

PM_{2.5} Mass - Monitoring Session

- Variety of sampler issues discussed:
 - ▶ Ranged from encoder failures, leak check problems, to replacing parts periodically.
 - ▶ WINS Oil crystallization/gelling cropping up in more areas. Need to continue working toward a resolution.
 - ▶ Continued high cost for maintaining filter-based instruments. State/locals & Regions need to discuss these costs each year. (No increase in base budget is likely.)

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- Still need to push for continuous methods, & field testing of any new methods.
- More direct communication between vendors and monitoring agencies.
 - ▶ We continue to need more communication with vendors about availability of fixes, extent of problem(s) with samplers.
 - ▶ Regional user groups may be a way to accomplish this.

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- If we had to do it again...
 - ▶ Request/require AIRS formatting for sampler data.
 - ▶ More training on samplers.
 - ▶ Better back-up plans for contracted items, e.g., weighing labs.
 - ▶ Better planning for support equipment, e.g., calibration kits.