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New Products

The following list gives a brief description of new products available from EPA's Transportation and Air Quality (TRAQ) Center.

For a complete listing of TRAQ Center services and products, you may call the TRAQ Information Line at (734) 214-4100, or the National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP) at (800) 490-9198, and request a copy of the "Transportation Air Quality Center Products" booklet (EPA420-B-99-001).

Voluntary Mobile Source Programs: Crediting Innovation and Experimentation

This brochure provides basic information about the Voluntary Mobile Source Emissions Programs (VMEPs) policy and outlines the federal process a state would go through to receive credit for their VMEPs in a State Implementation Plan (SIP). (EPA420-K-97-004)
Quantification of Episodic Control Programs

This report provides an in-depth examination of episodic emission control programs for five selected areas (Baltimore, Sacramento, San Francisco, Cincinnati, and Dallas) and the techniques used to evaluate the effectiveness of the individual control measures included in the programs. (EPA420-R-97-006)

SIP Development Guidance: Commuter Choice Programs

This guidance document assists States and Federal agencies to calculate the emissions benefits of commuter choice programs. States can experiment with incorporating commuter choice programs into their SIPs in order to attain and maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Commute benefits, sometimes called transportation fringe benefits, are items such as parking spaces, transit passes and vanpool subsidies, provided by employers to defray the costs to employees of transportation to and from work. (EPA420-R-98-007)
Background Information for Land Use SIP Policy

This report identifies and evaluates if and how emissions benefits of various land use measures that affect travel behavior are accounted for in current SIPs. (EP A420-R-98-012)

Index of Transportation Measure Quantification Efforts: Methodology Matrix

This methodology matrix provides a clearly organized, easy-to-use summary of available methodologies for evaluating a given transportation measure, the strengths and weaknesses of those methodologies, and examples of research and evaluation efforts that have utilized each of those methodologies. The matrix covers 27 different transportation measures, and summarizes and analyzes 38 distinct quantification methodologies. (EPA420-R-98-018)

Transportation and Air Quality TCM Technical Overviews

These documents provide overviews of individual Transportation Control Measures (TCMs), in which their advantages, disadvantages, and the issues involved in their implementation are discussed.

- Accelerated Retirement of Vehicles (EPA420-S-98-001)
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs (EPA420-S-98-002)
- Commute Alternative Incentives (EPA420-S-98-003)
- Congestion Pricing (EPA420-S-98-004)
- Guaranteed Ride Home (EPA420-S-98-005)
- High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (EPA420-S-98-006)
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (EPA420-S-98-007)
- Parking Management (EPA420-S-98-008)
- Parking Pricing (EPA420-S-98-009)
- Public Transit Improvements (EPA420-S-98-010)
- Telecommuting (EPA420-S-98-011)
- Traffic Flow Improvements (EPA420-S-98-012)
- Trip Reduction Ordinances (EPA420-S-98-013)
- Work Schedule Changes (EPA420-S-98-014)
Transportation Air Quality Fact Sheets

- Commuter Choice: Guidance Overview (EPA420-F-98-035)
- The Commuter Choice Program: A Way to Save Money and Help the Environment (EPA420-F-98-029)
- Commuter Choice: Information for Employers (EPA420-F-98-031)
- Commuter Choice: Information for Employees (EPA420-F-98-032)

TRAQ Web Site Additions

Transportation Control Measures (TCM) Database

http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq

The TCM database is an on-line searchable directory on TCM programs operating around the country. It also has 14 technical overviews on different types of TCMs. The technical overviews include descriptions of how the measures work.

Commuter Choice Web Page

http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp/comchoic/ccweb.htm

This home page gives you a list of specific items relating to EPA's Commuter Choice programs. The web pages include technical overviews, fact sheets, a SIP guidance document, tax treatment of employer-provided commute benefits, examples of commuter choice measures, frequently asked questions, and links to other agencies and organizations promoting commuter choice.
Transportation-Related Grants Database

http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq

The Transportation-Related Grants Database was developed to facilitate information exchange among transportation practitioners, public decision makers, industry, consultants, public interest groups and others who support travel-related activities which minimize emissions from mobile sources. Information is provided on more than 50 EPA funded transportation-related projects from around the nation. These projects and programs focus on encouraging travel-related activities which minimize emissions from mobile sources.

Voluntary Measures Web Page

http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp/traqvolm.htm

This expanded home page now includes information on designing and implementing a voluntary program, voluntary measure technical, financial and training assistance as well as specific voluntary measure program guidance.

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