

# Emission Inventory in the Midwest

## Challenges and Opportunities

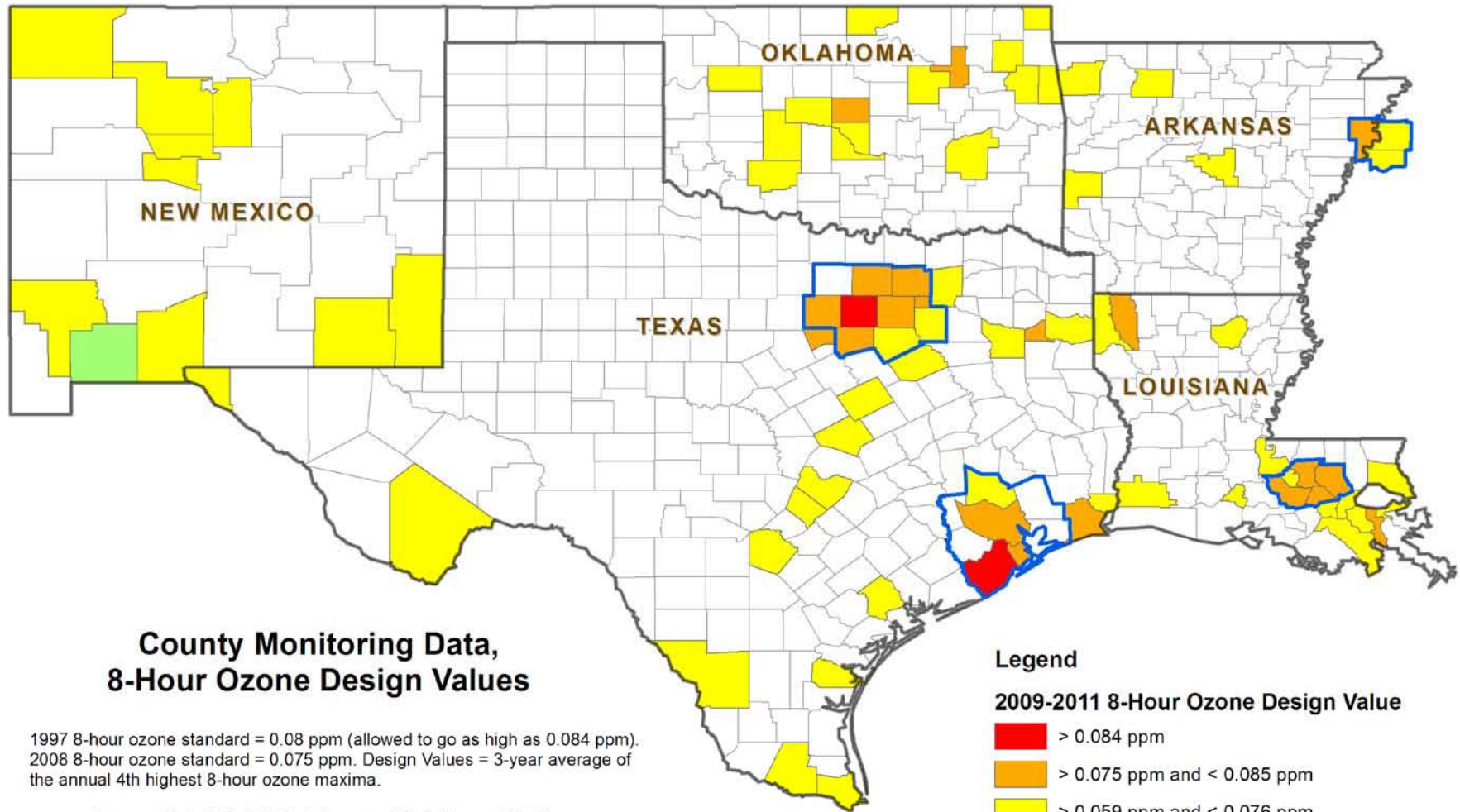
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# Welcome to the Midwest



