

# From the Laboratory to the Real World

## Understanding Community Impacts



FROM THE LABORATORY TO THE REAL WORLD:  
UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY IMPACTS

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# Topics:

1. **Quick Tour of NVFEL's Testing Capabilities**
2. **The Marriage of Laboratory and Real-World Testing Yields More Data**
3. **Cleaner Air and Communities**





Ann Arbor, MI



# EPA's National Vehicle & Fuel Emissions Laboratory

OTAQ-NVFEL is a state-of-the-art test facility that provides EPA with the highest quality data to support Regulatory Policy-Development and Certification-Compliance, with a wide array of dynamometer and analytical testing & engineering services for EPA's motor vehicles, heavy-duty engine, and nonroad engine programs. *NVFEL is ISO 17025:2017 accredited and ISO 14001:2015 certified.*

## Establishing National Standards

Technology-Forcing  
Engines, Vehicles, Fuels

## Certification and Compliance

Tailpipe pollution, GHG/ fuel economy  
Fuels used in vehicles or mobile equipment

## Advanced Vehicle Technology Assessments

Support for States, Voluntary Programs and Communities





# ISO 17025:2017 Accreditation for testing and calibration laboratories



## Accreditation for these Exhaust Emissions procedures

Specific Tests and/or Properties Measured	Specification, Standard, Method, or Test Technique	Items, Materials or Product Tested
Exhaust Emissions: NO <sub>x</sub> , THC, CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O & PM	40 CFR Part 86 Subpart B & 40 CFR Part 1066 - FTP, HWY, US06, SC03 Test Procedures	Vehicle Testing: 1977 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicles and Light-Duty Trucks
Exhaust Emissions: NO <sub>x</sub> , THC, CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, CO <sub>2</sub> & N <sub>2</sub> O	40 CFR Part 1065 Subparts A-H - Engine Test Procedures 40 CFR Part 1054 Subpart F - Test Procedures	Engine Testing: Nonroad Spark-Ignition Engines at or Below 19 Kilowatts
Exhaust Emissions: NO <sub>x</sub> , THC, CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O & PM	40 CFR Part 86 Subpart A & 40 CFR Part 1065 Subparts A-H - Cold & Hot FTP, RMC Test Procedures	Engine Testing: 1977 and Later Model Year New Heavy-Duty On-Highway Engines
Exhaust Emissions: NO <sub>x</sub> , THC, CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O & PM	40 CFR Part 1039 & 40 CFR Part 1065 Subpart A-H - Cold & Hot NRTC, RMC, 8 Mode Test Procedures	Engine Testing: New and In-Use Non-Road Compression Ignition Engines
Exhaust Emissions: NO <sub>x</sub> , THC, CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O & PM	40 CFR Part 1042 & 40 CFR Part 1065 Subpart A-H - E3 & E5 Test Procedures	Engine Testing: New and In-Use Marine Compression Ignition Engines
Exhaust Emissions: THC, CO & CO <sub>2</sub>	40 CFR Part 86 Subpart C - Cold CO FTP Test Procedure	Vehicle Testing: 1994 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicles and Light-Duty Trucks
Exhaust Emissions: NO <sub>x</sub> , THC, CH <sub>4</sub> , CO, CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O & PM: State of Charge	40 CFR Part 86 Subpart B & 40 CFR Part 1066 Electric / Hybrid Electric Vehicle Testing Process	Vehicle Testing: 1977 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicles and Light-Duty Trucks at or below 14,000 Pounds GVWR
Fuel Permeation Mass	40 CFR Part 1060 Subpart F & I Fuel Line Permeation Test Procedure	Fuel Line Testing: Nonroad Spark-Ignition (SI) Engines

Plus, accreditation for 23 Fuels and Chemistry procedures.

# Light Duty Vehicle Sites w/ 4WD Dynos

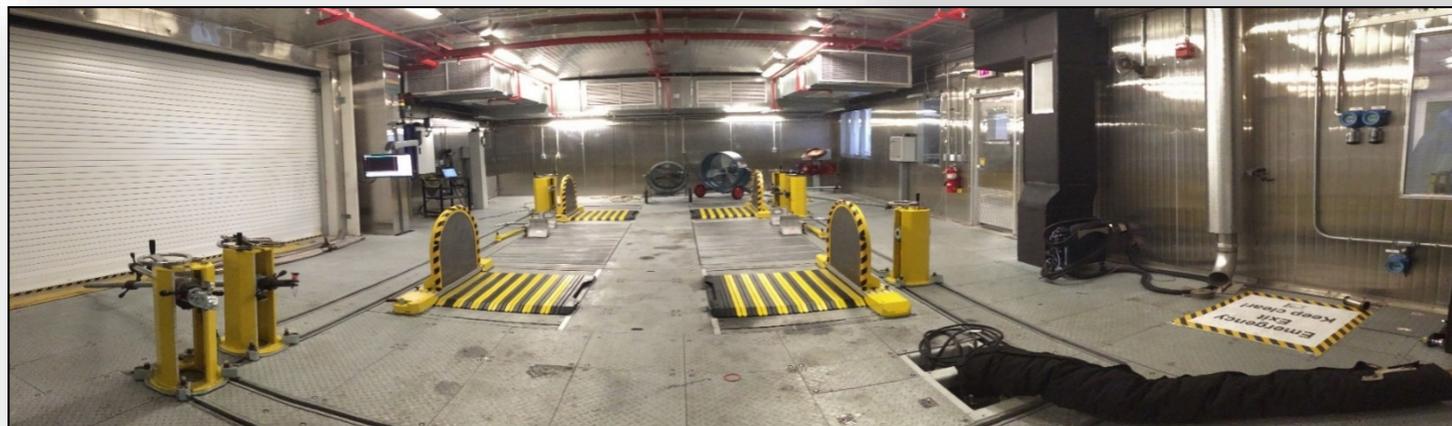
- Tier 3 / LEV III emissions capability, with particulate measurement
- Hybrid and BEV test capable, determining State of Charge / range testing
- 4-Wheel Drive - 48" twin roll dynos to 14,000 lbs inertia weight
  - 4WD reduces complexity (and voided tests) associated w/ testing on single axle dyno when ABS, traction control, etc. must be deactivated to get a valid test



# Cold Test Facility for Light-Duty Vehicles

**Environmental chamber verifies vehicles meet cold test temperature cycle emission standards and verify fuel economy under cold temperature test conditions for the 5-cycle fuel economy performance label.**

