# Air Quality Data Validation

Joel Craig

Craig Environmental Consulting

CARB PQAO Training

June 5, 2019

# Data is Validated by Bracketing in Time with QC or Calibration Checks

- Separate valid
   measurements from
   erroneous
   recordings and out
   of tolerance
   periods.
- As important as any other part of air monitoring.

Currer	nt Date:	3/	15/2019	9	7:44	AM						Moi	nthly	Repo	rt												
Site Na	ame:												•	2018					Ava li	nterval		1 hour					
Param		0	ZONE		4	4201													Units			PPB	800	М	ethod:	087	
													Нс	urs													
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		Summary	у
Day																									Max	Avg	RDS
01	40.8	AT	35.5	35.3	33.4	32.9	29.9	30.8	34.9	39.7	43.5	49.2	54.1	58.0	61.5	62.1	56.9	35.2	37.1	43.0	48.6	47.5	47.2	44.7	62.1	43.5	23
02	43.7	AT	40.1	36.4	36.2	35.2	30.0	32.4	35.1	50.5	55.8	60.4	63.4	67.8	69.2	69.6	67.3	44.6	52.4	44.9	45.4	50.5	50.6	48.4	69.6	49.1	23
03	47.7	AT	42.7	42.1	41.7	37.8	35.8	36.8	39.1	53.2	60.0	62.7	67.2	70.1	69.6	70.5	66.0	43.0	43.3	45.7	57.4	57.0	51.0	50.5	70.5	51.7	23
04	49.0	AT	45.3	44.0	42.3	40.1	39.4	38.6	40.1	47.1	57.5	66.4	70.0	76.3	77.1	76.6	69.3	42.2	38.7	48.6	53.8	56.2	56.9	55.4	77.1	53.5	23
05	54.0	AT	50.1	46.7	44.0	41.2	40.3	41.0	42.7	48.3	51.6	56.2	52.9	59.5	61.9	61.7	59.3	40.5	33.2	32.7	39.4	41.7	39.9	38.8	61.9	46.8	23
06	43.1	AT	45.6	43.2	39.4	39.7	38.3	39.1	41.8	56.0	61.1	65.7	66.9	69.8	68.8	57.8	58.3	39.5	37.2	39.7	44.6	49.0	44.2	45.9	69.8	49.3	23
07	46.7	AT	46.0	46.2	42.8	38.4	37.3	38.2	42.6	50.4	56.3	60.2	65.0	70.9	71.1	69.8	70.3	66.0	47.7	49.5	51.2	49.5	45.3	48.7	71.1	52.6	23
08	43.4	AT	38.1	28.8	32.5	34.6	34.0	34.6	28.7	43.8	38.1	41.2	51.1	54.5	57.8	60.8	59.4	38.1	33.3	34.5	32.6	36.9	44.2	46.2	60.8	41.1	23
09	46.0	AT	41.9	40.6	41.0	37.1	36.5	35.0	37.9	44.2	48.3	56.4	60.9	62.3	66.2	68.4	61.4	36.7	42.5	45.5	50.9	51.6	45.4	49.1	68.4	48.0	23
10	47.8	AT	42.2	41.2	38.7	37.5	35.8	36.3	37.2	39.5	43.2	47.2	50.6	52.9	55.7	56.4	47.9	34.0	32.6	38.7	37.0	42.5	41.2	41.1	56.4	42.4	23
11	39.9	AT	37.3	37.1	35.0	33.4	34.8	34.4	36.4	42.8	47.5	52.2	57.5	63.0	64.3	64.4	49.0	35.5	38.8	45.6	43.4	41.0	38.9	40.5	64.4	44.0	23
12	40.7	AT	37.2	38.4	37.3	36.3	36.5	31.7	35.9	34.7	41.1	47.4	53.8	58.6	60.2	60.6	45.4	38.3	50.7	49.3	48.3	45.8	45.9	41.8	60.6	44.1	23
13	38.4	AT	36.8	35.5	36.1	35.8	35.1	32.2	33.2	34.0	36.5	41.7	44.6	45.0	45.4	46.2	37.2	25.7	24.3	28.9	34.2	36.6	31.5	32.2	46.2	35.9	23
