# SKAA3913 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AIR POLLUTION

## AIR

- The earth is surrounded by a blanket of air called the atmosphere
- Earth atmosphere is a mixture of gases that forms a layer about 250 miles thick around the earth
- Various gases that act as a protective shield for the earth and allow life to exist



Source: U.S. National Weather Service (NOAA)

- Ozone layer is primarily responsible for absorbing the ultraviolet radiation from the Sun.
- When oxygen is produced in the atmosphere an ozone layer form and prevent an intense flux of ultraviolet radiation from reaching the surface, where it is quite hazardous to the evolution of life.





# Gases in the atmosphere The oxygen in the earth's atmosphere almost all produced by plants



#### The importance

In average human needs ><22.7kg of air daily to supply enough O<sub>2</sub> for body (Zaini Ujang,2000)

Activity	Liter/min	Liter/day	Kg/day	
Resting	7.4	10600	12	
Light Work	28	40400	45	
Heavy Work	43	62000	69	28
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### **The necessity**

Needs	Daily amount	Max deprivation	
Food	1.36kg	5 weeks	
Water	2.26kg	5 days	
Air	22.67kg	5 minutes	
			80

## **AIR POLLUTION**

Definition:

"Air pollution is the presence in the atmosphere of substances put, there by the acts of man, in **concentrations sufficient to interfere** with health, comfort, safety, and full use & enjoyment of property "



## **SHORT VIDEO ON AIR POLLUTION**





## AIR POLLUTION (CONT')

- The diagram in previous slide explained the transport of aerosols and gases in troposphere layer.
- Emissions from natural sources and human activities enter the atmosphere at the surface and are transported to other geographical locations and often higher altitudes.
- Some emissions undergo chemical transformation or removal while in the atmosphere or interact with cloud formation and precipitation.
- Some natural events and human activities that change atmospheric composition also change the Earth's radioactive (energy) balance.



## AIR POLLUTION (CONT')

### Civil engineer and air pollution knowledge



### Major air pollution incidents history in the world:

Year	Place	Tragedies
1873-1974, Winter	London	The fog lasted from November to February. In the week following the worst of it, deaths rose 75%
1930, December 2-5	Meuse Valley, Belgium	In three days, 60 people had died caused by pollutants trapped beneath the dense fog clouds. Thirty different chemicals were identified as causing the illness.
1948, October 30-31	Donora,USA	Toxic gases from industrial and domestic furnaces to float above the coal mining community of Donora. 20 people died and another 6,000 became sick from the fog and smoke combination

### The Donora Fluoride Fog of 1948



#### Taken at noon on October 29, 1948

## Donora's mills belch forth smoke and other substances



### Major air pollution incidents history in the world:

Year	Place	Tragedies
1952, December (lasted for 4 days)	London	12,000 people died from the so-called killer fogs of London, produced by the condensation of water on the daily 2,000 tons of sulfur dioxide and pollutants produced by coal -burning industrial furnaces and home heating systems in the cityThe Great Smog
1966, November 27	New York,USA	About 400 people perished because of respiratory failure and heart attacks caused by extreme smog conditions.
1984,	Bhopal, India	A toxic cloud drifted over the city from the Union Carbide pesticide plant. This gas leak managed to kill 20,000 people and permanently injured a whopping 120,000 people

#### The Great Smog London





#### The Bhopal gas tragedy



#### International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal



Urban air pollution – of which a significant proportion is generated by vehicles, as well as industry and energy production – is estimated to kill some 1.2 million people annually (Laube, 2002).

Today, many developing world cities face very severe levels of urban air pollution – higher than developed world counterparts (Health Effect Inatitute, 2004; Peden et al., 2004).



## AIR POLLUTION : IN MALAYSIA

#### APIMS DOE Malaysia

#### Air Pollutant Index of Malaysia

#### MENU

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- Geolocation Map
- API Table [Hourly]
- (1) Announcement
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- Learn more about API
- Frequently Asked Questions

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Remote Sensing Agency
- Hotspot: (NOAA18)
- Fire Danger Rating System
- Meteorological Department
- O Ministry of Health

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erak	Tanjung Malim	66*	63*	61*	59*		
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## **AIR POLLUTION : IN MALAYSIA Minivol Tactical Air Sampler** measure PM10 / PM2.5



#### **GrayWolf Toxic Gas Sensors :**

Ozone  $(O_3)$ , Ammonia  $(NH_3)$ , Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), Nitric Oxide (NO), temperature



