

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

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Subject: Toxicological Review of 2013 Ambient Air Network Monitoring Data in Region 5, Tyler

Conclusions

- All 24-hour average and annual average concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at the Community Air Toxics Monitoring Network (CATMN) site (Longview monitoring location) in Region 5 were below their respective Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) air monitoring comparison values (AMCVs) and would not be expected to cause adverse health effects or vegetation effects.
- All 24-hour average and annual average concentrations of VOCs, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), carbonyls, or speciated metals from particulate matter less than 2.5 and/or 10 microns in diameter (PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀), at the Karnack monitoring location were below their respective TCEQ AMCVs and would not be expected to cause chronic adverse health or vegetation effects.

Background

This memorandum conveys the Toxicology Division's (TDs) evaluation of ambient air sampling conducted at two ambient air network monitoring sites in Region 5—Tyler during 2013. Ambient air samples were collected every sixth-day from (1) a site located at Gregg County Airport in Longview (24-hour VOC), and from (2) a site located at Highway 143 and Spur 449 in Karnack [24-hour VOC, PAH, carbonyl, and speciated metals (PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀)]; these results were evaluated on a chemical-by-chemical basis. Information about the Region 5 monitoring sites is presented in Table 1, along with hyperlinks to the monitoring site maps and more detailed information. Complete lists of all chemicals evaluated are provided in Attachment A.

Table 1. Monitoring Sites Located in TCEQ Region 5

City and Site Location	County	Monitor ID	Monitored Compounds
Longview, Gregg County Airport	Gregg	481830001	VOCs

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Karnack, Highway 134 and Spur 449	Harrison	482030002	VOCs, PAHs, carbonyls, and metals (PM _{2.5} & PM ₁₀)

The TCEQ Monitoring Division reported data for all chemicals evaluated in this memorandum. Twenty-four-hour air samples collected every sixth day for a year are designed to provide representative long-term average concentrations. In order to be able to evaluate 24-hour monitoring data more fully, TCEQ has developed 24-hour AMCVs for specific chemicals. As such, 24-hour samples were compared to the available TCEQ 24-hour AMCVs (1,3-butadiene, benzene, and formaldehyde). However, because short-term or peak concentrations are not necessarily captured by 24-hour samples, daily concentrations have limited use in evaluating the potential for acute health effects.

The TD also evaluated the reported annual average concentrations from 24-hour samples for each target analyte for potential chronic health and vegetation concerns by comparing them to long-term AMCVs or, for lead, to the applicable comparison level. More information about AMCVs is available online at: <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/tox/AirToxics.html#amcv>.

Evaluation

Longview, Gregg County Airport Site

All annual average concentrations of the monitored 84 VOCs, and the 24-hour concentrations of 1,3-butadiene, benzene and formaldehyde at the Longview site were below their AMCVs and would not be expected to cause adverse chronic health or vegetation effects.

Karnack, Highway 134 and Spur 449 Site

All annual average concentrations of the monitored 85 VOCs, 16 PAHs, 17 carbonyls, and 15 speciated metals, and the 24-hour concentrations of 1,3-butadiene, benzene and formaldehyde at the Karnack site were below their AMCVs and would not be expected to cause adverse chronic health or vegetation effects.

Air Pollutant Watch List (APWL) Area

There is one APWL area ([APWL0501](#)) in Region 5 for hydrogen sulfide, which covers parts of both Bowie and Cass Counties. This area is discussed in detail in the 2012 [annual APWL](#) report.¹

Hydrogen sulfide has been monitored three times in this area beginning in 1989. It is noted that regional staff are planning to conduct a follow-up sampling event in the fall of 2014 to assess up-to-date hydrogen sulfide levels. Additional data concerning the levels of hydrogen sulfide in APWL0501 would be necessary in order to provide a complete evaluation.

¹ Report on the Air Pollutant Watch List Areas in Texas; Prepared by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, February 2012

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Attachment A

List 1. Target VOC Analytes in Canister Samples

1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	Bromomethane	Vinyl Chloride
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Carbon Tetrachloride	cis-1,3-Dichloropropene
1,1-Dichloroethane	Chlorobenzene	cis-2-Butene
1,1-Dichloroethylene	Chloroform	cis-2-Hexene
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	Chloromethane	cis-2-Pentene
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	Cyclohexane	m-Diethylbenzene
1,2-Dichloropropane	Cyclopentane	m-Ethyltoluene
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	Cyclopentene	m/p Xylene
1,3-Butadiene	Dichlorodifluoromethane	n-Butane
1-Butene	Dichloromethane	n-Decane
1-Hexene & 2-Methyl-1-Pentene	Ethane	n-Heptane
1-Pentene	Ethylbenzene	n-Hexane
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	Ethylene	n-Nonane
2,2-Dimethylbutane	Ethylene Dibromide	n-Octane
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	Ethylene Dichloride	n-Pentane
2,3-Dimethylbutane	Isobutane	n-Propylbenzene
2,3-Dimethylpentane	Isopentane	n-Undecane
2,4-Dimethylpentane	Isoprene	o-Ethyltoluene
2-Chloropentane	Isopropylbenzene	o-Xylene
2-Methyl-2-Butene	Methyl Chloroform	p-Diethylbenzene
2-Methylheptane	Methyl Ethyl Ketone*	p-Ethyltoluene
2-Methylhexane	Methylcyclohexane	trans-1,3-Dichloropropene
2-Methylpentane	Methylcyclopentane	trans-2-Butene
3-Methyl-1-Butene	Propane	trans-2-Hexene
3-Methylheptane	Propylene	trans-2-Pentene
3-Methylhexane	Styrene	
3-Methylpentane	Tetrachloroethylene	
4-Methyl-1-Pentene	Toluene	
Acetylene	Trichloroethylene	
Benzene	Trichlorofluoromethane	

*Not a target analyte at the Longview monitor in 2013

List 2. Target Metal Analytes

Aluminum (PM _{2.5})	Chromium (PM _{2.5})	Nickel (PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀)
Antimony (PM _{2.5})	Cobalt (PM _{2.5})	Selenium (PM _{2.5})
Arsenic (PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀)	Copper (PM _{2.5})	Tin (PM _{2.5})
Barium (PM _{2.5})	Lead (PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀)	Zinc (PM _{2.5})
Cadmium (PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀)	Manganese (PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀)	Vanadium Pm _{2.5}

List 3. Target PAH Analytes

Acenaphthene	Benzo (ghi) perylene	Indeno (1,2,3-cd) pyrene
Acenaphthylene	Benzo (k) fluoranthene	Naphthalene
Anthracene	Chrysene	Phenanthrene
Benzo (a) anthracene	Dibenzo (a,h) anthracene	Pyrene
Benzo (a) pyrene	Fluoranthene	
Benzo (b) fluoranthene	Fluorene	

List 4. Target Carbonyl Analytes

2,5-Dimethylbenzaldehyde	Crotonaldehyde	Methyl Ethyl Ketone
Acetaldehyde	Formaldehyde	Propionaldehyde
Acetone	Heptanal	Valeraldehyde
Acrolein - Unverified	Hexanaldehyde	o-Tolualdehyde
Benzaldehyde	Isovaleraldehyde	
Butyraldehyde	Methacrolein	