# PM Source Apportionment Modeling for PM NAAQS Implementation

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# Designation and Wildfire Influence

# Implementation Timeline: Designations, SIPs, and Permitting

EPA <u>memo</u>: "Initial Area Designations for the 2024 Revised Primary Annual Fine Particle National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (February 7, 2024)

May 6, 2024: Rule effective date; PSD permitting

**January 1, 2025:** Air agencies must notify EPA of intent to submit exceptional events demonstration(s)

**February 7, 2025:** Deadline for states and tribes to submit attainment recommendations based on a five-factor analysis

February 7, 2025: Exceptional events demonstrations due with attainment recommendations

October 9, 2025: EPA '120-day letters' with initial area designations

February 6, 2026: EPA formal attainment designations

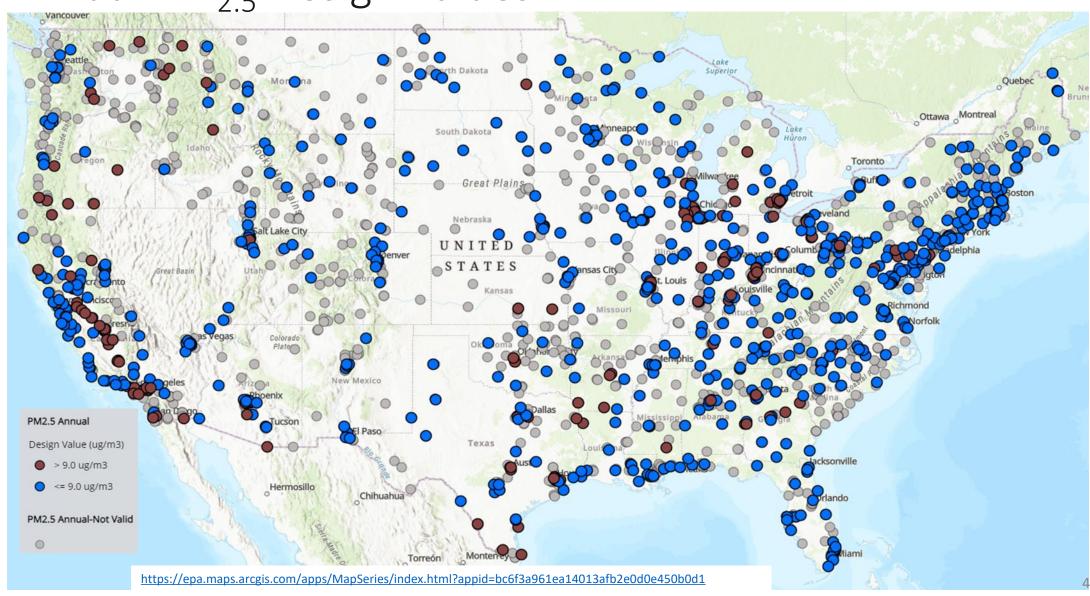
-> Option to extend designations process by up to one year

February 2027: 'Infrastructure' and Good Neighbor SIPs due

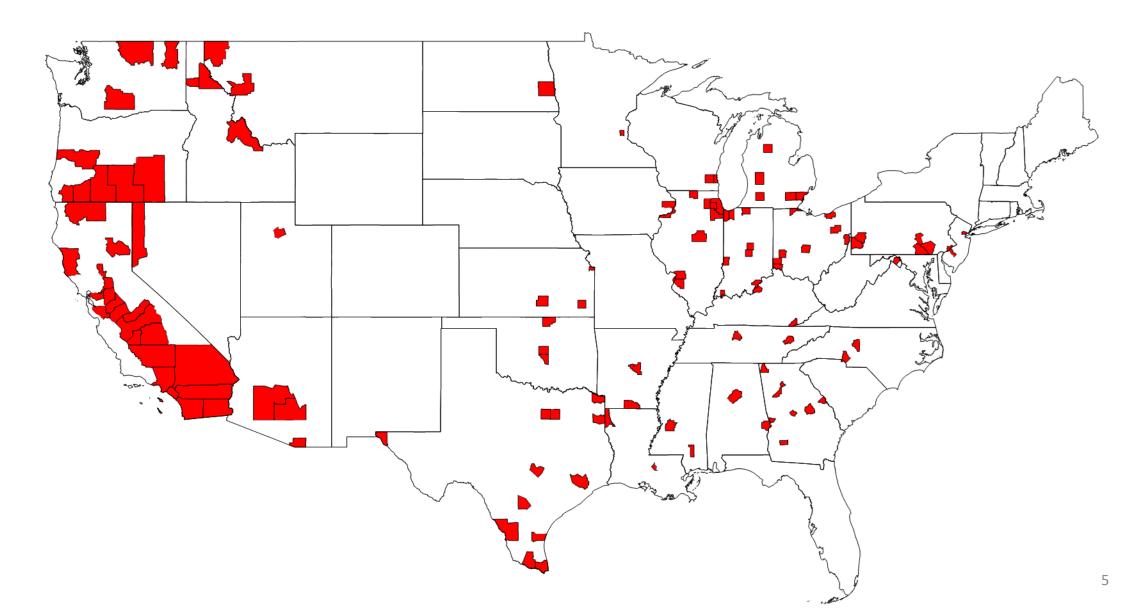
August 2027: Nonattainment area SIPs due

**2032:** Attainment deadline for Moderate nonattainment areas

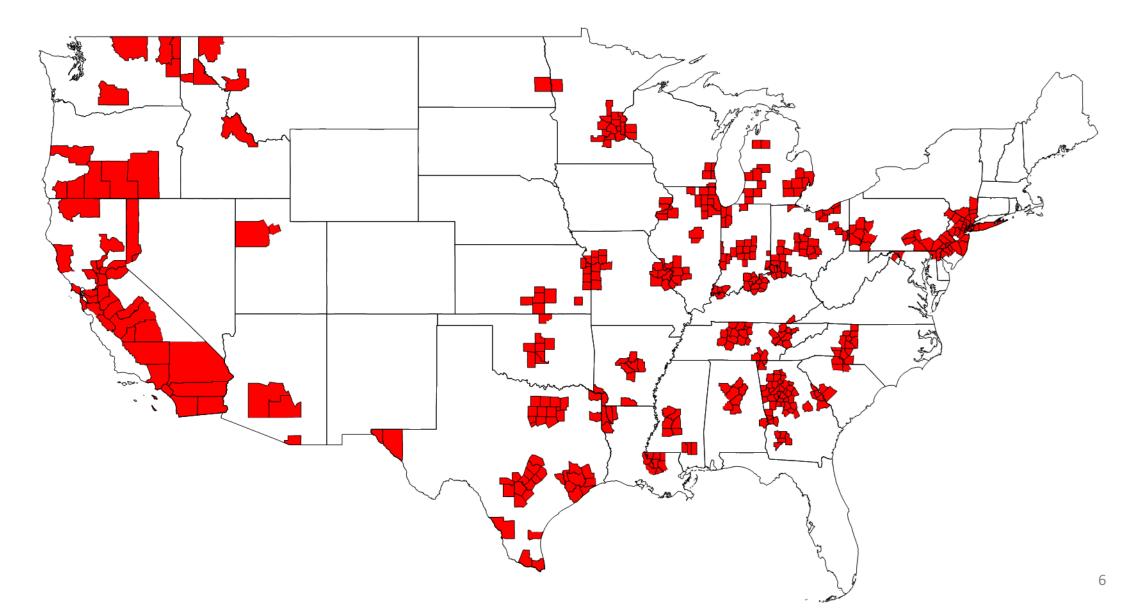
2023 Design Value Interactive Map – Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Design Values



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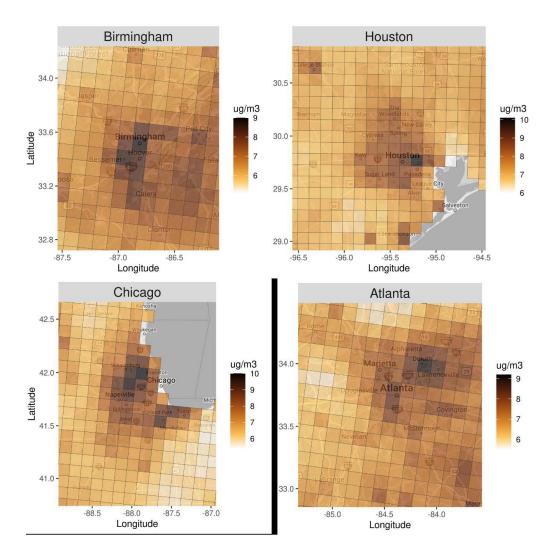
#### CBSA with 2021-2023 Annual $PM_{2.5}$ DV > 9.0 $\mu g/m^3$



#### PM Nonattainment Designation

- Five Factor Analysis
  - Most recent three years of monitoring data
  - Emissions data from current sources
  - Meteorology
  - Geography/topography
  - Area boundaries
- Also cited are weight of evidence using
  - Air quality modeling
  - Source apportionment modeling

#### EPA Findings on Spatial Extent of Contribution



- Gridded PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations over selected urban areas based on the 2032 modeling case with the enhanced Voronoi Neighbor Averaging (VNA) approach
- A common feature of these diverse locations is the relatively high PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations over the urban area and lower concentrations just outside of the urban core
- PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in the urban core of these Eastern U.S. areas exceed revised and alternative standards levels considered in the RIA, whereas concentrations surrounding the urban core are below the revised and alternative standard levels