14	32.6 35.6	AT	32.3	31.6	31.8	30.6	28.5	26.8	30.6	37.4		38.3	41.5 50.2	44.0	47.9	49.7	36.0	28.8	31.2	40.5 37.3	42.4	40.4	37.0	36.1	49.7	36.3	23
15	36.3	AT AT	33.4	32.2 32.8	31.2	32.5	31.4	30.2	31.6	35.6	39.4	45.0	59.4	54.1	56.9	59.3	57.2 50.8	39.5 39.4	37.5	49.2	36.7	43.4	40.6	37.9 46.5	59.3 64.5	40.4	23
16 17	43.6	AT	33.8 37.8	36.4	31.2	31.6	31.1	28.3	30.0	37.6 38.0	48.8	54.7 58.4	63.1	61.6 64.1	63.9 67.1	64.5	52.1	41.6	40.7 35.1	49.2	51.4 52.6	48.7 50.3	44.2	45.8	69.9	46.1	23
18	43.6	AT	39.0	36.0	36.3	35.6	32.8	33.7	34.6	40.2	50.2	62.8	59.7	71.1	75.6	75.7	57.9	45.1	43.7	51.5	51.8	53.7	53.9	50.7	75.7	49.3	23
19	47.2	AT	39.8	38.3	35.2	34.4	32.9	30.0	34.0	39.3	40.8	46.0	50.6	51.1	53.5	58.0	48.3	36.8	41.9	41.3	37.9	42.8	40.8	37.9	58.0	41.6	23
20	36.6	AT	34.3	30.3	22.2	32.5	31.0	31.6	30.2	35.1	38.0	42.6	46.2	49.0	50.3	51.7	37.5	32.2	31.8	41.0	40.4	39.0	38.8	37.1	51.7	38.0	23
21	36.9	AT			_	_	olera			43.2	41.9	39.8	39.0	39.2	39.4	38.2	38.8	33.2	30.4	35.6	31.5	30.7	33.6	33.9	43.2	35.9	23
22	38.1	AT	30.0	27.8	32.2	29.6	29.1	27.9	27.7	31.9	31.6	35.8	36.7	39.0	39.0	39.3	37.8	29.3	24.8	23.7	15.9	13.9	16.1	13.5	39.3	29.1	23
23	9.0	AT ,	17.5	14.4	11.7	16.0	17.7	17.6	18.7	27.1	27.8	34.8	39.0	38.2	37.8	38.0	32.5	26.0	22.6	22.1	24.8	22.8	22.5	21.3	39.0	24.3	23
24	19.5	AT	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	19.5	19.5	1
25	AN	AN ~									AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN			0
26	AN	AN		-Au	to-c	al o	ut of	tole	eran	ce	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN			0
27	AN	AN.	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN	AN			0
28	AN	AT	23.9	21.0	17.6	19.9	16.0	24.0	27.6	29.7	29.3	30.9	33.8	36.4	32.0	30.5	28.0	26.6	28.0	31.4	28.4	28.0	28.5	28.2	36.4	27.2	22
29	28.0	AT	35.1							AV	32.3	35.8	36.6	37.6	39.5	40.1	39.2	38.6	37.5	34.1	33.1	27.9	27.3	25.8	40.1	34.0	21
30	24.8	AT	23.8	AU	ITO-C	aı II	ı tol	erar	ıce	24.7	28.2	31.3	32.3	32.9	32.7	33.4	31.0	29.4	27.0	28.1	17.7	11.5	8.1	7.9	33.4	24.6	23
Max	54.0		50.1	46.7	44.0	41.2	40.3	41.0	42.7	56.0	61.1	66.4	70.0	76.3	77.1	76.6	70.3	66.0	52.4	51.5	57.4	57.0	56.9	55.4	77.1		
Avg	38.9		36.7	35.1	34.2	33.4	32.1	31.9	33.6	40.1	43.7	48.5	51.7	54.8	56.3	56.6	49.8	37.1	36.3	39.6	40.4	40.7	39.3	38.6		41.3	
Count	26	0	26	26	26	26	26	26	25	25	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26			596

## Objectives of Presentation

- Define Terms
- Data Validation Criteria and Tools
- Data Validation Process
- Data Submittal and follow up



