

Particulate Data Management Tool (PDMT) and Support available:

A database tool was developed to assist in the process of collecting PM2.5 data from the monitors, administering and housing the information, and reporting it to the EPA . The Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA) initially funded the development of the software; EPA has funded several enhancements and technical support. The database tool has the ability to

- A accept electronic files from both Andersen and R&P monitors as inputs;
- A accept filter data from laboratories in the form of an Excel spreadsheet;
- A rapidly input filter id data using a barcode scanner;
- A review, edit, quality check and report their data; and
- A produce transaction files that can be sent to AIRS.

The tool is an implementation of the popular Microsoft Access database. A web site for this data management tool allows users to access the system and its documentation and to review problems reported by others and their resolution. EPA seeks to assist agencies in evaluating and using this PM2.5 database tool in the interest of improved data management capabilities and improved overall data quality.

The system, documentation, FAQ, and other utilities are available at

<http://home.pes.com/pdmt>

Limited technical support is available for public agencies through 9/30/2002. Call David Holoman of PES at 919-941-0333 or e-mail david.holoman@pes.com. For EPA help, contact Mark Schmidt at 919-541-2416 or email schmidt.mark @epa.gov