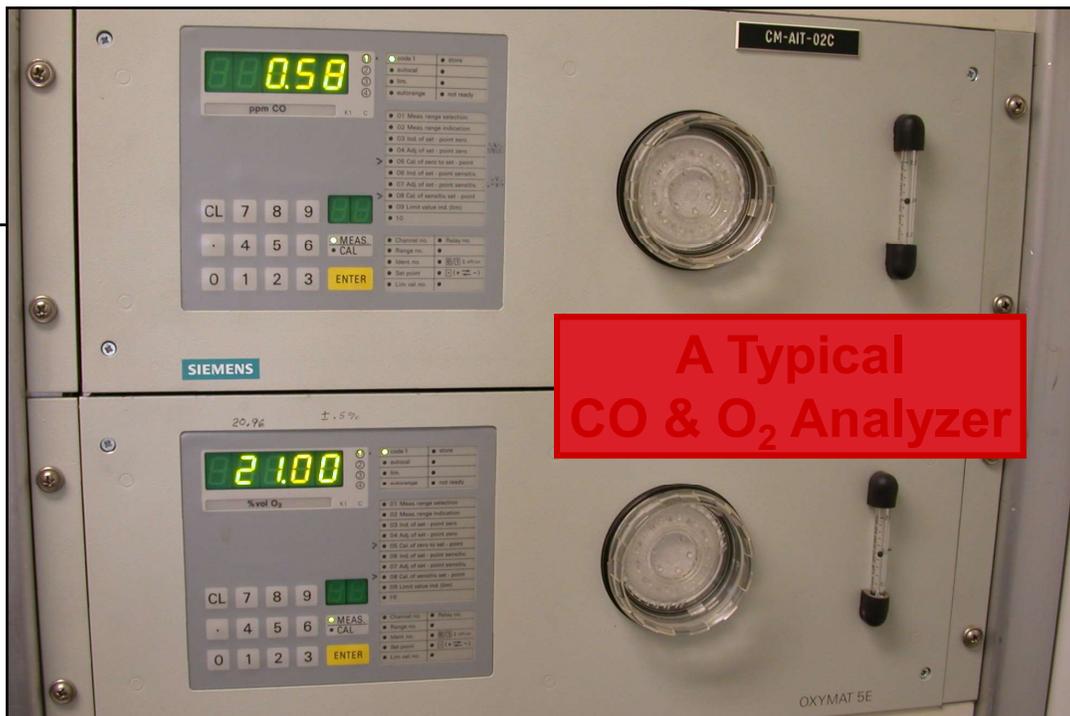


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Calibrations and Zero Air

Calibration is the process of establishing the relationship between the output of a measurement process and a known input

- ▶ Pure (zero) air generators
- ▶ Certified cylinder gases
- ▶ Dilution calibration systems



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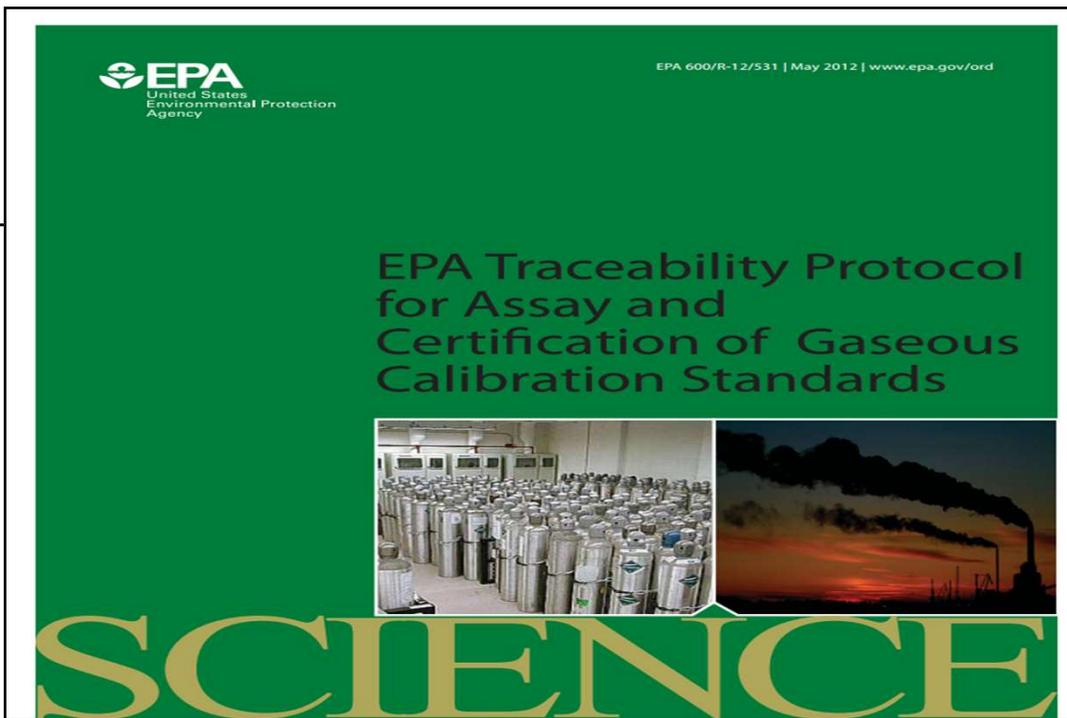


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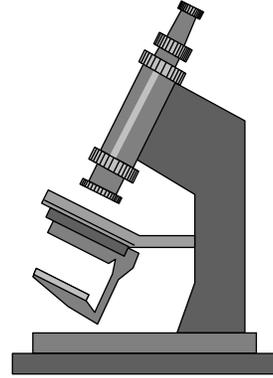
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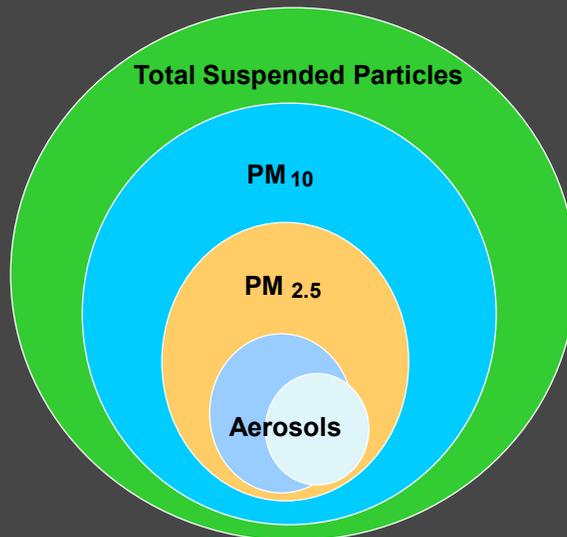
Particulate Properties

