

Air Toxics Monitoring Steering Committee
Meeting Notes
final - November 5, 2001

The Steering Committee meeting in Chicago was held at the end of the two-day, "Air Toxics Data Analysis workshop. The attendees list is attached.

At the workshop, pilot city workshop attendees presented preliminary, pilot data results the first day. The second day was devoted to Battelle, Sonoma Technology, and ICF contractors giving their data analysis results (which included future network design recommendations) based on the air toxics data archive and various case studies. (All presentations can be found at <http://www.ladco.org>) The following notes cover the key points and action items from the Steering Committee meeting:

1. Steve Bortnick of Battelle gave a synopsis of future work needed on the analysis of present (archive) and future (pilot city monitored results) data. He distributed a list of 12 items that are needed to complete the project. His recommended tasks included building consensus on the MDL reporting issue, assessing inter-laboratory variability, increasing QA tasks, finish/improve the website Battelle created to house air toxics monitoring data, include MET parameters into data analysis of the archived data, and possible inclusion of Hg data into the project. His estimate to cover this and related work ranged from \$650k to \$1 million. The Steering Committee agreed that the remaining funds in the LADCO contract (about \$70K) would not be used for analysis of the pilot city data, as originally planned, but to support the new activities discussed below (i.e., the data base and network design issues), as well as other to-be-defined analyses. Analysis of the pilot city data will be covered by a new contract for a to-be-determined amount.
2. Mike Gilroy from the Puget Sound Air Agency was adamant we start the national network rollout beginning in 2003. He also mentioned we were not monitoring for the diesel component and perhaps a mid-course correction of the project could include diesel indicator data. Much discussion then ensued about the large amount of samples and analytes needed to do diesel monitoring. Also the concept that most of our monitors will show a mobile signature was discussed..
3. The next major item of concern was the need to balance hot-spot monitoring with trends. Some discussion ensued about using mobile platforms (a topic that has been discussed throughout the pilot project.) The objectives of the study may also have to be revised, if we are to include hot spot monitoring. Everyone did agree that the meteorological data has to be included in any future monitoring, and any plans for revising the data archive should include this parameter.
4. Rich Scheffe gave the group an overview of how the toxics monitoring strategy fits with the overall monitoring strategy, and how a network would fit into the "NCORE" concept.
5. QA/data reporting. There was much discussion about the need for QA among the pilot cities, and that all states needed to have the data validation tools to complete the objectives of the program. Also,

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