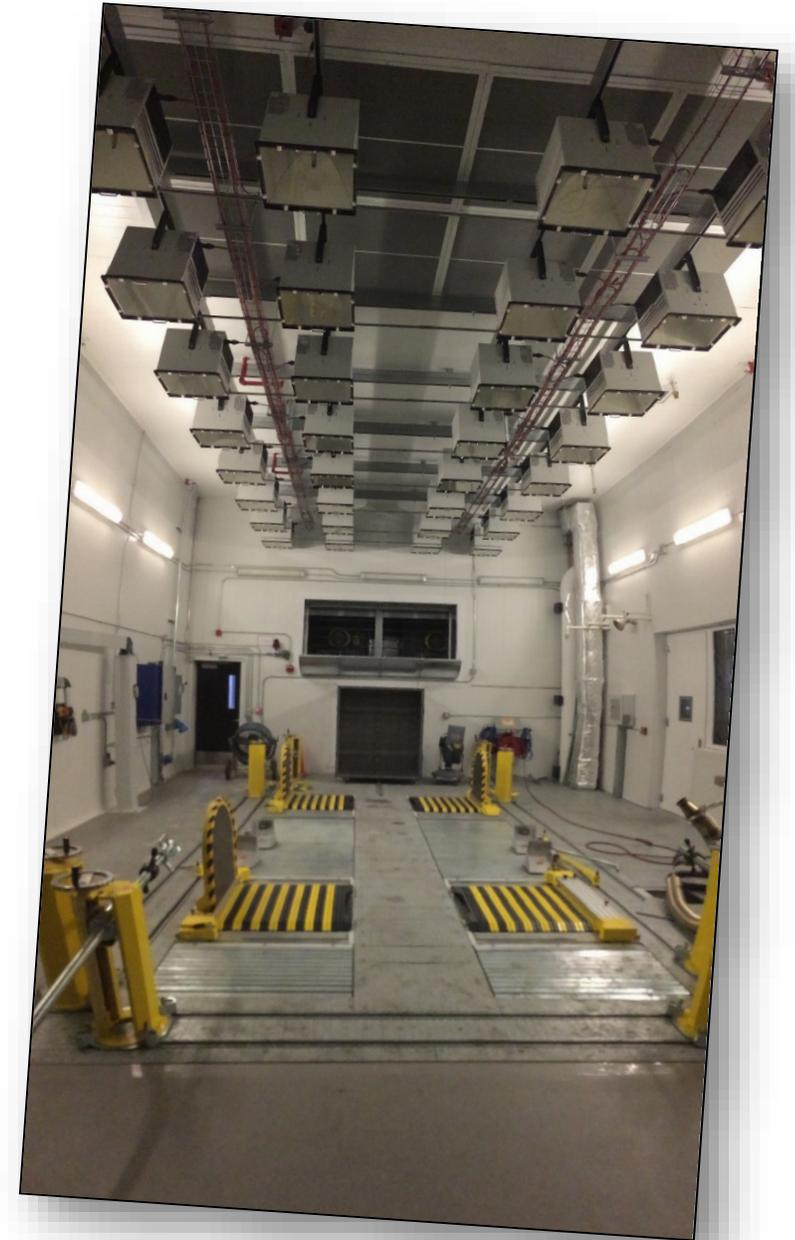
- Cold testing capability down to (20°F) -7°C
- Gas & diesel analytical capability
- Adjacent cold soak area for several vehicles
- Highly flexible master (host) test control system
- 4WD dyno, Tier 3 emissions



# Hot Test Facility for SC03 Light-Duty

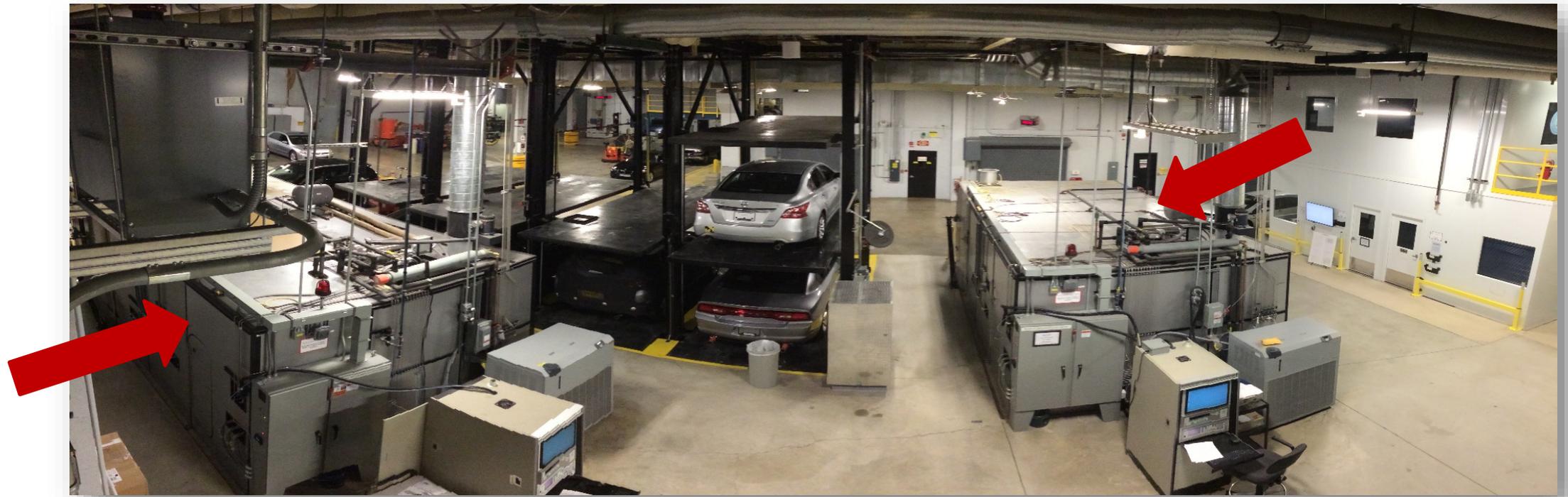
**Environmental chamber verifies vehicles meet hot test temperature test cycle emission standards and verifying Air Conditioner impacts on fuel economy for the 5-cycle fuel economy label performance.**

- Simulation of solar loading using heat lamp banks
- Hot testing capability up to 95°F (35°C)
- Humidity 100 grains/lb
- Road speed simulation fan
- Gas & diesel analytical capability
- Highly flexible master (host) test control system
- 4WD dyno, Tier 3 emissions



# Variable Temperature Sealed Housing Evaporative Determination (VT SHED)

- Two Evaporative Emissions SHEDs measure evaporative emissions
- Diurnal temperature cycling and alcohol (E15-E20) capable



# Heavy Duty Truck Chassis Tests

## Unique - HD Chassis Test Site for trucks and buses

- Simulated road testing of Class 4 to Class 8 vehicles, 2-wheel drive or 4-wheel drive
- Twin 72" rolls, with either roll capable of tandem drive axles absorption
- Each roll capable of 80,000 lbs (36k kg) inertia weight, plus additional up and down grade loading
- Movable rear roll allows for different vehicle wheelbases
- Analytical emissions (gas & diesel) measurement per most stringent requirements (40CFR Part1066)
- 250 HP road speed fan provides engine compartment wind cooling simulation
- Concurrent soak of an additional truck



# PART 1065 Engine Testing-Large, Medium and Small

## Different sites for different engine power

- Large diesel engine: 150kW – 450kW
- Medium diesel or gas engine: 30kW – 150kW
- Small gas engine: 2-19kW, vertical & horizontal shaft
- Emissions per EPA 40CFR Part 1065
- Medium & Large - Full Flow Dilution Tunnels for diesel sampling
- Bag and modal emission gas sampling & particulate sampler
- Two small handheld engine dynos
- Small engine 2-stroke and 4-stroke benches



# Chemistry Lab & Fuels Dispensing

## CHEMISTRY LAB

- Approx. 60 instruments
  - Physical Properties of Fuel: distillation, density, RVP, net heating value, viscosity, flash point
  - Chemical Properties of Fuel and Exhaust: GC-FID, GC-TCD, HPLC, SFC, GC-MS, CHN Analyzer, WD-XRF, ED-XRF, Sulfur Analyzer, FTIR, UV-Vis, HPLC-MS, Q-TOF, GC-QQQ, ICP-QQQ, Magnetic-Sector Mass Spectrometer
- Analytical Capabilities
  - Approx. 80 running methods including ASTM, ISO, and EN, for the analysis of fuel and exhaust composition
  - Routine analyses include: sulfur in fuels, olefin content, aromatics composition, oxygenates content, glycerides, carbonyls
  - Development and Specialized: ethylene oxide emissions, N<sub>2</sub>O in exhaust, DHA, hydrocarbon speciation, metals analyses

## FUEL DISPENSING

- Conditioning fuel dispensing for 16 fuels, and underground and barrel/tote storage/dispensing for dozens more liquid fuels for regulatory development or as mandated by EPA regulations