## Air pollution : Sources in Malaysia

Air Pollution sources in Malaysia:1. Mobile sources: Vehicle





Ganggu sistem pernafasan, halang proses fotosintesis Typical Engine Combustion:

> Fuel + Air => Hydrocarbons + Nitrogen Oxides + Carbon Dioxide + Carbon Monoxide + water



## AIR POLLUTION : SOURCES IN MALAYSIA

Air Pollution sources in Malaysia:

2. Stationary sources: Industries, power plants, agro-industry



## **AIR POLLUTION : SOURCES IN MALAYSIA**

#### Air Pollution sources in Malaysia:

3. Other sources: Open burning of agricultural, construction waste and domestic waste

# Pembakaran terbuka tak kira masa

Jiran tidak prihatin mencemarkan udara, wujud kurang selesa penduduk



PEMBAKARAN terbuka di depan rumah di Selayang Indah.

dedahkan penduduk di situ dengan risiko kebakaran. Malah. penduduk ditemui turut mendakwa pernah melihat salah seorang jirannya yang membakar sampah sarap sehingga tanpa disedari mengancam nyawa apabila terdedah kepada risiko kebakaran.

"Pada satu petang ketika sedang berehat di balkoni rumah. tiba-tiba saya terasa panas dan sebaik menoleh ke belakang, saya terkejut apabila melihat api sedang menjilat naik ke atas sebatang pokok nangka di depan rumah jiran.

"Sebaik saja mendengar jeritan saya, dia kelam kabut membawa air dan cuba memadamkan api yang semakin menjilat ke arah kabel elektrik. Mujurlah api sempat dipadamkan tetapi bayangkan jika ia membakar kabel elektrik yang menghala ke rumah penduduk.

"Mereka mungkin tidak sedar perbuatan membakar secara terbuka terutama di musim panas sekarang hanya mendedahkan



## AIR POLLUTION : SOURCES IN MALAYSIA







## FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL



## FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: WIND

- Wind is caused by differences in pressure in the atmosphere where the weight of the atmosphere at a given point.
- The height and temperature of a column of air determines the atmospheric weight.



## FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: WIND

- Horizontal dispersion of air pollutants depends upon wind speed and direction
- Concentration of pollutants decreases with increasing wind speed





## FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: WIND

Buildings in cities can also obstruct wind flow thus further aggravating air pollution problems.

 City warmer than natural surfaces

So, overnight
 temperature in the city
 often similar to nearby
 offshore area

These weakens
 summertime breezes
 and enables air
 pollution to build up.



- Atmospheric stability refers to the vertical motion of the atmosphere.
- Its depends upon the relationship between air temperature and height / altitude that occurs at a particular time and place
- Degree of stability is measure of the ability of the atmosphere to disperse/distribute pollutants.

**Environmental lapse** 

- Rate at which the air surrounding a parcel changes temperature.
- So changing based on temperature and measure the stability condition



#### Adiabatic lapse

- Rate at which a parcel of air changes temperature with height
- Theoretically measured as every 100m raise in height level temperature decrease 1°C

### The condition:

To determine whether or not a parcel of air will rise or sink in the atmosphere, one must compare the parcels **temperature** with that of the environment at some **altitude** 





#### Unstable atmosphere

Air masses move naturally in a vertical direction and carry pollutants upward, away from the ground

Usually during noon



#### Stable atmosphere

- Little or no vertical movement of air masses. As a result, there is no mixing of air pollutants in the vertical direction, and pollutants tend to accumulate near the ground.
- Usually during early morning / late evening





#### HEATING AND COOLING AT THE EARTH'S SURFACE







#### temperature

altitude

- Temperature inversion is when negative lapse rate occurs and warmer air blankets colder air
- Inversion layer in the atmosphere characterized by an increase in temperature with an increase in height



- During a temperature inversion, air pollution released into the atmosphere's lowest layer is trapped there and can be removed only by strong horizontal winds.
- Because high-pressure systems often combine temperature inversion conditions and low wind speeds, their long residency over an industrial area usually results in episodes of severe smog.
  - These inversions near the surface often occur in the early morning hours before sunrise



## Atmospheric stability

### How this will effect air pollution level?

Through the ability of the atmosphere to disperse pollutants.



- Unstable atmosphere
- Air move naturally in a vertical direction
- carry pollutants upward, away from the ground
- Stable atmosphere
- no mixing of air pollutants in the vertical direction
- pollutants tend to accumulate near the ground.

## FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: TYPE OF PLUME

- Plume types are important because they help us understand under what conditions there will be higher concentrations of contaminants at ground level.
  - Looping plume
  - Coning plume
  - Fanning plume
  - Lofting plume
  - Fumigation plume





Note: Following Henry and Heincke (1996)





- ground level in significant amounts
- Occurs in neutral atmospheric conditions



# FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: TYPE OF PLUME Fanning Plume

Occurs under large negative lapse rate
Fanning

- Strong inversion at a considerable distance above the stack
- Extremely stable atmosphere
- 🔁 Little turbulence
- If plume density is similar to air, travels downwind at approximately same elevation



# FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: TYPE OF PLUME Lofting Plume

Favorable in the sense that fewer impacts at ground level.

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Lofting

- Pollutants go up into environment.
- They are created when atmospheric conditions are unstable above the plume and stable below.



## FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: TYPE OF PLUME Fumigation Plume

Most dangerous plume: contaminants are all coming down to ground level.

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- They are created when atmospheric conditions are <u>stable above the plume and unstable below</u>.
- This happens most often after the daylight sun has warmed the atmosphere, which turns a night time fanning plume into fumigation for about a half an hour.

## FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: TOPOGRAPHY

Certain Topographical and atmospheric stability conditions may also aggravate air pollution problems

Warm air



## FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL: TOPOGRAPHY

Warm air



## IN A NUTSHELL... FACTORS AFFECTING AIR POLLUTION LEVEL

Wind : horizontal dispersion

Atmospheric stability : vertical dispersion

Topography: concentrated dispersion

## **TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS**



# TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: PARTICULATE MATTERS

- Particulate matter in the atmosphere in solids or liquid form
- Includes wind-blown soil, soot, smoke, aerosol, dust, fly ash, fumes and fog
- which are size are0.0002μm~500μm
- Particles are emitted into the air by sources such as factories, power plants, cars, construction activities, fires, and agricultural activities



	Coarse Particles (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Fine Particles (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	
What	<ul> <li>smoke, dirt and dust from factories, farming, and roads</li> <li>mold, spores, and pollen</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>toxic organic compounds</li> <li>heavy metals</li> </ul>	
Source	<ul> <li>ource</li> <li>crushing and grinding rocks and soil blown by wind</li> <li>burning plants (brush fires and forest fires or yard waste)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>driving automobiles</li> <li>burning plants (brush fires and forest fires or yard waste)</li> <li>smelting (purifying) and processing metals</li> </ul>	

## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: PARTICULATE MATTERS

- Parameters : for the calculation of API, Malaysia will only consider PM<sub>10</sub> (Particulate matter size < 10μm)</p>
  - "Inhalable coarse particles," such as those found near roadways and dusty industries, are larger than 2.5 micrometers and smaller than 10 micrometers in diameter.
    - "Fine particles," such as those found in smoke and haze, are 2.5 micrometers in diameter and smaller. These particles can be directly emitted from sources such as forest fires, or they can form when gases emitted from power plants, industries and automobiles react in the air.



## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: PARTICULATE MATTERS

### Effects:

- Respiratory illness, bronchitis, even deaths
- Many of the small particles from wood smoke are too small to be filtered by the nose or upper respiratory system and able to penetrate deep within the lungs
- Due to their ability to evade the defenses of the body, these particles transporting toxic gases, bacteria, and viruses into the lungs, and ultimately the blood stream.
- Black Carbon Pollution: released tiny particles from fuel burning for energy production; major problem since industrial revolution
- Case : London Black Fog → Tiny particulate air polytion from coal stoves that killed 4000 people.

## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: NITROGEN OXIDES (NO<sub>x</sub>)

- The primary form of nitrogen oxide emissions is nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) as they are emitted in significant quantities to the atmosphere; N<sub>2</sub>O (nitrous oxide), N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (sesquioxide), N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (tetraoxide) and N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (pentoxide)
- Major sources of nitrogen oxides include:
   Fuel combustion in power plants and automobiles
   Processes used in chemical plants
- This gas is rapidly converted in the atmosphere, in the presence of volatile organic compounds and sunlight, the nitrogen dioxide can be subsequently decomposed produce ozone

## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: NITROGEN OXIDES (NO<sub>x</sub>)

