

#### Role of Sensors and Data in an Integrated Transportation and One Health Approach

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- Over-Arching Contexts
- Office of Research and Development
- ORD Research on Source to Impact Continuum
- High Resolution Data
- Opportunities



# **One Health**



Thompson, 2013, Int J Parasitol. 43(12):1079-1088 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7126848/

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# One Health & Environmental Contaminants



Barcelona Institute of Global Health https://www.isglobal.org/en/-/one-health-una-sola-salud-



# **EPA's Mission**

# To protect human health and the environment.



# **One Health Actions by EPA**

#### Laws



- <u>Clean Air Act</u> <u>RCRA</u>
- <u>Clean Water Act</u>
   <u>Superfund</u>
- <u>TSCA</u>
  - A
- ESA

FIFRA

(CERCLA)

More Law Summaries

#### **Regulated Topics**



- Asbestos
- Certifications (608, etc.)
- Mold
- Drinking Water
- Lead
- Waste
- <u>Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances</u>
   (PFAS)

#### Find more topics

#### https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations

#### **Regulated Sectors**



- <u>Agriculture</u> <u>Electric Utilities</u>
- Automotive Oil & Gas Extraction
- <u>Construction</u> 
   <u>Transportation</u>

#### Find more sectors

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# **One Health and Transportation**

- Transportation systems interact not just with humans, but also modify the natural environment.
- Holistic approaches to improving community health and wellbeing via transportation improvements can address One Health.
- The work that the PEMS community does is an important contributor to characterizing the spatial and temporal distribution of chemical stressors.



#### Positive/Neutral/Negative Influences of the Total Environment (Built, Natural, Social)



Adapted from Tulve, N. S., Ruiz, J. D. C., Lichtveld, K., Darney, S. P., & Quackenboss, J. J. (2016). Development of a Conceptual Framework Depicting a Child's Total (Built, Natural, Social) Environment in Order to Optimize Health and Well-Being. Journal of Environment and Health Science, 2 (2), 1-8.



# **EPA's Office of Research and Development**

- ORD conducts research, providing the foundation for credible decision making to protect human health and the environment
- ORD's Mission: To provide the best available environmental science and technology to inform and support human health and environmental decision making at the federal, state, tribal, and local levels, addressing critical environmental challenges and anticipating future needs through leading edge research.

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### **ORD's Research Programs**

#### **ORD's work is focused into six research programs**



Air, Climate, & Energy



Chemical Safety for Sustainability



Homeland Security



Health & Environmental Risk Assessment



Safe & Sustainable Water Resources



Sustainable & Healthy Communities



# **ORD Research Planning**

ORD is in the middle of a long-term research planning cycle, developing Strategic Research Action Plans (StRAPs) for FY23-FY26.





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Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Chemical Safety for Sustainability



Homeland Security



Safe &

**Sustainable** 

Water Resources



Sustainable & Healthy Communities



# **ORD Cross-Cutting Research Priorities**



Environmental Justice



Cumulative Impacts



Climate Change



Community Resiliency



Children's Environmental Health



Contaminants of Immediate and Emerging Concern







#### **Environmental Justice Considerations (examples)**





#### What common questions do community members have?

Should I be concerned about air pollution in my community?

How do air pollution concentrations change from place to place in my community?

What are the causes of air pollution in my community?



Supplementing data collected in national air monitoring networks, a variety of monitoring strategies exist to provide answers to these common questions. Models can provide important complementary information. This presentation is primarily about monitoring.



#### Measurement considerations for these questions



Should I be concerned about air pollution in my community?

Measure air pollutant types of concern using methods that are <u>accurate enough</u> to compare against benchmark values

How do air pollution concentrations change from place to place in my community?

Measurements should be precise enough to determine changes in concentrations and support multi-location measurement

What are the causes of air pollution in my community?

