

Making the Transition to MOVES

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Outline

- **MOVES schedule and MOVES versions**
- **Stages to learning and using MOVES**
- **Easing the transition**
 - Improvements in handling different geographic domains
 - Data importers
 - Guidance documents
 - Training
- **What you can do to prepare**

MOVES Schedule

- **January 2005**
 - MOVES2004 released
 - Includes energy consumption, greenhouse gasses
- **May 2007**
 - MOVES Demo released
 - Basic structure of MOVES without criteria pollutant emission factors
- **Late 2008**
 - Planned release of draft MOVES2008
 - Add draft criteria pollutant emission factors
- **Late 2009**
 - Planned release of MOVES2009
 - Final onroad criteria pollutant model
- **2009+**
 - Add nonroad emissions to MOVES



MOVES Demo

- **Posted May 2007**
- **Has basic MOVES structure but not all functionality planned for later versions**
 - Allow users to become familiar with basic operation of MOVES
 - Get early feedback from users
- **Replaces MOVES2004 for on-road energy consumption, CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, Well-To-Pump**
- **Has placeholder values for HC, CO, NO_x, PM, SO₄**
 - Criteria pollutant results are meaningless
- **Many features still incomplete**
 - Difficult to change local inputs



MOVES2008

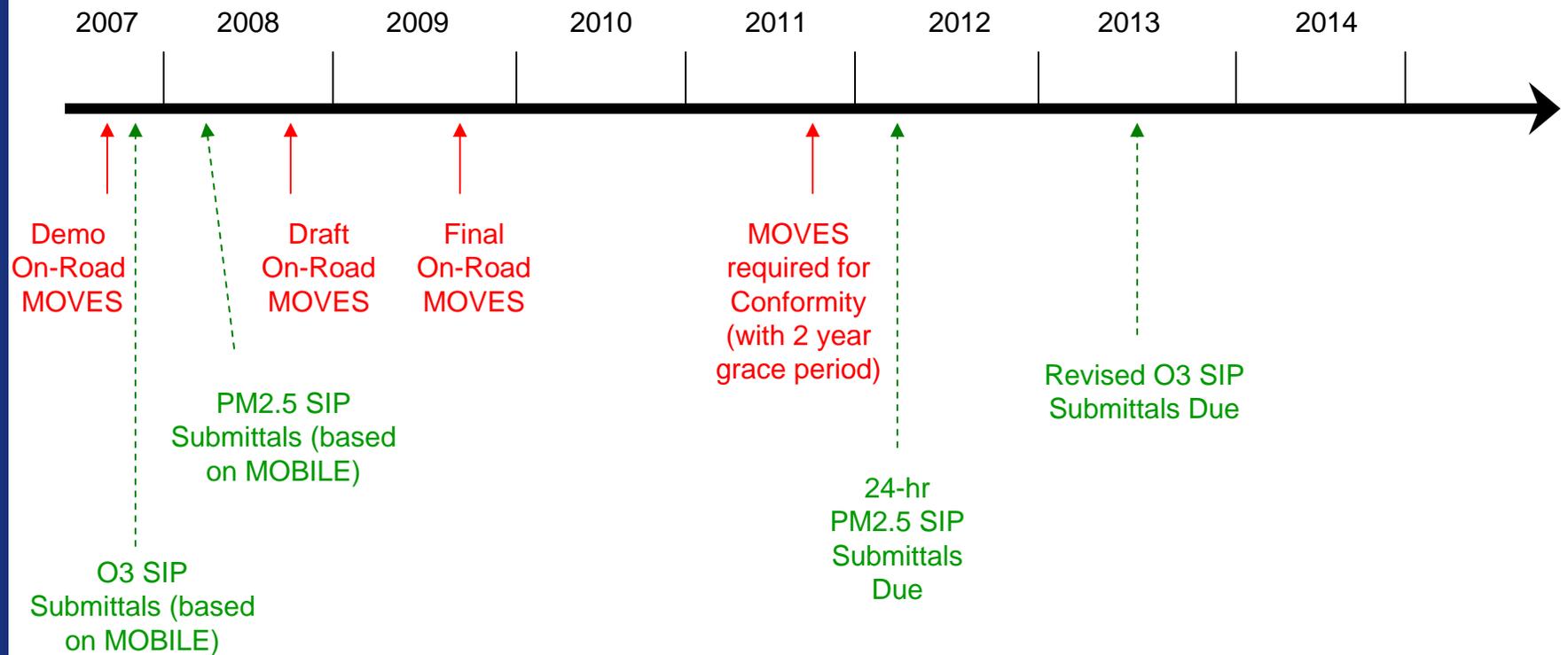
- **Developing draft MOVES2008 for release in late 2008**
 - Adding criteria pollutant emission factor databases
 - Adding additional features to simplify regional and project-level analysis for SIPs and conformity
 - Data importers
 - Improved domain handling capabilities
- **MOVES2008 will be a draft model**
 - No official use requiring MOVES2008
 - Release will be followed by a one year period for public review, training, and EPA guidance development
 - May not include all data or features planned for MOVES2009