- ▶ Collected Mass
- ▶ Inertial Properties
- ▶ Particle Size
- ▶ Optical Density
 - Haze and Opacity in the Air
 - Density of Collected Deposit



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Measures of Particulate Matter in the Atmosphere



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Particulate

- ▶ Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) Samplers
 - Lead
- ▶ PM10 and/or PM2.5 samplers
 - Size Selective Inlet
 - BAM
 - TEOM
- ▶ Visibility Samplers
 - Nephelometer
 - Optical Test Tape Sampler

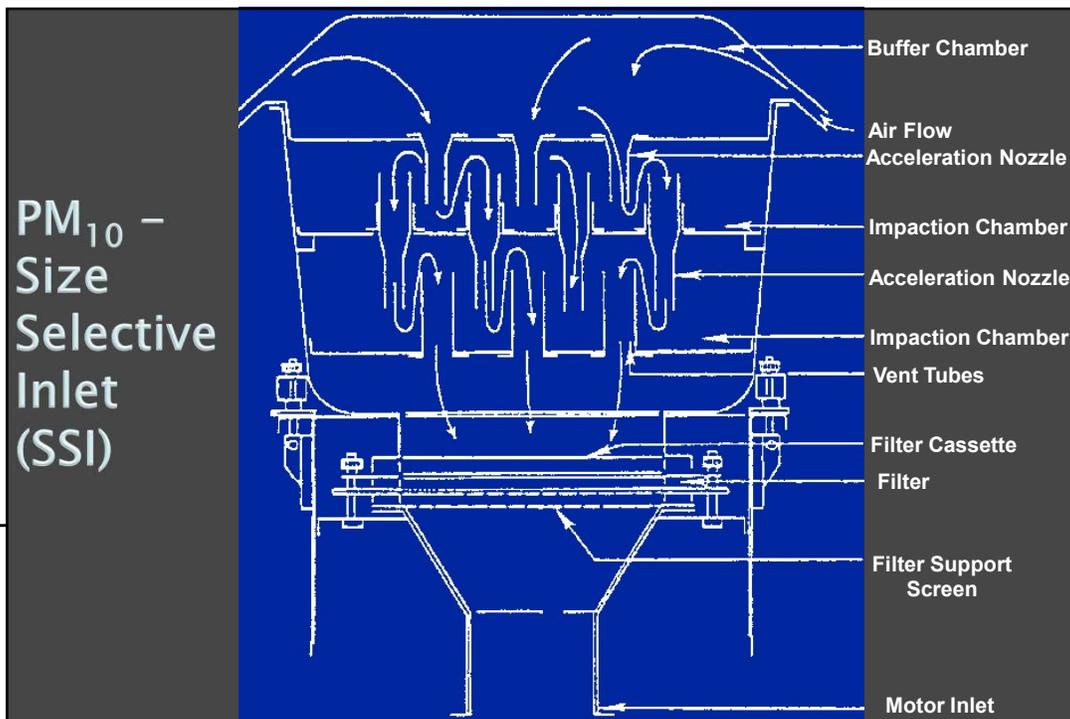


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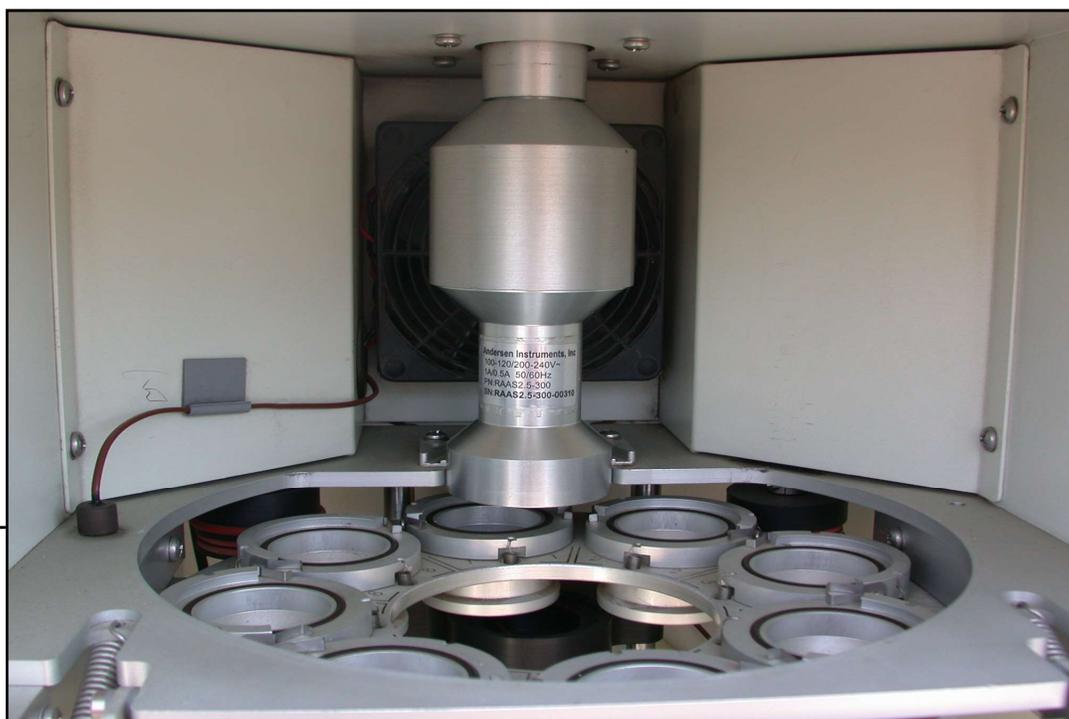


