

ECHO Clean Air Tracking Tool (ECATT)

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Introductions

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What is the ECHO Clean Air Tracking Tool (ECATT)?

- Last week, EPA released the ECHO Clean Air Tracking Tool to the public. ECATT is the first EPA interface that combines data about emissions, enforcement and compliance, environmental justice, air monitoring stations, and modeled risk data.
- The tool can be used to evaluate emissions at stationary sources of air pollution and analyze general air quality in the United States. Public release of ECATT provides transparency for Clean Air Act (CAA) data and allows users to screen for facilities emitting pollutants in areas with a **high risk of health impacts** or **environmental justice** concerns.
- ECATT leverages EPA's extensive and well-used ECHO integration platform to make it easy to find pollutant and cancer-risk hotspots and then map back to possible nearby contributors of monitored risk.



What Data Flows into ECATT?



Many stove-piped data sources with useful information are integrated in this tool.

Emissions Inventories

TRI – Toxics Release Inventory NEI – National Emissions Inventory CAMD – Clean Air Markets Division GHG – Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program <u>Compliance Data</u> ICIS-Air – Integrated Compliance Information System <u>Ambient Conditions</u> NWS – National Weather Service AMA – Ambient Monitoring Archive AQS – Air Quality System <u>Other Sources</u> AirToxScreen – Air Toxics Screening Assessment EJScreen – Environmental Justice Data

ECATT Searches

ECATT has two main searches: the <u>Air Monitoring Stations search</u> and the <u>Emissions Screener</u> search

- The Air Monitoring Stations (AMS) search provides data about air monitoring stations that measure ambient or outdoor concentrations of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) and Criteria Air Pollutants (CAPs). The search can be used to identify areas with high pollutant concentrations and higher potential for health impacts and identify the facilities emitting in those areas.
- The Emissions Screener search provides data on stationary sources regulated under the Clean Air Act. Users can analyze the data reported to several EPA emissions inventories to identify top emitters and answer questions such as: who is emitting, where are they emitting, which pollutants are they emitting, and how much are they emitting? The search organizes emissions data by facility, industry, or pollutant. Through the facility report, users can access each facility's Air Pollutant Report to view detailed emissions data.



Air Monitoring Stations Search

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Ambient Monitoring Archive for HAPs

("the Archive": https://www.epa.gov/amtic/amtic-air-toxics-data-ambient-monitoring-archive)

- Description
 - Ambient Monitoring Archive for HAPs is AQS+ (e.g., AQS, TAMIS, NADP, NOAA, community monitoring, etc.)
 - Unified formatting
- History
 - Since 2001 prior to HAPs on AQS
 - Release ~annually in versions
 - All years included in every version not just the newest years
- Data Processing
 - Annual averages calculated from the Archive per pollutant, site, year, and sampling duration

Application

- Annual averages goes into multiple products (e.g., ECATT, The Trends Report, AirToxScreen Mapping Tool, NEXUS, CMAQ/AERMOD/hybrid model evaluation, ROE, CMAQ boundary conditions, publications, etc.)
- The 2020 Archive
 - Includes 1990 2020
 - 87+ million records
 - 32 different sources
 - 30% of records from non-AQS sources

ECATT AMS Scenario 1

Where have monitoring stations measured concentrations of **Benzene** at or above a **10 people in a million** average long-term cancer risk?





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Air Toxics Screening Assessment (AirToxScreen)

- Screening-level characterization of air toxics across the US
 - Nationwide assessment at census tract resolution assuming a continuous, lifetime (70-year) exposure
 - Cancer ("X-in-1-million") and noncancer (hazard index for 14 target-organ/systems) risk estimates for 138 air toxics
- How is AirToxScreen used?

- Provide communities with information about health risks from air toxics
- Planning tool for EPA, state/local/Tribal organizations
 - To identify locations of interest for further study
 - To prioritize pollutants and emission sources/types



https://www.epa.gov/AirToxScreen/airtoxscreen-mapping-too



AirToxScreen Analytical Steps



Estimate ambient concentrations of air toxics across the US

Estimate population exposures

Characterize potential public health risks from inhalation

- EPA's National Emissions Inventory (NEI), based on data provided by state, local, and tribal agencies
- Emissions are modeled using EPA's photochemical and dispersion models
- Account for human activity, commuting patterns, and near roadway exposures

Estimate cancer risk and chronic noncancer hazards



AMS Scenario 2

Which monitoring stations have a higher cancer risk level for the aggregate of all pollutants based on measured concentrations versus modeled concentrations and are in an area with elevated Environmental Justice concerns?



Emissions Screener Search

Single query tool for emissions data sorted by facility, industry, and pollutant. Allows for definition of parameters such as location, data year, pollutant category, facility characteristics, compliance history, and more.

- Use Cases
 - Finding major contributors of hotspot-creating pollutants which are *not* located near monitors.
 - Identifying discrepancies between NEI and TRI.
 - Determining which industries or pollutants are contributing to overall pollutant loadings and/or risk.





Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program

- Tracks the management of certain toxic chemicals that may pose a threat to human health and the environment
- U.S. facilities in different industry sectors such as manufacturing, metal mining, electric power generation, chemical manufacturing, and hazardous waste treatment, must report annually how much of each chemical is released to the environment and/or managed through recycling, energy recovery and treatment
- In general, <u>chemicals covered</u> by the <u>TRI</u> <u>Program</u> are those that cause:
 - Cancer or other chronic human health effects
 - Significant adverse acute human health effects
 - Significant adverse environmental effects



National Emissions Inventory (NEI)

- The NEI provides a comprehensive and detailed estimate of criteria air pollutants (CAPs) and their precursors, and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) from air emissions sources in the US.
- The full NEI is released every three years and is based primarily upon data provided to the EPA by state, local, and tribal air agencies (SLTs) across the US.
- Data sources (✓ = in ECATT, = not ECATT)
 - Stationary sources: TRI, GHGRP, NESHAPs
 - Mobile Sources: Onroad, nonroad (MOVES), airports (FAA)
 - Nonpoint Sources: e.g. residential fuel combustion
 - Natural Sources: BEIS model with land use and met data
 - Fires





Emissions Screener Scenario

What are the active facilities in Texas that are emitting Hazardous Air Pollutants in the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction sector that are also in areas of elevated environmental justice concern?

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CA4	Extraction
CA4 CA4	Official Constitution
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CA4 CA4	21113 - Natural Gas Extraction
	211130 - Natural Gas Extraction
AL	212 - Mining (except Oil and Gas)
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Facility Summary



HOUSTON PLANT 8615 MANCHESTER RD, HOUSTON, TX 77012 Facility Information (FRS) Emission FRS ID: <u>110000460901</u> EPA Region: 06 Latitude: Longitude: Locational Data Source: Industry: All Other Basic Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing, All Other Miscellaneous Chemical Product and Preparation Manufacturing, Other Basic Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing, Alkalies and Chlorine Manufacturing, Natural Gas Liquid Extraction Related

ICIS-Air Source ID: TX0000004820100037

ICIS-Air Facility Status: Operating Major Emissions

Emission Inventories

 National Emissions Inventory (NEI): 47:
Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (G No Information
Toxics Release Inventory (TRI): 77012STFFR8615M

Clean Air Markets Division (CAMD): No Information

Related Reports

Detailed Facility Report
Search for Excess Emission Reports
Search for Spills



Question and Answer



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Air Facility Resources

- ECHO Clean Air Tracking Tool: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/trends/air-monitoring-stations</u>
- Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO): <u>https://echo.epa.gov/</u>
- ECHO Quick Start Guide: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/learn-more-about-echo</u>
- Air Facility Search Help: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/help/facility-search/facility-search-help</u>
- National Data Downloads: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/tools/data-downloads</u>
- National Emissions Inventory (NEI): <u>https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventory-nei</u>
- Toxics Release Inventory: <u>https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program</u>
- AirToxScreen: <u>https://www.epa.gov/AirToxScreen</u>



General Resources

- ECHO Tool Guide: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/tool-guide</u>
- Video Tutorials: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/help/tutorials</u>
- Webinars: https://echo.epa.gov/help/training
- FAQ: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/echo-faq</u>
- ECHO Mailing list: https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/listserv
- ECHO Notify: https://echo.epa.gov/tools/echo-notify
- How to Report an Error: <u>https://echo.epa.gov/help/how-to-report-error</u>
- State Agency Websites: https://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/state-websites



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Questions ECATT Answers:

- Which facilities release which pollutants?
- Which facilities could be key contributors to air pollution or risk hotspots?
- How well do monitored pollutant readings align with reported emissions from nearby facilities?

Captures data from a

network of ambient

monitoring stations

measuring

Criteria Air

Pollutants.

AirTox-

Incorporates

Screen data

so users can

hazard level/

and compare

readings with

emissions from

nearby facilities to

Identify discrepan-

cancer risk

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Hazardous and

Air Monitoring Stations Tab

Make Your Selections

1. Search Type (Hazardous or Criteria Air

Pollutants)

2. Geographic Location

(ZIP, County, State, Region)

3. Community (Environmental Jus-

tice Indexes, % People of Color, %

Low Income)

4. Monitored Risk Level (Ambient

Air Quality Monitoring, aggregate

5. Modeled Risk Screen-

ing (Air Toxics Cancer

tory Hazard Index)

Risk Level and Respira-

emissions or single pollutant

Air Monitoring Station Report

An interactive report with detailed infor-

mation about ambient air quality, weather

station information, and facility emissions

near an air monitoring station.

ECATT Functionality:

Access to <u>Clean Air Act</u> (CAA) data to evaluate emissions at stationary sources of air pollution and evaluate general air quality.

- Uses data from stationary air monitors to find pollutant and cancer-risk hotspots
- Analyzes CAA data to identify potential facilities contributing to air pollution

ECHO Clean Air Tracking Tool (ECATT)

ECATT Integrates these

Data Sources:

- Toxics Release Inventory
- Emissions Inventory System
- Air Monitoring Station Data
- Clean Air Markets Division
- Enforcement and Compliance Data
- AirToxScreen Toxics Risk Data
- CAA Regulated Facility Classifications
- Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program



https://echo.epa.gov/ Click on 'Analyze Trends', then 'Pollution Analysis', then 'Clean Air Tracking Tool (ECATT)' Contact: Cora Stern stern.cora@epa.gov



Air Pollutant Report

Presents 10 years of EPA air emissions organized by aggregate or individual pollutant and EPA program. Consolidates emissions data from different EPA programs so users can easily understand a facility's complete air emissions profile.

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