MOVES2009

- **MOVES2009** planned for release in late 2009
- **Will be official version of MOVES for on-road vehicles for SIPs and conformity analyses**
 - Required for SIPs after release of MOVES2009
 - Federal Register notice of availability of MOVES2009 will begin conformity grace period
- **Later versions of MOVES will also incorporate emissions from nonroad vehicles and equipment**

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MOVES, SIP, and Possible Regional Conformity Timeline



Stages to Learning and Using MOVES

- **Use MOVES with national defaults**
 - Learning step only - Not appropriate for SIPs or conformity
- **Running MOVES with converted MOBILE6 inputs**
 - Conversion tables and data importers will help
- **Running MOVES with inputs developed specifically for MOVES**
 - This may be simpler in some cases than what users currently do to get data in terms MOBILE requires
- **Using MOVES advanced features with customized inputs**
 - Will allow users to take full advantage of MOVES features, e.g., customized drive cycles or road types

Easing the Transition to MOVES

- **Improving handling of different domain sizes**
 - Adding GUI for nonattainment area and project level analysis to allow users to specify local inputs
- **Developing data importers which will:**
 - Ease conversion of MOBILE inputs to MOVES inputs
 - Allow input of data as text files
- **Writing future guidance documents**
 - Technical guidance will address when and what type of local input is needed
- **Planning outreach and training**
 - FHWA & EPA planning MOVES training for 2008 and beyond

Levels of Analysis in MOVES

- **MOVES is designed to work at macro, meso, and micro scales**
- **These translate into different geographic domains:**
 - National
 - Nonattainment Area or County
 - Project

National Level

- **Uses national default data with allocation to county level**
- **Primary use is broad-scale national analysis**
 - e.g. EPA rulemakings for vehicle standards
 - Not appropriate for use in SIPs or conformity
- **Users can change inputs, but not easily at the county level**
- **Output for nation, states, or counties**
- **MOVES Demo works best for this level of analysis**

Nonattainment Area or County Level

- **Define a “domain” as a single county or group of counties**
- **Users input local environmental, fleet, and activity data similar to what is required in MOBILE**
- **May be able to define subareas**
 - individual counties within a group of counties
 - zones within a single county
- **Output is at the county level by road type**
- **This level of analysis will be appropriate for SIPs and regional conformity analyses**

Project Level

- **Users will be able to define inputs at the project level as individual links in the project**
 - Enter fleet and activity data specific to each link
 - Could enter detailed driving behavior by link
 - Multiple links could be modeled in a single run
- **Users will also be able to input idle and start information if applicable for the type of project**
- **This level of analysis will be appropriate for project level conformity analyses**

Look-up Table Output Option

- **MOVES is an inventory model**
 - designed to produce total emissions incorporating VMT by road and vehicle type
- **A look-up table output option allows users to produce running emission rates in grams per mile if want to post-process results as currently done with MOBILE**
 - This output option will work at all levels – national, nonattainment area, and project
 - EPA is considering g/hour output for non-running emissions

What Are MOVES Data Importers?