# Region 6 Ground Level Ozone Concentrations



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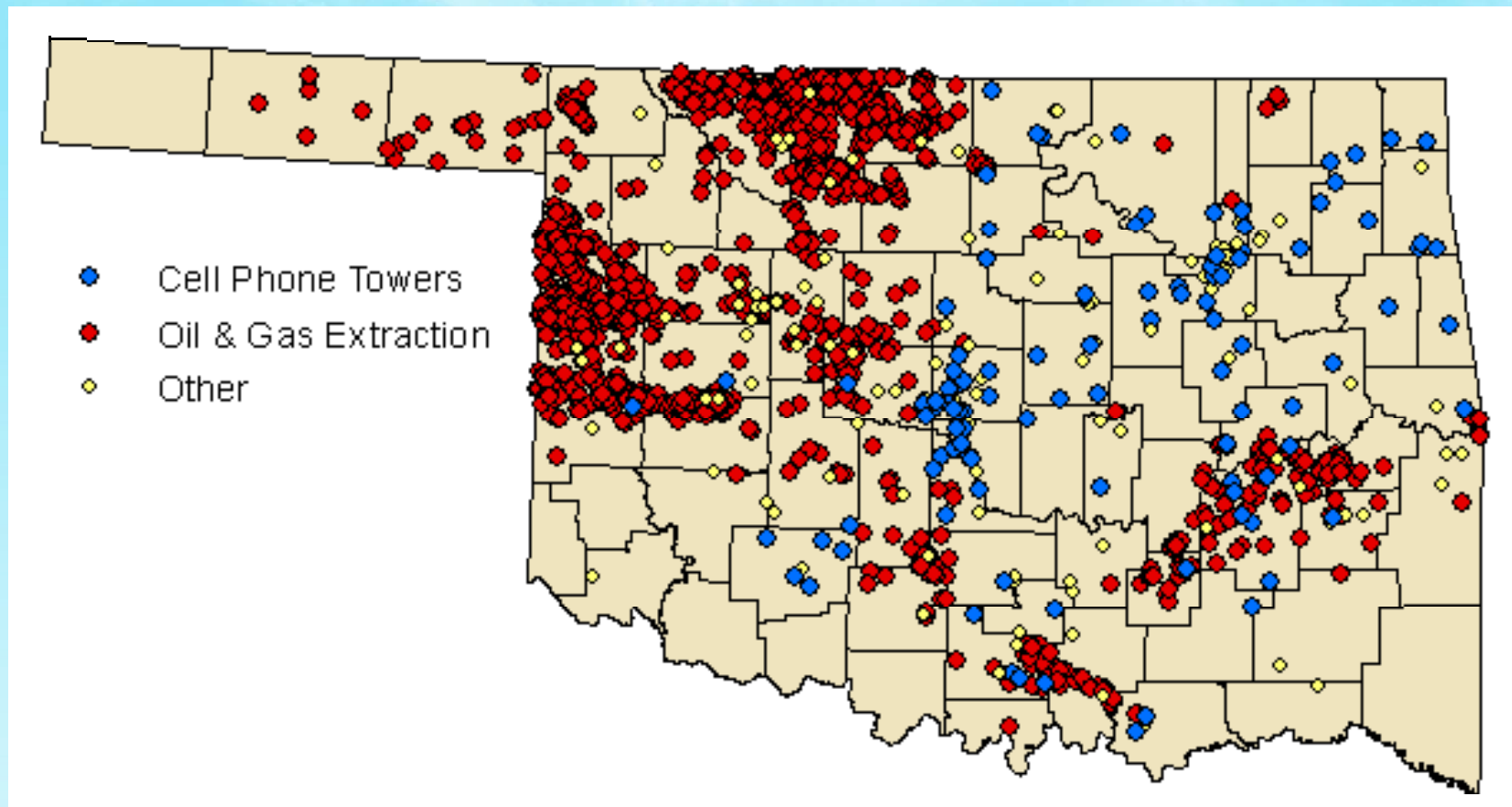
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(through July 26, 2012)

