# Enhancing Monitoring Efforts to Respond to Community Concerns

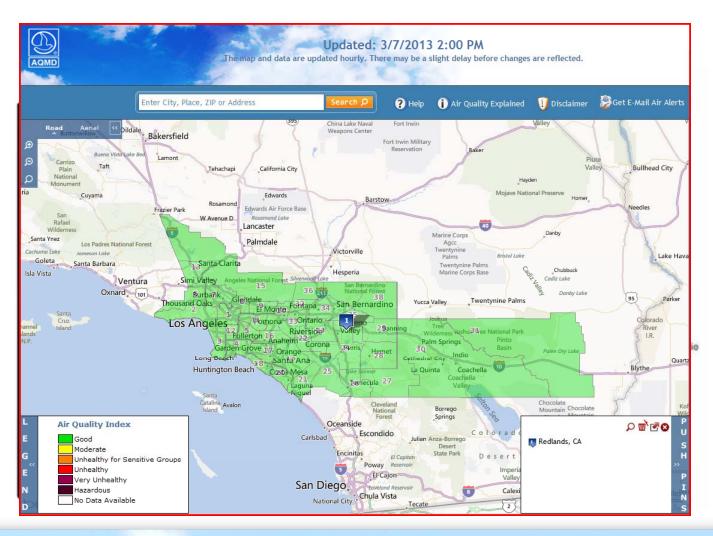
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Cleaning the Air That We Breathe...

### Routine Air Monitoring Programs

- Permanent, Large Fixed Sites
- Addresses NAAQS
  - Criteria Pollutants
  - Neighborhood, Urban or Regional Scale
  - Away from Sources
- Limited Air Toxics (PM2.5 Speciation/ NATTS)
- Funded by U.S. EPA

### SCAQMD Air Monitoring Network



### Special Monitoring Programs

- Emergency Responses
- Wild Fire Monitoring
- Special Investigations, Compliance and Regional Studies (MATES IV, Cr+6, R 1158)
- Community Based Response



### Community Based Air Monitoring

- Addresses Local Concerns and Issues (Odors, Dust, Smoke)
- Many Times Source Specific (Facilities, Ecosystems)
- Micro or Middle Scale
- Not Mandated by Federal Regulations
- Customized Approached to Address Each Situation
- Community Involvement
- Risk Communication

# Community Response Monitoring Currently Available Tools

- Mobile Monitoring Platform
  - High degree of sophistication
  - Deployable within one or two days
- Triggered Canisters
  - 24 Hour Monitoring
  - Immediate Response to Event
  - Requires Laboratory Analyses





# Community Response Monitoring Currently Available Tools

- Hapsite Portable GC/MS
  - Organic Analyses
  - Results within 30 Minutes
  - Detection level to 5 ppm
- Canister and Bag Sampling
  - Better detection levels
  - Require Laboratory Based Analyses
  - Results may take hours





# Community Response Monitoring Currently Available Tools

- Additional support tools
  - Handheld Sulfur Gas Detectors
  - Handheld Inorganic Analyzers
    - PPM Range
    - Acids and Inorganic Gases i.e.
       Ammonia and Chlorine

### Los Angeles County Projects

- Rule 1158, Port Area Coke & Coal
- 605 FWY, north end Rock & Gravel PM
- Airports S.M. & V.N. MATES\*
- Azusa Fallout Study PM
- Beverly Hills/Venoco VOCs
- Boyle Heights (Suva School) MATES
- Chrome Crankshaft Cr<sup>+6</sup>
- Del Amo School/Rainbow Trucking VOCs
- Duarte/Vulcan Materials PM, Crystal Silica

- Exide/Quemetco Lead, Arsenic
- La Montana/Huntington Park PM
- LAX
  - Felton & Lloyd Schools
  - Court House
  - Terminal
  - Flight Path Fallout
- Palace Plating/28<sup>th</sup> Street School Cr<sup>+6</sup>
- Puente Hills Landfill VOCs
- Palos Verdes Landfill/Rancho Vista School – VOCs, PM, Metals
- Coffee Roaster, Torrance Odors, VOCs

<sup>\*</sup>MATES type sampling and analysis suite.