Measurement <u>strategy is needed</u>, which could involve complementary modeling and combining ancillary data to explore local and distributed source contributions to air pollution concentrations



#### Common measurement research strategies to isolate localscale impacts

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Note: These two strategies can be used in combination







### **Community-Focused Research Needs**

- Environmental Justice
- Community stakeholder perspective: science-informed action to solve problems
- EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (NEJAC) (2004):
  - Promote a paradigm shift to community-based approaches, particularly community-based participatory research and intervention
  - Develop and implement efficient screening and targeting methods/tools to identify communities needing immediate intervention



### **Decision-Makers**

Individuals Communities Companies Local Government (City, County) State Government Federal Government

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#### **Health Impact Assessment** (HIA)

is one method of accounting for combinations of chemical and non-chemical stressors in a decision-focused manner.

HIA's rely on extensive collaboration between community members, scientists, and government

Courtesy of Tim Barzyk, ORD

#### Impacts

Air/water/soil quality Community/household economics Education Exposure to hazards Healthcare access/insurance Housing Infectious disease Land use Traffic Safety Mental health Access to goods and services Noise pollution Nutrition Parks and recreation Physical activity Water Resources Safety and security Social capital

Soil quality

#### **Health Effects**

attention deficit disorder	<ul> <li>endocrine disorders</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>malnutrition</li> </ul>
(ADD)/attention deficit	<ul> <li>eye/nose/throat/lung irritation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>mental health</li> </ul>
hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)	- fatigue	<ul> <li>metabolic disorder/disease</li> </ul>
alcoholism/substance abuse	<ul> <li>food-borne illness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>morbidity</li> </ul>
allergies	<ul> <li>gallbladder disease</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>mortality/death/fatality</li> </ul>
anemia	<ul> <li>genotoxicity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>musculoskeletal/bone &amp; joint</li> </ul>
anxiety	- gynecological/reproductive health	<ul> <li>myocardial infarction</li> </ul>
arthritis	- headaches	- nausea
asthma	<ul> <li>hearing loss/impairment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>neurological health</li> </ul>
behavioral health/development	<ul> <li>heart attack</li> </ul>	- nutrition
birth defects	<ul> <li>heart disease</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>obesity/weight</li> </ul>
bronchitis	<ul> <li>heat/cold related illnesses</li> </ul>	- osteoporosis
cancer	<ul> <li>hypertension/high blood pressure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>overall/general health</li> </ul>
carbon monoxide poisoning	<ul> <li>immune system/function</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>physical health</li> </ul>
cardiovascular/circulatory health	- infection	<ul> <li>physiological health</li> </ul>
central nervous system function	<ul> <li>infectious disease</li> </ul>	- pneumonia
childhood growth/development	<ul> <li>inflammation/inflammatory</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>psychological health</li> </ul>
cholesterol	response	- rape
chronic disease	- injury	<ul> <li>respiratory health</li> </ul>
chronic obstructive pulmonary	<ul> <li>irregular heart beat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>sexually transmitted disease</li> </ul>
disease (COPD)	<ul> <li>kidney disease/disorder</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>sick building syndrome</li> </ul>
cognitive function	<ul> <li>lead poisoning</li> </ul>	- sleep apnea
communicable disease	<ul> <li>learning disabilities/reduced</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>sleep disturbance</li> </ul>
depression	learning	- stress
diabetes	<ul> <li>life expectancy</li> </ul>	- stroke
diarrhea	<ul> <li>liver disease/health</li> </ul>	- suicide
disability	<ul> <li>low birth weight</li> </ul>	- ulcers
dyslipidemia	<ul> <li>lung disease/health</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>vector borne illness</li> </ul>
emphysema	_	<ul> <li>water borne illness/water toxics</li> </ul>
		expositre

Rhodus et al. 2012. A Review of Health Impact Assessments in the U.S.: Current State-of-Science. Best Practices, and Areas for Improvement.

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### **Cumulative Impacts**

- EPA-regulated pollutants are one of many issues of concern for communities
- While EPA cannot address all health risks in communities, understanding these interactions is important for decision-making



Courtesy of Tim Barzyk, ORD





#### **Cumulative Impacts**

ORD will integrate efforts across research programs to improve understanding of cumulative impacts and develop and apply the necessary models, methods, and tools to conduct real-world assessments that result in both adverse and beneficial health and environmental effects.