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# New Minor Sources 2011-2012





# Emission Inventory Challenges in the Midwest

- Many areas likely to go out of attainment
- Need to do more with the same, if not less resources
- Staff turnover
- Need to improve area estimates
  - Oil & Gas area emissions potentially significant
- Need to leverage limited resources
  - State, Regional, National
  - Push QC upstream

# What does the NEI mean to us?

- Not so much?
  - Will use our own point data for permit modeling
- Something to fire off and forget about?
- But it does come back to impact us...
- In fact it is:
  - Used extensively for regional modeling
  - Important resource for the public
  - Well defined structure for all our work

**The NEI is an important consistent and coherent resource that is easily accessible**

# Figuring out the EIS

- Big improvement on the NIF
  - Accessible
  - Transparent
  - Facility data separated from emissions data
  - Things stay fixed – or get better
  - Handles release points much better
  - Excellent foundation for the future
- Thank Goodness for the Staging Tables!
- Exchange Network Grants have helped



# Figuring out the EIS

- Lot of legwork
  - Not our facilities
  - Not our units or processes
  - Incorrect process ID's
- Want to maintain historical continuity
- Sync'ing databases – use the same ID's
- Data structure for handling multiple years
  - What should stay fixed year to year?
  - Code year – this year or January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year?

# How could the EIS be improved?

- Improve system speed where possible
- Gateway Navigation
- Comprehensive FAQs
- Bridge Tool Error Messages
- Staging Table Check Queries
- Add Time/Date Stamp for when record last modified in XML/Staging Tables output

# How could the EIS be improved?

- Characterizing Controls

| ▼ Control Approaches                     |                                                |                      |                 |               |                      |                     |         |                     |                  |                                              |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Add Control Approach                     |                                                |                      |                 |               |                      |                     |         |                     |                  |                                              |
| Description                              | Control Measures                               | % Capture Efficiency | % Effectiveness | % Penetration | First Inventory Year | Last Inventory Year | Comment | Last Updated On     | Last Updated By  | Last Updated From Agency                     |
| Spray Dryer                              | Baghouse, SNCR, Spray Dryer...                 | 100                  |                 |               | 2011                 |                     |         | 2012-07-31 04:18 PM | Carrie Schroeder | Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality |
| ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATOR - MEDIUM EFFI | Electrostatic Precipitator - Medium Efficiency |                      |                 |               | 1990                 | 2012                | ?       | 2012-07-31 04:18 PM | Carrie Schroeder | Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality |
| Download Results: CSV                    |                                                |                      |                 |               |                      |                     |         |                     |                  |                                              |

# 2008 NEI

- Post submission QA packages really helped
- Concerns about primacy of S/L/T data
  - Overly conservative gap-filling
  - Reliance on a single bad stack test
  - Not enough time to review GPR v2 thoroughly
  - Let us know if something is really crazy
- Difficult to compare datasets
- Go back and fix it?

# 2011 NEI

- Work in progress
- First triennial NEI under AERR
  - December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline is a busy time for states
- Rush to publish?
  - Getting data from other agencies
  - Will second versions be inevitable?
- Will be a key resource for new SIPs and control strategies



# Pushing QC Upstream

- EIS QA and Production Environments
- Put more QC in industry->state reporting programs
- But we start planning for a new inventory in advance of RY+1
- Can EPA let us know earlier what their plans will be for 2014?

# Area Emissions Inventories: National Collaboration

- ERTAC and ERTAC2 very successful
- All sectors have reasonable default values
  - Leaders
  - Users
  - Followers
- Enhance training & documentation
  - Especially for point source subtraction
- Make process easier where possible

# Area Emissions Inventories: Enhancement Projects

- Regional inventory work products with most benefit for CenSARA member states
- Initially considered mobile modeling work
- 2011 NEI submissions – a clear goal
- Focus on key area sectors:
  - Oil & Gas
  - Area ICI and Residential Combustion
  - Pesticides