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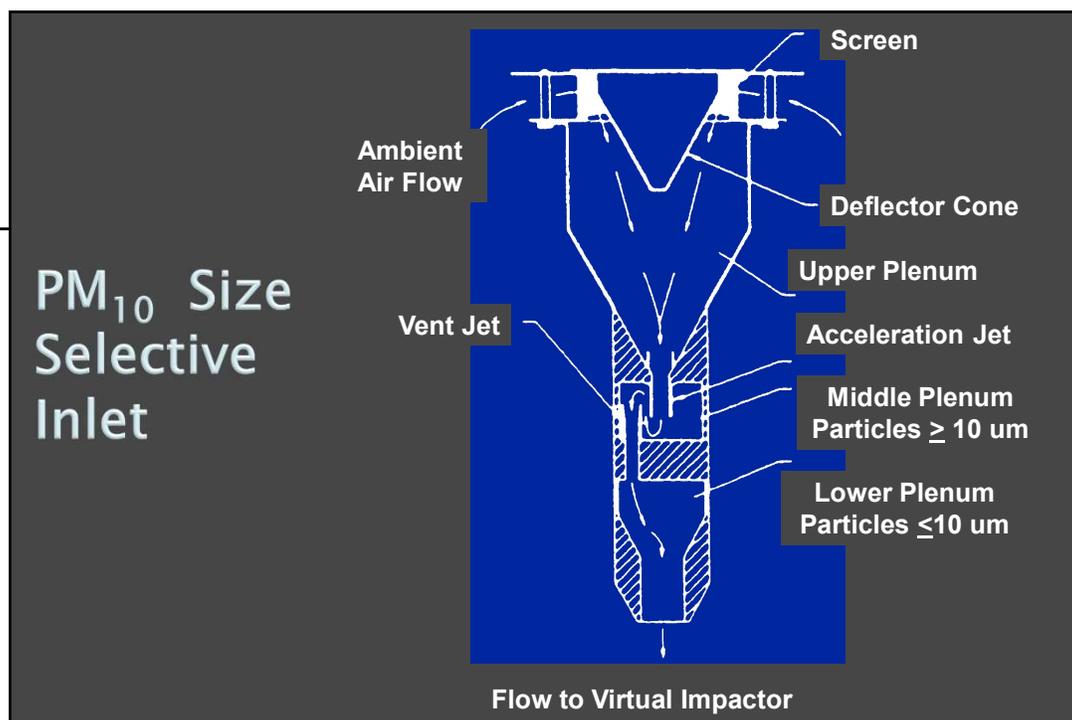


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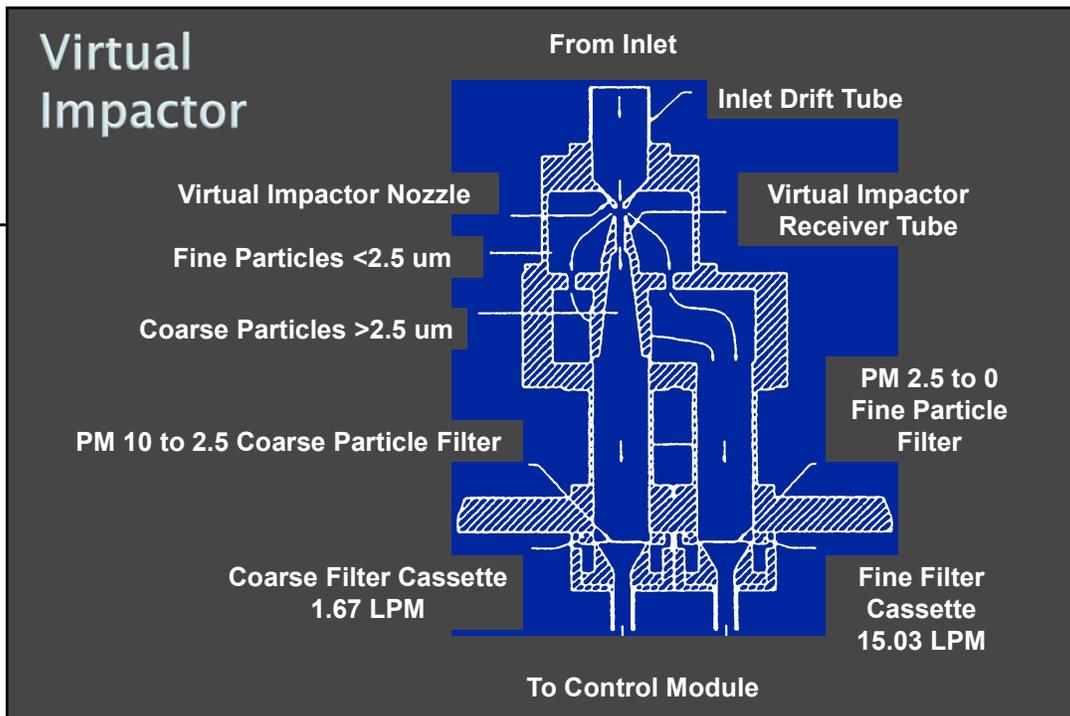


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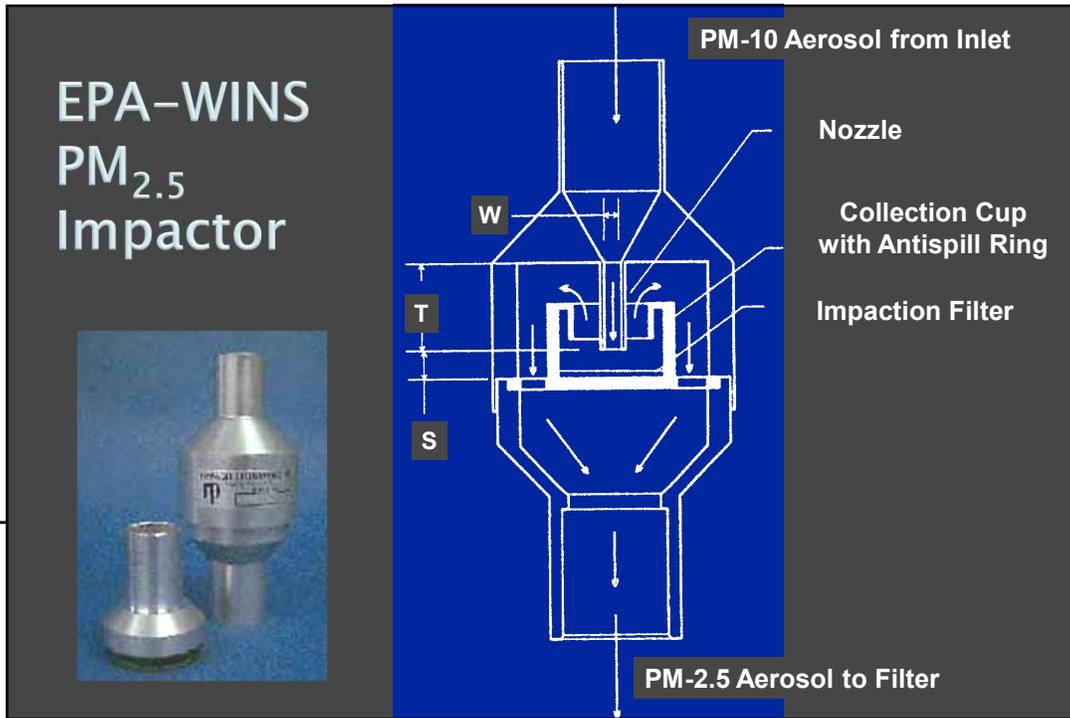


