

NRC's Areas for Improvement



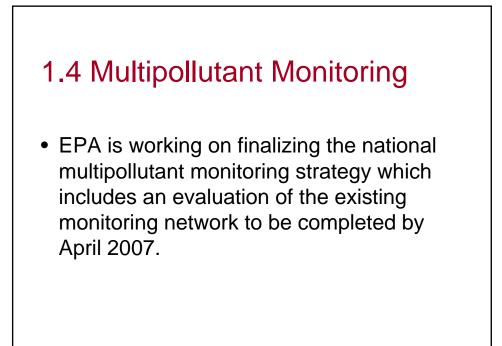
- 1. Strengthen Scientific and Technical Capacity
- 2. Expand National and Multistate Control Strategies
- 3. Transform the SIP Process
- 4. Develop Integrated Program for Criteria and Hazardous Air Pollutants
- 5. Enhance Protection of Ecosystems and Public Welfare

1. Strengthen Scientific and Technical Capacity

- 5 Recommendations
- Results:
 - New Air Emissions Reporting Requirements
 - Current revamping of the Emissions Inventory
 - Better knowledge of monitoring and modeling data
 - Significant progress towards establishing a mercury deposition monitoring network

1.3 Uncertainty in Emission Inventories and Modeling

 EPA is putting \$3.1 million into revamping the National Emissions Inventory to provide more meaningful emission information including multipollutant information, as well as easier access to and revision of information as updates are available



5. Enhance Protection of Ecosystems and Public Welfare

- Better overall integration of ecosystem protection into ongoing work
 - CAMR and CAIR assessment baselines
 - Work with other parts of EPA on assessments for water
- Coordination with other government and nongovernmental entities to streamline activities
 - Inter-Agency Workshops to share data and processes

2. Expand National and Multistate Control Strategies

- 13 Recommendations
- Results:
 - Better inventories and data on many sectors including boilers and coatings leading to efficient control
 - New rules and voluntary programs for many kinds of engines and home heating (oil and wood) leading to reductions in PM and other pollutants

2.3 Non-Industrial Solvents (Consumer Products) and 2.4 Architectural Coatings

 Amending the Consumer products national rule to conform with the latest Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) categories and limits. Working to align the US and Canadian measures to foster trade and simplify compliance for manufacturers.



- Rulemaking processes underway:
 - Current plans call for an NPRM on locomotive and marine diesel standards in early 2007;
 - Development of an ANPRM for ocean-going marine engines and their fuels during the first half of 2007;
 - NPRM on small gasoline engines in early 2007;
 - Final rule on air toxics by February 9, 2007.

2.7 Cement Manufacturing, Petroleum Refining, and Pulp and Paper

 After EPA's initial evaluation of these three industrial sectors, we have now formed three separate teams to work with each industry sector to develop any appropriate additional reduction strategies



- Libby, Montana changeout to be complete by early 2007 (monitoring for both PM2.5 and toxics will continue).
- In FY2006 a dozen woodstove changeout programs took place across the country resulting in more than 40 tons of PM2.5 reductions annually.

Outdoor Wood-fired Hydronic Heaters (Outdoor Wood Boilers)

- EPA's stakeholder process will culminate with the roll out of a Phase 1 Voluntary Program and a NESCAUM Model Rule by the end of January 2007.
- Manufacturers have agreed to sell cleaner models by April 2007 (approximately 70% less fine particles).

3. Transform the SIP Process

- 16 Recommendations; 9 are complete
- Innovative Measures easier to use in SIPs
- Sample Protocol for SIP Development is in place
- EPA Guidance will be issued in a timely fashion and made easily available



3.15 Periodic Assessments to Track Progress

 Efforts are underway to expand accountability assessments to include multipollutant impacts with a draft multipollutant report anticipated in early summer 2007. 4. Develop Integrated Program for Criteria and Hazardous Air Pollutants

- 3 Recommendations
- Internal and external methods have been developed that allow multiple pollutants to be considered simultaneously
- OAQPS has created the Sector Policies and Programs Division