# Pesticide Application Emissions

- Background
  - Pesticide applications can be a significant source of VOC emissions especially in rural communities.
- Improve states' agricultural pesticide application data
  - obtain county level activity data for row and non-row crops in each of the nine CenSARA states
  - prepare an up-to-date pesticide database for use in EPA's 2011 NEI

# Pesticide Application Emissions

- Expected Enhancements
  - VOC emission factor reflects various chemical formulations of registered pesticides
    - Based on CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation database
    - Factor expressed in lbs VOC per lbs active ingredient applied
  - Determine pesticide throughput based on lbs active ingredient applied per crop-acre and a near comprehensive crop-acres data set.

# Selected Results

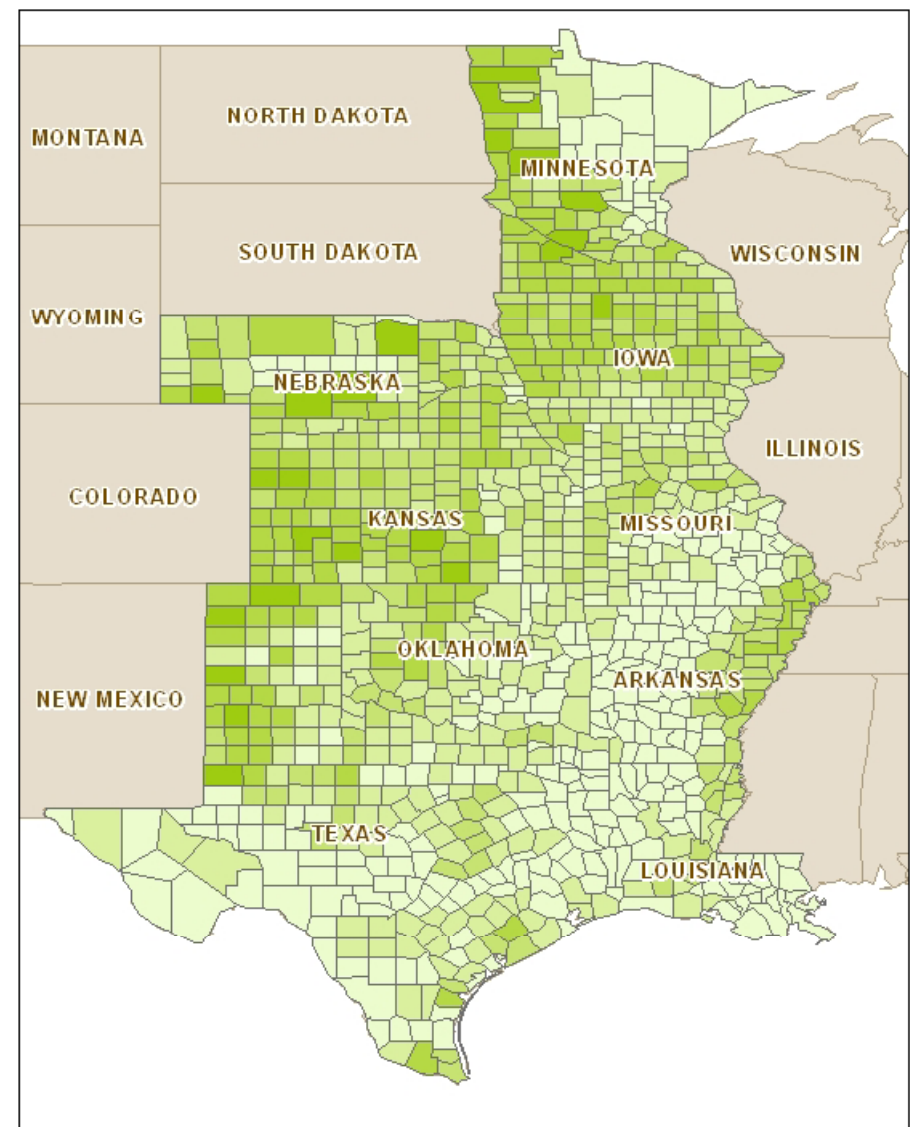
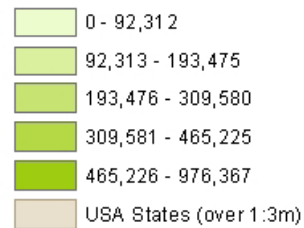
## – Agricultural Intensity