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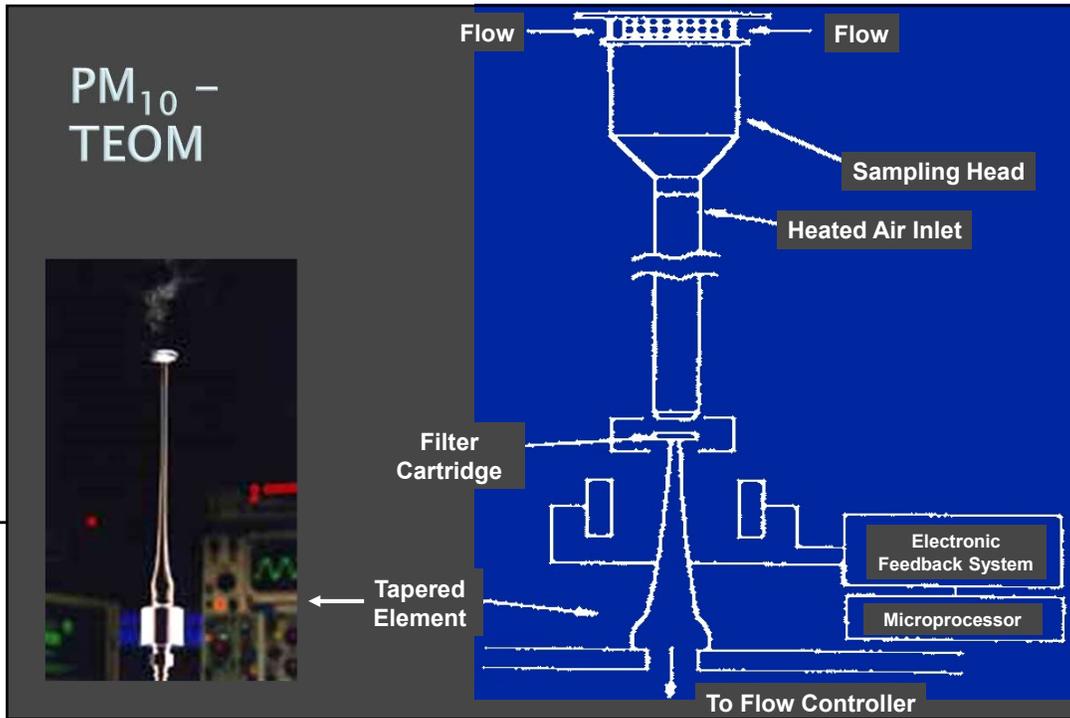


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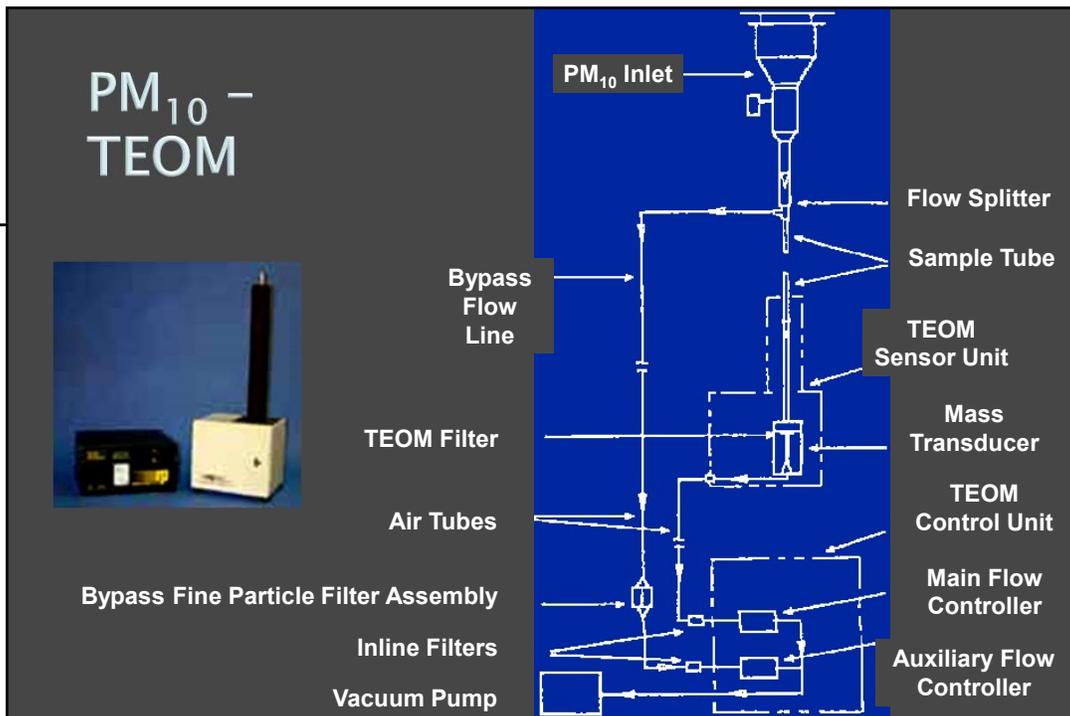


