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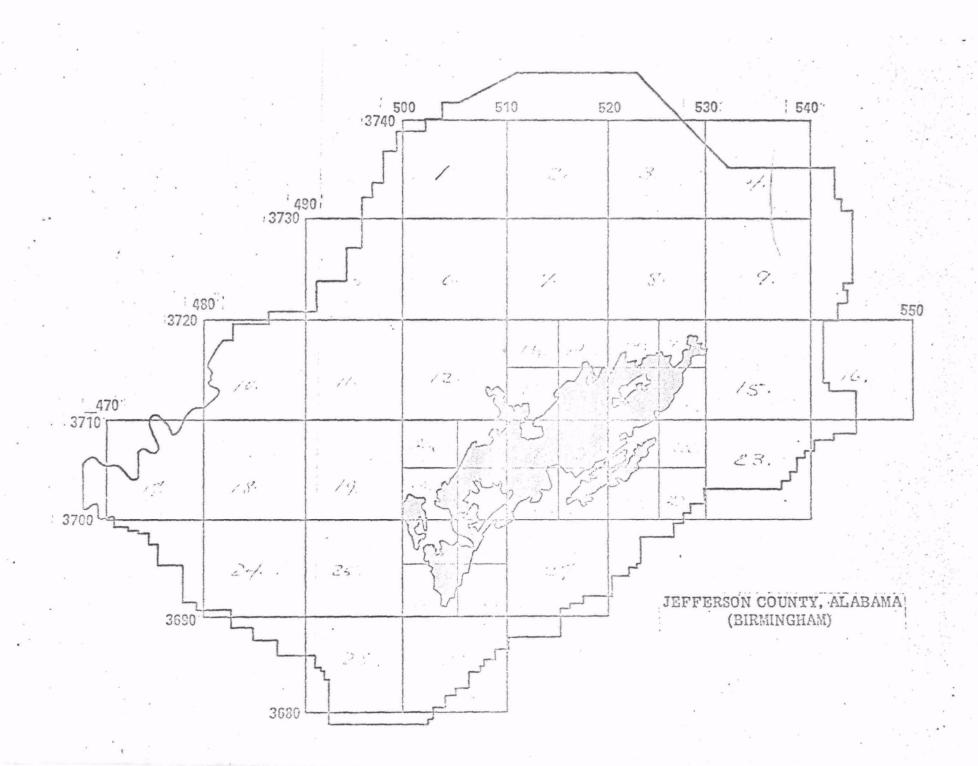
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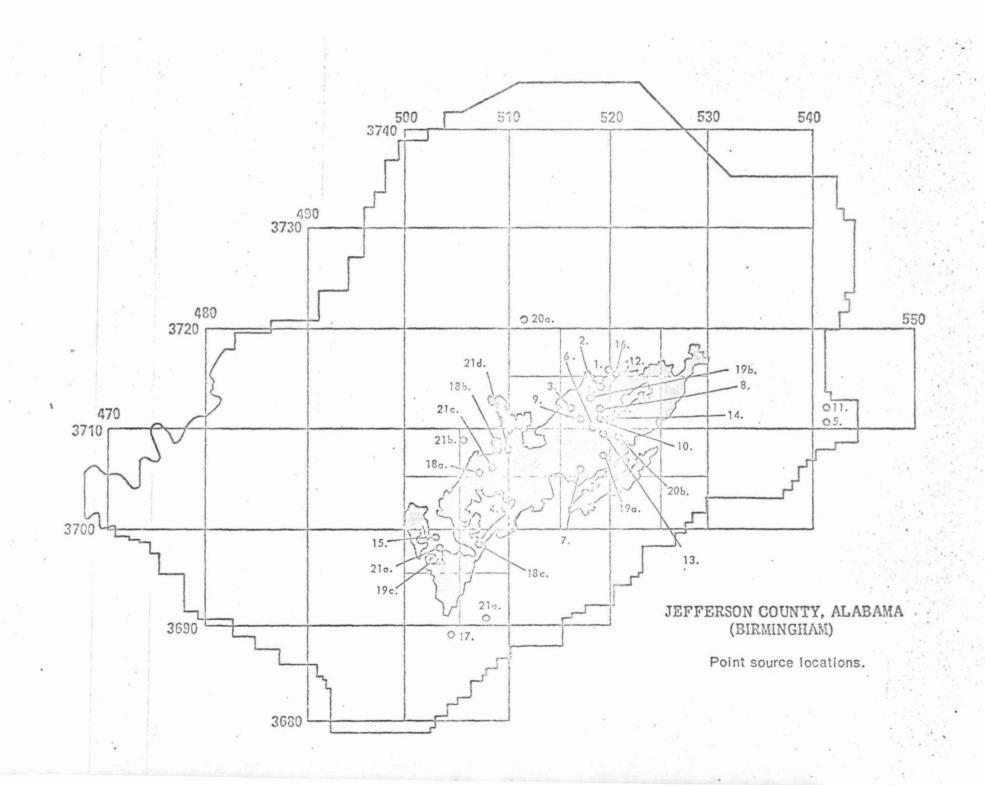
This emission inventory is based on a report prepared by the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control Program with assistance from the Public Health Service, and published in June, 1967. A copy of this report is attached. The industrial questionnaires and the area source tabulations were provided by Mr. Charles B. Robison, Engineer, Jefferson County Department of Health, who also supplied land use data and helped to locate the point sources.

