

Air Toxics Monitoring Data Workgroup

- History

- At a recent meeting, APMs voiced their concerns regarding the need for more air toxics data interpretation, and the need to ensure more consistent interpretation on a national level.
- Discussions were initiated between the Regional Offices and Headquarters. A workgroup, headed by Carl Nash and Mike Jones, was formed to address these issues.

Workgroup's Focus

- Telling the Story/Selling the Program
 - What questions can we answer with the data we already have, and how can we interpret and communicate the results?
 - How can we ensure that future data will meet our needs?
- Technical Guidance
 - How can we ensure that future data will meet criteria for risk-related and other technical analyses?
 - What is currently available?
 - What do we still need/want?

Guidance Matrix

- Consists of a list of questions for which EPA and SLTs may need guidance:
 - Does this question have guidance? If so, is it sufficient? If not, should it be developed?
- Questions cover several subject areas:
 - Planning, Scoping, and Problem Formulation
 - Sample Collection, Transportation, and Lab Analysis
 - Data Review and Validation
 - Data Storage and Retrieval
 - Data Analysis/Interpretation

Next Steps

- Complete Matrix and determine what guidance is still needed.
- Provide this information to OAQPS to pursue development of the needed guidance.