

Department of Environmental Conservation

Methane Monitoring: Bronx, Buffalo, Stony Brook, Staten Island

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G2307 (HCHO) and G2204 (H2S)

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Regional vs Local

Methane[ppm] Station: NYBG Periodically: 3/13/2021 12:00 AM-3/15/2021 11:00 PM Type: AVG 1 Min. [1 Min.]





What causes 1-5 min spikes?

CH20_Raw[ppb] Station: NYBG Periodically: 9/4/2021 12:00 AM-9/4/2021 11:59 PM Type: AVG 1 Min. [1 Min.]



Propane powered golf carts, generators



Diurnal Seasonal Methane



Methane Time Series: 2 Days



Methane Time Series: 6 Days



The wind was out of the East



Diurnal Seasonal HCHO



You can have Ozone without HCHO but you can't have a lot of Ozone without HCHO



NYBG 1-Hr Data 6/1/20 - 9/27/21



NESCAUM - NYSERDA Project: LISTOS-EMP

- Establish a sampling site on Staten Island to measure ambient VOCs and met to investigate the contribution of upwind sources including the petrochemical industry and I-95 transportation corridor sources.

- VOC measurements from this new site and from sites in the Bronx and Rutgers will be analyzed using sector analysis and / or source apportionment techniques and compared to the EPA emissions inventory to better understand the sources of ozone precursors in the NYC region.



VOCs Measured May 17 and 18, 2017 Ranked by Reactivity with OH (UMD Flight Canister Data)



Isoprene is not dominant – Why?

Based on the 50 VOCs measured - does not include oxygenates, consumer products

From A. Ring, UMD, et al., in prep.; VOC can analysis by ME DEP



Staten Island VOC Monitoring Site: 3.4 km from Bayway Refinery



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Zooming Out

The monitoring site is downwind of multiple petroleum storage and distribution facilities.









Goethals Preliminary September Data compared to the Bronx PAMS July Data

Bronx PAMS site: the Mean and Median are similar Goethals: The Mean is much higher for VOCs related to gasoline production

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The reactive alkenes at Goethals have Means that are 3 to 4 times higher than the Medians

Goethals Preliminary VOC 1-Hr Data

Methane increases with other VOCs

Goethals Preliminary VOC 1-Hr Data

CO₂ Monitoring

CO₂: An Important Measurement in unraveling Combustion Emission Source Signals

Six BEACO2N nodes integrated into NYC DEC and NJ DEP sites to provide high time resolution, high precision CO_2 measurement to complement existing FRM/FEM measurements. Continue to work with LISTOS participants to expand measurements to large domain

Thank You

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