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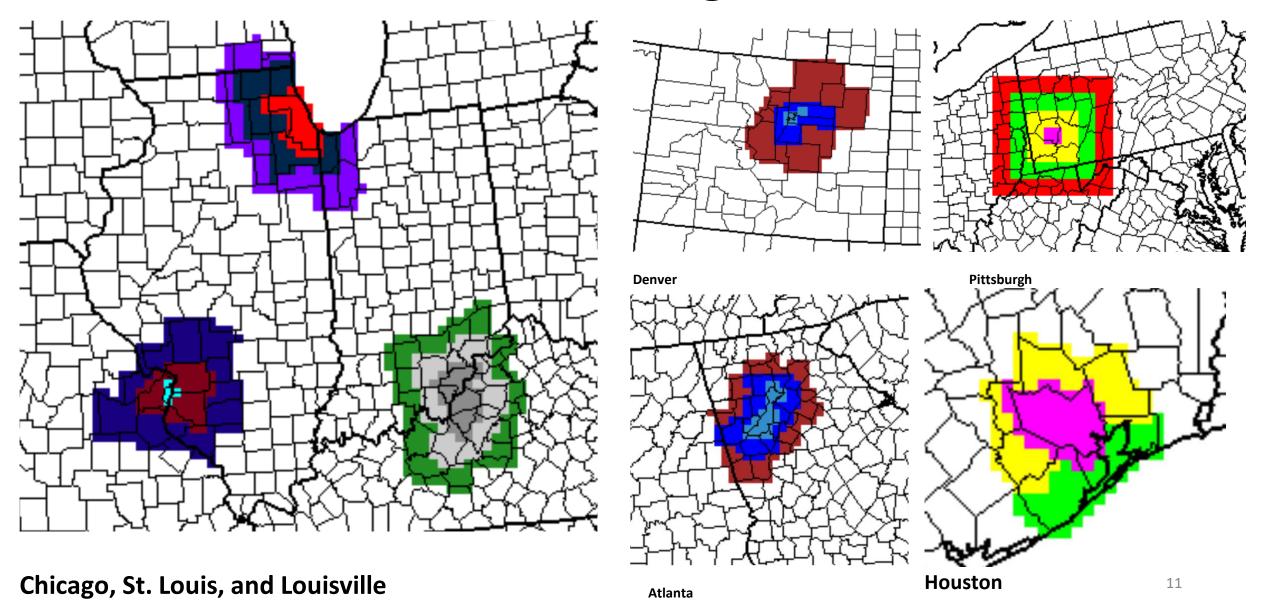
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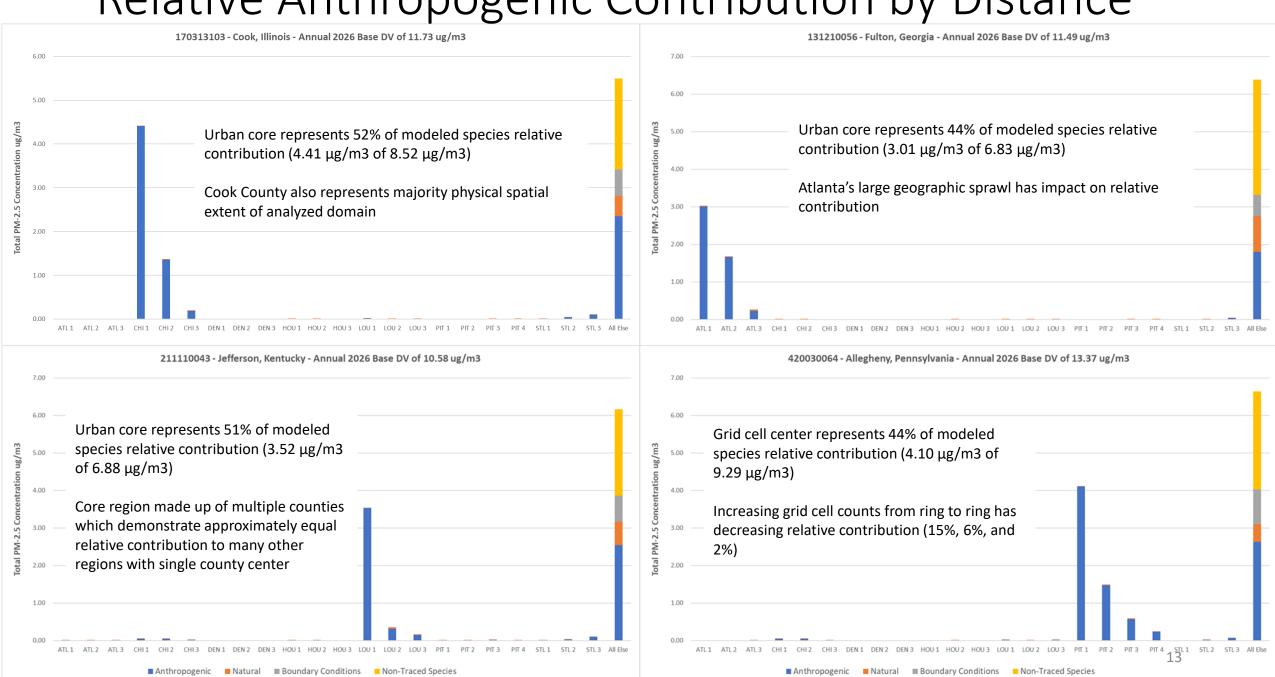
### Seven Selected Source Regions



#### Reviewed Monitors

Monitor	Region	Monitor Location	2026 Base DV (μg/m³)
170313103	Chicago	Cook, Illinois	11.73
131210056	Atlanta	Fulton, Georgia	11.49
080310028	Denver	Denver, Colorado	11.36
482011035	Houston	Harris, Texas	11.63
211110043	Louisville	Jefferson, Kentucky	10.58
420030064	Pittsburgh	Allegheny, Pennsylvania	13.37
291893001	St. Louis	Saint Louis, Missouri	10.36

Relative Anthropogenic Contribution by Distance



### Preliminary Observations

- In majority of regions, urban core dominates the modeled PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration
- This is consistent with the NAAQS exceedances being driven by the urban  $PM_{2.5}$  increment as documented in EPA's RIA, the relatively high responsiveness of  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations to primary  $PM_{2.5}$  emission reductions, and the reductions in regional  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations from the large SO2 and NOx emission reductions in recent decades and in the 2032 projection
- Analysis supports that designation should focus on local areas around monitored exceedances
- The Alpine analysis appears informative in providing corroborating data to support  $PM_{2.5}$  designations and distance from monitors with respect to relative contribution
  - Results could support 5-factor test within each domain

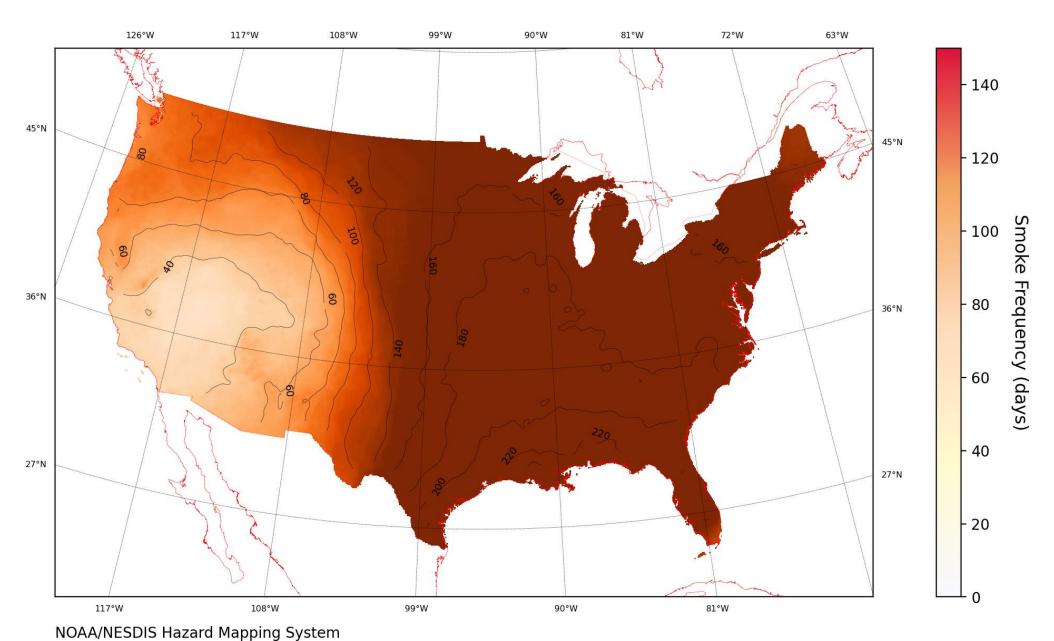
#### Influence of Wildfire Smoke on PM Concentrations

 2023 and 2024 have measured exceedance days triggering the opportunity for exceptional events demonstrations to remove concentrations from design value calculations

 2023 saw widespread influence of wildfire and prescribed fire smoke in eastern and Midwestern states

2024 is seeing influence of wildfire smoke in western states

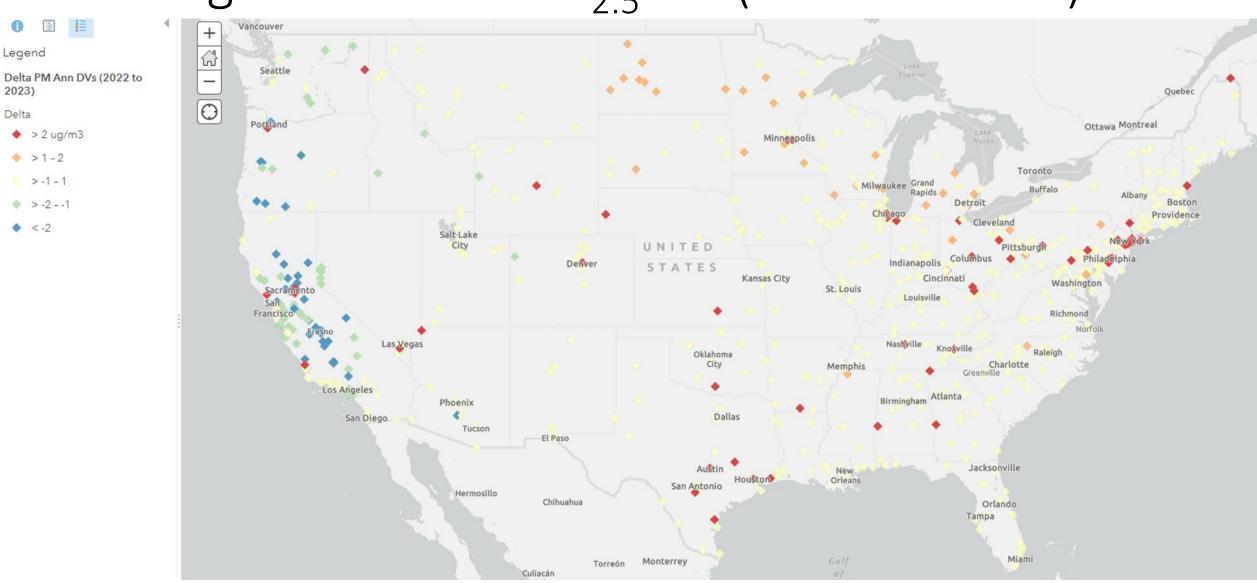
#### Cumulative Smoke Distribution (CONUS) 2023



