



Air Quality in the Puget Sound Airshed: Our Diesel Dilemma



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WCC Partners' Meeting

Where's our Airshed?

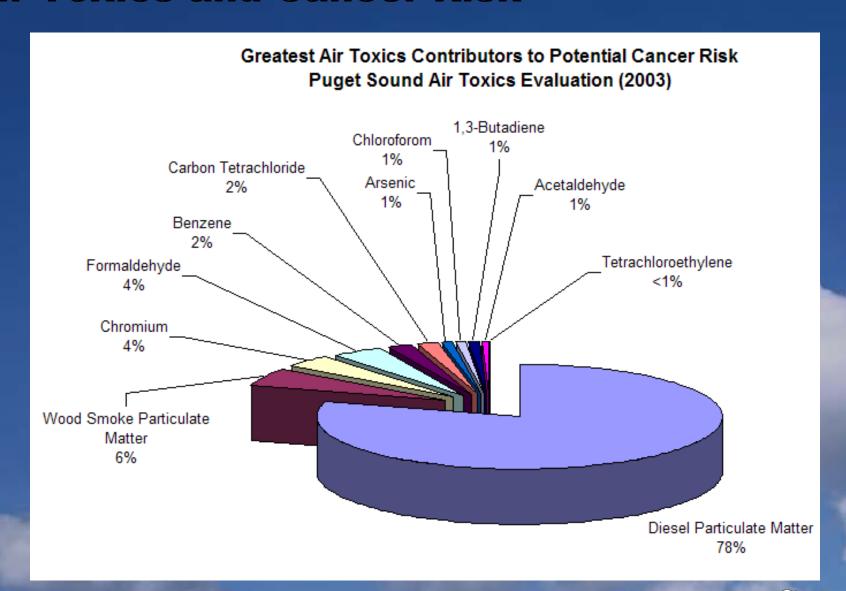


NAAQS: Not a Primary Driver for Our Diesel Emission Reduction Efforts

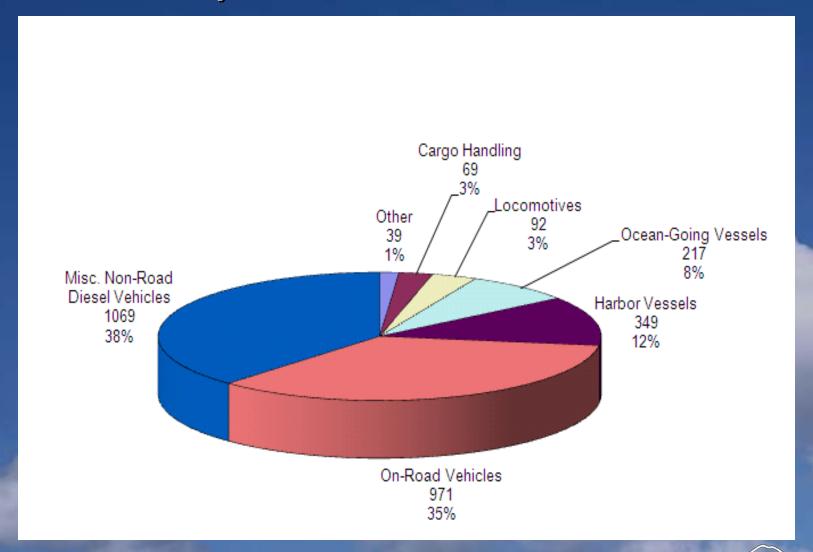
- Non-attainment for PM2.5 in Tacoma-Pierce County
 - Woodsmoke is primary contributor
 - Diesel contributes, but doesn't drive non-attainment
- Ozone non-attainment expected with new standard
 - Emissions profile & chemistry differ from California
 - VOC limited, according to previous modeling
- For us, it's all about toxics



Air Toxics and Cancer Risk



Primary Sources of Diesel Emissions (from 2005 EI)



Needs & Challenges

- More money
- Elevated toxics risk doesn't always match non-attainment area but EPA prioritizes non-attainment in awarding grants
- Protecting public health vs. meeting NAAQS
- Business-as-usual takes too long to reduce emissions and thus risk
- Additional fed rules needed or we'll all find our own way
- More money



Incentive Programs at Various Levels

- Federal DERA grants (we've received 5 to-date)
- State funding
 - \$5M/yr sunsetted in 2008
 - Other smaller grants as available
- Local funding: ~\$3M from Port of Seattle over 2 years
 - Pre-1994-engined drayage truck scrappage program ("bucks for big rigs")
 - Cargo-handling equipment retrofit grant match
 - At-Berth Clean Fuels program for ocean-going vessels



DERA/ARRA: The Good, the Bad, the Unexpected

- ET engine upgrade kit on fishing vessel
- ET Seawater scrubber on local dinner cruise boat
- ET DOC retrofits on tugboat
- Cargo-handling equipment retrofits
- Locomotive engine replacements



Current/Proposed Rules

- Pursuing state funding from stormwater bill (linkage to air deposition of toxics that pollute Puget Sound)
- Other local agencies pursuing indirect source rule to regulate large diesel facilities like rail yards

