

Zero Air Verifications: Why Reinvent the Wheel

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SLO County APCD discarding older equipment

- ▶ Annually older components are replaced
- ▶ Equipment in working order is listed in various groups
 - ▶ CAPCOA Monitoring Group
 - ▶ Google Site Techs
- ▶ Looking to transfer equipment to other districts in need

SLO County APCD extra equipment

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- ▶ Older 8816 Data Loggers
- ▶ Older 8832 Data Loggers
- ▶ 400A
- ▶ 200A
- ▶ 400E
- ▶ 700E
- ▶ Zero Air Generators

Older equipment procedures

- ▶ California Air Resources Board (CARB) Repository
- ▶ CAPCOA Group
- ▶ Google...

2021 PQAO Zero Air Verification Video

- ▶ CARB requested SLO County APCD Staff to present on procedures for Zero Air Verification.
- ▶ Spurred questions from Districts about their procedures and possible TSA findings
- ▶ Tehama Reached out in 2023 about procedures
- ▶ SLO County APCD was about to clean the office and get rid of 3 Teledyne 701's
 - ▶ Moved to Sabio for Standard Operating Procedures
 - ▶ Streamline maintenance

2023 SLO/Tehama Equipment Transfer

- ▶ Tehama requested equipment for Zero Air Generation/Verification
- ▶ Tehama acquired 2 Teledyne 701's
- ▶ Also acquired ESC 8832 with a 12V relay to start the Generator for calibrations
- ▶ Acquired various components for Zero Air Verification setup
- ▶ Was sent SLO County APCD SOP 703 with updates.

2023 Tehama/SLO Equipment Transfer

- ▶ CARB QA Audit found that no Zero Air Verification was being performed
- ▶ Needed to update network to meet PQAO standards

Tehama County Transfer

- ▶ Received equipment and still needed help with missing components
- ▶ Needed to clarify procedures to adhere to Tehama County equipment

Tehama Equipment integration

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- ▶ Worked with SLO County APCD staff to Place 701 in rack
- ▶ Worked with staff to get 701 integrated with T703 for nightly calibrations
- ▶ Worked with staff to update SOP to better adhere to Tehama equipment
- ▶ Began auto calibrations with Zero Air Generator in December 2023

Verification Kit

- ▶ Received SLO County Kit and performed Verification.
- ▶ Received second kit built by SLO County Staff and attached components donated by SLO County APCD
- ▶ Tested Tehama County Zero Air Verification Kit
- ▶ Finalizing SOP around Tehama kit

Tehama Adopted equipment

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- ▶ Older equipment when well maintained continue to operate
 - ▶ Follow Maintenance schedules
 - ▶ Follow Technical Bulletins
 - ▶ Site visits and checks
 - ▶ Don't fall for "that should be fine"
- ▶ Most equipment can last over 10 years in operation before issues

Conclusion

- ▶ Collaboration is key to success
 - ▶ Teamwork Makes the Dream work
 - ▶ Two heads are better than one
- ▶ Organizations in the PQAO are always looking to help each other
- ▶ CARB is also an important resource for equipment

Why blaze an already established trail?

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- ▶ Questions
- ▶ Comments?
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