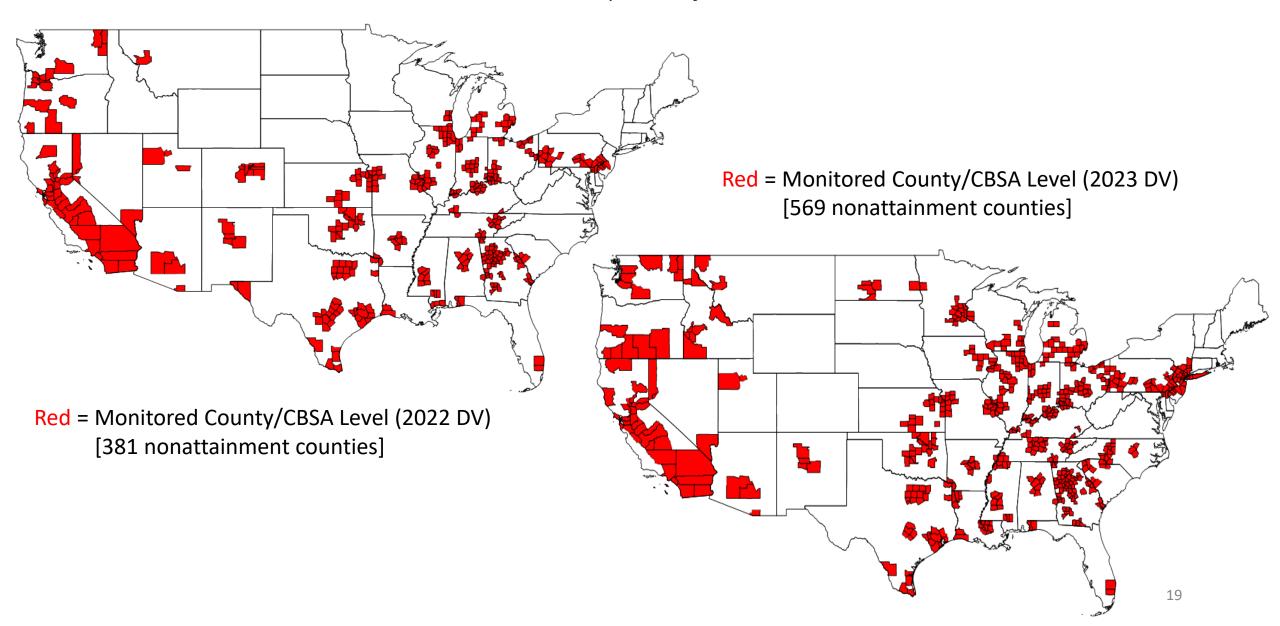
#### 2023 Fires Dramatically Increase PM<sub>2.5</sub> Design Values

<b>EPA Region</b>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5-Year Trend
1	5.9	6.2	6.7	5.9	7.0	
2	7.1	6.9	7.5	6.7	8.2	
3	7.8	7.1	8.4	7.5	9.2	
4	7.8	7.6	8.4	7.9	9.1	
5	8.2	7.8	8.9	7.9	10.3	
6	8.1	8.2	8.6	8.3	8.8	=
7	7.5	7.4	8.5	7.2	9.1	=_
8	5.2	6.2	7.6	5.9	7.0	=
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# Change in Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> DV (2022 to 2023)

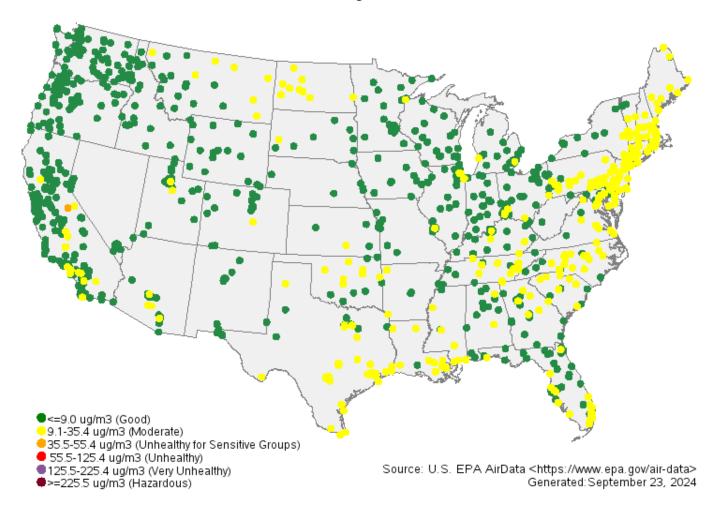


# 49% Increase in CBSA Counties Exceeding 9.0 μg/m³ Standard Due to Recent Fires [Pre-Teledyne Adjustment]

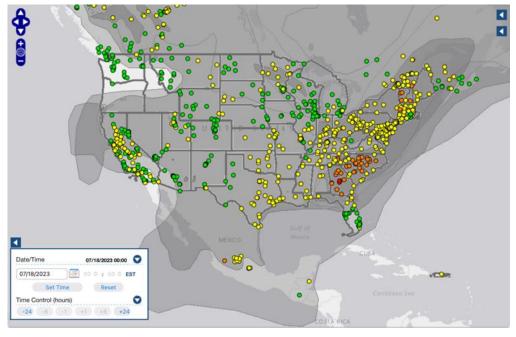


### Mid July 2023 Episode – Canadian Wildfires

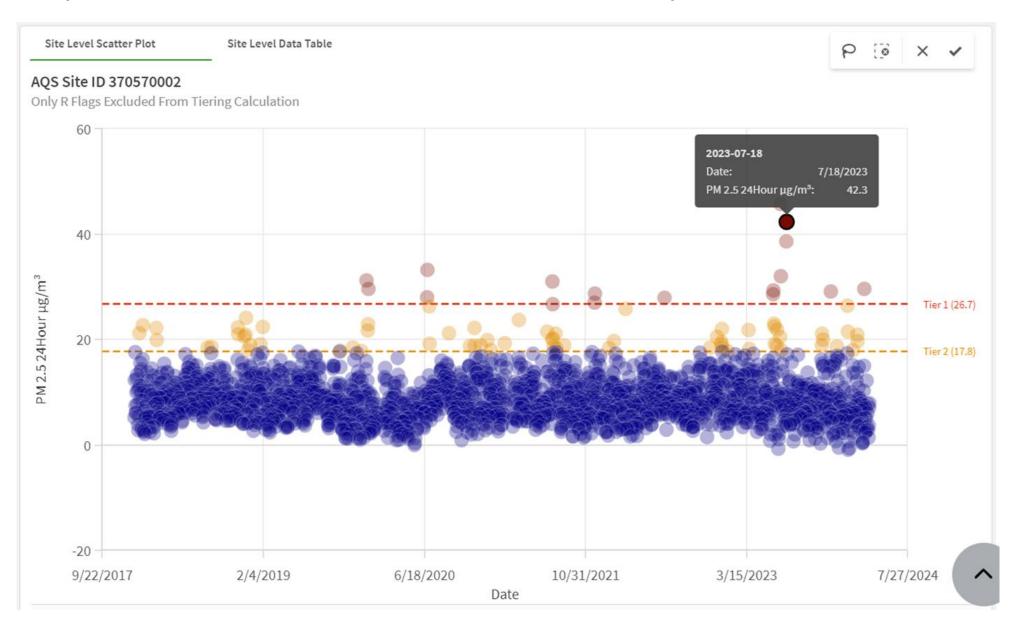
PM2.5 AQI Values by site on 07/13/2023



 July 16-19 we see Canadian wildfire smoke influence in PM concentration observations across northern Midwest and into southeastern states



#### Exceptional Events Tier Tool – July 18, 2023

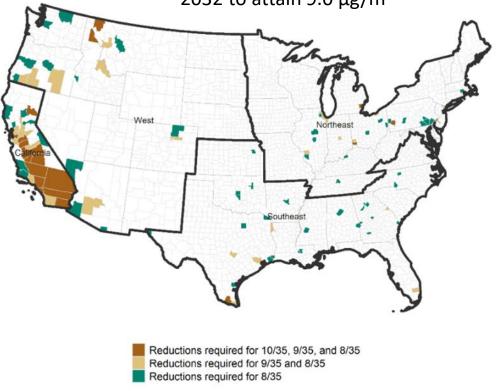


# PM NAAQS Implementation

#### Nonattainment for PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS at 9.0 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>

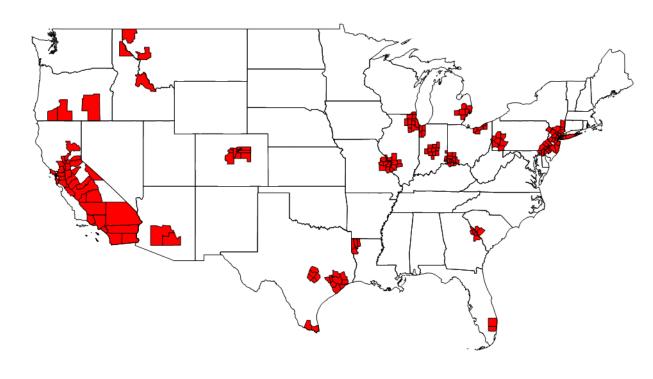
EPA's Monitored County Projection to 2032 (left) and Expanded to CBSAs (right)

