

Chapter 6: Air Monitoring Summary

Air monitoring will be conducted in the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community as part of the AB 617 program. Air monitoring can provide valuable information about sources of air pollution, types of pollutants, and air quality impacts in the community. Information that is collected from air monitoring can be used to track air quality improvements.

Chapter 6 Highlights

- Community level air monitoring will provide new information about air pollution in the community
- Monitoring will be done in areas near the air quality concerns identified by the community
- Areas for monitoring reflect the community's air quality priorities
- Many types of monitoring equipment will be used, from advanced techniques to low-cost sensors

The Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) for the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community¹ was developed through close collaboration between the CSC and South Coast AQMD staff. The plan outlines the objectives and strategies for monitoring air pollution in the community based on the CSC's air quality priorities (Table 6-1). A detailed description for these priorities is available in the CAMP Appendix B².

¹ AB 617 Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) for the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce Community: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/camps/elabhwc-camp.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

² AB 617 Appendices for the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) for the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce Community: http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/camps/appendix-a-and-b_elabhwc.pdf?sfvrsn=6

Table 6-1. Air quality priorities for the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community

Air Quality Priorities ³	Potential Concerns
1-Neighborhood Truck Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trucks - Impact on residents
2-Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trains - Railyards
3-Warehousing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New warehousing - Proximity to residents
4-Metal Processing (including Valmont Coating)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human exposure
5-Toxic Waste Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human exposure - Odor
6- Rendering Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human exposure - Odor
7- Auto Body Shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human exposure
8- Schools/Hospitals/Parks/Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human exposure

The East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community covers a large geographical area that is affected by a variety of air pollution sources. Consequently, multiple air monitoring methods are necessary to address the community’s air quality priorities. These methods include mobile, fixed and low-cost sensor air monitoring. Mobile air monitoring can be conducted using real- or near real-time instruments to allow for wide scale community air pollution mapping, and provide more detailed information about air pollution levels at specific locations at specific times (i.e. higher spatial and temporal resolution). Fixed air monitoring can be strategically placed at specific locations near one or more air pollution sources of interest to fully characterize emissions in the community and assess residents’ exposure to air pollution. Mobile and fixed air monitoring can be further enhanced with information from air quality sensors that provide real- or near-real time air pollution information. A benefit of these sensors compared to other monitoring technologies is that they can be installed in more places in the community thereby providing more detailed real-time air quality information. However, low-cost sensors are not as accurate as traditional monitoring techniques, and only measure a limited number of pollutants.

Figure 6-1 identifies areas where air monitoring will occur within the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce community. The areas are prioritized based on input from the CSC about community air quality concerns and sources of air pollution. The monitoring areas and priorities can change based on the information gathered during monitoring, input from the community, and/or newly available data from different organizations. A discussion regarding air

³ The CAMP refers to the air quality priorities using the grouping shown in Table 6-1, however, through the development of the CERP the CSC refined these priorities to more closely reflect community air quality concerns.

pollutants measurements and technologies that will be deployed in these areas is provided in the CAMP. The air monitoring strategies outlined in the CAMP may be updated based on future community input, air monitoring results, and other information gathered through implementation of AB 617. Updates to air monitoring strategies will be presented to the CSC for input.

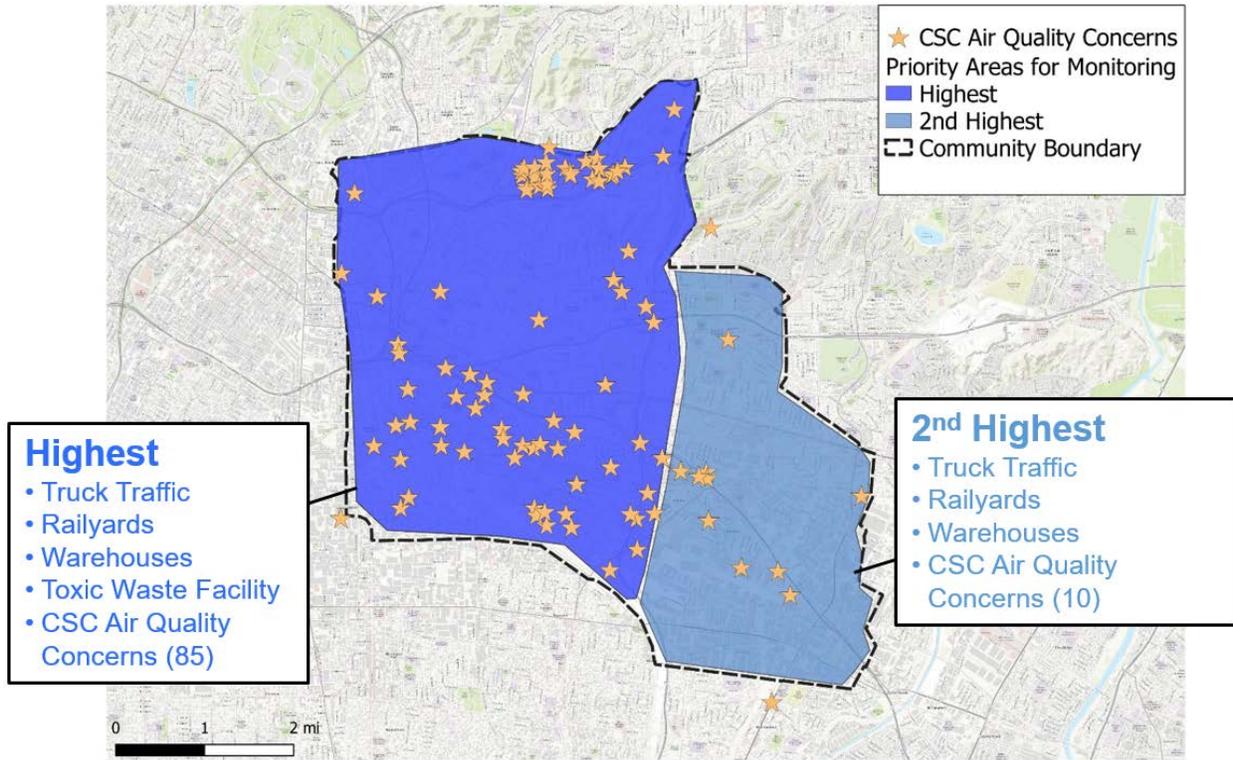


Figure 6-1. Proposed Monitoring Areas Prioritized Based on the Relative Density of Air Quality Concerns in the East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce Community