Although the Birmingham Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Jefferson, Shelby and Walker Counties, the original report dealt with Jefferson County alone. However, this county has approximately 90 percent of the total population and dwelling units, and 93 percent of the manufacturing employees in the Birmingham SMSA. Since 93 percent of the particulate and 91 percent of the sulfur oxide emissions in Jefferson County were attributed to point sources, the absence of any large sources in the other two counties, combined with their rural characteristics, indicates that virtually all of the emissions in the SMSA are contributed by Jefferson County. Consequently, no attempt was made to expand the original report and estimate the emissions from Shelby and Walker Counties.

All of the area emissions were originally calculated on a township or neighborhood basis, which simplified the apportionment into the grid zones. Land use maps were employed whenever a township occupied more than one grid. Motor vehicle emissions were distributed by rating each grid for number and type of roads and traffic density. The content of this report is as follows:

- 1. A map of Jefferson County showing the selected grid zones.
- 2. A map locating the point sources with an accompanying table listing the emissions at each source.
- 3. The emission data by grid in the required format.
- 4. The average day emission density maps for each pollutant.
- 5. The intermediate calculations for each grid.





JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL POINT SOURCES

		Emissi	ons - tons/	year .	
	Company Name	Grid Coordinates	Part.	SO ₂	CO
1,	Lehigh Portland	520-3716	25,759	152	12
2,	Lone Star	519-3714	25,312	142	12
3.	ACIPCO	516-3712	1,973	19	
4.	Alpha Portland	509.5-3702	15,013	34	3
5.	Universal Atlas	542-3711	26,825	285	18
6.	H. K. Porter (Connors Steel)	518-3710	936	8	
7.	Farmers' Ginners	517-3706	170		
8:	U. S. Gypsum	519-3712	384	5	
9.	So. Elec. Steel	517-3711	390	4	
10.	V. C. Chemical	519-3711		563	
11.	Rock Wool Mfg.	542-3712.5	129		
12.	James B. Clow	522-3716	1,402	4	
13.	Southern Amiesite	519.5-3709.5	200		
14.	Stockham	. 520-3711	191	46	4
15.	Woodward Iron	503-3699	16,050	150	1,000
16.	Ala. By-Products	520.5-3715.5	689	2,725	38
17.	F. S. Royster G	504-3689	1,050		
<u>F</u>	Multiple Sources				
18.	U. S. Steel	:			
	a. Fairfield	507-3705.5	14,011	14,018	129
	b. Ensley	509-3708	37,751	1,540	
	c. Wenonah	507-3698	7,563	1,708	
	Total	·	59,325	17,266	129
19.	U. S. Pipe				
	a. City Furnaces	519-3707	503	154	18
	b. No. Birm. Complex	518-3713	6,285	7,408	44
	c. Bess. Pipe Plt.	502.5-3697	804	15	
	Total		7,592	7,577	62
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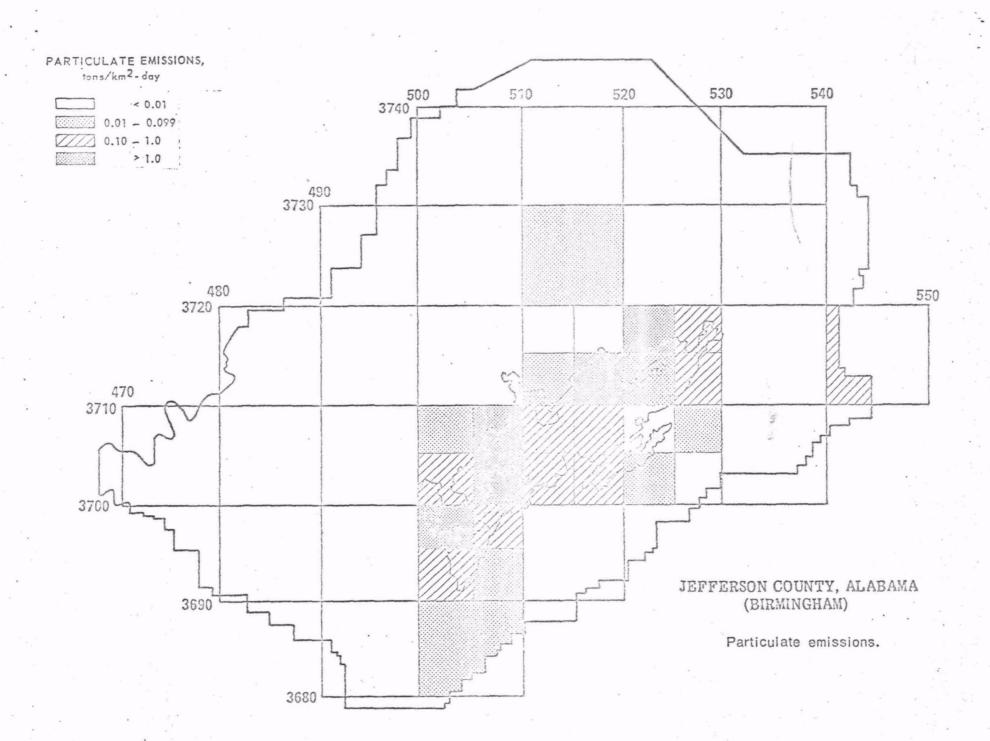
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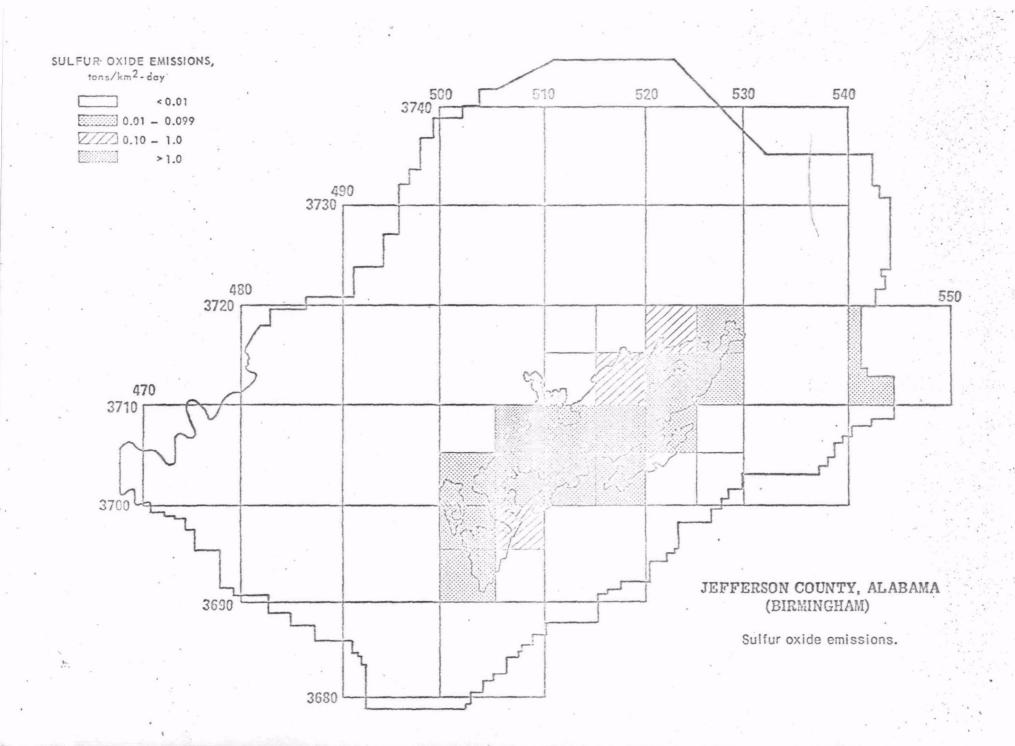
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a. Explosives	511.5-3721	203	204	15
b. Org. Chem.	520.5-3709		602	2
Total		203	806	17
21. Vulcan Material				
a. Woodward	504-3689	644	1	
b. Edgewater Road	506-3709	700	. 1	***
c. Fairfield	508-3706	949	0	
d. Ensley	510-3708	- 9.85	. 2	
e. Parkwood	508-3691	215	0	
Total		3,493	4	
Grand Totals		187,086	29,790	1,295