EPA says 52 monitored counties would need additional control in 2032 to attain 9.0 μg/m<sup>3</sup>

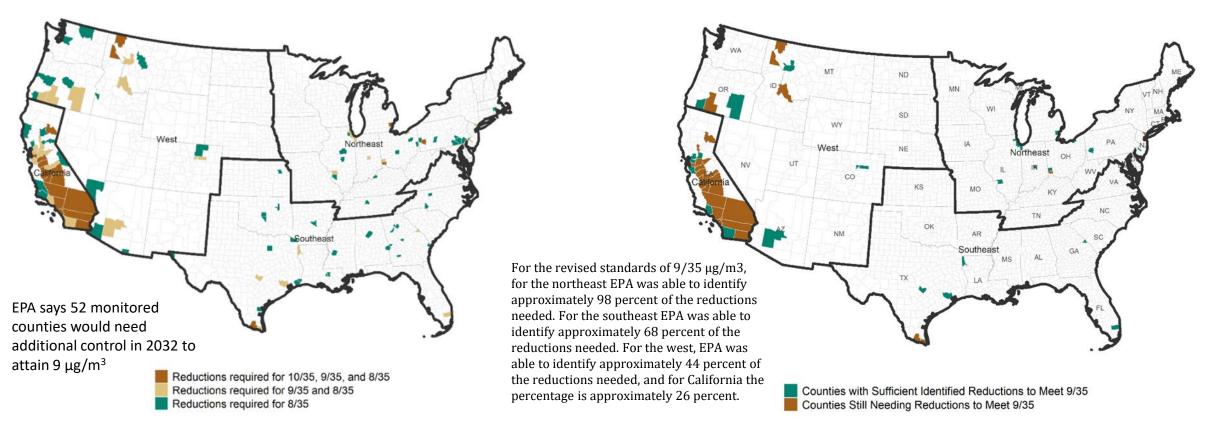


Counties Projected to Exceed in Analytical Baseline for the Revised and Alternative Standard Levels of  $10/35\,\mu g/m^3$ ,  $9/35\,\mu g/m^3$ , and  $8/35\,\mu g/m^3$ 

187 counties in nonattainment when expanded to CBSA



# Counties That Will Still Need Controls in 2032 for PM $_{2.5}$ NAAQS at 9.0 $\mu g/m^3$



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Counties that Still Need PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions Reductions for Revised Standard Levels of  $9/35~\mu g/m^3$ 

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# Modeled and Actual Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Concentrations in North and South Carolina

Monitor	State	County	Modeled 2016 Annual DV (ug/m3)	Actual 2023 Annual DV (ug/m3)	Modeled 2026 Annual DV (ug/m3)
	North Carolina	Buncombe	7.42	6.3	7.60
	North Carolina	Catawba	8.73	8.5	9.05
370510009	North Carolina	Cumberland	7.90	8.4	8.18
370570002	North Carolina	Davidson	8.69	9.2	8.95
370630015	North Carolina	Durham	8.70	7.6	9.62
370670022	North Carolina	Forsyth	7.73	8.1*	7.97
370810013	North Carolina	Guilford	8.10	8.6	8.30
370990006	North Carolina	Jackson	7.78	7.2*	7.78
371010002	North Carolina	Johnston	7.51	7.7	7.88
371190041	North Carolina	Mecklenburg	8.49	8.2	9.61
371190042	North Carolina	Mecklenburg	8.75	-	9.96
371190045	North Carolina	Mecklenburg	8.63	9.2	9.81
371210004	North Carolina	Mitchell	7.45	6.3	7.53
371230001	North Carolina	Montgomery	6.67	8.3	6.48
371290002	North Carolina	New Hanover	5.48	5.4	5.40
371470006	North Carolina	Pitt	6.92	6.8	7.02
371730002	North Carolina	Swain	8.16	6.4	8.12
371830014	North Carolina	Wake	8.76	8.3	9.96

Monitor	State	County	Modeled 2016 Annual DV (ug/m3)	Actual 2023 Annual DV (ug/m3)	Modeled 2026 Annual DV (ug/m3)
450190048	South Carolina	Charleston	7.18	7.3*	7.97
450190049	South Carolina	Charleston	7.17	6.7*	7.93
450250001	South Carolina	Chesterfield	7.47	7.0	7.49
450370001	South Carolina	Edgefield	8.37	8.1	8.61
450410003	South Carolina	Florence	8.63	8.2	9.07
450450015	South Carolina	Greenville	8.92	8.4	9.84
450450016	South Carolina	Greenville	8.25	7.9	8.90
450630008	South Carolina	Lexington	8.63	8.2*	9.33
450790007	South Carolina	Richland	8.10	7.4	8.67
450790019	South Carolina	Richland	8.86	8.1*	9.71
450830011	South Carolina	Spartanburg	8.35	8.4	9.07

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#### Tagged Source Categories

Ag dust (livestock)

Ag dust (tilling)

Ag Fires

Ag Nonroad

Airports

All Other EGUs

All Other Fuel Combustion

Biogenics

**Biomass Fuel Combustion** 

**Boundary Conditions** 

C1 & C2 & C3 Marine

Canadian & Mexican Anthropogenic

Canadian & Mexican Fires

**Cement Manufacturing** 

**Coal Fuel Combustion** 

Coal-Fired EGUs

Commercial Cooking

Construction

Construction/Industrial

**Diesel Vehicles** 

Fertilizer

**Initial Conditions** 

Lawn & Garden

Livestock

Mining

Non-diesel Vehicles

Oil & Gas

Other Non-Point

Other Nonroad

**Paved Roads** 

**Petroleum Refineries** 

Prescribed Fires

Pulp & Paper

Railroads

**Rec Marine** 

**Residential Wood Combustion** 

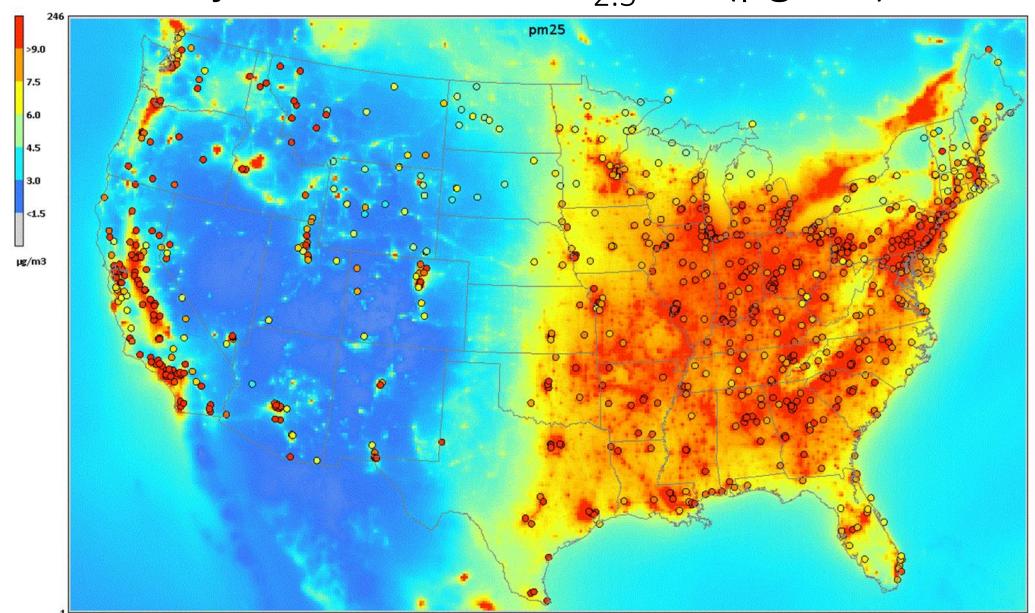
Stationary Non-EGU

**Unpaved Roads** 

Waste Disposal

Wildfires

# 2026v3 Projected Annual PM $_{2.5}$ DV ( $\mu g/m^3$ )



### PSAT Results Analysis

 Processed 2026 data to provide relative contribution by species and category

 Data available for total PM<sub>2.5</sub>, particulate sulfate, particulate nitrate, elemental carbon, organic carbon, and crustal material

- Presentation today focuses on result output which can be generated for all monitors in CONUS modeling domain
  - Appendix B of Alpine's PSAT TSD

Table 3-7 Summary of Estimated PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions Reductions from CoST by Inventory Source Classification Code Sectors for Alternative Primary Standard Levels of  $10/35~\mu g/m^3$ ,  $10/30~\mu g/m^3$ ,  $9/35~\mu g/m^3$ , and  $8/35~\mu g/m^3$  in 2032 (tons/year)