2007 Agricultural Census

### Legend

Ag Census 2007

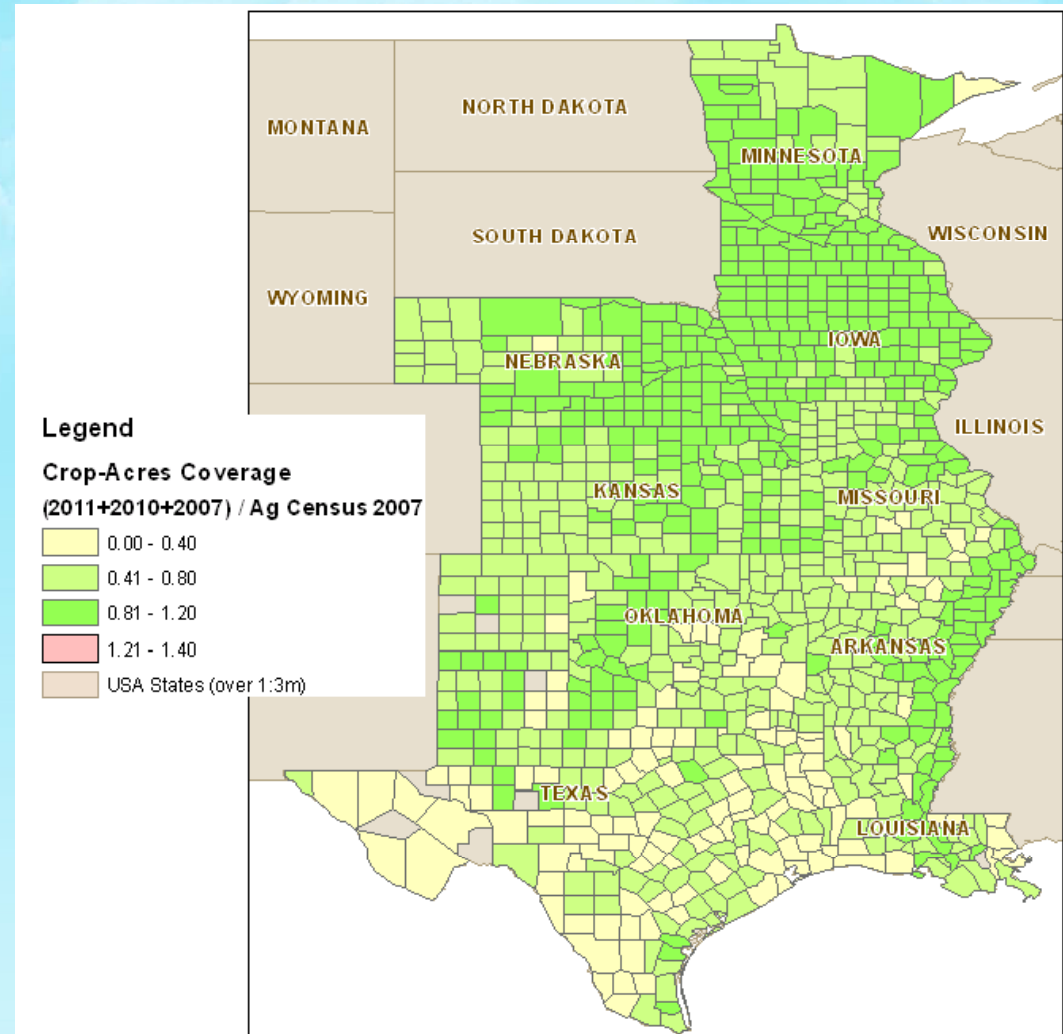
Farmland Acres





# Selected Results

- Degree of completion of crop-acre data relative to the 2007 Agricultural Census
- Counties with the larger completion ratio correspond to locations with highest agricultural intensity.