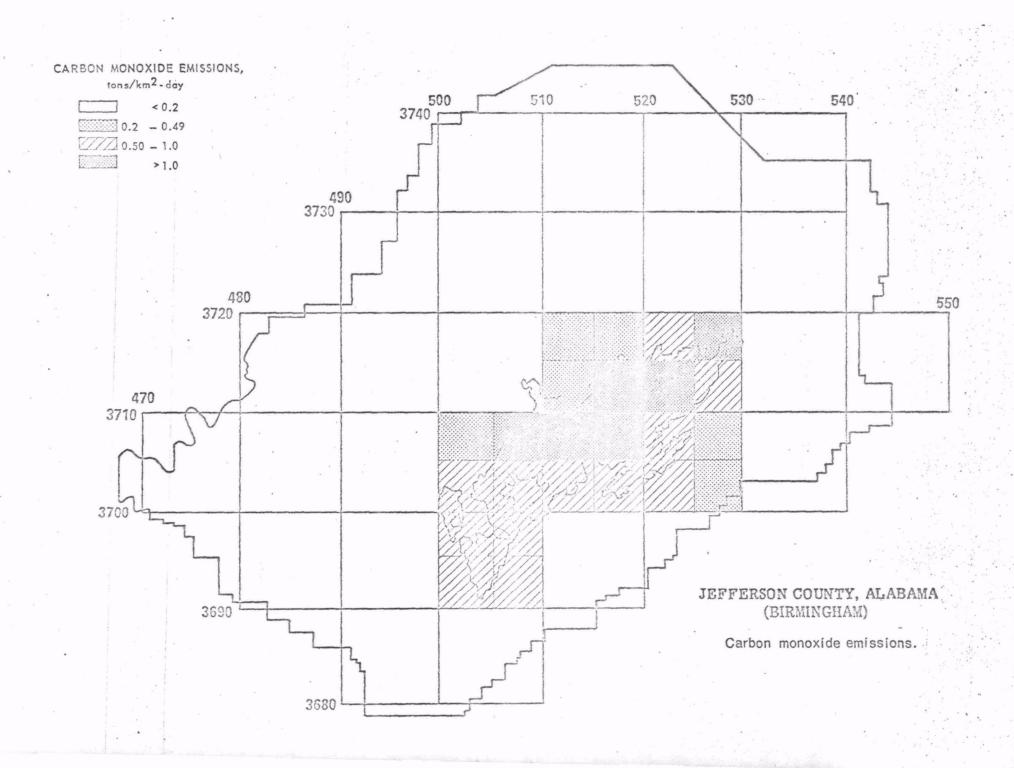
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Residential Fuel Commercial Fuel Industrial Fuel	1,261 1,796 7,130	1,047 605 7,263	1,357 961 191	801 210 6,922	583 1,420* 411
Totals	10,187	8,915	2,509	7,933	2,414
Industrial Process Emissions					· ·
Point Sources Arca Sources	179,987 9,433	22,785	1,000 -	1,615 1	3,698 2,159
Totals	189,420	22,785	1,000	1,616	5,857
Solid Waste Disposal					\
Municipal Incineration Burning Dumps On-site Burning - Industrial On-site Burning - Commercial On-site Burning - Residential	156 664 143 13 55	25 17 3 - 4	9 - 136 127 249	27 8 2 - 6	26 3,949 761 72 134
Totals	1,031	49	521	43	4,942
Transportation					
Gasoline Motor Vehicles Diesel Motor Vehicles Aircraft	881 2,938 258	721 1,068	233,195 1,602 13,898	9,055 5,930 956	42,311 5,636 2,791
Totals	4,077	1,789	248,695	15,941	50,738
Grand Totals	204,715	33,538	252,725	25,533	63,951

^{*} Includes solvent evaporation - dry cleaning







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11	502.5	3697 .	. 11	.04	.05	.04	2.20	2.21	. 2.20	_	<u>-</u>	-	
11	504	3689	11	· _	_		1.76	1.76	1.76	-	<u>.</u>	-	
26b	507	3698	11	4.68	4.68	4.68	• 20.72	20.72	20.72	· -	-	-	
26c*	502.5	3692.5	11	_		_	2.74	2.74	2.74	-	· –	-	
26d	508	3691	11 .	-	-	-	. 59	.59	.59	_	_	-	
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	542	3712.5	1)	-	-	-	.35	.35	.35	-		-		
20b	507	3707.5	25	35.88	43.27	38.41	35.56	40.90	37.37	.34	.37	.35		
. 11	500	3708	ti	4.22	4.22	4.22	103.44	103.44	103.44	-	-	-		
11	506	3709	5.8		-	-	1.92	1.92	1.92	· -		-		
11	503	3706	ti	-	_	_	3.60	3.60	3.60	-	-	-		
20c*	502.5	3702.5	11	.11	.19	.14	2.74	2.74	2.74			·-		
20d	509.5	3702	t i	.07	.13	.09	41.13	-41.15	41.13	.01	.01	.02 .		
21a*	512.5	3707.5	ti		-	-	1.37	1.37	1.37	-	-	-		
21a	510	3708	51	-	.01	.01	2.70	2.70	2.70	-	-	-		
21b*	517.5	3707.5	tı	-	-	_	1.37	1.37	1.37	-	-	-		
21b	517	3706	11	_	-	-	.47	.47	.47	-	-	-		
11	519.5	3709.5	. 29	-	-	-	.55	.55	.55	-	-	-		
, 11	519	3707	2.7	.34	.58	.42	1.15	1.81	1.37	.04	.07	.05		
21c*	512.5	3702.5	fs	.05	.09	.07	2.74	2.74	2.74		-			
21d*	517.5	3702.5	. tr	.05	.09	.07	2.74	2.74	2.74	-	-	-		