## Data Processing Terms-EPA QA Handbook

#### Data Review

 "review of data as it proceeds from data collection in the field, as it is transmitted and stored in a database, and finally the transmission to AQS"

#### Data Validation

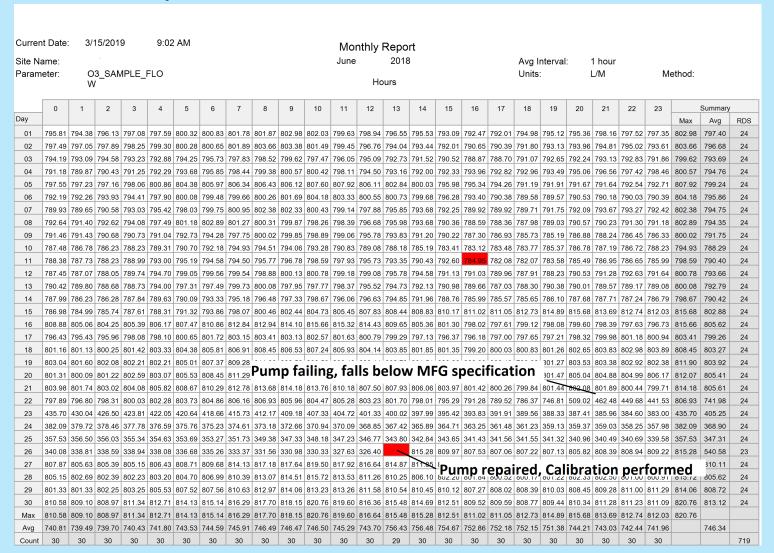
 "confirmation, through provision of objective evidence, that <u>specified</u> requirements have been fulfilled"

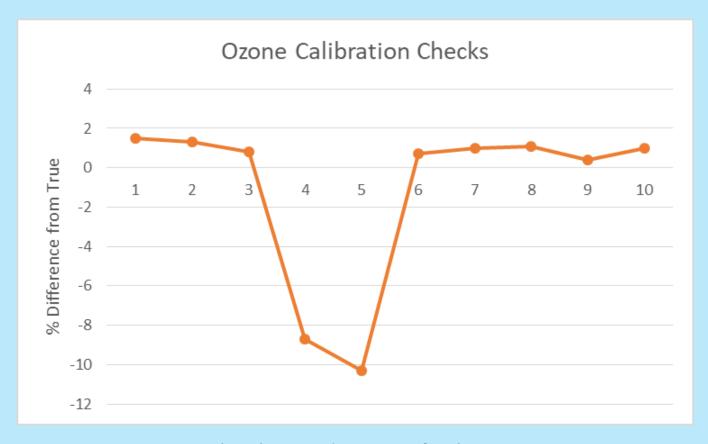
#### Data Verification

 "confirmation, through provision of objective evidence, that the particular requirements for a specific <u>intended use</u> are fulfilled"

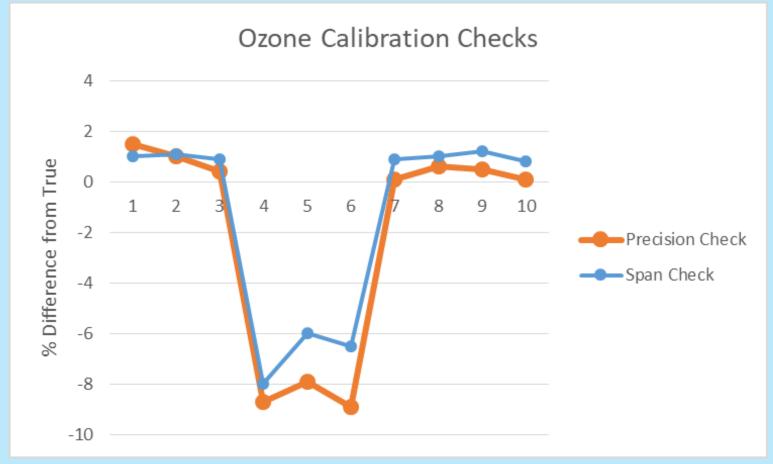
## Data Validation Concept

- Bracketing data in time
- Use of meta-data
- Erroneous recordings
   Vs Out of Tolerance
   Conditions
- Three Levels of Review
- Document all