- Addressing the cumulative impacts of exposure to multiple chemical and non-chemical stressors is necessary with the best available science.
- Internal and external partners can make informed, scientifically credible decisions to protect and promote individual, community, and environmental health.





# Cumulative Impacts White Paper: Recommendations for ORD Research



Cumulative Impacts



### **Summary of Recommendations**

#### Establish the Decision Context and Stakeholder Engagement

Identify partners, policies, decisions and tools; engage partners to translate research into action; and establish trust and true partnerships with communities.

#### Address Scientific Considerations for Meeting Partner Needs

Develop fit-for-purpose approaches to characterize exposures; evaluate health disparities and well-being impacts; identify intervention points; and evaluate impacts of policies and interventions.

#### **Empower Local Decisions and Actions**

Support fit-for-purpose use of community-generated data; provide access to transparent data; offer training and technical support on EPA methods, guidance, and tools for cumulative impact assessment.



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### **Summary of Recommendations**

#### Support Science Translation and Delivery

Deliver solutions that improve community health and well-being and translate approaches and results for broader contexts.

#### EXTERNAL REVIEW DRAFT

Cumulative Impacts Recommendations for ORD Research

United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development January 2022

#### <u>View the White Paper</u>

#### Provide Research Mgmt Support for Cumulative Impact Assessment

Integrate cumulative impact research into ORD's portfolio; address technological, workforce and culture issues; build partnerships to advance cumulative impact research and policy.



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### **Science Advisory Board Consultation**

ORD collaborated with program and regional offices on a 'OneEPA' joint SAB Consultation on cumulative impact assessment.



Consultation occurred on March 2&7, 2022

Consultation sought advice on the following:

- 1. Understanding and accounting for uncertainties in the use of cumulative impact assessment for a range of both nearand long-term Agency decision-making contexts, including regulatory, permitting, land-use decisions, and more.
- 2. Contents and recommendations in the Cumulative Impacts White Paper, including research directions to develop the science to support these cumulative impact assessments.



### **Transportation-Related ORD Research**

#### **Emissions Characterization**

- Chassis Dynamometers
- On-board Measurements (PEMS)
- Analytical Laboratories

#### **Air Quality and Exposure Assessments**

- Mobile Monitoring
- Fixed-site Sampling
- Portable Sensors
- Wind Tunnel
- CFD Modeling

#### **Health Effects**

- Epidemiological
- Toxicological



#### **Emissions Examples**

Motor vehicle emissions while operating on alternative and renewable fuels

- Ethanol-blends with gasoline
- Biodiesel

Current and new technology vehicle emissions

- Understand deterioration and future benefits from new technologies
- Tier 2 and 3 Light-Duty and GDI vehicles
- 2010 compliant Heavy-Duty trucks

Effects of cold temperature and cold start conditions

Brake and tire wear (including nano-materials)

Influence of driving activity on emission changes

Projects in US and internationally





#### On-Board Measurements

Courtesy of Rich Baldauf

Emissions can greatly increase when driving conditions fall outside our federal test methods, notably at high speed/acceleration





#### **Ambient Temperature Effects**



EPA's MOVES emissions model now accounts for ambient temperature effects on PM emissions





Courtesy of Rich Baldauf

Lab and field studies show that emissions increase with decreasing temperature for running and start (used in MOVES)

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#### **Brake and Tire Wear**

- Focus on PM emissions brake and tire include coarse, fine and ultrafine particles
- Especially Nano-materials used in manufacturing



Deshmukh, Bang, Kumbhar, and Baldauf, 2010, Health Effects Institute Annual Conference









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### **Air Quality and Exposure**

#### Field measurements of traffic, meteorology and air quality

- Fixed and
- Mobile monitoring that include
- Reference and lower cost sensors

#### Wind tunnel assessments

- General road configurations
- Simulations of field sites

#### Modeling assessments

- Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
- Research dispersion model (R-LINE)
- EPA regulatory emissions (MOVES) and dispersion (AERMOD) models
- EPA mapping software (*e.g.*, EnviroAtlas)