# Formation of acid HNO<sub>2</sub>

# Photochemical smog formation

Effects

Greenhouse gases (N<sub>2</sub>O)

## Damaging plants



(b) Photochemical smog





## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: SULFUR OXIDE (SO<sub>x</sub>)

- Sulfur oxide is colorless, non-flammable and non-explosive highly reactive gasses with a suffocating odor.
- It reacts on the surface of a variety of airborne solid particles, is soluble in water and can be oxidized within airborne water droplets.
- Sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and sulphur trioxide (SO<sub>3</sub>) are of most interest in the study of air pollution.
- In the atmosphere, sulfur dioxide mixes with water vapor producing sulfuric acid, transported by wind over may hundreds of miles, and deposited as acid rain.

## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: SULFUR OXIDE (SO<sub>x</sub>)

- Natural sources of SO<sub>2</sub>: releases from volcanoes, oceans, biological decay and forest fires.
- Man-made sources of SO<sub>2</sub>: includes fossil fuel combustion, smelting, manufacture of sulfuric acid, conversion of wood pulp to paper and incineration
- SO<sub>2</sub> causes irritation and permanent damage to the lungs. Inhalable sulfate particulate matter formed from SO<sub>2</sub> can impair visibility.
- SO<sub>2</sub> also contributes to the formation of acid rain, which damages plant, animal, buildings and electrical equipment

## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: CARBON OXIDE (CO<sub>x</sub>)

- Carbon forms with oxygen 2 environmentally important gases of carbon monoxide (CO) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Carbon oxides are significant components of the atmosphere and it is part of carbon cycle.
- Carbon dioxide is naturally produced by respiration and metabolism and consumed by plants during photosynthesis.
- Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that traps the earth's heat and contributes to climate change
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas emitted from incomplete combustion process and caused indoor pollution

## CO2.....AS GREENHOUSE GASES Global warming: Causes and effects

Earth's temperature has risen about 1 degree Fahrenheit in the last century. The past 50 years of warming has been attributed to human activity.

Burning fuels such as coal, natural gas and oil produces greenhouse gases in excessive amounts. Greenhouse gases are emissions that rise into the atmosphere and trap the sun's energy, keeping heat from escaping.

> The United States was responsible for 20 percent of the global greenhouse gases emitted in 1997.

During the past 100 years global sea levels have risen 4 to 8 inches.

Most of the world's emissions are attributed to the United States' large-scale use of fuels in vehicles and factories.

> Some predictions for local changes include increasingly hot summers and intense thunderstorms.



Damaging storms, droughts and related weather phenomena cause an increase in economic and health problems. Warmer weather provides breeding grounds for insects such as malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: CARBON OXIDE (CO<sub>x</sub>)

- Particularly in urban areas, the majority of CO emissions to ambient air come from mobile sources. Other major sources are wood-burning stoves, incinerators and industrial sources
- CO can cause harmful health effects by reducing oxygen delivery to the body's organs (like the heart and brain) and tissues.
- At extremely high levels, CO can cause death because carbon monoxide binds to hemoglobin so strongly, you can be poisoned even at very low concentrations if you are exposed for a long period of time.



## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: HYDROCARBONS

- Hydrocarbons are a class of reactive organic gases formed solely from hydrogen and carbon through the incomplete burning of any organic matter such as oil, wood or rubber.
- Primary source: combustion engine exhaust, oil refineries and oil-fuelled power plants
- Other source: evaporation from petroleum fuels (e.g. at service stations), solvents, dry cleaning solutions and paint. Hydrocarbons can also arise from unburnt hydrocarbons in exhausts



## TYPES OF AIR POLLUTANTS: HYDROCARBONS

- The health effects from hydrocarbons are similar to those from exposure to ozone as hydrocarbons assist in the formation of ozone.
- High levels of hydrocarbons in the atmosphere can reduce the amount of available oxygen.
- Carcinogenic (cancer causing) forms of hydrocarbons are considered hazardous air pollutants, or air toxins and can lead to the development of cancer.



## PRIMARY & SECONDARY AIR POLLUTANT

### PRIMARY AIR POLLUTANT

 Enters directly into the atmosphere from natural events or human activities
 CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO, most hydrocarbons, most particulates

#### **SECONDARY AIR POLLUTANT**

Is formed in the atmosphere through chemical reaction and solar reaction

NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, PAN (peroxyacetyl nitrate)





#### Source: www.desktopclass.com



## **QUESTION?**