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13d	519	3714	25	.31	.54	.46	69.29	69.41	69.31	.03	.04	.04
1 f	516	3712	25	.04	.07	.06	5.41	5.41	5.41	-	-!	-
11	518	3710	. 11	.02	.03	.03	2.56	2.56	2.56	-	- :	-
11	519	3712	11	.01	.02	.02	1.05	1.05	1.05	-	-	-
, H	51.7	3711	11	.01	.02	.01	1.07	1.07	1.07	-	-	· -
11	519	3711	11	1.23	1.23	1.23	-	-			-	
11	520	3711	11	.10	.19	.14	.08	08	.08	.01	.02	. .01 .
t t	518	3713	? f	20.04	21.31	20.38	16.58	18.29	17.18	.08	.15	1.10
14a -	520 ,	3716	.11	.33	.58	.51	70.27	71.17	70.44	.03	.04	.04
11	522	3716	11	.01	.02	.01	3.84	3.84	3.84	.01	.01	.01
11	520.5	3715.5	11	7.21	7.96	7.37	1.72	2.22	2.02	.07	.14	1.09
14b*	527.5	3717.5	11	.13	.23	.16	4.11	4.11	4.11	.08	.10	.09
14c*	522.5	3712.5	. 11	.10	.17	.13	.43	.69	52	.01	.02	.01
14d*	527.5	3712.5	11	.11	.19	.14	4.32	4.56	4.40	· -	-	-
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21d	517.5	3702.5	25	.14	.32	.20	30	.50	.36	- 17.42	15.10	16.22		
22a	522.5	3707.5	11	.18	.17	.17	.38	.36	.36	23.18	19.75	21.46		
22b	527.5	3707.5	11	.10	.23	.14	.21	.42	.28	11.64	10.12	10.85		
22c	522.5_	3702.5	11	.13	.11	.12	. 29	. 26	.27	17.41	14.83	16.12		
22d	527.5	3702.5	11		.04	.04	.10	.cs	.09	5.79	4.93	5.36		
23	535	. 3705	100	.04	.04	.04	•	.08	.09	. 5.79	4.93	5.36		
24	485	3695	11	.04	.04	.04	.10	.08	.09	5.79	4.93	5.50		
25	495	3695	11 -	.04	.04	.04	.16	.08	.09	5.79	4.93	5.30		
26a	502.5	3697.5	25.	.15	.33	.21	.30	.49	.36 .	17.44	15.29	· 10.33		
26b	507.5	3697.5	ŧ1	.21	.75	.39	.40	.78	.48	23.22	20.48	21.73		
26c	502.5	3692.5	11 .	.16	.53	.23	.32	.84	.49	17.40	15.30	16.27		
26d	507.5	3692.5	†f	.14	.19 °	.15	.29	.38	.32	17.38	14.86	16.10		
27	515	3695	100	.10	.37	.19	.33	.64	.43	11.65	10.30	10.91		
28	495	3635	11	.04	.04	.04	.1(.08	.09	5.79	4.93	5.36		
29	505	3685	11	.09	.08	.08	.19	.16	.17	11.58	9.86	10.72		
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1	505	3735	100	: .09	.08	.08	.19	.16	.18	11.58	9.86	10.72
2	515	3735	. 11	.09	.08	.08	.19	.16	.18	11:58	9.86	10.72
<u> </u>	525	3735	t1	.09	.08	.03	.19	.16	.18	11.58	9.86	10.72
4	535	3735	11	.04	.04	.04	.10	.08	.09	5.79	4.93	5.36
5	495	3725	11	.04	.04	.04	.10	.03	.09	5.79	4.93	5.36
6	505	3725	11	.12	.81	. 36	.26	.97	.49	11.66	10.78	11.09
7	515	3725	11	.11	.28	.16	.45	.64	.50	11.63	10.13	10.84
8	525	3725	11	.09	.08	.08	.19	.16	.13	11.59	9.87	
9	535	- 3725	ŧŧ	.11	.45	.22	.41	.81	.54 -	11.66	10.40	20.93
10	485	3715	· tr	.04	.04	.04	.10	.03	.09	5.79	4.93	5.36
11	495	3715	. 11	.04	.04	.04	.10	.08	.09	5.79	4.93	5.36
12	505	3715	11	.14	.27	.18	.30	.54	.37	17.39	15.02	16.17
13a	512.5	3717.5	25	.04	.04	.04	.10	.03	.09	5.79	4.93	5.36
) 3b	517.5	3717.5	11	.05	.25	.12	.10	.34	.18	5.80	5.23	5.47
13c	512.5	3712.5	Ħ	.11	.51	.24	.30	.70	.44	11.63	10.44	10.95
. 13d	517.5	3712.5	11	.28	1.47	.68	.58	1.87	1.02	29.16	, 26.33	27.52