Sector	SCC Sector	10/35	10/30	9/35	8/35
Non-EGU	Agriculture - Livestock Waste	0	6.2	6.8	6.8
Point	Fuel Combustion -	0	0	0	15.6
	Commercial/Institutional Boilers - Biomass				
	Fuel Combustion -	0	0	8.0	8.0
	Commercial/Institutional Boilers - Coal				
	Fuel Combustion -	0	0	0	85.9
	Commercial/Institutional Boilers - Natural				
	Gas				
	Fuel Combustion -	64.7	64.7	64.7	69.8
	Commercial/Institutional Boilers - Other				
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs -	0	76.0	5.2	402.2
	Biomass				
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs -	0	0	16.4	211.2
	Coal		75.4	04.7	405.0
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs -	6.1	75.4	81.7	405.8
	Natural Gas	0	0	0	18.1
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	Oil	110.9	140.7	689.5	1 022 0
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs - Other	110.9	140.7	009.5	1,023.9
	Industrial Processes - Cement	0	0	89.8	688.5
	Manufacturing			07.0	000.0
	Industrial Processes - Chemical	29.3	40.3	136.5	953.8
	Manufacturing				
	Industrial Processes - Ferrous Metals	142.8	150.1	836.0	2,378.0
	Industrial Processes - Mining	0	7.4	239.4	326.9
	Industrial Processes - Non-ferrous Metals	55.9	55.9	502.1	918.0
	Industrial Processes - Not Elsewhere	304.3	456.1	2,169.9	6,818.0
	Classified				
	Industrial Processes - Petroleum Refineries	178.5	216.6	875.8	2,204.2
	Industrial Processes - Pulp & Paper	0	18.3	119.5	848.1
	Industrial Processes - Storage and Transfer	8.9	18.0	186.7	887.4
	Waste Disposal - Excavation/Soils Handling	0	0	0	5.8
	Waste Disposal - General Processes	0	0	7.0	7.0
	Waste Disposal - Landfill Dump	0	0	0	5.5
Oil & Gas	Industrial Processes - Not Elsewhere	0	0	0	3.6
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	Industrial Processes - Oil & Gas Production	0	0	0	54.9
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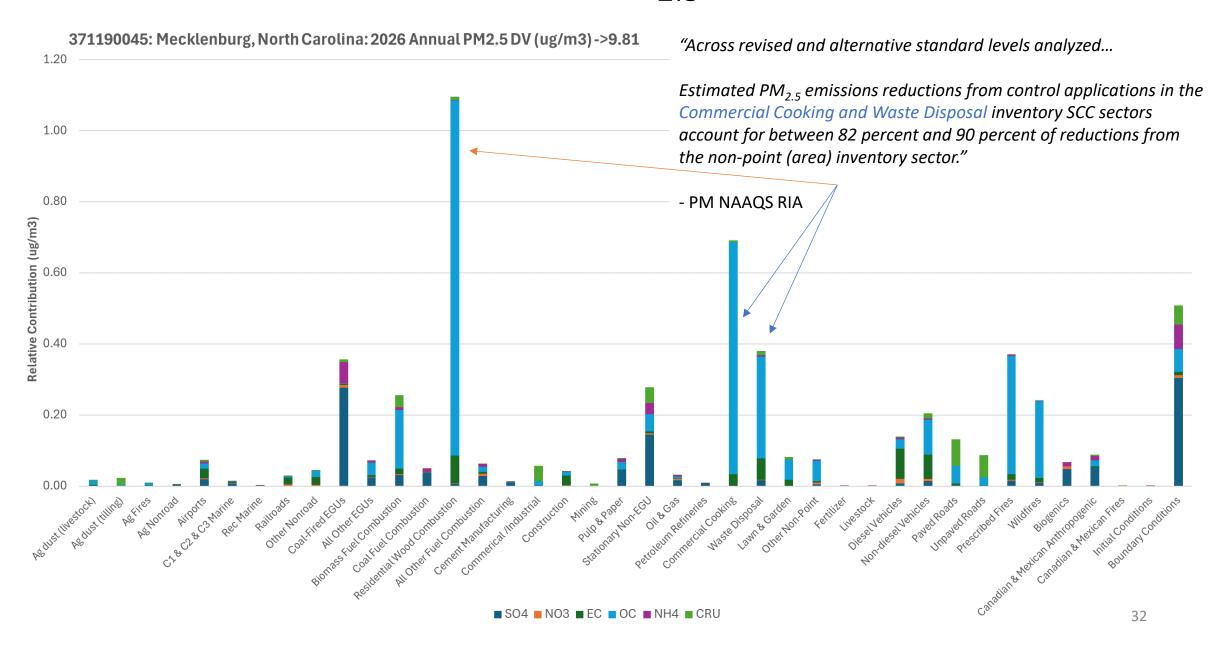
"For the revised standard levels of  $9/35 \mu g/m^3$ , the inventory sectors with the most potentially controllable emissions are the non-point (area) and area fugitive dust sectors. "

#### - PM NAAQS RIA

Sector	SCCSection	10/35	10/30	3/35	8/35
Non-Point	Commercial Cooking	950.2	1,176.5	2,336.9	6,823.5
Area)	Fuer Combustion -	16.3	20.2	52.8	258.6
	Commercial/Institutional Boilers - Biomass				
	Fuel Combustion - Commercial/Institutional Boilers - Coal	0	0	0	0.5
	Fuel Combustion - Commercial/Institutional Boilers - Natural Gas	18.9	22.2	49.8	95.5
	Fuel Combustion - Commercial/Institutional Boilers - Oil	0	0	3.0	14.4
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs - Biomass	66.0	103.3	345.0	1,499.0
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs - Coal	0	2.4	17.8	39.1
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs - Natural Gas	4.0	4.0	32.7	65.5
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs - Oil	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.4
	Fuel Combustion - Industrial Boilers, ICEs - Other	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	Industrial Processes - Chemical	0	0	77.4	199.1
	Waste Disposal - All Categories	603.2	880.0	2,641.3	14,623.5
	Waste Disposar - Residential	109.2	360.5	709.2	3,725.4
lesidential Vood ombustion	Fuel Combustion - Residential - Wood	296.2	555.6	1,275.9	4,193.4
rea Source	Dust - Paved Road Dust	199.9	611.0	768.9	4,903.3
ugitive Just	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	392.7	1,319.3	861.3	6,523.6
otal	-	3,561.0	6,383.7	15,210.0	61,320.7

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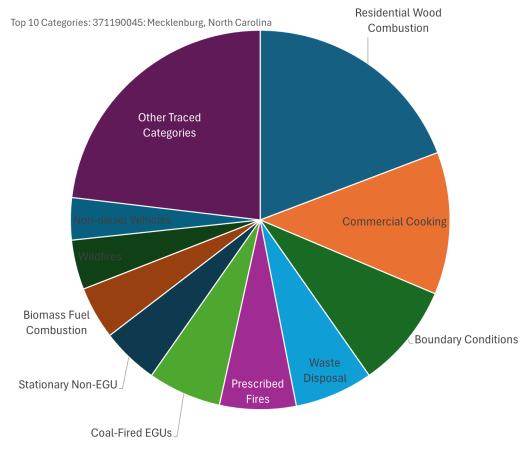
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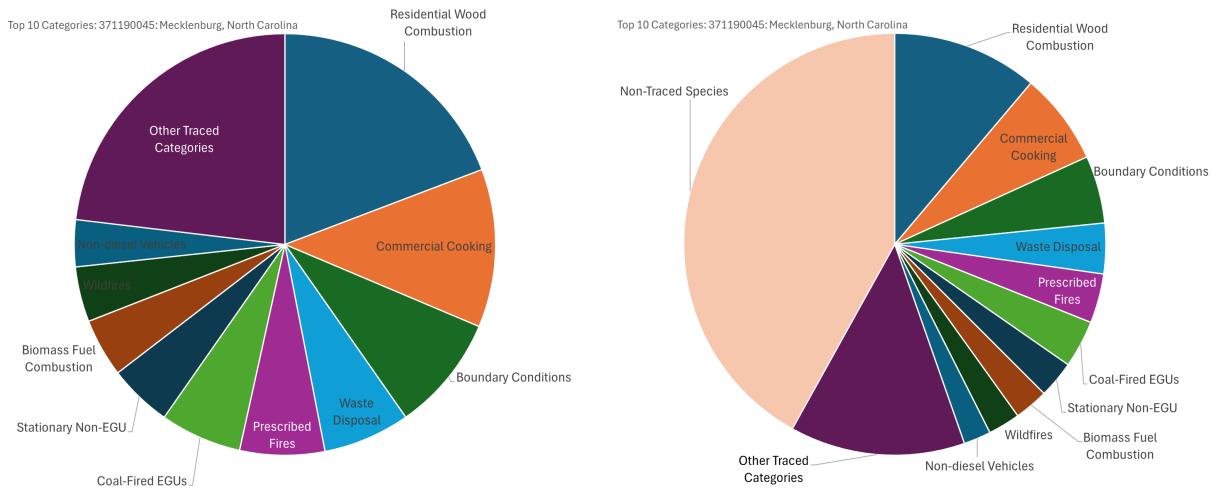
#### Top 10 Relative Contributing Categories and Traced PM<sub>2.5</sub> Species

371190045: Mecklenburg, North Carolina			202	6 Annual F	PM2.5 DV (	ug/m3) ->	9.81
	Relative Traced Species Contribution (ug/m3)						
Top 10 Categories	Species Total	S04	NO3	EC	ОС	NH4	CRU
Residential Wood Combustion	1.095	0.007	0.001	0.077	0.999	0.002	0.008
Commercial Cooking	0.691	0.002	0.000	0.031	0.653	0.000	0.005
Boundary Conditions	0.508	0.305	0.007	0.010	0.064	0.069	0.053
Waste Disposal	0.380	0.016	0.001	0.060	0.287	0.004	0.011
Prescribed Fires	0.371	0.016	0.002	0.016	0.332	0.004	0.001
Coal-Fired EGUs	0.356	0.277	0.008	0.002	0.002	0.060	0.007
Stationary Non-EGU	0.277	0.144	0.004	0.005	0.048	0.032	0.044
Biomass Fuel Combustion	0.256	0.031	0.002	0.016	0.166	0.007	0.034
Wildfires	0.241	0.010	0.001	0.012	0.216	0.002	0.000
Non-diesel Vehicles	0.205	0.014	0.007	0.068	0.098	0.005	0.014

Top three modeled anthropogenic traced categories are consistent with EPA categories identified with greatest emission reduction potential in 2032 to achieve 9.0  $\mu g/m^3$  standard from base case conditions.