### Los Angeles County Projects (Cont'd)

- Hollywood M<sub>e</sub> Fire VOC, M<sub>e</sub>
- PXP, Baldwin Hills VOCs
- Sunshine Canyon, S.F. Valley VOCs
- Sunrise Dev. P.V., Torrance Crystalline Silica
- Train-in-a-Trench, Alhambra PM Deposition
- Excavation, City of Calabasas PM<sub>10</sub>
- Boyle Heights PM<sub>10</sub>, EC/OC
- Griffiths Elementary, Downey PM<sub>10</sub>, EC/OC
- Milken Community High School, Sherman Oaks – VOC, EC/OC

- 710 FWY Terminus, Alhambra MATES
- Jefferson Elementary, Compton MATES
- Heliotrope & Nimitz Elementary MATES
- L.A. & L.B. Ports, various studies since 1997 – VOCs, PM
- Sun Valley Middle School PM<sub>10</sub>, EC/OC
- Rail yard, City of Commerce MATES
- Resurrection Church, East L.A. Odors
- Olive Street , Central L.A. Oil VOC
- Greg Industries, El Monte Odors

#### **Riverside County Projects**

- Cal Bio-Mass Odors
- Riverside Cement Cr+6
- Salton Sea Odors
- Torres Martinez Landfill Fire VOCs
- Western Environmental Odors, Toxics
- Wildomar VOCs, Metals
- Mira Loma PM<sub>10</sub>, EC/OC
- Del Web PM<sub>10</sub>

#### **Orange County Projects**

- Disneyland Fireworks Fallout, Metals
- Hixson, Newport Beach Cr+6
- J.W. Airport, Newport Beach VOCs, Fallout
- Leisure World
- Rancho Santa Margarita Sulfur Odor
- Eader Elementary PM, Cr<sup>+6</sup>, VOCs
- Kennedy Elementary School, Santa Ana – Cr<sup>+6</sup>

#### San Bernardino County

- Omnitrans, San Bernardino Sulfur Odors
- Tamco, Fontana Nickel, Manganese, Lead
- Big Bear Lake Mercury
- Train Derailment, Cajon Pass
- Guadalupe School
- Fontana Speedway VOCs, MeOH

#### **Chromium Projects**

- Chrome Crankshaft
- Hixson
- Palace Plating/28<sup>th</sup> Street School
- Riverside Cement
- Ocean Works/Kennedy School, Santa Ana

#### **Omnitrans**

Location - San Bernardino Ramona-Alesandro School

Pollutants – Sulfur Odors

Outcome – Odors were determined to come from sewer and waste water system



#### Rancho Vista School

Facility - Palos Verdes Landfill

Location – Palos Verdes

Pollutants – VOCs and Metals

Outcome – Closed landfill did not appear to have an adverse impact at the school.

#### Wildomar

Pollutant(s) – Indoor and outdoor VOCs and Metals

Outcome – Sampling thus far has not revealed unusual levels of VOCs in the interior of the homes or outdoors. Soil sampling in specific areas showed some elevated metals, likely from garden additives, soap, or naturally occurring compounds.

### **Battery Recyclers**

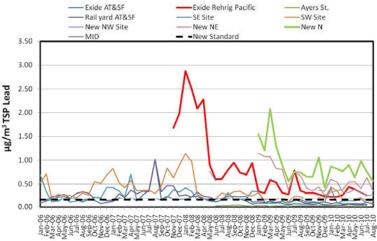
Facility – Exide and Quemetco

Location – L.A. County

Pollutant(s) – Lead, Arsenic

Outcome – Quemetco is currently meeting standards. Exide is working with SCAQMD to reduce emissions and risk.





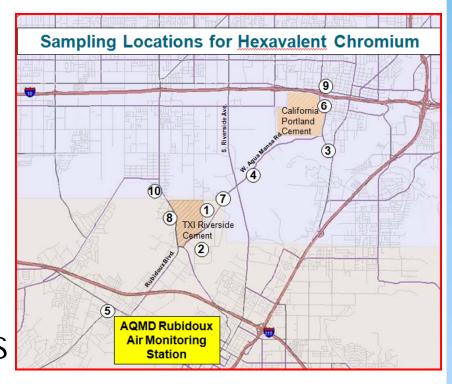
#### Cement Facilities

Facility - Riverside Cement and Cal Portland

Location – Rubidoux and Colton

Pollutants – Cr+6

Outcome – Rule 1156 was amended. Monitoring is being conducted by each facility.