# Oil & Gas Area Emissions

- CAPs,  $\text{NH}_4$ , selected HAPs,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  and  $\text{CH}_4$ 
  - County level emissions
- HPDI database for production data
- Improve data sources
- ERG Subcontractor, Spreadsheet Tool
  - To be used for national O&G tool in separate EPA-funded project
  - Easy to update inventories for future years

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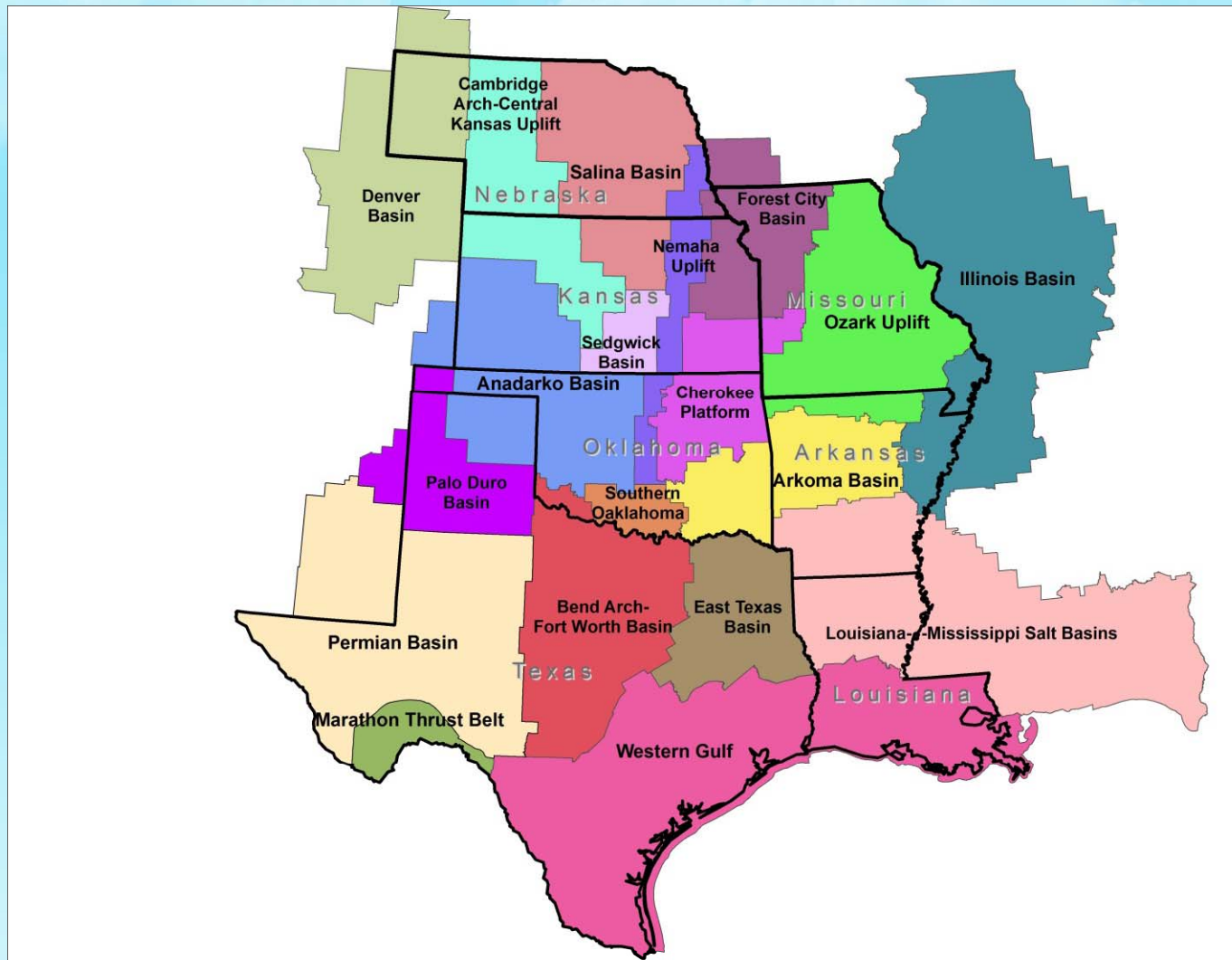
- High Tier Source Categories:

| NOx                     | VOC                |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Compressor Engines      | Tank Flashing      |
| Drill Rigs              | Dehydration        |
| Artificial Lift Engines | Pneumatic Devices  |
| Fracking Pumps          | Completion Venting |

- Data Sources:

- Synthesize existing studies (CENRAP, WRAP)
- Industrial, trade association or permit datasets
- Limited surveys of operators in key basins

# Geologic Basins in the CenSARA Region



# Area Combustion Emissions

- 2008 NEI for CenSARA states:
  - 50% of area SO<sub>2</sub> emissions
  - 40% of area CO emissions
- Compile 2011 ICI and residential fuel combustion activity data at county level
- Develop crosswalk between point and area SCC's to facilitate point source adjustments
- Improve factors and methods as needed
- Calculation Tool, export EIS staging tables





# Something's wrong in the 2008 NEI GPR v2...

CenSARA Data Compilation\_v1\_0\_OK\_MTGworking.xlsx - Microsoft Excel

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|     | E | F         | H         | I          | K                     | L     | M                   | N     | O                     | P     |
|-----|---|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
|     |   | State Nan | County    | SCC        | 2008 Default Activity | Units | 2008 NEIv2 Activity | Units | 2011 Default Activity | Units |
| 6   |   | Oklahoma  | Adair     | 2102006000 | 2,066.044             | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 1,722.280             | MMcf  |
| 29  |   | Oklahoma  | Alfalfa   | 2102006000 | 100.105               | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 88.601                | MMcf  |
| 52  |   | Oklahoma  | Atoka     | 2102006000 | 598.558               | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 269.910               | MMcf  |
| 75  |   | Oklahoma  | Beaver    | 2102006000 | 100.105               | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 88.601                | MMcf  |
| 98  |   | Oklahoma  | Beckham   | 2102006000 | 454.019               | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 557.667               | MMcf  |
| 121 |   | Oklahoma  | Blaine    | 2102006000 | 737.994               | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 557.667               | MMcf  |
| 144 |   | Oklahoma  | Bryan     | 2102006000 | 2,062.643             | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 1,744.773             | MMcf  |
| 167 |   | Oklahoma  | Caddo     | 2102006000 | 100.105               | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 80.330                | MMcf  |
| 190 |   | Oklahoma  | Canadian  | 2102006000 | 4,902.390             | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 4,429.409             | MMcf  |
| 213 |   | Oklahoma  | Carter    | 2102006000 | 5,334.304             | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 4,680.039             | MMcf  |
| 236 |   | Oklahoma  | Cherokee  | 2102006000 | 729.492               | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 334.174               | MMcf  |
| 259 |   | Oklahoma  | Choctaw   | 2102006000 | 542.443               | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 259.847               | MMcf  |
| 282 |   | Oklahoma  | Cimarron  | 2102006000 | 0.000                 | MMcf  |                     |       | 0.000                 | MMcf  |
| 305 |   | Oklahoma  | Cleveland | 2102006000 | 5,409.124             | MMcf  | 137,453.000         | MMcf  | 4,924.243             | MMcf  |

Overview FIPS SCCs Pollutant Codes Activity Emission Factors Summary Area

Edit 77 of 1771 records found

100%

...Activity rates were not apportioned by county





# Help us to help you!

- We want to do a good job
- Our resources are fundamentally limited
  - Let us know EIAG plans early
- Documentation / Training
  - How to exactly to do point source subtraction
  - How to get non-road activity data
- Regional & National Collaboration
  - Will continue to be successful
  - Coordinate efforts
  - Promote easy export of work products