MATES V Proposed Enhanced Monitoring in EJ Communities Near Refineries

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Definitions

- Major petroleum refineries EJ definitions used in
 - ▶ Refineries with FCC Unit
 - ► Includes:
 - Chevron (El Segundo)
 - Phillips 66 (Carson)
 - Phillips 66 (Wilmington)
 - ► Tesoro (Carson)
 - Tesoro (Wilmington)
 - ▶ PBF (Torrance)
 - Ultramar-Valero (Wilmington)

- recent SCAQMD work
 - Carl Moyer Program
 - ▶ 2016 AQMP Socioeconomic Report

SCAQMD Definition (Carl Moyer Program)

- EJ & non-EJ
- 2x2 km grid
- Poverty (Federal) ≥ 10%
 - 2008 2012 American Community Survey data)
- Cancer Risk in top 15%
 OR PM2.5 in top 15%
 - MATES IV,
 - 2012 Annual PM2.5 Avg.

Annual mean PM2.5 concentration > 11.1 μg/m3

Toxic cancer risk > 894 in a million

(Updated over time)



2016



AQMP EJ Definitions

- Used raw data from CalEnviroScreen 2.0 to assign a percentile ranking based on the mean value, relative to the basin.
 - Assigned by census tract
- Included SCAQMD cancer risk estimates.
- Categorized census tracts by top 25%ile or top 50%ile.

AQMP Definition 1

- Census tracts
- Demographic indicators:
 - Income (poverty status)
- Air quality Indicators
 - PM2.5
 - Toxic cancer risk (MATES IV)
 - Ozone

Most akin to those used by the SCAQMD in the current EJ designation for grant allocation purposes.

EJ assignments are categorized by top 25% or top 50% of census tracts.



AQMP Definition 3

includes **more** demographic and non-air related indicators available in CalEnviroScreen

Other demographic indicators:

- Age
- Asthma
- Education
- Linguistic isolation
- Low birth weight
- Unemployment.

Other environmental burdens:

- Drinking water
- Pesticides
- Toxic releases
- Traffic that are directly related to exposure
- Cleanup sites
- Groundwater threats
- Hazardous waste
- Impaired water bodies
- Solid waste



Summary

- Wilmington, Carson, and the Long Beach areas near refineries are EJ areas based on several recent SCAQMD definitions of EJ
 - Do you agree with this assessment?
- Community near Torrance Refinery will have monitoring through a separate effort outside of MATES