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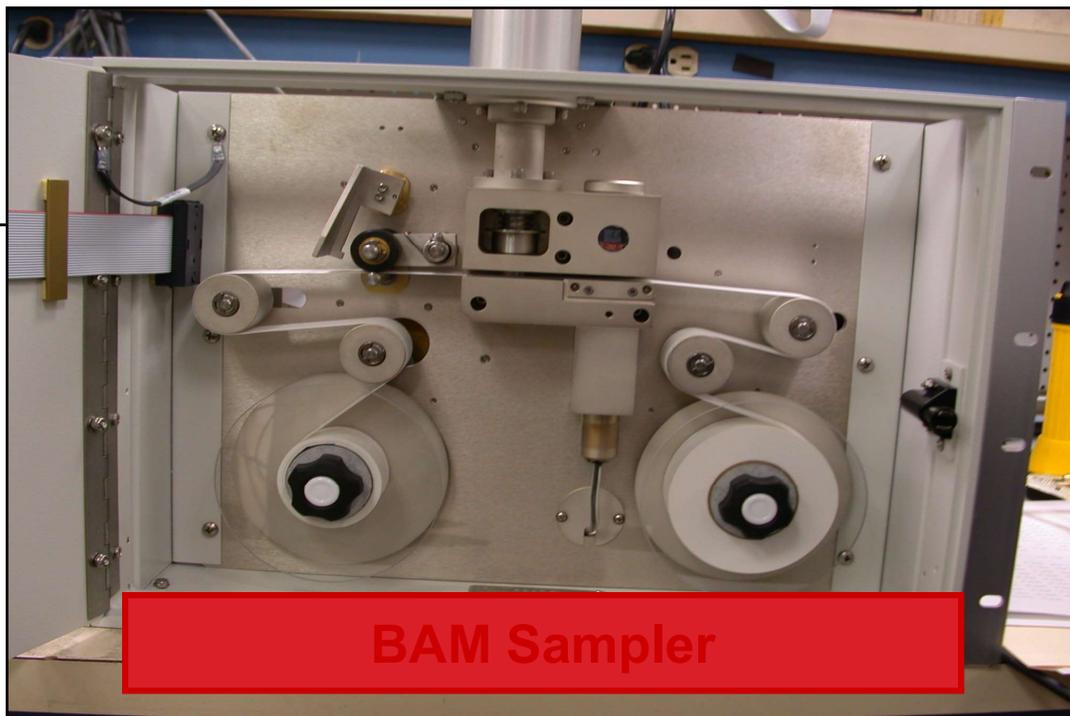


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Meteorological Instruments

- ▶ Wind speed
- ▶ Wind direction
- ▶ Atmospheric pressure
- ▶ Temperature
- ▶ Relative humidity, dew pt
- ▶ Solar radiation

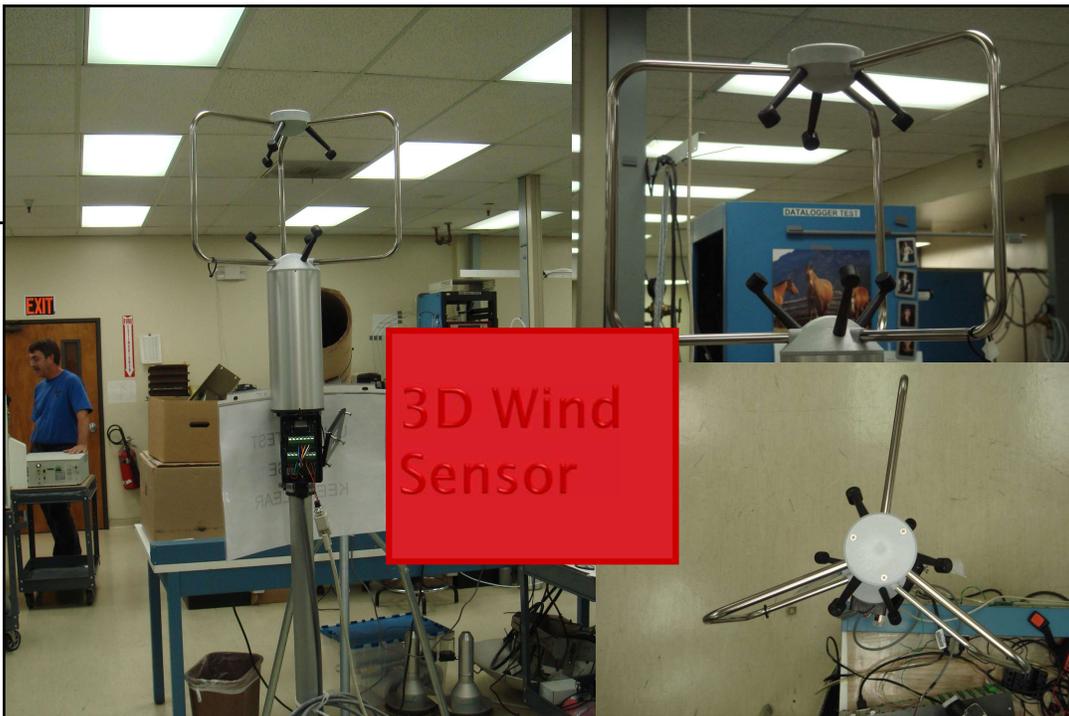


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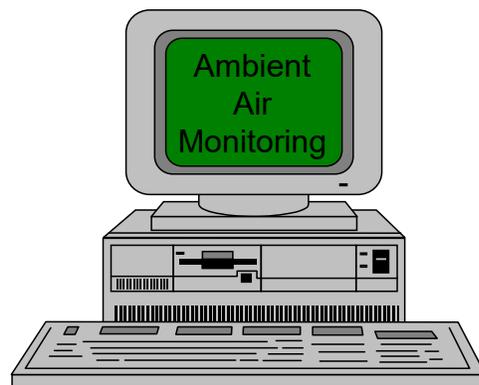
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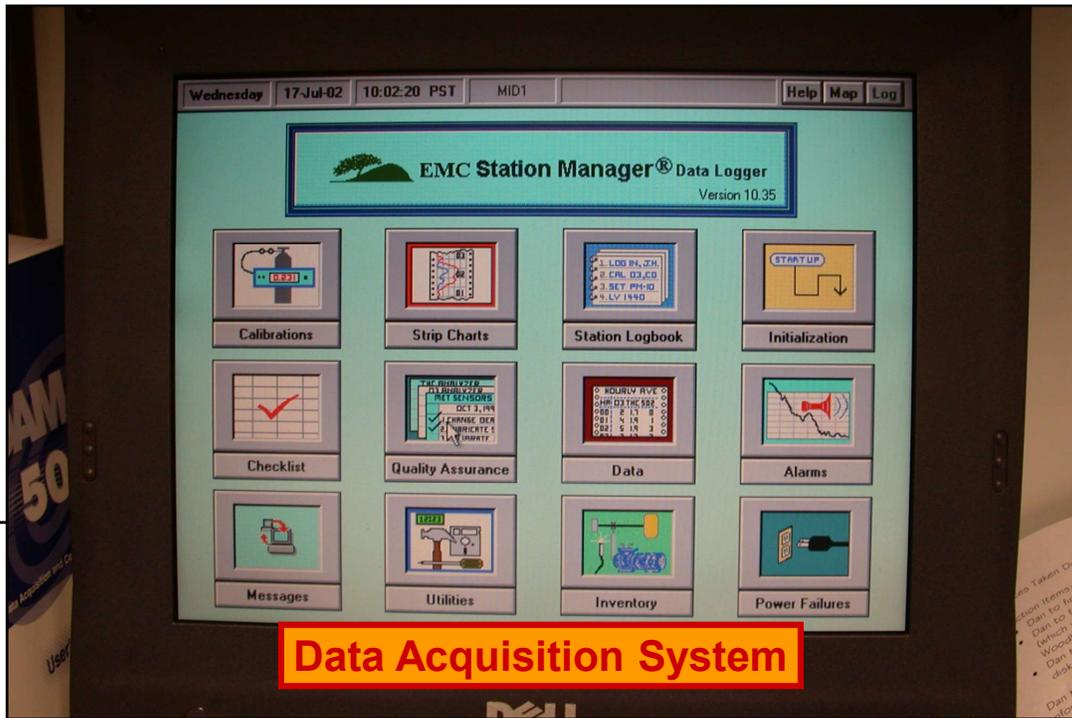
Data Handling

