Fuel-Based Mobile Source Emissions Inventory Methods

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A SMART SIGN

Provides emissions information for voluntary repairs and for fuel based emissions inventory.

Corpus Christi will have one soon.





Model vs Measure

- Model MOBILE
- Legally correct
- No uncertainty
- Very likely wrong

- On-road Remote Sensing
- Mass Emissions per gallon of fuel
- Need to go from State to local fuel data by census or DMV
- Quantified uncertainty

Model wrong compared to data in California



Kean et al. Env. Sci Tech., 37,3739-3746,2003.

DO NOT REMOVE NEGATIVE RSD READINGS FROM YOUR DATA SET

- It is WRONG to do so
- Vehicles with zero emissions should deliver an equal number of negative and positive readings
- Negative readings set to zero give them emissions they do not have



2000 NOx Emissions by Vehicle Class for a Metropolitan Are

(default VMT mix and applicable standards)

Remote Sensing versus IM240 Correlation in grams/kg

- Data averaged by model year correlate very well
- Cost of RSD: \$25,000
- Cost of IM240: \$25,000,000

Presented at CRC 2000, S. Pokharel et al

Denver 1999 NO



Calculations for Fuel-Based Approach







Calculations of Emission Factors in Fuel-Based Approach





- y = model year subgroup
- v = vehicle type subgroup (car or truck)
- t = fraction of travel of subgroup
- n = number of measurements of subgroup
- N = total number of measurements
- $f_{yv} = \frac{(t_{yv} / F_{yv})}{\sum_{v=V_1}^{V_n} \sum_{y=Y_1}^{Y_n} (t_{yv} / F_{yv})}$ $F_{yv} = \text{fuel economy of MY subgroup y and vehicle type v}$ $Y_1 \dots Y_n = \text{various model years measured}$ $V_1 \dots V_n = \text{vehicle types measured}$ $f_{yv} = \text{relative fuel economy of subgroup y and v}$



M = Emission factor of fleet

Statistics of Using RSD for Inventory

- One week's work
- 25,000 vehicles
- Approximately 5% variability in day to day average emissions
- Adding uncertainty in fuel economy and fuel sales in area: 10% overall uncertainty



Texas on-road Emissions



Map of Denver Area with Measurement Locations



Pokharel et al., Atmos. Environ. 36, 5177-5184, 2002



Implications

- RSD method ideal for mobile source emissions inventories
- Measurement and MOBILE disagree
- Only need one week of work and fuel sales to get fuel based emissions inventories with specified uncertainty.