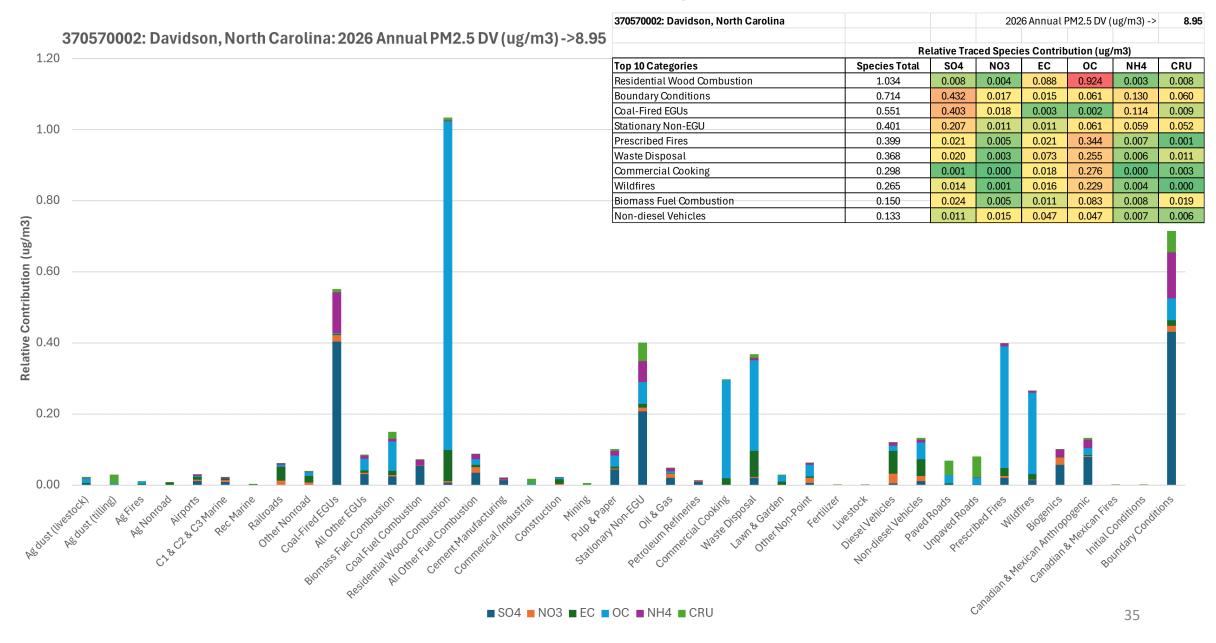
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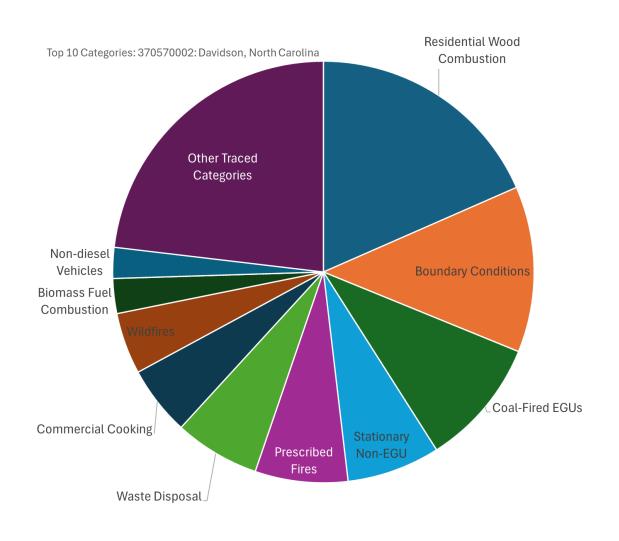
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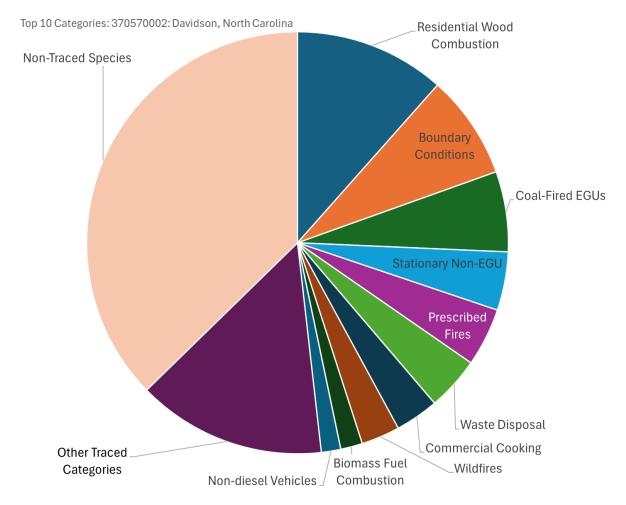
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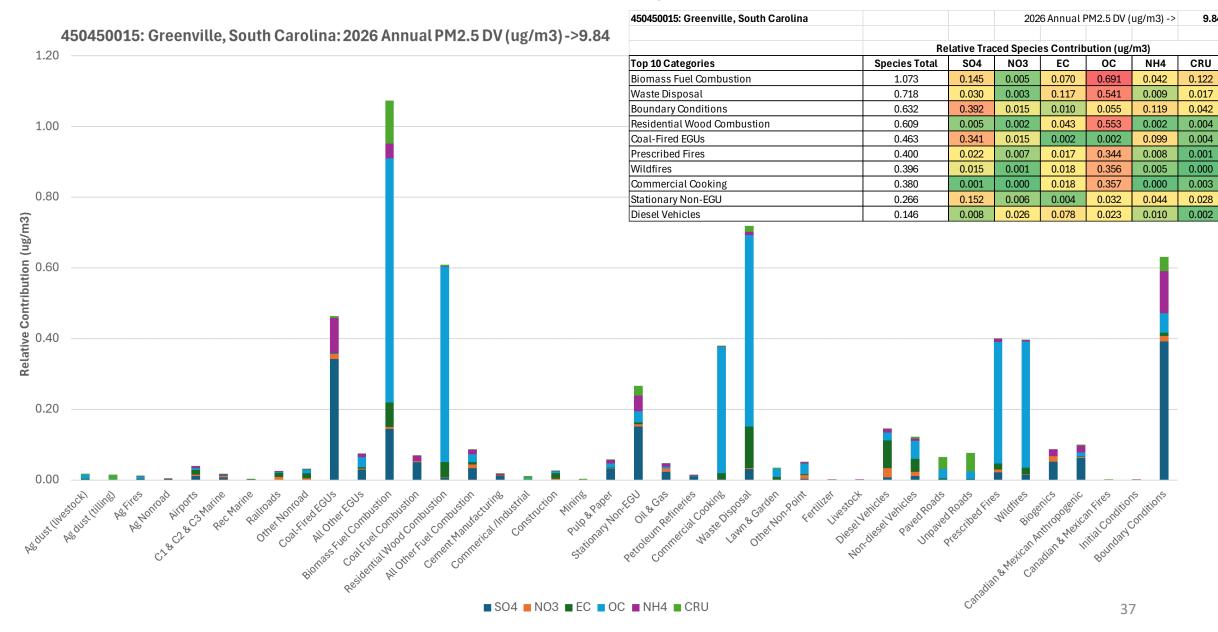
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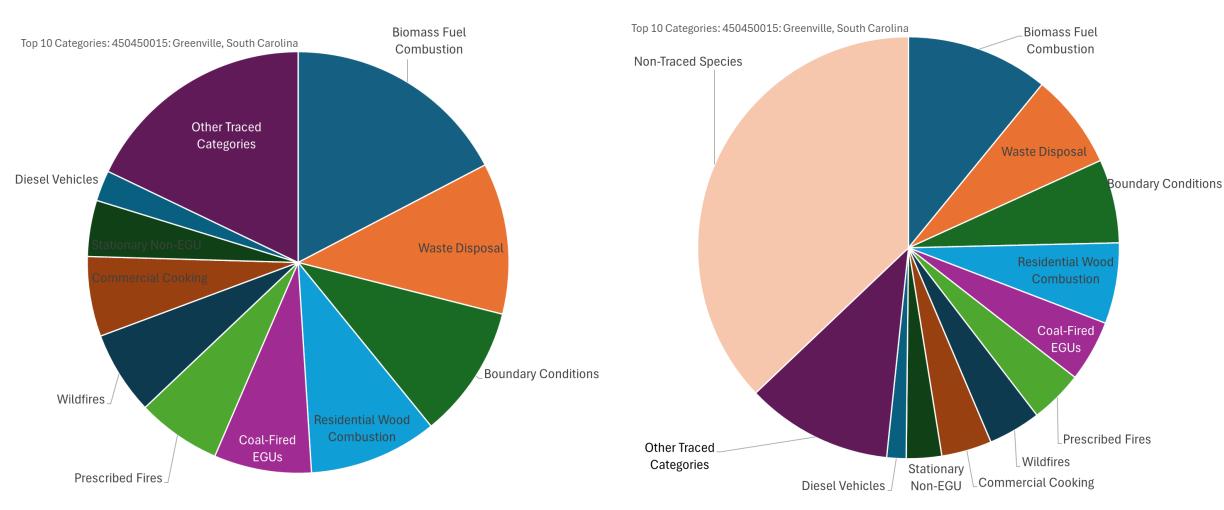
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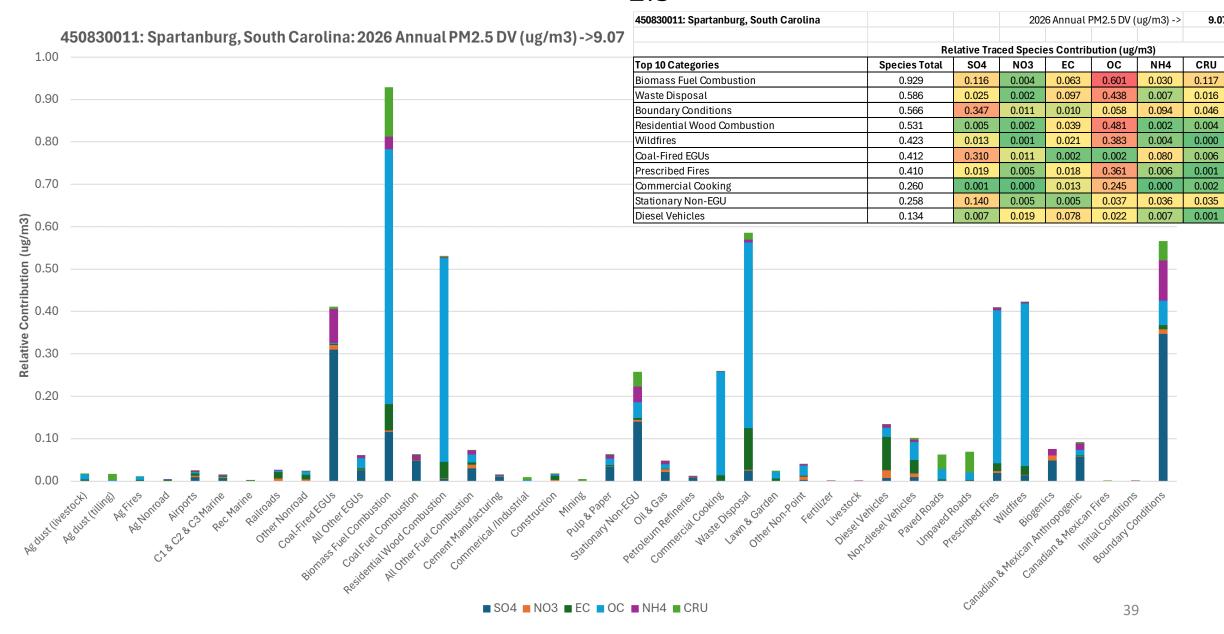