- ▶ Data loggers
 - Strip charts
 - Computers
 - Temporary data storage
 - On-line data retrieval

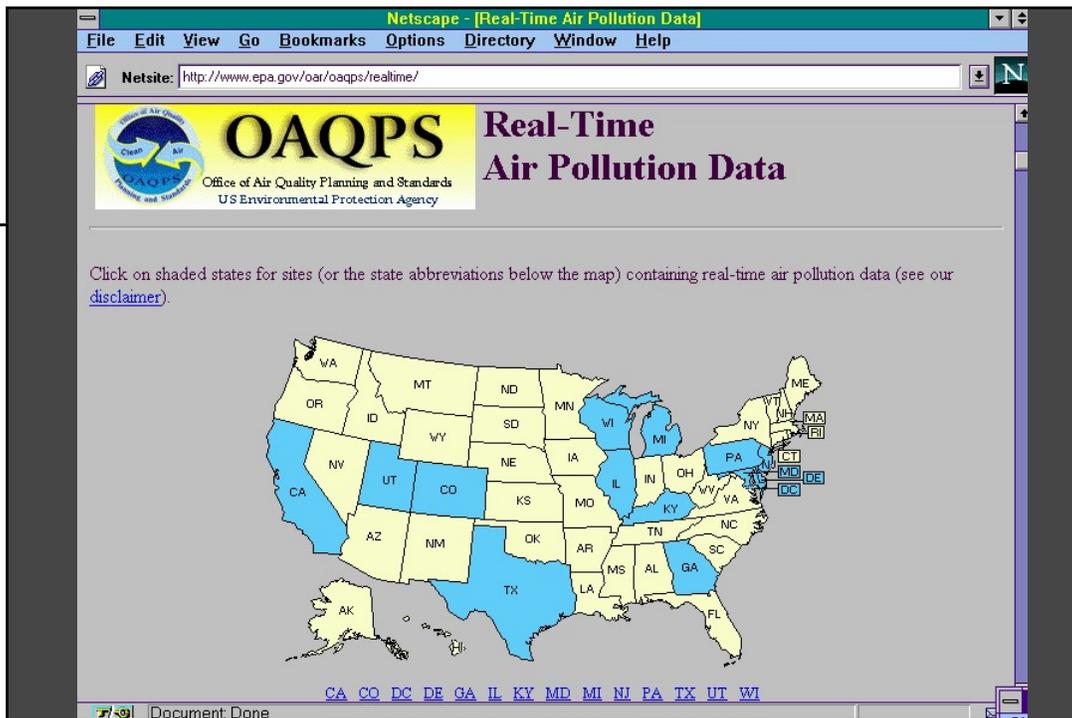


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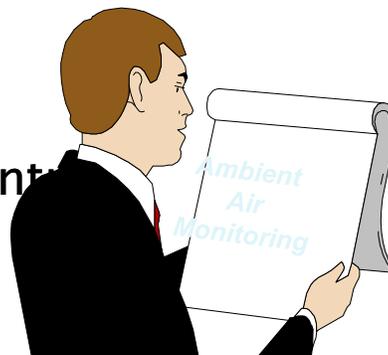
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Site Survey Data

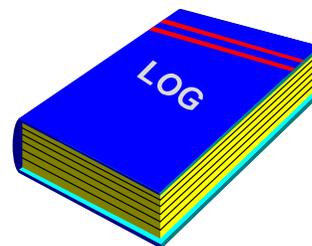
- ▶ Quality Assurance Procedures and Plans
- ▶ Cleaning Schedule
- ▶ Calibrations
- ▶ Station Temperature Control
- ▶ In-Line Filters



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Documentation

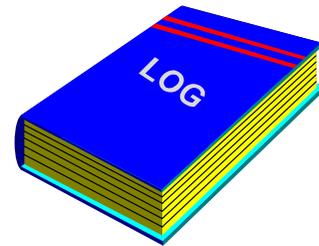
- ▶ Instrument Log
 - Stays with Instrument
 - Documents Acceptance Tests
 - Documents Routine Maintenance
 - Documents Repairs
 - Documents Calibrations
 - Other Instrument Specific Information
 - i.e. Location, History, etc.



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Documentation

- ▶ Station Log
 - Stays at Station
 - Documents Conditions that may Influence Data
 - Nearby Construction
 - Changes in Traffic Patterns and Flow
 - Documents Alterations of Sampling Train
 - Probe and Equipment Changes
 - Contains Completed Site Reports



