

Air Quality Summary

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Scope and Goals of ARL's Air Quality Program

 Air Quality Forecasting and Air Toxics Models Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter Dust and Smoke Mercury and other Air Toxics (e.g., Dioxin) **Observations** Measurement and Monitoring Programs Mercury Nitrogen **Precipitation Chemistry**

Indicators of Preeminence

- Strong publication record, including several highly-cited papers
- Leadership in national and international air quality activities
- Establishment of modeling products used operationally by NOAA and globally
- Enduring top quality research monitoring networks
- NOAA Research Outstanding Scientific Paper (Cohen, Draxler & Artz, 2003)
- DOC Gold Medal for HYSPLIT model development (Draxler, 2009)
- EPA 2009 Level 1 Scientific and Tech Achievement Award (Byun and Schere, 2009)
- NOAA Distinguished Career Award (Dale Gillette, 2006)
- Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Senior Professionals (Bruce Hicks, 2003)
 - ... a myriad of applications involving a broad suite of atmospheric pollutants.





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Future Plans

• Air Quality Forecast Models

- Improve emissions estimates for fires and dust
- Develop tighter linkages with meteorological models
- Develop chemical data assimilation capability

• Air Quality Toxics Models

- Improve treatment of natural sources, surface exchange, and re-emissions
- Capitalize on unique model evaluation opportunities

• Mercury, Nitrogen, and Precipitation Chemistry Measurements

- Optimize existing and develop new measurement methods
- Determine suitability of real-time sensors for long-term air-surface exchange research (nitrogen)
- Develop protocols for global monitoring of mercury and dry deposition

Assessments

Complete WMO global precipitation chemistry assessment



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