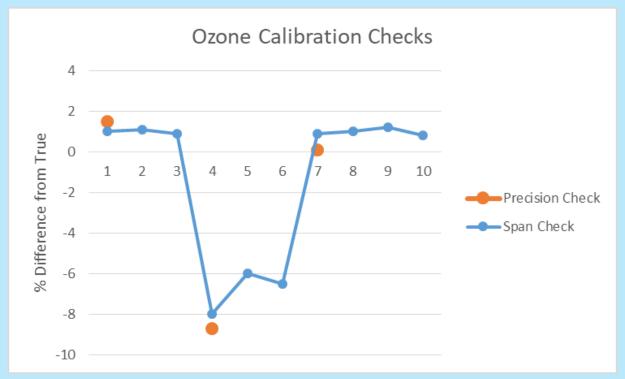




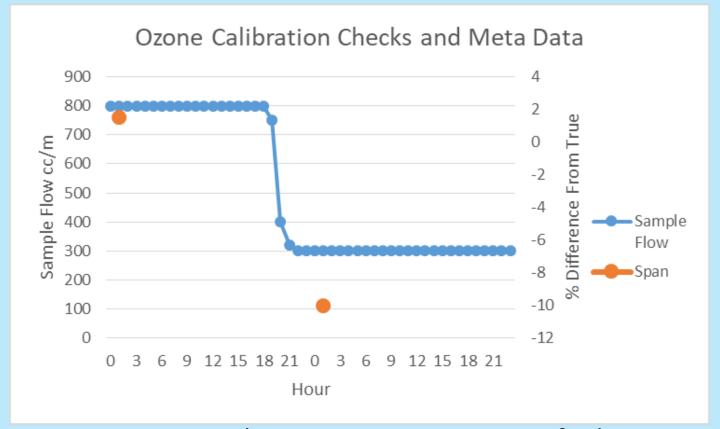
- Check 4 and 5 out of tolerance
- All data from end of Check 3 to Check 6 is invalid. \*note unless compelling evidence shows that Cal system was bad. May be able to save data from 3-6.



- Precision out of tolerance Check 4-6
- Span only out of tolerance Check 4
- Data invalid from Check 3 to Check 7



- Precision and Span out of tolerance Check 4
- Span back in tolerance Check 5,6
- Data invalid from Check 1 through Check 7



- Ozone Span in tolerance Day 1 HR01, Out of tolerance Day 2 HR01
- Sample Flow in tolerance Day 1 HR00-19, Out of tolerance Day 1 HR20
- Data only needs to be invalidated back to Day 1 HR20

### Sources of Data Validation Criteria

- Appendix D Templates
- QAPP/SOP
- Instrument Manual
- Common Sense

Ventura County APCD
Quality Assurance Project Plan – Gas Pollutants
Revision 0
Page 19

Table A.7-2a System Quality Objectives – VCAPCD O<sub>3</sub> Monitoring Program

Requirement	Frequency	Acceptance Criteria	40 CFR Reference	QA Guidance Reference
Reporting Units	All data	ppm	Part 50.9 and 50.10	None
Detection Limit Lower DL	All data	0.001 ppm	Part 53.23b	1.2
Upper Conc. Limit	All data	0.5 ppm	Part 50 Appendix D, Sec. 5.2.3	None
Data Completeness	Quarterly	At least 75%	Part 50, App. I, Sec. 2	EPA QA Volume II: Appendix D
Instrument Shelter		•		
Temperature	All Data	5-40 ° C (strive for 20-30 ° C)	None	Equivalence Specifications/Manual
Analyzer Calibration				
Zero/Span Calibration Check–Level I 1 pt. QC (precision)	Zero/Level 1 Span-Every other day 1 pt. QC-Every other day	Zero <± 3.1 ppb Span <± 7.1% (adjust at 5%) One Pt. QC <± 7.1% (adjust at 5%)	None	EPA QA Volume II: Appendix D