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14a	522.5	3717.5	. 25	. 25	.25.	.24	81	.79	.80	23.20	19.80	21.49			
14b	527.5	3717.5	**	.23	.28	.24	.55	.57	.54	28.99	24.86	26.86			
14c	522.5	3712.5	.11	. 23	.34	.26	1.31	1.27	1.26	70.14	59.93	64.99			
14d	527.5	3712.5	11	.18	.25	.20	.39	.44	.40	23.19	19.88	21.52			
15	535	3715	100	.15	.17	.15	.56	.53	.55	17.38	14.83	16.10			
16	545	3715	11	. 15	.40	.23	.55	.81	.63	17.42	15.21	16.26			
17	475	3705	· 11	.04	.04	.04	.10	.08	09	5.79	4.93	5.36			
18	485	3705	11	.04	.04	.04	.10	.08	.09	5.79	4.93	5.36			
19	495	370\$	11	.09	.08	.03	.19	.16	.18	11.58	9.86	10.72			
20a	502.5	3707.5	25	.06	.30	.14	.28	.57	.38	5.85	5.31	5.53			
206	507.5	3707.5	11	.23	.34	.26	.49	.60	.53	28.99	24.87	26.91			
20c	502.5	3702.5	11	.20	53	.30	.41	.83	.54	23.22	20.22	21.65			
20d	507.5	3702.5	11	.18	.26	.20	.39	.48	.42	23.23	19.92	21.55			
21a	512.5	3707.5	11	.27	1.10	.55	.76	1.66	1.05	29.11	25.83	27.30			
21b	517.5	3707.5	†1	. 24	.80	.43	.51	1.13	.73	29.04	25.51	27.15			
. 21c	512.5	3702.5	11	. 24	4.06	1.55	.59	13.95	5.16	23.31	26.47	23.85			

DEFINING THE PROBLEM OF AIR POLLUTION

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Birmingham, Alabama

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PREFACE

Air pollution, like most other problems, must be studied in order to define its nature and extent, to establish the basic knowledge of the problem which is a prerequisite to its solution. Once this knowledge has been acquired, it is then time to take appropriate action toward solving the problem.

For the past ten years the Jefferson County air pollution problem has been studied extensively. These studies have provided this basic knowledge and have clearly established these facts:

(1) That there is a significant air pollution problem in Jefferson County, (2) that industrial activities are a major contributor to this problem, and (3) that this problem can and should be brought under control. Although there may be some gaps in our knowledge of this air pollution problem, there is sufficient evidence to warrant a concerted effort to bring the major portions of the problem under control. Most of the major sources of air pollution in Jefferson County and can be controlled through application of existing techniques and equipment.

Air pollution is a problem of many dimensions. There is ample evidence that it adversely affects the aconomy, materials, vegetation and animals, and that it poses a direct threat to the public health and welfare. Each of these reasons, and especially the last one, should be motive enough to control air pollution to the best of our ability.

A visit to Birmingham at almost any time of the year certainly provides ample evidence of a significant air pollution problem.

The heavy pall of smoke, dust, and particulate material that usually hangs over the city clearly establishes the magnitude of the problem.

In my opinion, this report provides a clear definition of the air pollution problem in Jefferson County including its nature, extent, characteristics, and major sources. Additional studies could add very little to this basic definition and they should not be considered an appropriate step at this time.

The proper solution to the Jefferson County air pollution problem is appropriate action to control it and the time for action is now.

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents in five sections, the air pollution problem as it exists today in Metropolitan Birmingham, Alabama (Jefferson County).

An attempt has been made to bring together the results and recommendations of previous and current studies of air pollution in Jefferson County. These include air quality measurements, climatological studies, an emission inventory, and the results of a public opinion survey. Possible methods of air pollution control are also discussed.

PREVIOUS STUDIES IN THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM AREA

Jefferson County's atmosphere has been studied extensively during the past ten years. The results of these studies have provided identical conclusions; namely, that Jefferson County has an air pollution problem, that it should be controlled, and that industrial activities are probably the major source of this pollution.

During the 1956 steel strike, a special air sampling study was conducted during July and August for the purpose of investigating the effect of this industry on suspended particulate levels. Sampling was done both during and after the strike at three locations in the Birmingham area. The sampling sites were located in central Birmingham, Bessemer, and at the Western Health Center. The average levels of suspended particulates increased significantly when the steel industry resumed activity. In addition to the increase in the average levels, the variability of suspended particulate levels increased greatly with maximum values after the strike being almost three times as great as the corresponding maximum values during the strike.

In 1957, at the request of local officials, a survey of the air pollution situation in Birmingham and Jefferson County was made by the Community Air Pollution Program of the Public Health Service. This survey was limited to the collection and review of existing data, interviews, and personal observations of the investigators.