# **Mobile Air Quality Measurements**

### Mobile can be with EV or walk/bike

#### (Match fixed monitors)

- Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)
- Ultrafine Particles (UFP)
- Black Carbon (BC)
- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)
- Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- GPS
- Video
- Met Data (remote)
  - Wind Speed
- Wind Direction





#### **Source Impacts on Community Air Quality**



Mobile monitoring for railyard, highways, industrial Integrate with fixed for spatial and temporal resolution



#### **FWHA/EPA Near-Road Collaboration**

Long-term near-road studies

- Highlight sharp gradients

Near roads

- Las Vegas
- Detroit
- Raleigh
- Multiple monitoring locations
  - 100 m upwind
  - 20, 100, 300 m downwind
- Multiple pollutants
  - PM (mass, number, BC)
  - Gases (CO, NO/NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub>)
  - Speciation (VOC, PM)







- Which chemical components of air pollution (either single or in combination) cause health effects?
- What are the likely sources? Do production conditions (*e.g.*, engine type, combustion efficiency, fuel, etc) and atmospheric transformation change toxicity?
- How air pollution exacerbates diseases and if so, how?



#### **Recent Health Effects Projects**

- Epidemiological studies identifying associations focus on roadway proximity and air quality exposure measurements
- Animal toxicity studies linking exposures to adverse health effects
  - Diesel/biodiesel exhaust, Including comparison of "fresh" vs. "aged"
  - Near-road
  - Ethanol and ethanol-blend gasoline vapors
- Human toxicity studies comparing effects of diesel/biodiesel exhaust to ambient air exposures



#### Elements of Real-World Measurements Purpose

- How will the data be used?
- What data are needed?
   Study Design
- Controllable
- Observable but not controllable
- Not observable

InstrumentsData collectionCalibrationQA/QCMaintenanceData analysisRepairPeopleDeploymentTraining



### **PEMS Have Come A Long Way...**







Examples of Portable Emission Measurement Systems



SEMTECH-DS CFR 1065 Compliant NDIR: CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, HC FID: THC NDUV: NO, NO<sub>2</sub> Heated Sample Line ~50 lbs High Power Demand

Axion ("simplified") NDIR: CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, HC Electrochemical: NO, O<sub>2</sub> Light-scattering: PM Water separation bowl ~30 lbs Low Power Demand





ParSYNC "micro-PEMS" Electrochemical: CO<sub>2</sub>, NO, NO<sub>2</sub> PM: light-scattering, opacity, ionization Water separation ~10 lbs Low Power Demand

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# Tailor Study Design to Purpose: Examples for Onroad Vehicle Tailpipe Emissions

- Real-world effectiveness of
  - Emission standards
  - Emissions controls
- Trends over time
- Source categories
- Fuels
- Operating modes (e.g., cold starts)
- Road functional class
- Level of service, congestion
- Effect of road grade

- Identification of emissions hotspots
- Roundabout vs. signalized
   intersections
- Signal timing and coordination
- Idle reduction
- Driver behavior and driving cycles
- Alternative routes for an Origin/Destination pair
- Siting of remote sensing locations
- Comparison of transport modes (e.g., rail vs. passenger car)



# **Environmental Justice and High-Resolution Data**

#### High Resolution spatial data support environmental justice research areas, including:

- Integrating chemical and nonchemical stressor data to characterize cumulative health impacts
- Characterizing environmental conditions and pollution exposure to support community decision-making



# **Mapping and Environmental Justice**

- Map communities in terms of a variety of characteristics simultaneously, including social factors (such as race and income) along with likely exposure risks
- EJ mapping tools can help address cumulative impacts
- An EJ tool should be:
  - -Science-based
  - -Informed by community experience
  - -Endorsed and utilized by government
  - -Available for all to use
  - -Informed by public participation

-Available as a third-party validator for local issues

Lee, 2020



# Challenges

- Ammonia slip
- Formaldehyde
- Ethylene oxide
- Cold Start
- High Altitude
- Other emissions processes: evaporative, running losses, brake and tire wear



#### **International Considerations**

#### **Regions**:

U.S., Europe, China, Australia Latin America Africa

#### Vehicle life cycle:

new vehicle markets used vehicle markets Variations in:

Fuel quality Fuel type Vehicle type/fleet Road type Land use patterns OBD I/M (etc.)



