# MATES III EC/OC Methodology



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# Background

- Increased need for characterizing and quantifying atmospheric particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>)
- Diesel exhaust is significant contributor to PM and has been identified as a Toxic Air Contaminant
- EC has been used in studies as a surrogate for diesel exhaust

## MATES II: Methodology

#### • IMPROVE method for EC/OC measurements

- Ambient air collected on PM<sub>10</sub> filter
- Section of PM<sub>10</sub> filter heated in an oxygen-free carrier for the OC and then in an environment with a few percent oxygen for the EC for hydrocarbon volatilization and reduction for analysis via FID
- Pyrolysis corrected via laser (TOR)
- Estimated diesel emissions from a combination of EC measurements, emission inventory data, and source apportionment techniques

Current Measurements used to Estimate Diesel Emissions

- Particulate Matter Total Mass
  - PM<sub>10</sub>
  - PM<sub>2.5</sub>
- EC and OC
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
- Unresolved Complex Mixture (Schauer, ARB)

#### Why EC Measurements in MATES III?

- EC is a sizable fraction of diesel PM and has been used previously to estimate diesel exhaust emissions
- Historical EPA database of EC
  - Consistency with MATES II data
  - Trend analysis
- Methods are well-defined
  - Sampling  $(PM_{10} \text{ and } PM_{2.5})$
  - Analysis (IMPROVE, NIOSH)
- Consistent with other studies (ARB, EPA, etc.)

# MATES III: <u>Proposed EC/OC Measurements</u>

- Similar to MATES II, use EC as one of the components to estimate diesel exhaust emissions
- Particulate filter samples for both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> will be analyzed for metals, ions, total mass, OC, EC and total carbon
- EC and OC
  - PM<sub>10</sub>: Analyzed using IMPROVE method with some overlapping NIOSH analyses
  - PM<sub>2.5</sub>: Analyzed via NIOSH method with some overlapping IMPROVE analyses

## **IMPROVE** vs. NIOSH

- IMPROVE is a reflectance technique with lower peak temperature (550°C) of the oxygenfree heating stage with event driven hold times
- NIOSH is a transmittance technique with a higher peak temperature (850°C) in the oxygen-free heating stage with prescribed hold times (non-event driven)

#### **Summary**

- PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> EC/OC measurements need to be included into MATES III
- Diesel exhaust is proposed to be estimated by EC analyzed by both IMPROVE and NIOSH methods
  - Provides correlation with past data
- When combined with detailed emissions inventory, should provide an accurate estimate of diesel emissions

#### MATES II (1997) Basinwide Cancer Risks\* ~1,400 in 1,000,000



\*Based on the average of pollutant concentrations measured at the fixed monitoring sites

#### Composition of Particle Emissions <2.5mm from Major Southern California Sources



(Bhave *et al.*, 2001)

#### **Comparison of Studies**



### **IMPROVE** vs. NIOSH