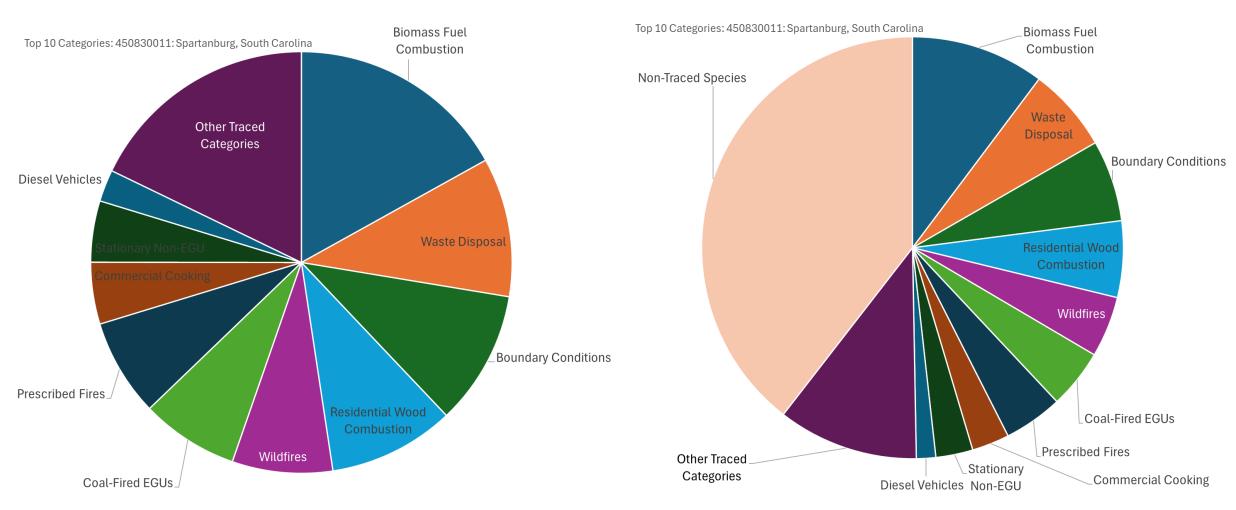


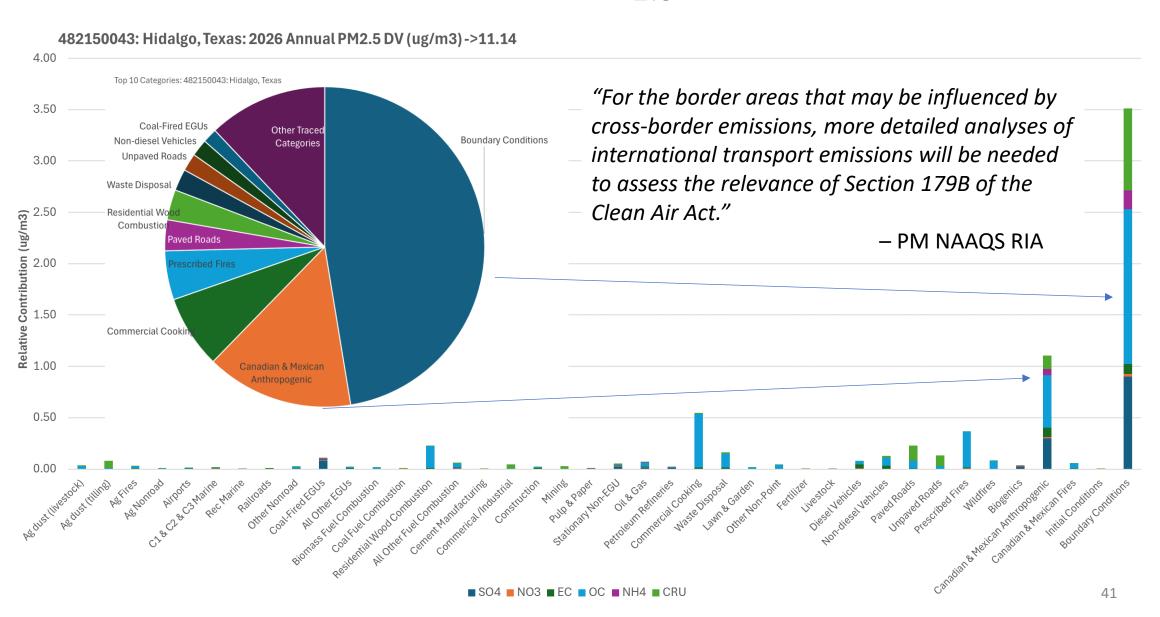
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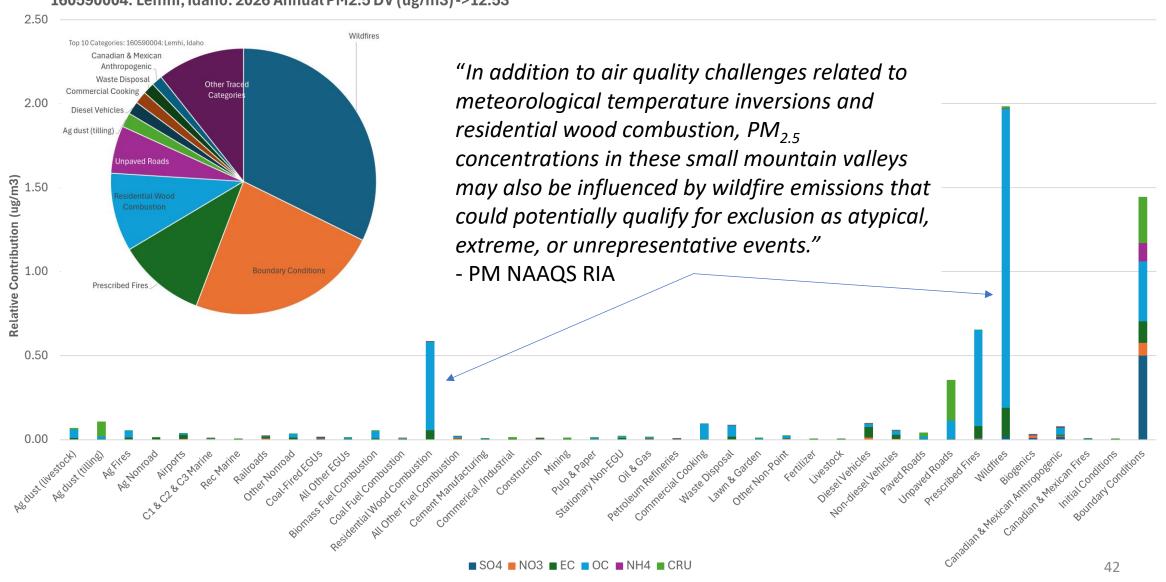


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160590004: Lemhi, Idaho: 2026 Annual PM2.5 DV (ug/m3) ->12.53