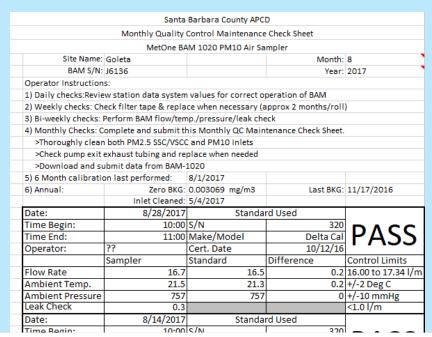
	CF	RITICAL CRITERIA-OZONE
Monitor	NA	Meets requirements listed in FRM/FEM designation
One Point QC Check Single analyzer	Every 14 days	< ±7.1% (percent difference) or < ±1.5 ppb difference whichever is greater
Zero/span check	Every 14 days	Zero drift < ± 3.1 ppb (24 hr) < ± 5.1 ppb (>24hr-14 day) Span drift < ± 7.1 %

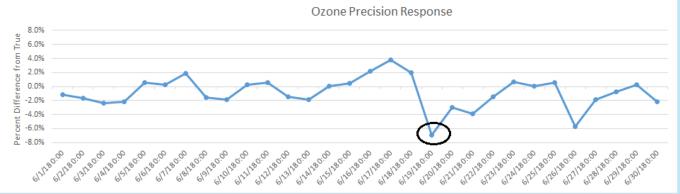
	OPER	ATIONAL CRITERIA -OZONE
Shelter Temperature Range	Daily (hourly values)	20.0 to 30.0° C. (Hourly avg) or per manufacturers specifications if designated to a wider temperature range
Shelter Temperature Control	Daily (hourly values)	< 2.1° C SD over 24 hours
Shelter Temperature Device Check	Every 182 days and 2/ calendar year	< <u>+</u> 2.1° C of standard

	SYS	TEMATIC CRITERIA-OZONE
Standard Reporting Units	All data	ppm (final units in AQS)
Rounding convention for design value calculation	All routine concentration data	3 places after decimal with digits to right truncated
	3-Year Comparison	> 90% (avg) daily max available in ozone season with min of 75% in any one year.
Completeness (seasonal)	8- hour average	≥75% of hourly averages for the 8-hour (6 of 8 hours)
	Valid Daily Max	> 75% of the 24, valid 8 hour averages (18 of 24 8-hour averages

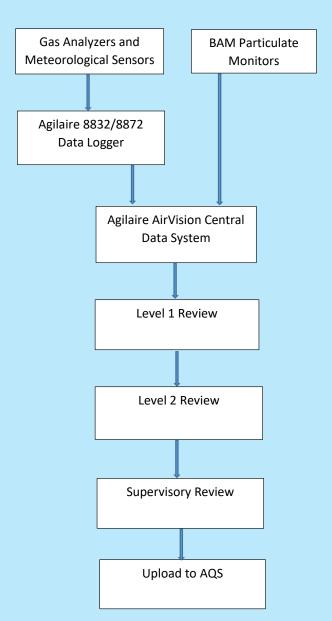
## Tools Used in Data Review/Validation

- Site/Monitor Documents-Logs and Monthly QC Forms
- Auto-cal Results
- QC Checks
- Multi-point Calibrations
- Audit Results
- AQDA/CAN documents
- Automated Data Screening
- Comparison to nearby sites
- Diurnal trends, expected results and parameters relationships (PM2.5 shouldn't be higher than PM10)
- Visualize Data





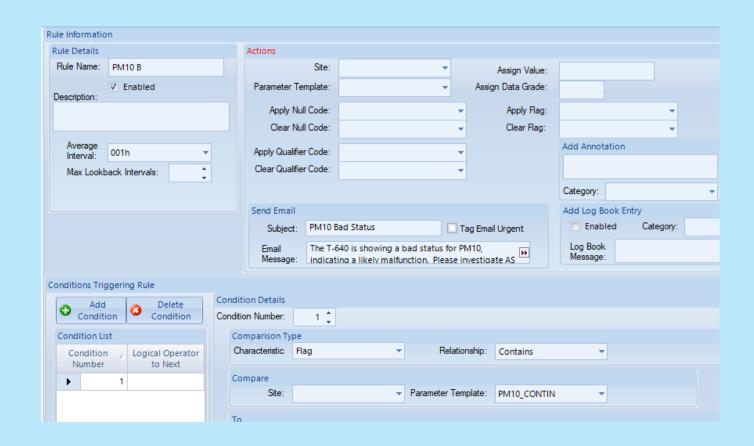
### Data Review/Validation Process-Overview



- Level 1- Identify erroneous readings and out of tolerance conditions.
- Level 2- Review Level 1 work.
   Perform data verification.
- Level 3 Review previous levels work. Focus on high values/standard exceedances.