The report of this survey indicated that meteorological conditions in Jones Valley are often favorable to the accumulation of pollution emissions that result from the use of fuel, industrial activity, and the incineration of wastes. It was also determined that there had been

a rapid decrease in the use of coal for domestic purposes but an increase in the amount used for steel manufacturing. The following is quoted from the report:

"The Birmingham area is a manufacturing center and has many sources of industrial emissions. The heavy metals industry, particularly the steel industry, is undoubtedly the major source of industrial pollution. Air pollution in Birmingham has a significant effect on visibility which can be observed on those days when the atmosphere is unable to disperse the pollutants effectively. Difficulty in growing certain plants and damage to foliage were reported by local nurserymen who believed that air pollution was responsible. The damaging effects of atmospheric pollutants on clothing, surface coatings, and construction materials were not measured specifically in this study, but on the basis of present knowledge and of the conditions noted, it is reasonable to assume that they exist in the Birmingham area."

In 1961, the City of Birmingham and Jefferson County, Alabama, in the interest of gathering more facts about air pollution, conducted a short-term two-season air quality study. This study was carried out with the assistance of the Public Health Service in two parts of three weeks each, June 15 - July 4 and November 20 - December 19, 1961.

The results of the sampling during this study indicated that in general, concentrations of gaseous pollutants were low. However, particulate pollutants, notably dustfall, smoke, and total suspended particulates, were found to be very high, particularly during the fall. However, all pollutant concentrations might have been higher except for ideal dispersion conditions which existed during the study period.

Some of the recommendations that were made by the agencies conducting the three previous studies were:

- 1) A county-wide program of study, surveillance, prevention, and control of air pollution should be developed and should include:
 - (a) An inventory of air pollution sources and emissions.
 - (b) An air pollution meteorological study.

- (c) Sampling of the ambient air for particulate and gaseous pollutants to determine trends and control needs.
- (d) Laboratory services for sample analyses and investigative activities.
- (e) Abatement of the causes of justified public complaints.
- 2) Institution of an effective air pollution control program aimed at minimizing emissions of particulate matter into the atmosphere.
- 3) Establish limits for stack emissions of particulate matter.
- 4) Conduct an informational program to acquaint citizens with the causes, effects, and methods of control of air pollution.

In 1962, the Alabama Air Pollution and Respiratory Disease Study was initiated by the Public Health Service. Sampling in the Birmingham area was resumed on a limited basis until the fall of 1963 when a 21-station sampling network was set up with seven stations located within Birmingham proper and 14 stations located in seven principal municipalities surrounding Birmingham. Intensive sampling was carried on during this study from November, 1963, through February, 1965, for atmospheric particulate matter and gaseous pollutants. The most significant specific pollutants were found to be dustfall, suspended particulate matter, and nitrogen dioxide.

After the conclusion of this study, the Jefferson County Health
Department began its own Air Pollution Study and continued atmospheric
sampling at ten (10) of the original station locations and nine (9)
semi-mobile stations. Since the initiation of the Jefferson County

Air Pollution Frogram in 1965, all of the previously mentioned recommendations have been carried out, with the exception of those pertaining to control. At present, no agency of the State of Alabama, or Jefferson County, has the legal authority to initiate any emission control program. The most logical solution to the control problem appears to be through state enabling legislation, which would authorize the existence of an air pollution control agency or agencies and give them sufficient authority to clean the air.

AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATOLOGY

In 1962, the Alabama Air Pollution and Respiratory Disease Study was initiated by the U. S. Public Health Service. Sampling in the Birmingham area was conducted on a limited basis until the fall of 1963 when a 21-station sampling network was set up with seven stations located within Birmingham proper and 14 stations located in seven principal municipalities surrounding Birmingham. Intensive sampling was carried on during this study from November, 1963, through February, 1965, for atmospheric particulate matter and the gaseous pollutants, SO₂, NO₂, and aldehydes.⁵

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Samples are still being collected and analyzed at the time of this report. In all, this has resulted in three and one half years of continuous air monitoring in Jefferson County.

In these three and one half years a total of 6,628 suspended particulate samples, 5,191 sulfur dioxide samples, 6,884 nitrogen dioxide samples, 5,445 aldehyde samples, 433 dustfall samples, 405 sulfation samples, and over 2,400 pollen and spore samples have been collected and analyzed by either the Public Health Service or the Jefferson County Health Department personnel. In addition, more than 40,000 two-hour soiling samples have been collected and partially analyzed and continuous monitoring of oxidants, oxides of nitrogen, and numerous other special samples have been collected. Meteorological data from the weather bureau was evaluated with regards to air pollution levels and these results as well as those from the air sampling are presented in the

following paragraphs.

Suspended Particulate

Results of suspended particulate matter samples are reported in micrograms of particulates per cubic meter of air $(\mu g/m^3)$. These are the accepted units and give an indication of the weight of dirt suspended in a given quantity of air.