### Fit-for-Purpose Mobility & Transport Solutions

- Personal passenger transport urban centers, inter-city
- Local goods transport and delivery
- Long-haul transport
- Vehicle sharing
- Autonomous vehicles
- Intermodal travel
- Work from home



### **Related Issues**

Supply chain

Energy Transitions (e.g., more electrification)

- Critical mineral availability or substitutability
- Environmental and other implications



### Spatial Variation in Real-World Light Duty Vehicle Exhaust Emission Rates

Article



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Geospatial Variation of Real-World Tailpipe Emission Rates for Light-Duty Gasoline Vehicles

Read Online

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### **Air Pollution Mapping**

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Article

#### High-Resolution Air Pollution Mapping with Google Street View Cars: Exploiting Big Data

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### Median Organic Aerosol Concentration from a Mobile Aerosol Mass Spectrometer

Atmos. Chem. Phys., 18, 16325–16344, 2018 https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-18-16325-2018 © Author(s) 2018. This work is distributed under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 License.



#### High-spatial-resolution mapping and source apportionment of aerosol composition in Oakland, California, using mobile aerosol mass spectrometry

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### Vehicle Add on Mobile Monitoring Systems (VAMMS) for Wildfire Smoke



- Ambient PM is sampled through an external isokinetic probe (@ 35 mph)
- Window mount provides an easy install on any vehicle
- High resolution GPS data (<3m accuracy)</li>
- System cost is currently high (about \$9k), but EPA is developing lower-cost solutions



### **RETIGO (Real-Time Geospatial Data Viewer)**

- Web-based data visualization tool available to the public
- Plug and play visualization of VAMMS data:
  - Mapping
  - Time series
  - Toggle between parameters
  - Import data from other sources (e.g,. AirNow, WMO)



Courtesy: Gayle Hagler

https://www.epa.gov/hesc/real-time-geospatial-data-viewer-retigo

### **Set EPA**

Quantification of Sources of Variability of Air Pollutant Exposure Concentrations among Selected Transportation Microenvironments

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#### **Community Engaged Participatory Air Monitoring**

- Partnership of a university and community-based organization
- Trained local youth
- Incorporated community members into data collection
- Temporal as well as spatial variability



Fine Particulate Matter and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Concentration Patterns in Roxbury, Massachusetts: A Community-Based GIS Analysis

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Figure 4. GIS representation of cell-averaged, 1-min average PAH concentrations near Dudley Square, derived from mobile PAS 2000CE monitoring in July/August 1999 (ng/m<sup>3</sup>).

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#### **Youth Engaged Participatory Air** Monitoring

"With all of this new information, I want to educate my community on how harmful these particulates are, and how change should begin with personal choices people make throughout their day"

International Journal of Environmental Research Public Health

MDPI

Article

Youth Engaged Participatory Air Monitoring: A 'Day in the Life' in Urban Environmental **Justice Communities** 



Jill E. Johnston <sup>1,\*</sup>, Zully Juarez <sup>1</sup>, Sandy Navarro <sup>2</sup>, Ashley Hernandez <sup>3</sup> and Wendy Gutschow <sup>1</sup> Figure 2. Map of PM<sub>2.5</sub> air monitoring exposure measurements from all CBE youth participants.



# **Data Challenges and Opportunities**

- Large datasets
- Participatory Science
- Study design (purpose)
- Space
- Time
- Instruments
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
- Applications: Policy, Planning, Operations, Evaluation

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# **Opportunities**

- Vehicle emissions measurements are part of multiple frameworks
  - One Health
  - Health Impact Assessment
  - Cumulative Impacts
  - Others: energy life cycle, materials life cycle (critical minerals), etc.
- Evidence-based approach to inform decisions at multiple scales: international, national, regional, community
- Integration with other scientific, technical, research, policy, planning, operations, and evaluation communities



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