# Metrology Lab & Gas-Standards Lab

## Metrology Lab →

- Provides standard calibrations for over 250 devices
  - Pressures & Temperatures
  - Humidity & Flow & Weights
  - Frequency, Voltages & Currents(O-Scopes, Power Quality Analyzers, Precision Resistors)



## ← Gas-Standards Lab

- Provides NIST & ISO traceable calibrations, including error analysis
- Master Bench Gas blending and standard naming of analyzer span gases
- Monitoring and supply house gases

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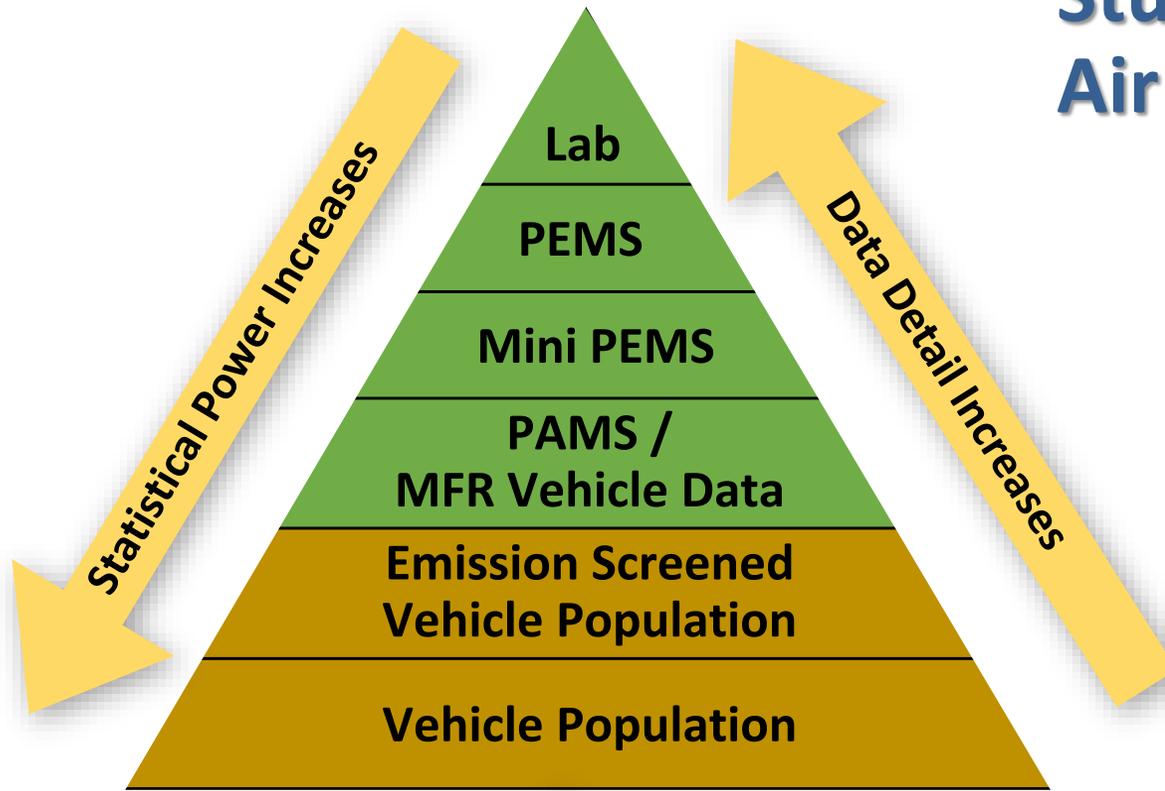
# It Takes a Suite of Discovery Tools!



<https://theawesomedaily.com/41-one-of-these-things-is-not-like-the-other-pictures/>

**Some things are well hidden and require special examination!**

# Studying, Modeling and Enforcing Air Quality Requires Ample Data



**Regional & Local Air Quality Modelling**

- NVFEL capabilities
- Data we partner to obtain

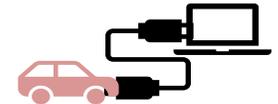
## Laboratory Testing Data:

- Obtain detailed emissions data over different types of driving cycles



## Portable Emission Measurements (mini-PEMS & PEMS):

- Obtain activity, emissions, and temporal allocation



## Portable Activity Measurements (PAMS) Data:

- Hundreds of vehicles measured over several weeks to months in real world
- Obtain activity and temporal allocation



## Emission Screening of Vehicle Population Data:

- Remote Sensing tools: HEAT, Portable tent
- Random population evaluated for days to months
- Obtain emission "snap shots" to evaluate distribution of emissions



## Vehicle Population Data:

- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Port Gate Data
- Fleet Data
- Obtain population and temporal allocation



# Using the Whole Suite of Tools!



- 1 Historical LD Test Procedure Changes:** we have learned that on-road driver behaviors and choices impact results seen from standard EPA-cycle emission tests alone (*EPA's move from 2 to 5 cycles for fuel economy testing*).
- 2 Evaluating Current Test Procedures:** NVFEL uses on-road test data to evaluate & validate lab test procedures.
- 3 Searching Other Datasets:** On-road datasets can give all of us early warning data of possible vehicle compliance concerns.
- 4 Evaluating Vehicle Emissions using PEMS:** NVFEL uses routine on-road driving to obtain more data about vehicle emissions.
- 5 Researching Vehicle "Signatures":** Looking for changes in a vehicle operating "signatures" – both on-road & on-dyno.

# 1 Historical LD Test Procedure Changes

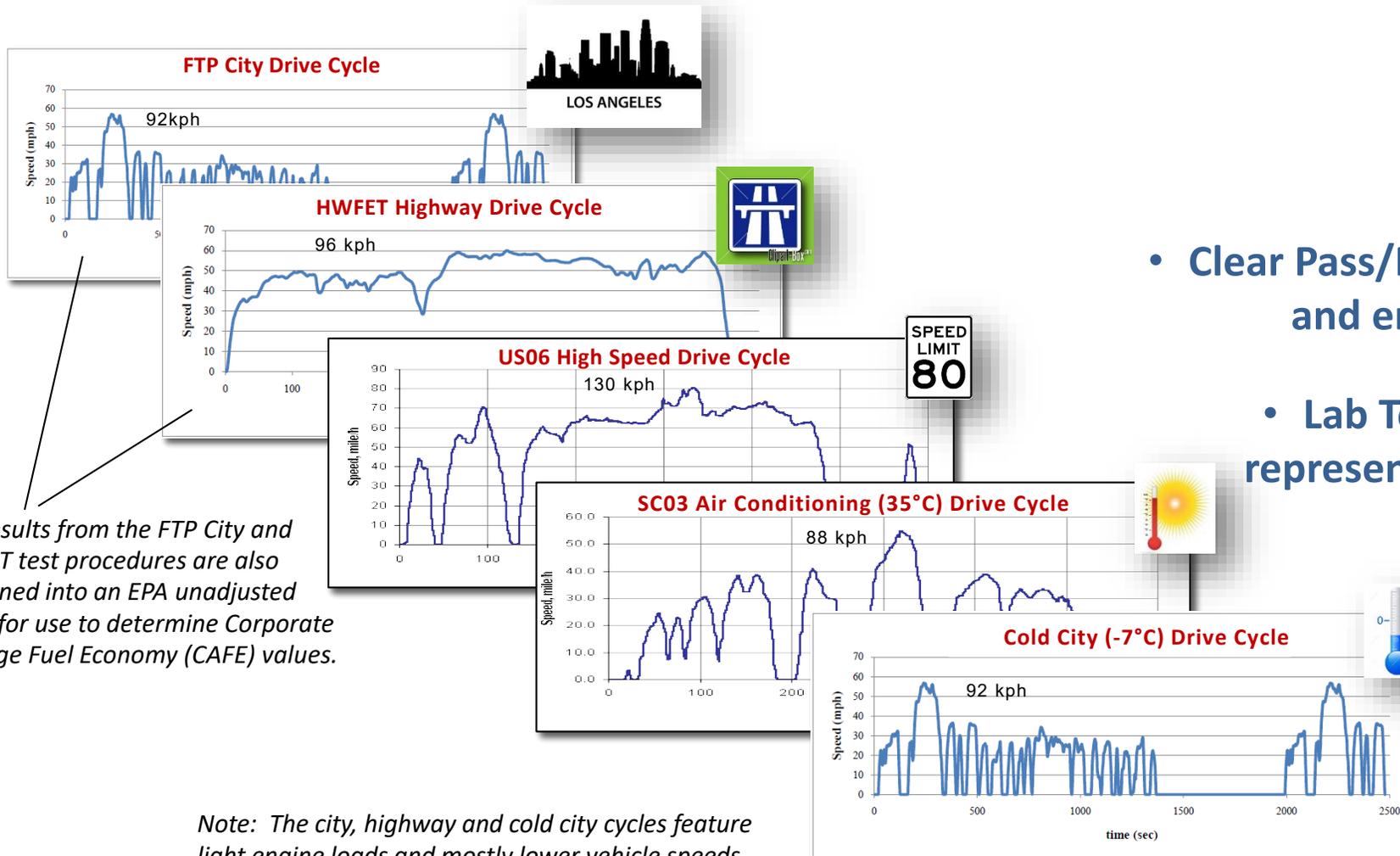
Driver behaviors and technology choices impact results from standard EPA-cycle emission tests