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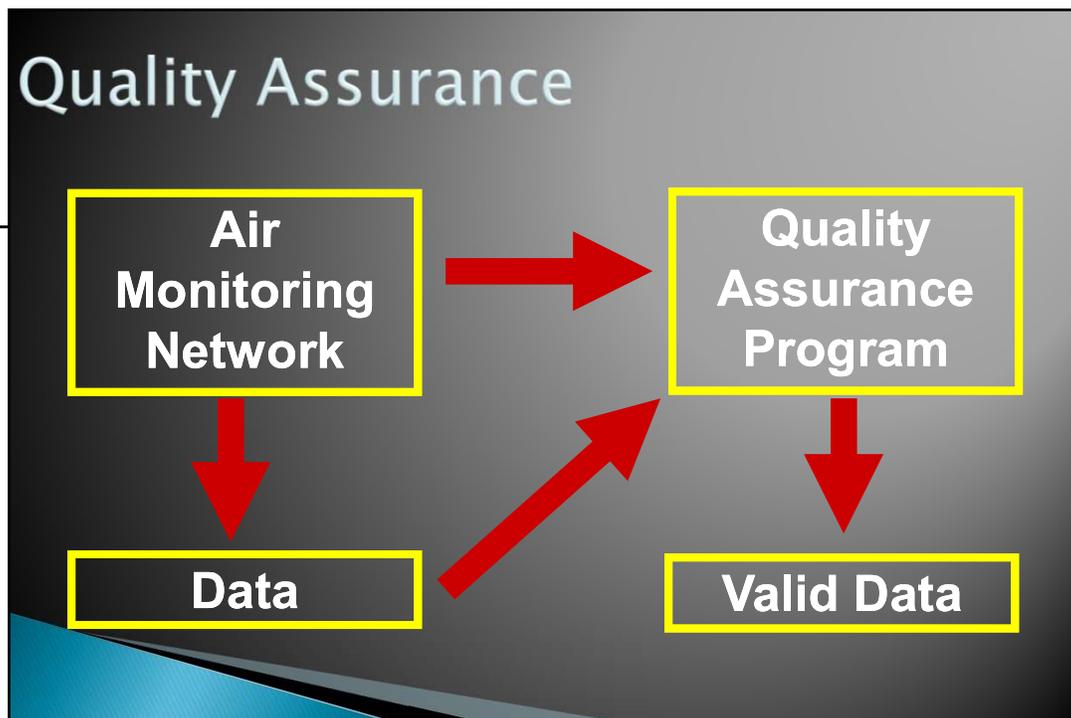
Typical
Monitoring
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Quality Assurance

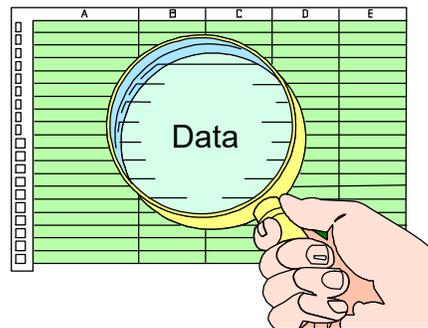
- ▶ **Field QA**
 - Daily and Weekly Zero and Span Checks
 - Semi-Annual Multipoint Calibrations
 - External Audits
 - Agency Audits
 - EPA NPAP (National Pollutant Audit Program)



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Data Handling

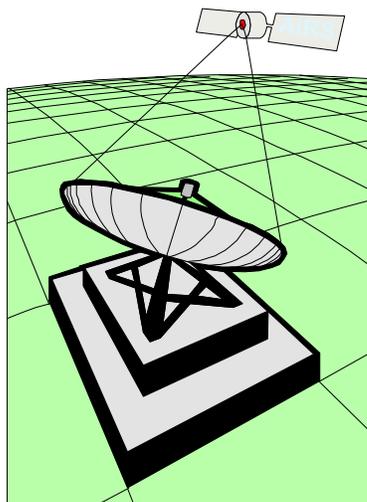
- ▶ **Data review and editing**
 - Complete data set
 - Reviewed for accuracy
 - Reviewed for consistency



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Data Handling

- ▶ Data Processing
 - Upload to AQS (formerly AIRS)
 - Air Quality Data Actions
 - Data Deletion
 - Data Correction
 - Links Data to Field QA



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Station Inspection

- ▶ Review Siting
- ▶ Examine Instruments
 - Condition, Zero/Spans, Calibration, Audit Results
- ▶ Examine Gases
 - Certification
- ▶ Review Logs
- ▶ Evaluate Overall Station Cleanliness and Operation



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ARB Audit Van



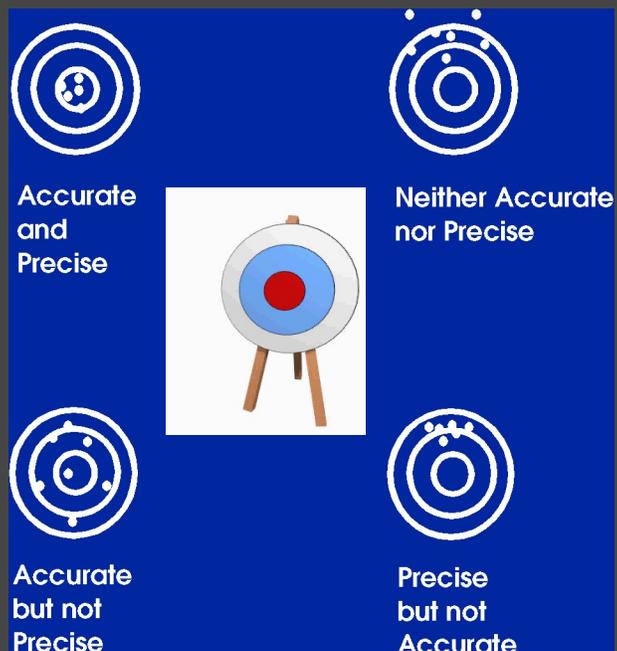
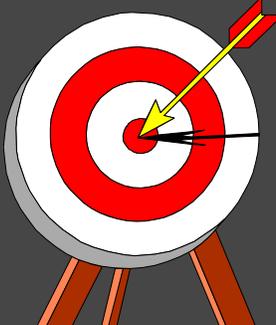
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ARB Audit Van Instrumentation



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Accuracy & Precision



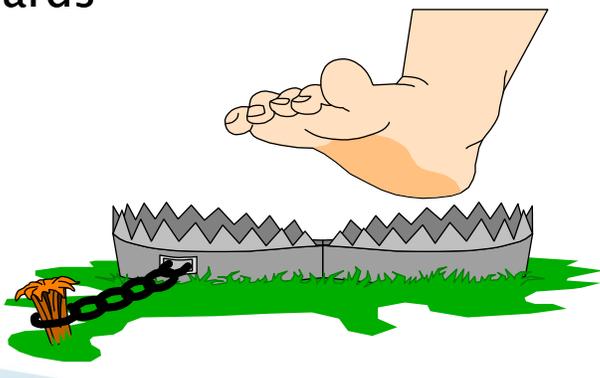
The diagram illustrates four scenarios of accuracy and precision using target icons:

- Accurate and Precise:** Three arrows clustered tightly in the center bullseye.
- Neither Accurate nor Precise:** Three arrows scattered widely across the target.
- Accurate but not Precise:** Three arrows clustered together but located in the outer rings.
- Precise but not Accurate:** Three arrows clustered together but located in the outer rings.