#### Western Environmental

Location - Mecca

Pollutants – Odors and VOCs

Outcome – Agreement with Tribal Authority allowed SCAQMD to require modifications to facility operations. SCAQMD monitoring continues at 4 locations in Mecca





### Upcoming Projects: Duarte

- Concern Regarding Expansion of Rock and Gravel Mining Operation
- Two Year Base Line Study Completed
- Additional monitoring to Assess Impact of Expanded Operations
- Pollutants of Concern
  - PM10 and Crystalline Silica



Potential new monitoring locations

# Upcoming Projects: Soil Composition Study

- No Existing Literature or Data Base
- Soil Signature for Comparison to Ambient
  - Wildomar and Tamco
- Samples from Entire Basin

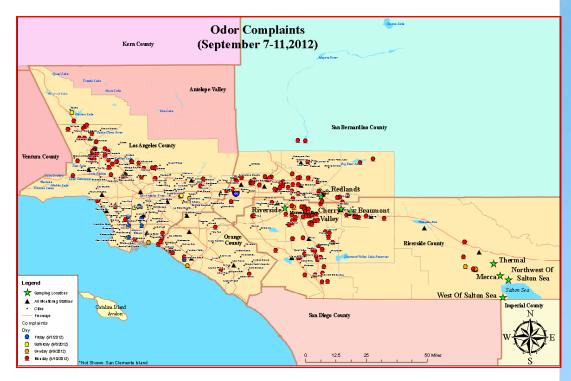
# Upcoming Projects: Refinery Monitoring

- UCLA Project
- CARB/Governor's Initiative



#### Salton Sea

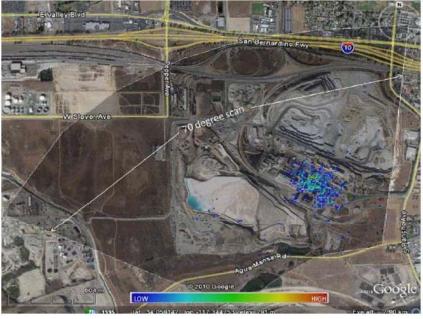
- Over 250 Complaints over 3 days
- H2S
   Concentrations
   Observed near
   150 ppb
- Board Authorized H2S Monitoring Network to be Established



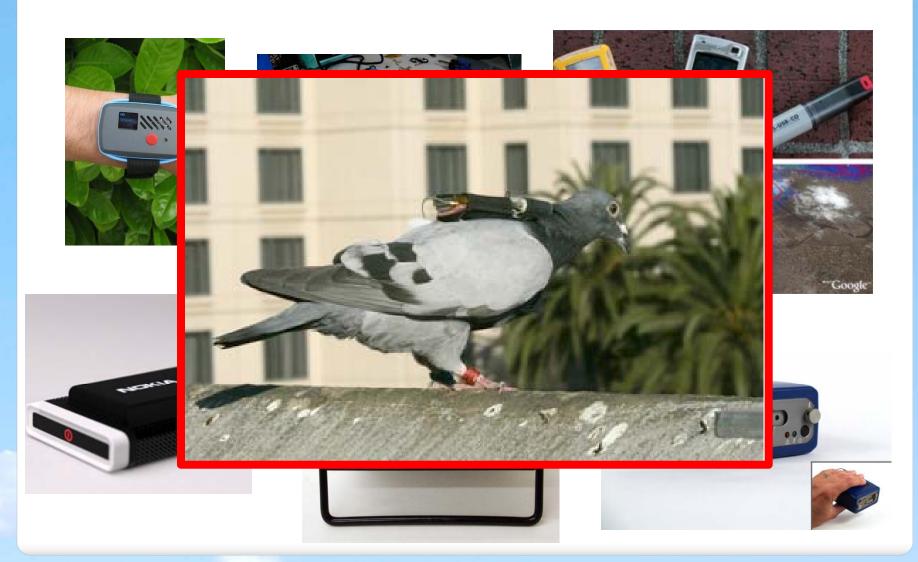


# Future Technology: Remote Sensing





#### Future Technology: Distributed, Low-Cost Sensors



# Considerations for SCAQMD Community Based Air Monitoring

- Formalize Program to Enhance Capability to Address Increasing SCAQMD Role and Public Demand
- Planning and Allocation of Resources
- Consult with Other Experts to Assess Technical Program
- Enhance Risk and Information Communication