Air Pollution in Detroit: Status and Trends

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Overview

- Core functions of the Air Quality Division
- The AQD's air monitoring program

 Which pollutants are monitored
 What do our air monitors show?
- New air monitoring challenges on the horizon



Core Functions of the Air Quality Division

- Regulate sources of air pollution to ensure that the air that we breathe is healthy.
 - New sources and sources that are modified are required to get permits
 - Michigan has state only air toxics regulations



Ensuring Healthy Air (continued)

- We inspect these sources to make sure permits conditions are being met
- Enforcement administer fines and penalties for violations





Ensuring Healthy Air (continued)

- We have staff that monitor the ambient air and conduct stack tests
- If we exceed a health standard, we develop strategies that will make it clean again.





What pollutants do we monitor?

- Section 109 of the 1970 federal Clean Air Act requires EPA to develop National Ambient Air Quality Standards for
 - Sulfur dioxide
 - Nitrogen dioxide
 - Ozone
 - Particulate matter
 - Lead
 - Carbon monoxide



Clean Air Act [Section 110(a)(2)(B)]

- Each [State implementation] plan shall
 - Provide for the establishment and operation of appropriate devices, methods, systems, and procedures necessary to-
 - » (i) monitor, compile, and analyze data on ambient air quality, and
 - » (ii) upon request, make such data available to the Administrator;



Air Monitoring Program

- Air sampled at approximately 45 statewide sites to make sure the National Ambient Air Quality Standards are being met
 - 10 sites in Wayne County
 - Detroit- West Fort Street (SWHS)
 - Detroit-West Lafayette Street
 - Detroit-West Jefferson
 - Detroit-Linwood
 - Detroit-East 7 Mile
 - Detroit-Eliza Howell (I-96 and Telegraph)
 - Dearborn
 - River Rouge
 - Wyandotte
 - Livonia

SO₂: 99th Percentile of max daily 1-hrs



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Particulate Matter <2.5 μm Diameter (PM_{2.5}) Annual Average Concentrations





Maximum Hourly PM_{2.5}





NO₂

In Michigan from 2008-2014 (3-year average of the 98th percentile of 1-hr values)





Max 1-hour NO/NO2 Impacts



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National Air Toxics Trend Site (Dearborn)

Summa Can for VOCs (volatile organic compounds)



Metals – collected on TSP/PM10 filters



Semi-Volatile sampling



Ways to Access Air Monitoring Data

Near Real Time (Mlair)



http://deqmiair.org

Hourly Data

Site: Lansing

Hourly air quality measurements*

*Displayed values are end-hour. All data are preliminary and subject to validation.

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Ozone





Summary Data





Pb (24-hour) Measured in $\mu g/m^3$

City	County	Year	# OBS	Highest rolling 3- month Arith Mean	Highest Value (24 hr)
Belding-Reed St.	Ionia	2014	60	0.04	0.270
Belding-Merrick St.	Ionia	2014	60	0.05	0.210
Grand Rapids	Kent	2014	60	0.01	0.012
Port Huron Rural St.	St. Clair	2014	60	0.03	0.130
Vassar	Tuscola	2014	61	0.00	0.014
Allen Park	Wayne	2014	59	0.01	0.027
Dearborn	Wayne	2014	60	0.02	0.060



What's on the horizon?





Ozone

- Reduced the NAAQS to 0.070 ppm
 - Rule signed October 1, 2015 and published October 26, 2015
 - Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour concentration, averaged over three years
 - Five sites above the NAAQS (ppm)
 - Holland (0.075),
 - Muskegon (0.074),
 - Coloma (0.073),
 - New Haven (0.071) and
 - Port Huron (0.072)

Potential Ozone Non-attainment



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2013-2015 data

MDEQ to make attainment and nonattainment recommendations to U.S. EPA by October 1, 2016

Near Road Air Toxics

September 2015: MDEQ received grant to collect air toxics data at two metro Detroit

near road sites

o Carbonyls

o Continuous BTEX

- o Carbon black
- o Ultra-fine Particulate

Metals (continuous and filter-based)



 Sampling to run for two years, beginning Spring 2016

Monitoring at Refineries

 Rule signed September 29, 2015 and published December 1, 2015

- Perimeter benzene monitoring
 - Two week passive monitors must encircle the facility
 - Compare a rolling annual average of 2.8 ppb, facility do a root cause analysis (RCA) and corrective action
 - Provides for alternative monitoring methods allowing real time monitoring in the future



A New Monitoring Station in 48217!

- Yet to Be Determined
 - Exact location
 - Complete list of parameters
- Start date

 July 2016?