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Safety

- ▶ Compressed Gas Cylinders
- ▶ Hazardous Gases
- ▶ Electrical Hazards
- ▶ Heights



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The screenshot shows the AIRNow website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the AIRNow logo and a search bar for zip codes and states. Below this, there are tabs for 'Forecast', 'Current AQI', 'AQI Animation', 'Current Ozone', and 'Current PM_{2.5}'. The main content area features a large map of the United States with color-coded regions indicating air quality levels. Below the map is a 'Highest 5' section listing cities and their current AQI values:

City	AQI
Cowtown, AZ	110
Bakersfield, CA	108
Fresno, CA	106
Visalia, CA	104
Tacoma-Puyallup, WA	102

On the right side of the page, there are several informational sections including 'Wildfire Smoke Advisories and Forecasts', 'Announcements', 'E-Mail Notification', and 'AIR QUALITY BASICS'.

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The screenshot shows the EPA website page for outdoor air quality data. The header includes the EPA logo and navigation links for 'Environmental Topics', 'Laws & Regulations', and 'About EPA'. The main heading is 'Air Data: Air Quality Data Collected at Outdoor Monitors Across the US'. Below this, there's a section titled 'Your Access to Outdoor Air Quality Data' with a cityscape image. To the right, there are links for 'Basic Information' and 'Frequent Questions'. The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Download Data:** Includes links for 'Pre-generated Data Files', 'Download Daily Data', and 'Download Raw Data'.
- Explore Monitor Locations:** Features a map of the United States showing monitor locations.
- Get Air Data Updates:** Includes an RSS feed icon and text about subscribing to updates.

At the bottom, there are links for 'Generate Summary Reports', 'Visualize Data' (with a 'Tile Plot - Multyear' option), and 'Generate Technical Reports'.

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www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data

Outdoor Air Quality Data

Air Quality Statistics Report

This report provides standards-related summary data by city or county. [Read more](#) about what's in this report.

- Year:
- Geographic Area:
 - United States
 - or--
 - or--
 - or--
- Group Results by:
 - City (defined as CBSA)
 - County
- Exceptional Events:
 - Include exceptional events data
 - Exclude exceptional events data

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Geographic Area: Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA
 Summary by: CBSA
 Year: 2016 **Annual statistics for 2018 are not final until May 1, 2017**
 Exceptional Events: Included (if any)
[About this report](#)

EPA Air Quality Standards:
 Carbon Monoxide: 35 ppm (1-hour), 9 ppm (8-hour)
 Nitrogen Dioxide: 100 ppb (1-hour), 53 ppb (annual)
 Ozone: 0.12 ppm (1-hour), 0.070 ppm (8-hour)
 Sulfur Dioxide: 75 ppb (1-hour), 140 ppb (24-hour), 30 ppb (annual)
 PM2.5: 35 ug/m3 (24-hour), 12.0 ug/m3 (annual)
 PM10: 150 ug/m3 (24-hour)
 Lead: 0.15 ug/m3 (3-month avg)
 Statistics in red are above the level of the respective air quality standard.

The following data links are active for the next 10 minutes, after which you must resubmit your query:
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To sort a column in the table below, click on the column heading.

# CBSA	CO		NO2		O3		SO2		PM2.5		PM10		Lead # 3-Mo. Avg	
	1-hr 2nd Max	8-hr 2nd Max	99th %ile	Annual Mean	1-hr 2nd Max	8-hr 4th Max	99th %ile	24-hr 2nd Max	Annual Mean	99th %ile	99th Mean	24-hr 2nd Max		Annual Mean
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	19	14	61	21	0.08	0.062	5	2	1	59	0.7	-	-	0

AirData reports are produced from a direct query of the AQO Data Mart. The data represent the best and most recent information available to EPA from state agencies. However, some values may be absent due to incomplete reporting, and some values may change due to quality assurance activities. The AQO database is updated by state, local, and tribal organizations who own and submit the data.

Readers are cautioned not to rank order geographic areas based on AirData reports. Air pollution levels measured at a particular monitoring site are not necessarily representative of the air quality for an entire county or urban area.

This report is based on monitor-level summary statistics. Air quality standards for some pollutants (PM2.5 and Pb) allow for combining data from multiple monitors into a site-level summary statistic that can be compared to the standard. In those cases, the site-level statistics may differ from the monitor-level statistics upon which this report is based.

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Outdoor Air Quality Data

Monitor Values Report

This report displays criteria pollutant summary data for individual monitoring sites. [Read more](#) about what's in this report.

- Pollutant**
- Year**
- Geographic Area**

 -- or --

 -- or --
- Exceptional Events**
 Include exceptional events data
 Exclude exceptional events data

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Geographic Area: Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA
 Pollutant: PM2.5
 Year: 2016 Annual statistics for 2016 are not final until May 1, 2017.
 Exceptional Events: Included (if any)
[About this report](#)

EPA Air Quality Standards:
 PM2.5: 35 ug/m3 (24-hour), 12.0 ug/m3 (annual)

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# Obs	# First Max	# Second Max	# Third Max	# Fourth Max	# 98th Percentile	Weighted Annual Mean	Exc Events	Monitor Number	# Site ID	# Address	# City	# County	# State	# EPA Region
220	20.6	19.9	18.9	18.1	17	8.3	None	3	530330030	220th Velder	Seattle	King	WA	10
274	30.2	27	22.4	22.3	22	6.9	None	3	530330057	4700 East Marginal Way South	Seattle	King	WA	10
68	20.7	11.6	11.3	10.7	12	5.0	None	1	530330090	4010 Beacon Hill S	Seattle	King	WA	10
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The future

- ▶ Greenhouse Gases
- ▶ Real time Particulate Speciation
- ▶ Satellite Stations
- ▶ ???????

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The Web

- ▶ <https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data>
Monitoring data
- ▶ <http://www.airnow.gov>
 - AQI
- ▶ <https://www.epa.gov/technical-air-pollution-resources>
 - ▶ NAAQS
 - Air monitoring regulations and information
- ▶ <https://www.epa.gov/green-book>
 - ▶ Non attainment Areas

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