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# We have had to add new test cycles to get more data!

Light-Duty Vehicles are now tested on **5** Standard Test Procedures



The results from the FTP City and HWFET test procedures are also combined into an EPA unadjusted value for use to determine Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) values.

Note: The city, highway and cold city cycles feature light engine loads and mostly lower vehicle speeds.

- Clear Pass/Fail Tests provided compliance and enforcement surety/confidence
- Lab Test cycles were intended to be representative of real-world operation – broad & expanded tests
- Stringent lab tests and greater measurement precision

# We don't expect technology choices and driver behaviors to stop changing, so we keep looking...

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<b>Examples of changes that could be coming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smoother autonomous driving</li> <li>• Optimize connected driving (anticipate stoplights)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptive cruising</li> <li>• No pedals</li> <li>• Optimized for platooning</li> <li>• Optimized for single occupant</li> <li>• Hybrid system synergies</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared mobility</li> <li>• Increases in VMT</li> <li>• Self-parking</li> <li>• Delivery tasks (last mile delivery)</li> <li>• Personal pickup / delivery (Chicago pizza)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More fuel used for powering electronics</li> <li>• BEVs emit at the powerplant</li> </ul>

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## 2 Evaluating Current Test Procedures

### Using On-Road Tests to Evaluate & Validate EPA Lab Test Procedures

#### ***Focusing on what is needed to improve and enhance laboratory test procedures***

**General Principle:** The more we know about in-use vehicle driving and emissions behavior (during on-road and on-dyno driving relative to lab-based testing), the better we will be able to ensure clean air from our regulations by identifying gaps in lab test procedures & infrastructure.

- There is an increasing focus of on-road emissions (within OTAQ, CARB, environmentalists and globally).
- Helps us detect issues seen on-road, looking at how relevant and accurate lab testing is now.
- In-use data should come from both **EPA** and **outside** sources (national labs, CARB, 3<sup>rd</sup> parties like AAA, Verizon, etc.)
- Enables us to creatively think of what the lab testing can do to better reflect real world on-road conditions.

<https://www.treehugger.com/strange-roads-you-can-actually-drive-4869235>



<https://autotechreview.com/cover-stories/real-driving-simulation-on-a-high-altitude-climate-roller-dynamometer>

# Differences between lab on-dyno and real-world on-road

## Laboratory (on-dyno)

- Humidity and temperature are controlled
- Values like calibrated torque easier to measure
- Calibration standards regularly checked in controlled environment.
- Effects of grade are controlled
- Tests are highly repeatable from a test cell perspective.
- Fuel make up and temperature highly controlled
- Complex equipment like fuel meters for engines are easier to utilize
- Drive cycles easier to precisely repeat
- Evaporative SHED testing is easier and more controllable
- Laboratory grade instruments generally the most accurate and precise.
- CVS tunnel

## Real-World (on-road)

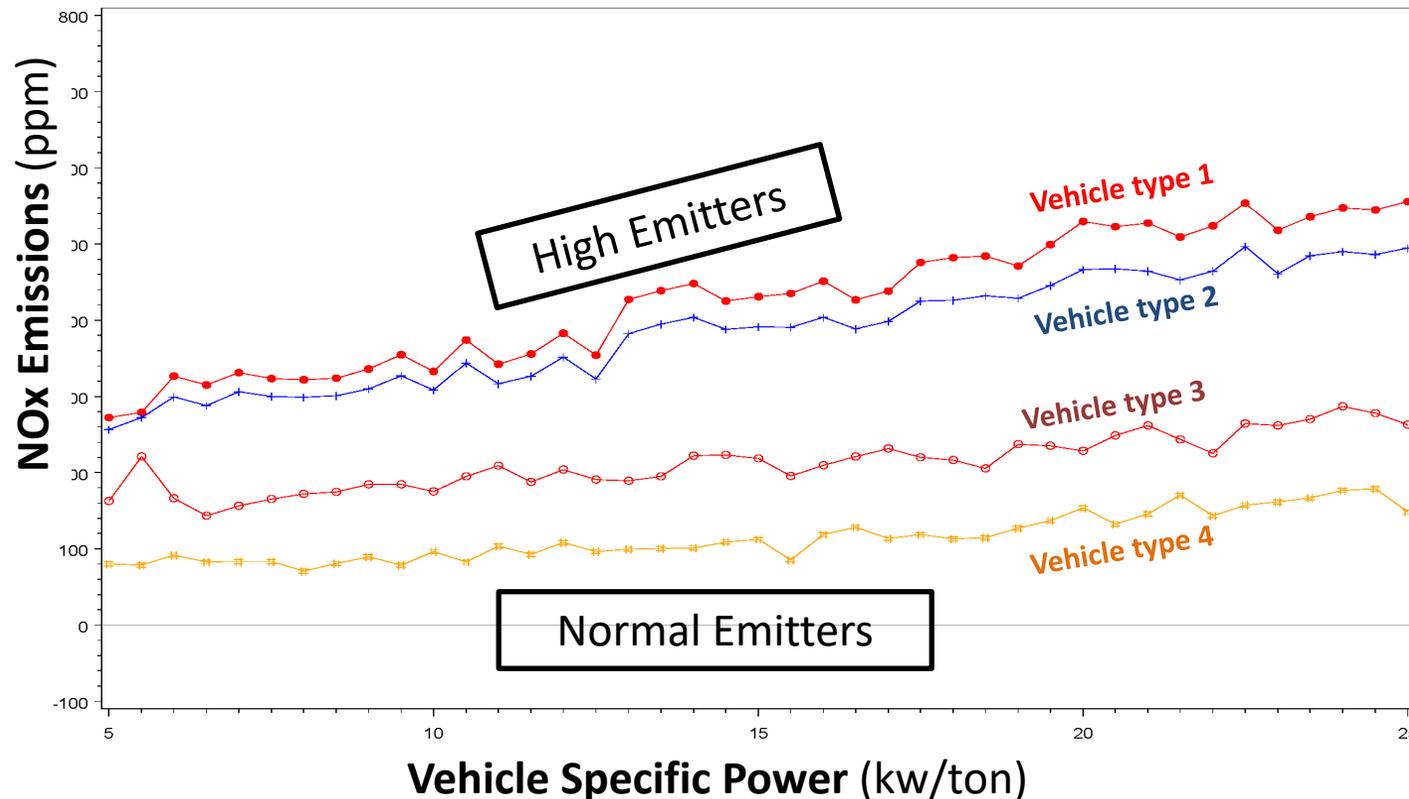
- Equipment generally less expensive
- Can test articles that can't easily be tested in a dynamometer i.e., locomotive, bulldozer, marine ships.
- May experience conditions not easy to replicate, temperature, humidity, altitude.
- Since the equipment is less expensive, broader testing is more cost effective.
- Easier to obtain representative cross section of the population of interest.
- Does not require disassembling the test article to test it.
- Longitudinal data more easily obtained
- Real life situations that are unplanned or unexpected are discoverable
- Easier to test generate variable test conditions like, e.g., altitude

## 3

## Searching Other Datasets

Some emission concerns are detected in real-world testing

Remote sensing tests have the potential to find “high-emitters” by grouping the emission data by MY, make, model, engine size, fuel used, and then plotting using vehicle specific power and emission concentrations.