- **Software interfaces that can create alternate databases, tables, and data records for use by MOVES**
- **Currently developing data importers to simplify creation of local input files in draft MOVES2008**
- **Advantages**
 - Do not require knowledge of database commands and syntax
 - Can assure the updates are made only to the appropriate tables
 - Can require complete information from users, preventing data gaps
 - Can include some error checks
 - Can be designed to convert data from MOBILE6 to MOVES format

Future Guidance Documents

- **EPA expects to release several guidance documents that will help with the transition for final MOVES**
 - MOVES Technical Guidance for SIPs and conformity
 - Project Level Conformity Guidance for PM
 - MOVES SIP and Conformity Policy Guidance
- **Will release draft guidance for comment during sometime after release of MOVES2008**
- **Final guidance documents will be available when MOVES2009 is released**



MOVES Technical Guidance for SIPs and Conformity

- **Answers these questions:**
 - When can model defaults be used?
 - When is local information needed?
 - What are acceptable sources of local information?
- **See MOBILE6.2 Technical Guidance for examples of past answers to these questions**
 - Registration (age) distribution
 - Mileage accumulation

Local Inputs vs. Defaults – Key Factors

- **Does the input vary by location?**
 - Some inputs are more likely to vary than others
- **How sensitive is MOVES to changes in the input?**
 - Take into account MOVES sensitivity analysis
- **Is local information available?**
 - Ease or difficulty developing local information
 - Quality of local information
- **As with MOBILE6, some local inputs will be required, some will be recommended, some will be optional, and some may be discouraged if local data is unreliable**
 - Your feedback on availability and quality of local data is helpful

Project Level Guidance for PM

- **How to do project level analysis for PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ with MOVES for conformity**
- **Similar to Technical Guidance, but focused on specific needs for project level analysis**
- **Will also address how to use air quality dispersion models for project level analysis**

MOVES SIP and Conformity Policy Guidance

- **Answers these questions:**
 - When should MOVES be used for development of new SIPs?
 - When should MOVES be used for new conformity determinations?
 - Conformity grace period can be 3 to 24 months
 - Any other general policy questions for the transition from MOBILE to MOVES
- **Actual date that MOVES becomes official for SIP and conformity purposes is based on Federal Register notice announcing availability**

MOVES Outreach and Training

- EPA developing a joint training plan with FHWA
- Near-term outreach prior to release of draft MOVES2008
 - Focus on basic information to prepare users for transition
- More detailed training after release of draft MOVES2008 focusing on use of MOVES for SIPs and conformity
- We welcome comments on training needs and priorities

What Should You Do Now?

- **Update computer hardware**
 - Dual-core processor (faster is better)
 - At least 1 GB memory (more is better)
 - At least 40 GB storage (more is better, output files can be very large)
 - Consider setting up a distributive network (specs of “master” computer are key)
 - MOVES has not been tested on Windows Vista
 - EPA is working on this, but Windows XP is safer alternative right now
- **Provide feedback on MOVES Demo**
 - Still time to let EPA know about possible bugs, other concerns

What Should You Do Now?

- **Build staff expertise in relational databases and MYSQL**
 - May not be needed for typical runs, but should have an in-house expert for more advanced analysis
- **Plan to attend MOVES training events after release of MOVES2008**
- **Subscribe to MOBILENEWS email list for MOVES updates**

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/models/mobilelist.htm>



Feedback

- **We need your comments and ideas**
 - Does MOVES meet your needs?
 - Is MOVES too hard to use?
- **Official Comment Period:**
 - Begins when MOVES2008 is released
 - Comments are most effective when obtained early
- **We are interested in your ideas to make MOVES better meet your needs**



Questions or Comments?

- Send an email to mobile@epa.gov
- Send a letter to:
MOVES Model Comments
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Summary of Planned MOVES2008 Features

- Improved run-time
- Draft exhaust and non-exhaust emissions for criteria pollutants and toxics
- Updated energy rates and GHG emissions (more responsive to speed changes)
- Importer for key county-level domain inputs
- Basic project level data importer
- Basic fuels and I/M importers
- Enhancements to these planned importers and additional importers may be developed after release of draft MOVES2008

