

Additional Source Air Methods Under Development

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Goals

- Reliable and comprehensive emission measurement methods both targeted and nontargeted – are needed to measure volatile, semivolatile, nonvolatile, polar, and nonpolar PFAS for multiple purposes and sources
- The ability to measure PFAS as a class is a recognized Program Office need
- Field testing is critical to methods development and supports comprehensive source characterizations and technology evaluations
- Collaboration and partnership, both internal and external, is integral to these objectives and comes with challenges



Approach

- Evaluating canisters and thermal desorption tubes for polar and nonpolar volatile PFAS
 - Gas Chromotography/Mass Spectrometry analysis for targeted and nontargeted compounds
- High Resolution Mass Spectrometry nontargeted analyses (NTA) for polar and nonpolar volatile/semivolatile/non-volatile PFAS
- Total Organic Fluorine (TOF) by combustion/ion chromatography
- Innovative real-time measurement approaches
 - FTIR, Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry
- Source measurement approaches may also be applicable to ambient measurements





Current Status

- Canister method frequently used for volatile emissions testing and candidate for Other Test Method to be developed
 - Target PFAS analytes (30) representative of current interest (i.e., Products of Incomplete Combustion [PICs], industrial products, and more)
- NTA capabilities established and supporting multiple projects
- TOF method in early stages of development
 - Characterizing Combustion Ion Chromotography capabilities
 - Identifying candidate sampling sorbents
- Field evaluations still a critical need and difficult to access



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