### Tool-set utilized:

- **Remote Sensing Data (RSD)** noticed high NOx emitters
- **PEMS on-road** testing used to confirm vehicles problems
- **LAB on-dyno** testing to create forensic datasets

## 4

## Evaluating Vehicle Emissions Using PEMS

Searching for indicators of possible high emissions during on-road driving

**A goal of EPA's Real-World driving tests is to determine if a car-SUV-pickup behaves the same (or differently) in the chassis dyno during emissions test compared with operation on public roads during "Real World" driving.**

- The vehicle emissions system effectiveness and behaviors during everyday road driving should be consistent with emissions during EPA's 5 standard test procedures.

**Another goal is to identify modes of operation or areas of emissions that could be better represented in our standard emissions testing.**

- It isn't uncommon to discover modes of operation, and emissions characteristics with PEMS that aren't always readily apparent during standard dynamometer testing.



On-road PEMS testing

# Using PEMS to study new technologies and varying vehicle operation is generating data used to study and model air quality

- Robust air quality modeling requires a deep understanding of vehicle population, real-world vehicle use and emission profiles.
- Screening all types of vehicles for emission levels
- Any compliance actions for current and future regulations require rigorous laboratory testing.

**Future diverse engines, powertrains, HEVs, PHEVs, EVs, autonomous vehicles, different fuels, etc. have made monitoring and modeling of real-world activity and use for today's vehicles much more challenging and complex.**



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# Researching Vehicle "Signatures"

## Looking at vehicle emission behaviors between on-road driving and on-dyno tests



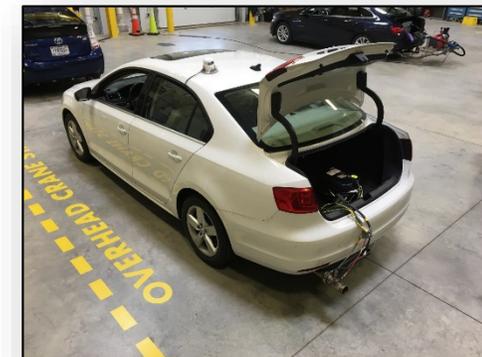
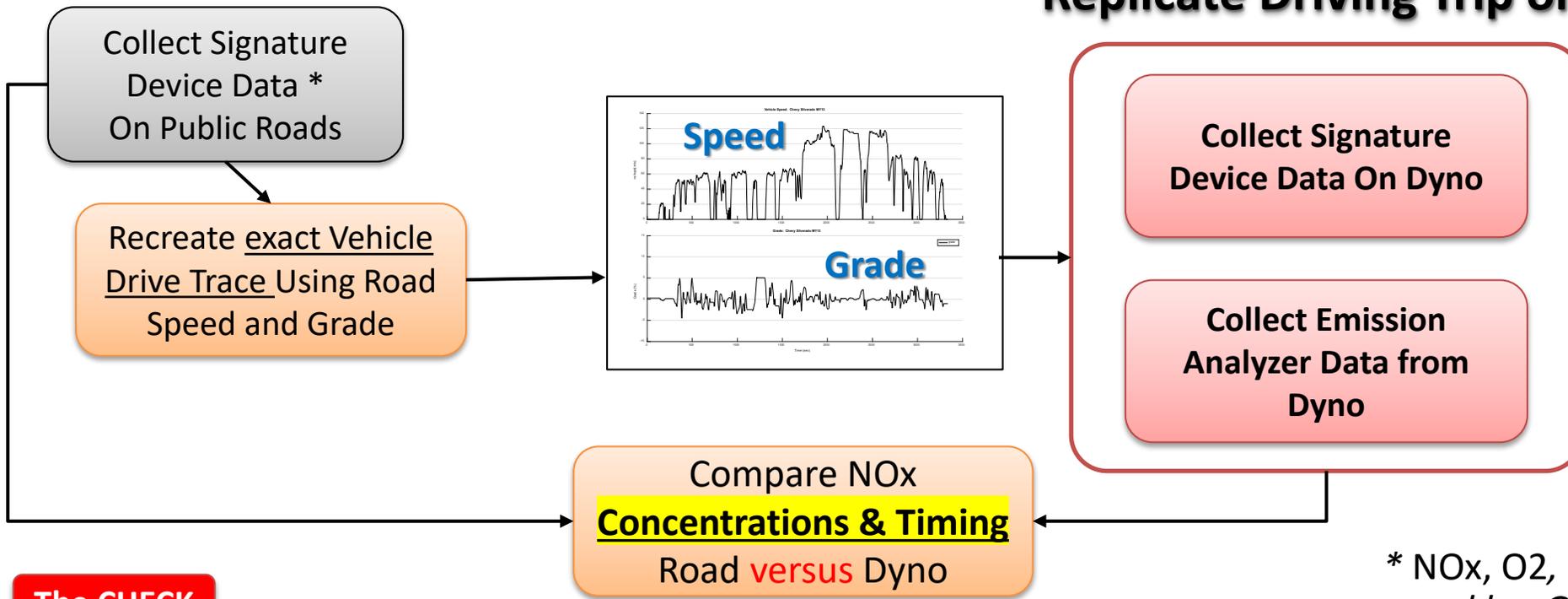
### Motor Vehicle Emission Control Quality Monitoring for On-Road Driving: Dynamic Signature Recognition of NO<sub>x</sub> & NH<sub>3</sub> Emissions

Xiaoguo Tang, John Kargul, and Dan McBryde US Environmental Protection Agency

Citation: Tang, X., Kargul, J., and McBryde, D., "Motor Vehicle Emission Control Quality Monitoring for On-Road Driving: Dynamic Signature Recognition of NO<sub>x</sub> & NH<sub>3</sub> Emissions," SAE Technical Paper 2020-01-0372, 2020, doi:10.4271/2020-01-0372.

## START with Driving Trip on the Road

## Replicate Driving Trip on the Dyno



Small lower-cost mini-PEMS

### The CHECK

If both comparisons are not consistent, then investigate and diagnose:

- Is the difference an on-road measurement artifact (false positive)?
- Is the difference associated with defect in the emissions control system?
- Is the difference associated with an AECD?