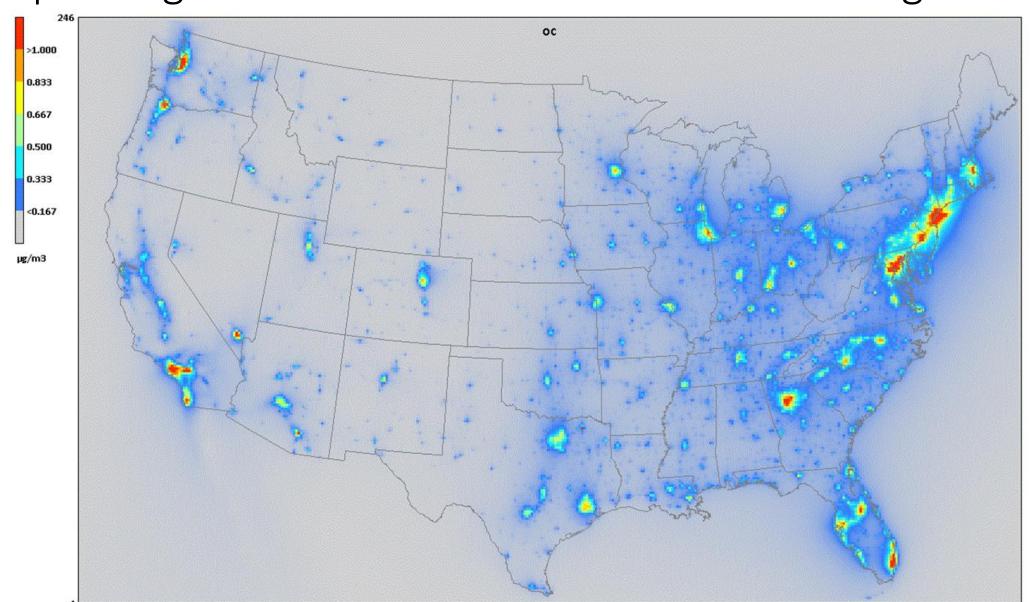


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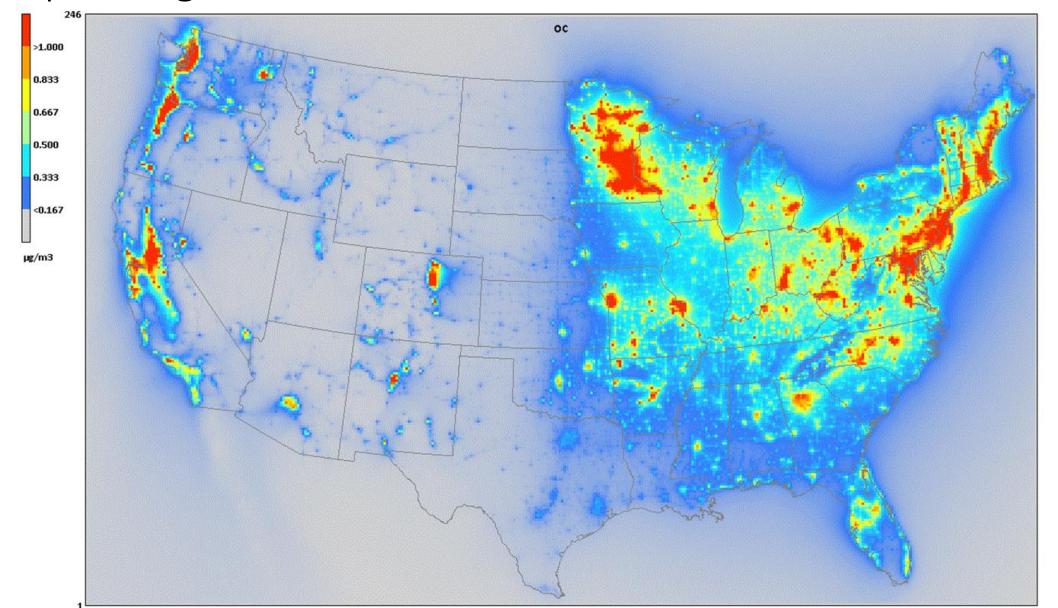
#### **Number of Times in Top 10**

Category	All Conc#	All Conc %	> 9.0 μg/m³ # > 9.0 μg/m³ %		
All Monitors	834	-	306	-	
Boundary Conditions	834	100%	306	100%	
Residential Wood Combustion	818	98%	303	99%	
Commercial Cooking	669	80%	296	97%	
Waste Disposal	643	77%	216	71%	
Coal-Fired EGUs	614	74%	196	64%	
Prescribed Fires	582	70%	186	61%	
Stationary non-EGUs	555	67%	188	61%	
Wildfires	480	58%	182	59%	
Can/Mex Anthopogenic	432	52%	111	36%	
Biomass Fuel Combustion	373	45%	147	48%	
Diesel Vehicles	373	45%	170	56%	
Non-Diesel Vehicles	318	38%	163	53%	

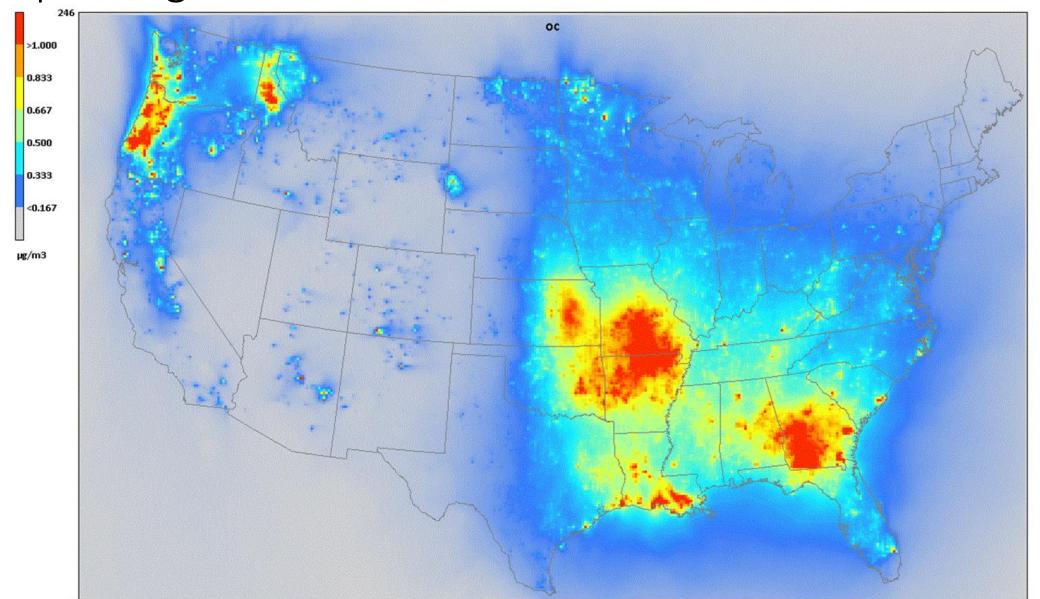
# Species-Category Specific Relative Modeled Contribution Example: Organic Carbon from Commercial Cooking



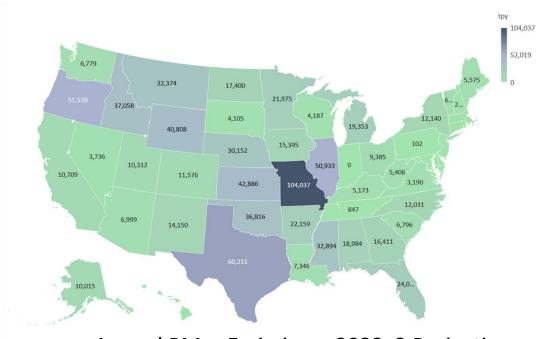
Species-Category Specific Relative Modeled Contribution Example: Organic Carbon from Residential Wood Combustion



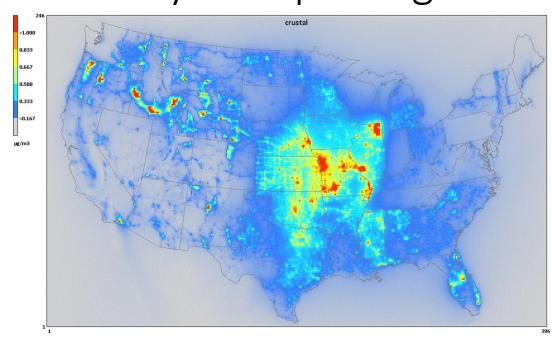
Species-Category Specific Relative Modeled Contribution Example: Organic Carbon from Prescribed Fires



#### Inventory Issues Example: Unpaved Roads – Consistency in Reporting



Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions- 2023v2 Projections



Crustal PM<sub>2.5</sub> Concentrations - 2026v3 Projections

FIPSST 18, Indiana, still missing in EPA's 2022 NEI

See also: MO, PA, TN

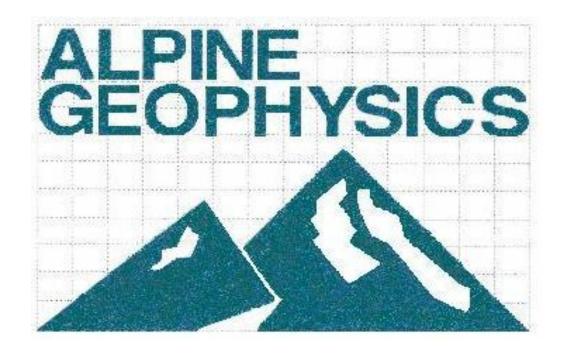
State FIP	State	EIS Sector	▼ Pollutant ▼	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	Alabama	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	5,199	4,582	4,090	4,709	3,125	4,442	4,681
2	Alaska	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	1,148	1,191	1,275	1,959	627	3,738	11,352
4	Arizona	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	4,296	4,445	4,476	4,395	1,265	4,220	3,775
5	Arkansas	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	5,859	6,070	5,289	4,951	3,750	6,201	6,247
6	California	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	5,410	5,484	5,901	5,387	5,293	6,194	5,945
8	Colorado	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	5,043	5,234	5,476	4,829	2,534	5,563	4,613
9	Connecticut	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	148	145	123	134	108	153	145
12	Florida	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	12,211	12,479	12,716	12,902	1,880	3,751	3,442
13	Georgia	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	4,252	4,084	3,364	3,853	2,779	3,848	4,203
15	Hawaii	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	166	169	168	155	181	159	245
16	Idaho	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	17,578	16,740	18,068	17,590	6,776	15,505	11,512
17	Illinois	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	16,535	19,253	15,807	13,501	10,072	16,996	17,547
19	Iowa	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	5,069	6,353	4,274	3,877	3,222	6,255	6,005
20	Kansas	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	21,787	23,289	21,406	19,355	8,241	20,358	20,237
21	Kentucky	Dust - Unpaved Road Dust	PM25-PRI	1,134	1,087	860	1,016	734	1,016	1,294

#### Observations

- In urban area locations, anthropogenic emissions from commercial cooking, residential wood combustion, and waste disposal have the highest percentage of modeled PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations
- At monitors near international borders, total traced species from boundary conditions and Canadian and Mexican anthropogenic categories dominate the modeled contribution to the overall annual  $PM_{2.5}$
- At remote mountain monitors, wildfire, boundary conditions, prescribed fires, and residential wood combustion dominate the composition to the total annual  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations

# Observations (con't)

- Modeled attainment of 9.0 µg/m³ annual NAAQS may prove challenging in areas where limited anthropogenic control options are available
- Current, available modeling may prove to be best option in determining relative contributing categories until (and if) EPA generates category-specific PM source apportionment modeling with 2022v1 platform



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