

Mobile Monitoring Comparison Values for Instantaneous Data

for field use with instruments that cannot average data in real-time or for in-motion measurements

Chemical(s) DUVAS COLOR	UNITS	iBDIL ORANGE	iHPIL RED	iHBAL PURPLE	^{EM} HBAL _{1sec} N/A
Acetylene	ppb	80	25,000	75,000	150,000
Ammonia	ppb	--	850	2,550	5,100
Benzene	ppb	80	180	540	1,080
1,3-Butadiene	ppb	40	1,700	5,100	10,200
Butane	ppb	--	92,000	276,000	552,000
1-Butene	ppb	110	27,000	81,000	162,000
C3-C4 Saturated	ppb	960	--	--	--
Chlorine	ppb	--	70	210	420
Cyclohexane	ppb	120	1,000	3,000	6,000
Ethylbenzene	ppb	350	20,000	60,000	120,000
Ethylene Dichloride	ppb	--	540	1,620	3,240
Ethylene Glycol	ppb	--	1,900	5,700	11,400
Ethylene Oxide	ppb	--	910	2,730	5,460
Formaldehyde	ppb	--	44	132	264
n-Hexane	ppb	340	5,400	16,200	32,400
Hydrochloric Acid	ppb	--	440	1,320	2,640
Hydrogen Sulfide	ppb	--	70	210	420
Isobutane	ppb	280	33,000	99,000	198,000
n-Octane	ppb	160	4,100	12,300	24,600

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Propane ^a	ppb	540	--	--	--
Propylene ^a	ppb	--	--	--	--
Sodium Hydroxide	ppb	--	5	15	30
Styrene	ppb	60	5,100	15,300	30,600
Sulfur Dioxide	ppb	70	--	--	--
Sulfuric Acid	ppb	--	30	90	180
Toluene	ppb	70	4,000	12,000	24,000
Vinyl Chloride	ppb	--	72,000	216,000	432,000
Xylenes + Ethylbenzene	ppb	60	5,000 ^b	15,000 ^b	30,000 ^b
Xylenes	ppb	--	5,000	15,000	30,000
PM _{2.5}	µg/m ³	--	105	--	--
PM ₁₀	µg/m ³	--	450	--	--
Associated Actions		Conduct source investigation/ characterization	Consider stationary monitoring	Consider stationary monitoring & evaluation for ^{EM} HBAL levels	Consider exposure mitigation if 1 sec value > level

^a Simple asphyxiant, non-toxic in ambient air; ^b Values are based on xylenes; "--"no value available; ppb – parts per billion; N/A – not applicable

iBDIL – instantaneous baseline-derived investigation level;

iHPIL – instantaneous health-protective investigation level;

iHBAL – instantaneous health-based action level;

^{EM}HBAL_{1sec} – 1-second exposure mitigation health-based action level

Special Note for Nephelometer: The nephelometers may be used to provide PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ estimates during fires, smoke events, and/or emissions events resulting from incidents where PM-related air quality impacts are expected. The nephelometers are not intended for use to assess nuisance complaints. PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ are NAAQS compounds; instantaneous and exposure mitigation HBAL levels could not be derived for these compounds.

Note: If a value does not exist and one is needed for screening, please contact the Toxicology Division for a trip-specific value at TOX@tceq.texas.gov or 512-239-1795.

Basis of instantaneous mobile monitoring comparison values and recommended actions if exceeded:

Comparison Value (Acronym)	DUVAS Caterpillar Color ^a	Basis	Recommended Actions with Exceedance
Concentrations below instantaneous comparison values	GREEN	N/A	No associated action
Instantaneous baseline-derived investigation level (iBDIL)	ORANGE	10× baseline level	Source investigation/characterization
Instantaneous health-protective investigation level (iHPIL)	RED	1× selected AHBCV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationary monitoring or canister sample (30-min to 1-hour) • Source investigation/characterization
Instantaneous health-based action level (iHBAL)	PURPLE	3× selected AHBCV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased vigilance for exceedance of an exposure mitigation value • Stationary monitoring (5-10 min) • Stationary monitoring or canister sample (30-min to 1-hour) • Source investigation/characterization

^a Colors represent values that are ≥ the appropriate comparison value; AHBCV – acute health-based comparison value; DUVAS – Differential Ultra-Violet Absorption Spectrometer; N/A – not applicable

Basis of exposure mitigation values and recommended actions if exceeded:

Comparison Value (Acronym)	Basis	Recommended Actions
10-min health-based action level for exposure mitigation (^{EM} HBAL _{10min})	Lower of 3×AHBCV ^a , ½ STEL ^b , or ½ C ^c	Consider exposure mitigation for staff
1-hour health-based action level for exposure mitigation (^{EM} HBAL _{1hr})	2×AHBCV	Consider exposure mitigation for staff
1-sec health-based action level for exposure mitigation (^{EM} HBAL _{1sec})	3× ^{EM} HBAL _{1hr}	Consider exposure mitigation for staff

AHBCV – acute health-based comparison value; C – occupational ceiling value; STEL – 15-minute short-term occupational exposure limit