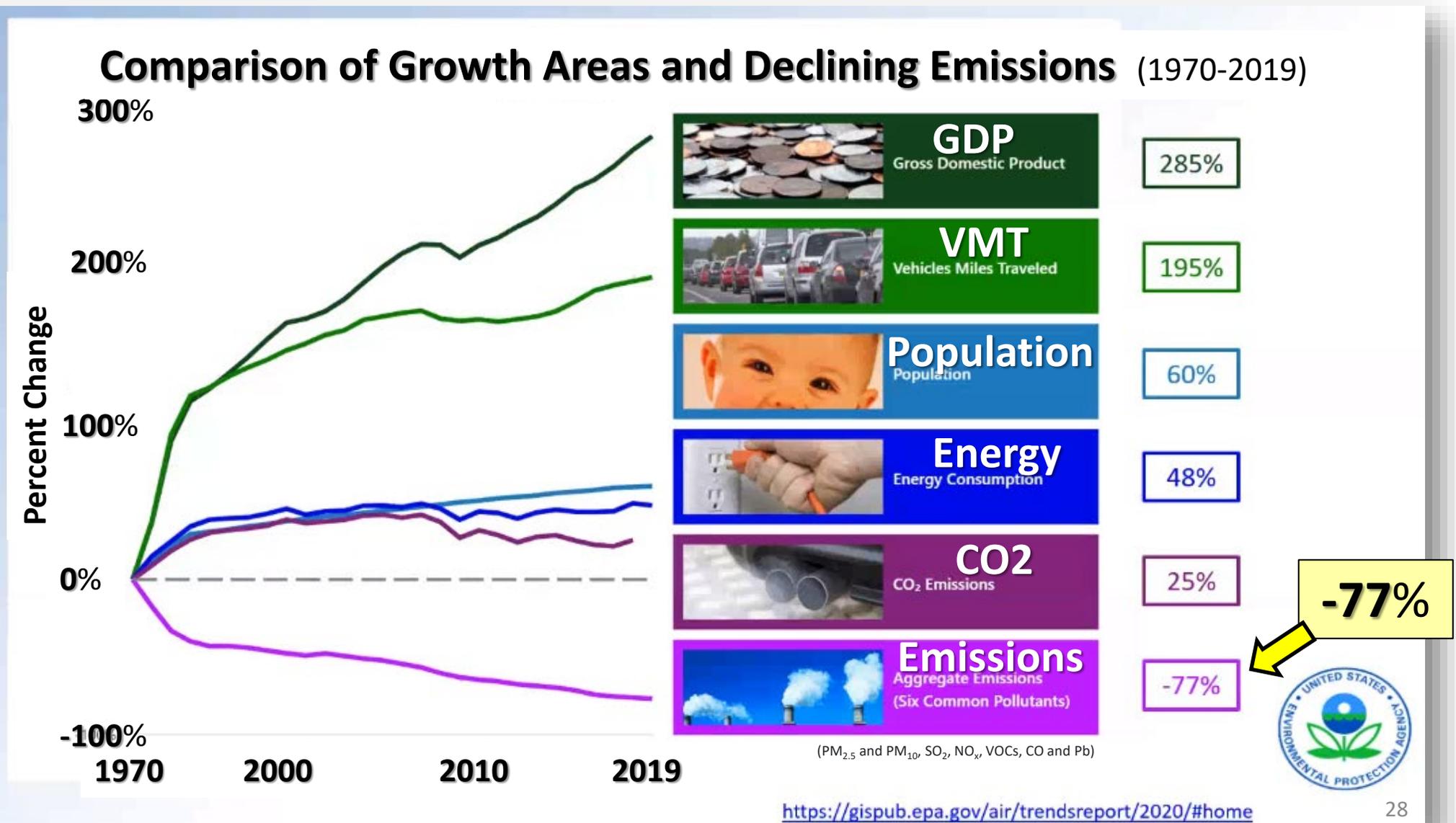
\* NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, tailpipe exhaust gas temp and log GPS (speed, time, distance, elevation)

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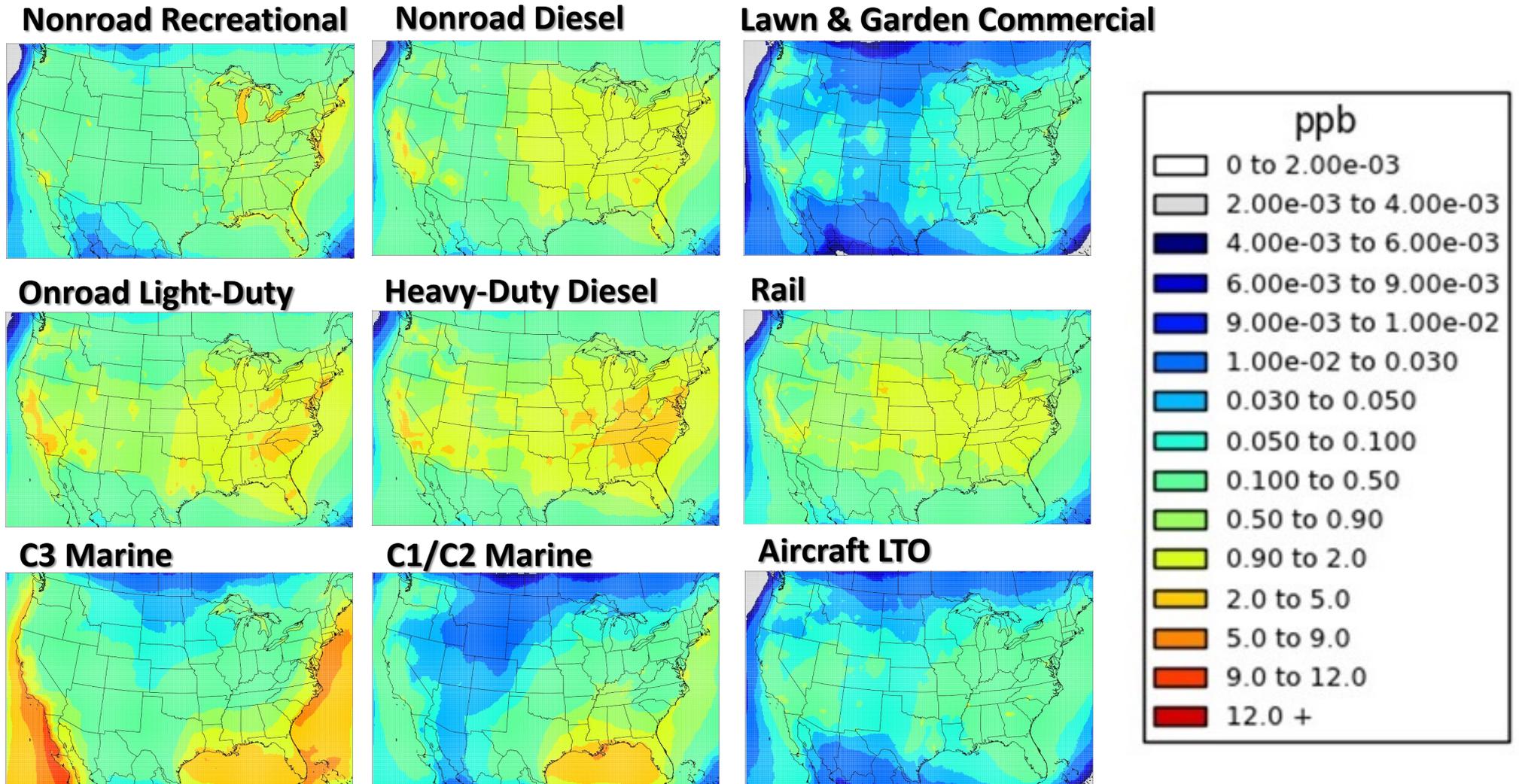
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# Historical Trends Tell One Important Part of the Tale