## Automated Data Screening

- High, Low, rate of change, stuck values, more advanced between sites
- Not a substitute for manual review process
- Helpful in screening for real-time data
- Quick notification of a problem with email alarm



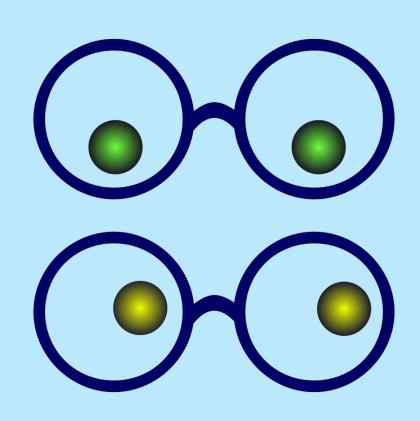
#### Level 1 Data Review

- Most important step
- Should be performed by someone involved with site operations (site tech)
- Identify missing, erroneous data values
- Out of tolerance conditions and time period
- Can apply null and other qualifier codes
- Need to document all actions taken



#### Level 2 Data Review

- Data Verification-Ensure QC tasks performed per QAPP/SOP
- Review all Level 1 work/action by "second set of eyes"
- QC check review if not performed by Level 1
- Calculate data statistics such as high, low, NAAQS/State Standard exceeds
- Compare to other nearby sites data
- Reach consensus with Level 1 reviewer on any differences in review



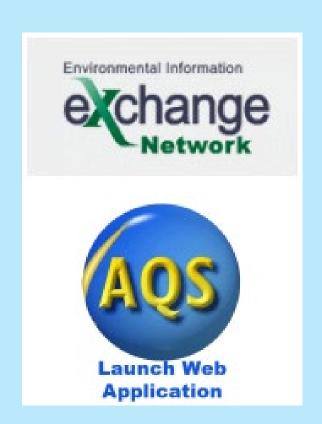
#### Level 3 Data Review

- Typically performed by management
- Review data completeness
- Review high values and/or standard exceeds
- Approve upload to AQS

Month	Year	IT/Monitoring Supervise	or
TASK		Or	<b>K?</b>
4) Note the bishoot become			_
1) Note the nignest nouny v	alue on each final monthly re	роп.	
2) Note each hourly value of	n the appropriate final month	ly report that exceeds the	
	exceedance based on hourly		
	alues on the appropriate final		
	r a standards exceedance bas	sed on 24 hour average	
values.			
	average reports for ozone an		
	dards exceedance based on		_
steps 1-4 above.	us pollutants only) for each no	otea perioa identifica in	
	5 hourly values for each noted	d period identified in stans	_
1-4 above in the AirVision a		period identified in steps	
	bration control charts to ensu	ire that the noted periods	_
	lid calibration checks within al		
	ation/calibration records to en		_
	lid verifications/calibrations wi		
9) If any parts of this review	indicates possible errors in t	he data set, discuss with	_
	, reach a consensus and mal		
	se corrections by annotating t		
	data set were made, re-gene	erate hourly AQS files and	
replace the old files with the	corrected files.		
44) Cubanit all bounds and O	1 100 floor to 100 Conferen	. Ab	_
	A AQS files to AQS. Confirm	the upload was successiul.	_
AQS Upload Performed by:			_
AQS Upload Completion Date:			
Date.	1		

## AQS Data Submittal and Review

- AQS Submittal Process
- Review of data once in AQS
  - Quarterly
    - AMP256 Data Quality Indicator
    - AMP350 Raw Data
    - AMP430 Data Completeness
  - Annual
    - AMP600- Certification Evaluation



# Data is Validated by Bracketing in Time with QC or Calibration Checks

- Documentation (logs, QC forms, etc)
- Data Review, Validation, and Verification Terms
- Validation Criteria and Tools
- Three Level Data Review Process
- Data Submittal and Review

#### Resources

- EPA/CARB
- Quality Documents
- I am always willing to Discuss Ideas Joel Craig

craigairmonitoring@att.net

805-712-5701