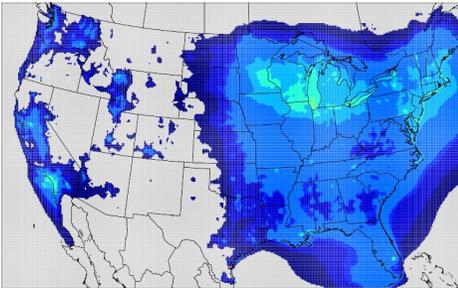


# Mobile Source NO<sub>x</sub> & VOC Contributions to Ozone in 2025

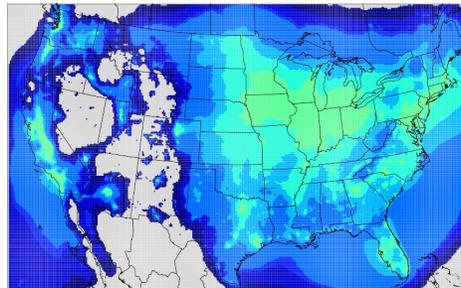


# Mobile Source Contributions to PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2025 \*

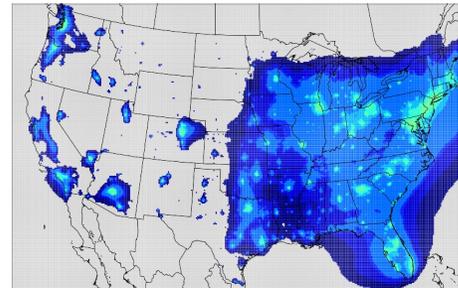
**Nonroad Recreational**



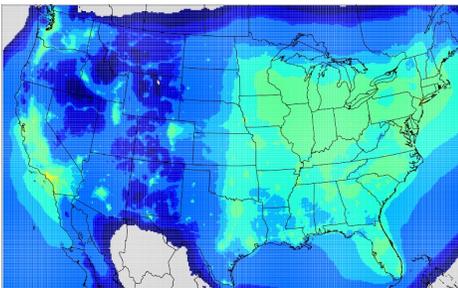
**Nonroad Diesel**



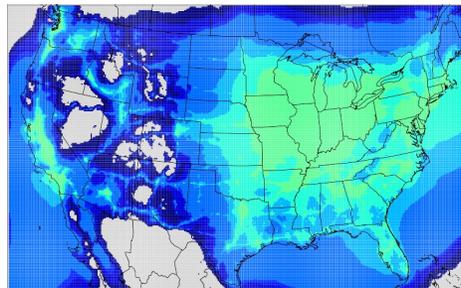
**Lawn & Garden Commercial**



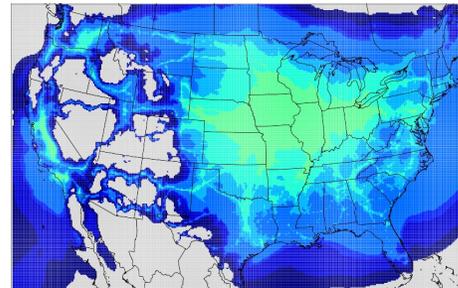
**Onroad Light-Duty**



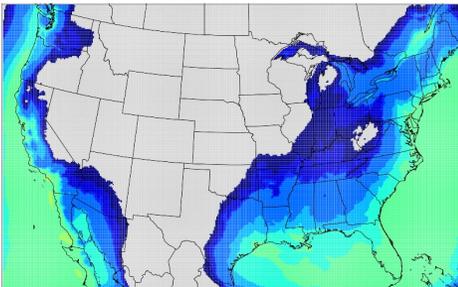
**Heavy-Duty Diesel**



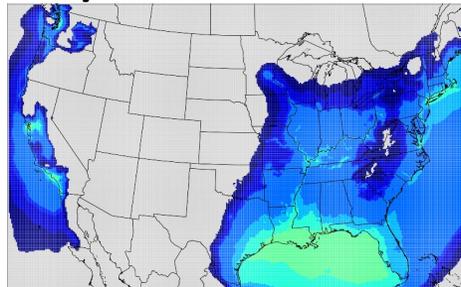
**Rail**



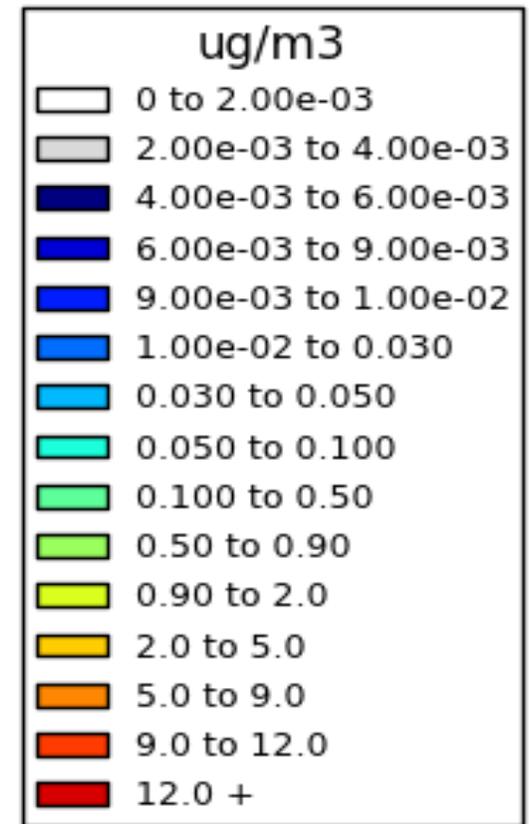
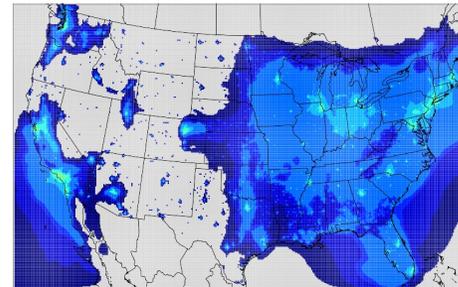
**C3 Marine**



**C1/C2 Marine**



**Aircraft LTO**



\*Includes both primary and secondarily formed PM

# Tale of Two Cities Communities



Los Angeles skyline 1980's



Los Angeles skyline after a winter storm March 2015

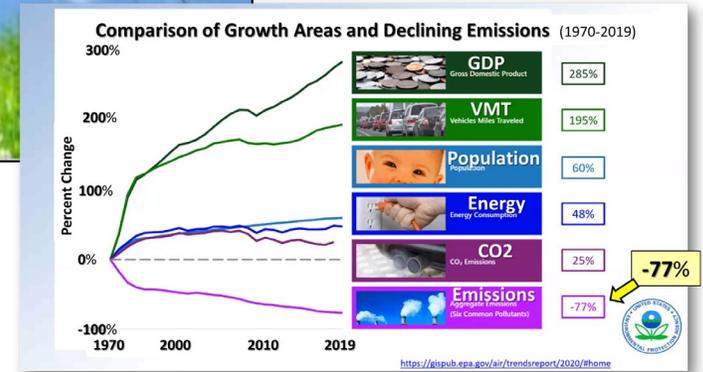


1968

2005



## Historical Trends in Emission Reduction



However, some communities and areas are still disproportionately affected by air pollution issues.

\*in aggregate emissions (nation-wide , 6 common pollutants)

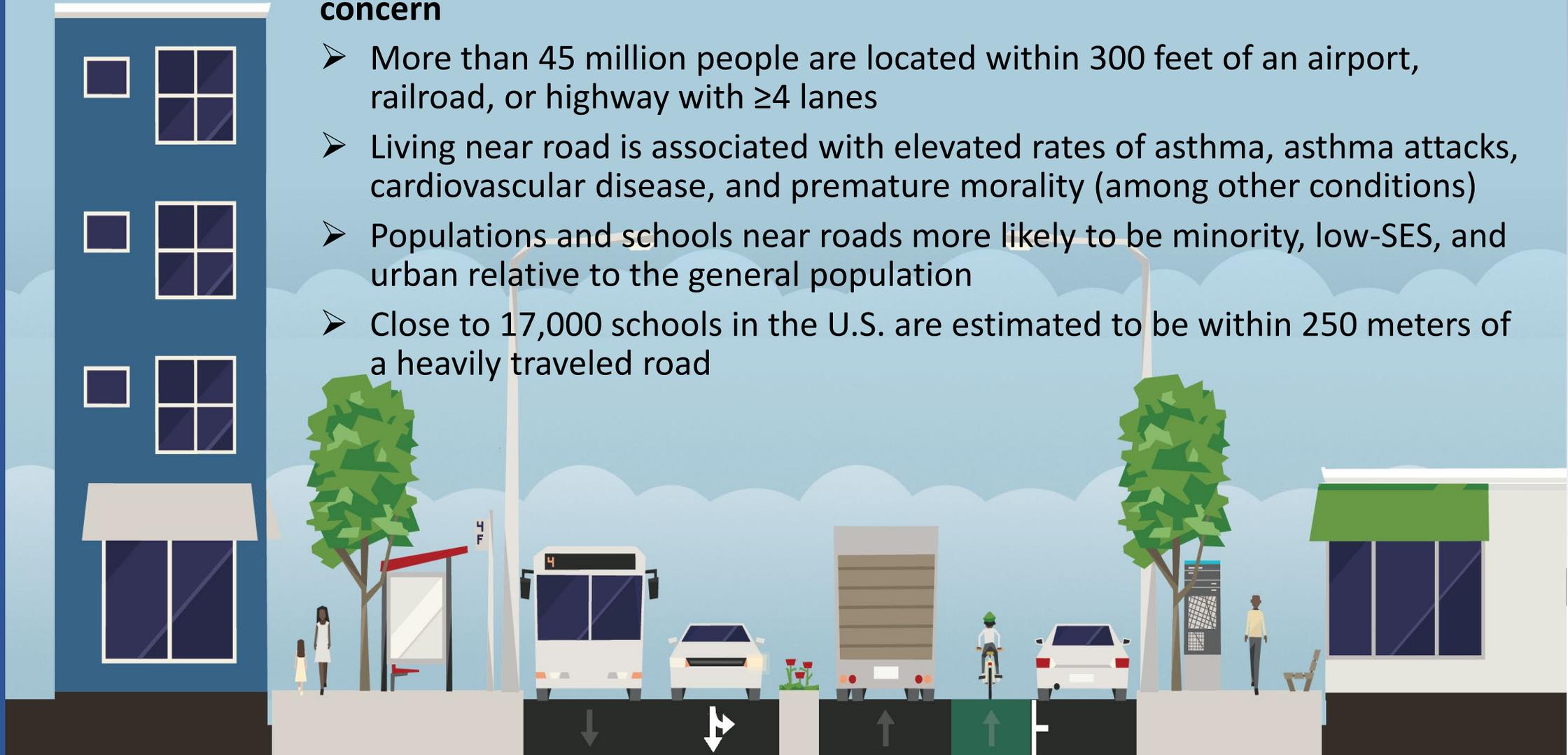


# Continued Community Exposure Tells Another Important Tale



## Air quality near roads, ports, airports and rail yards is a major public health concern

- More than 45 million people are located within 300 feet of an airport, railroad, or highway with  $\geq 4$  lanes
- Living near road is associated with elevated rates of asthma, asthma attacks, cardiovascular disease, and premature mortality (among other conditions)
- Populations and schools near roads more likely to be minority, low-SES, and urban relative to the general population
- Close to 17,000 schools in the U.S. are estimated to be within 250 meters of a heavily traveled road



# A Government-Wide Approach to Environmental Justice

Addressing disproportionate health and environmental impacts on disadvantaged communities is at the center of Biden's Climate Plan

Recent Executive Orders emphasize EJ as a top priority:

- Establishment of White House EJ Interagency and Advisory Councils to develop a government-wide strategy to address current and historic environmental injustice.
- Creation of the Justice40 Initiative – 40% of relevant federal benefits would flow to disadvantaged communities, focusing on clean energy, transit, sustainable housing, training, remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and clean infrastructure.
- Development of a Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool to publish interactive maps highlighting disadvantaged communities that will inform equitable decision making across the federal government.



Photo source: Angelo Logan, East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice presentation on 1/14/14 EPA webinar: "A National Conversation on the State of US Ports"

## EPA's Environmental Justice Definition:

**Fair  
Treatment**



**Meaningful  
Involvement**

*of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies*

# Promoting Environmental Justice through OTAQ Programs



## The EPA Ports Initiative

- Supports efforts to reduce diesel emissions at ports, which can pose health risks to nearby communities often comprised of low-income populations and people of color.
- Promotes community-port collaboration and effective engagement between the port industry and communities to address air quality concerns.



## Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program

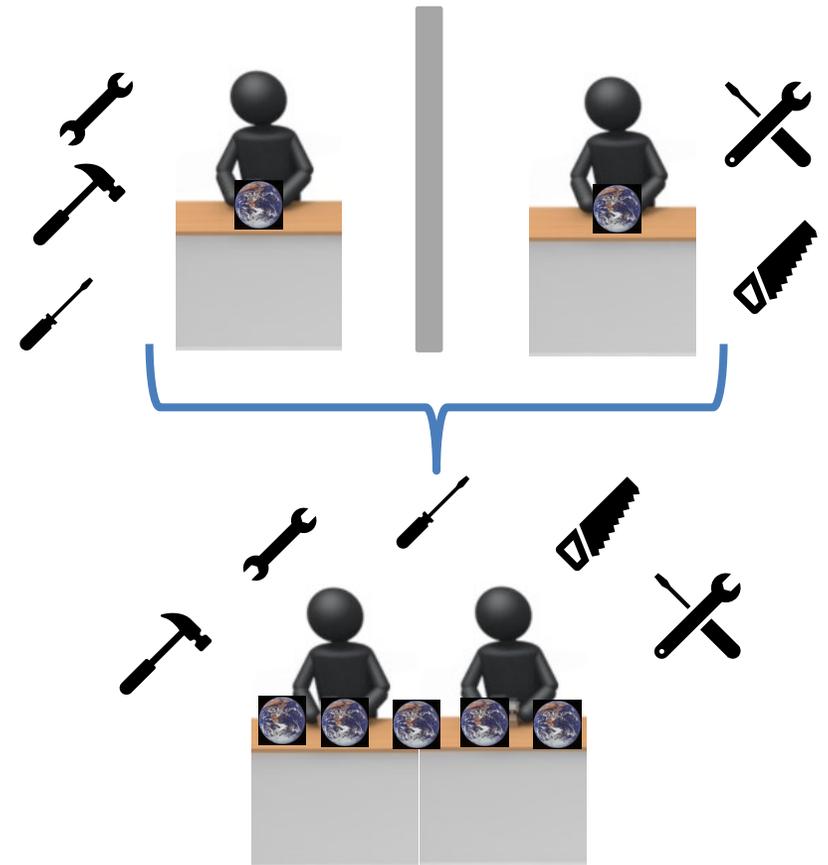
- Funds grants and rebates that protect human health and improve air quality by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines.
- Incentivizes fleet owners to purchase new, cleaner vehicles and engines and removes the old, polluting engines from service.
- Prioritizes projects that engage affected communities or take place in nonattainment areas, places with air toxic concerns, and goods movement areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel fleets.

### Ports Initiative Community-Port Collaboration Resources:

- Toolkit and Training Modules
  - *Ports Primer for Communities*
  - *Community Action Roadmap*
  - *EJ Primer for Ports*
- Case studies with lessons learned from Pilot Projects

# Invitation to explore ways to work together...

- Data being generated in laboratories and in-use monitoring operations today is needed to solve community-based problems
- Let's find ways to collaborate, working with your existing partners, creating new projects with EPA, and energizing citizen science.
- The more we can pull in the same direction, the greater the environmental and societal benefit!





Questions?