The range of annual averages in the 10 station sampling network varied from 72 to 281 $\mu g/m^3$ with a combined area wide average of 151 $\mu g/m^3$. In addition, results show that 20% of the time (equivalent of two months each year) suspended particulate matter in Jefferson County exceeds 265 $\mu g/m^3$ which is about ten times the background or natural levels found in less polluted areas of Alabama.

In addition, there are specific problem areas in Jefferson County where levels of suspended particulates are always found to be above $200~\mu g/m^3$ of air with levels exceeding $500~\mu g/m^3$ of air not being uncommon.

Since 1957, the U. S. Public Health Service has operated the National Sampling Network in numerous cities throughout the country. Their findings indicate a national urban average of only 104 $\mu g/m^3$. While this is not a legitimate number to compare our findings with, it is legitimate to say that Jefferson County's average level of suspended particulates (151 $\mu g/m^3$) is higher than 70% of all 14,494 samples collected by the National Air Sampling Network in the years 1957 - 1961⁶ and this same average of 151 $\mu g/m^3$ is higher than 80% of all 12,607 samples collected by this agency in 1964 and 1965.

North and Central Birmingham and the Tarrant City areas consistently reported the highest levels of suspended particulates with the southside

and Bessemer areas also having relatively high levels. Complete annual averages and peak levels are presented in Table I.

Seasonal variations of suspended particulate matter were small, indicating year-round sources of pollution in Jefferson County.

Dustfall

Dustfall sample results are reported in the recommended units⁸ of tons of dustfall per square mile per month, and give an indication of the amount of dirt or particulate matter one can expect to settle out of the air in a month's time in a square mile area.

The annual averages for dustfall range from 9.5 tons/mi²/mo in Mountain Brook to 87.8 tons/mi²/mo in North Birmingham. The stations reporting the highest levels of dustfall are the same as those having the highest levels of suspended particulate matter. However, there are not as many stations with extremely high levels of dustfall as there are those with excessive suspended particulates. This would indicate that there is more fine solid matter (inhalable) than there is heavier particulate in the atmosphere.

Annual averages and peak levels of dustfall are presented in Table I

Gaseous Pollutants

The sulfation rate (commonly known as kead candle) is a monthly measurement of sulfur compounds in the air. The results are presented in milligrams of sulfur trioxide per 100 square centimeters per day.

Table I gives a brief summary of the results of these samples.

Sulfation levels are generally rather low in Jefferson County but they do follow a definite seasonal trend with winter levels being about twice as high as any other season. The Fairfield, north, central, and southeids Birmingham stations usually report the highest levels of sulfation.

Three gaseous pollutants, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and aldehydes, are measured every 24 hours at all 10 stations in the sampling network.

Sulfur dioxide levels, consistent with sulfation, are generally low year round with the winter season having the highest concentrations. Ninety percent of all the sulfur dioxide samples were below 1.0 parts per hundred million.

Nitrogen dioxide was the only gaseous pollutant found in any significant quantities with the range of daily levels being 0.7 to 62.7 parts per hundred million. Nitrogen dioxide levels were found to be highest in areas of industrial activity where dustfall and suspended particulates were also at the maximum.

Daily aldehyde levels ranged from 0 to 4.0 parts per hundred million.

No geographical or source relationship to aldehydes is obvious as in

the case of suspended particulates, dustfall, and nitrogen dioxide.

Detailed results are presented in Table I.

Special Sampling Results

1. Mobile suspended particulate samples

Results from sampling for suspended particulates at nine locations (other than the ten fixed stations) was conducted during the fall and spring seasons. Location of these stations is shown in Figure 1. The monthly means for these 9 stations ranged from 48 to 180 µg/m³ with highest levels being in the southwest section of the area. The city of Homewood had four of the 9 samplers located within its limits and with one exception showed very little variation in suspended particulate levels. In general, the levels of suspended particulates found at these 9 mobile stations was somewhat lower than those found at the majority of the 10 fixed stations.

2. Continuous exidants and exides of nitrogen

Continuous sampling, with special instrumentation, was begun for exidents and total exides of nitrogen in mid-August, 1966. Since then, the highest levels of exidents recorded has been about 4 parts per hundred million, while the background levels appear to be approximately 1.5 parts per hundred million. For total exides of nitrogen, the peak value to date was 17 parts per hundred million, with a background of approximately 6 parts per hundred million. The rather low levels of exidents indicates an absence of photochemical smog which is a result of heavy automobile pollution.

3. Metal analysis

Since the beginning of the study a limited number of samples have been analyzed for their metal content. Metals found in the particulate matter of the atmosphere are usually indicative of a nearby source. Results of these samples indicate a high metal content, especially iron. This is as expected, since Birmingham is the metal industry center of the South. Some of the other metals found in relatively high concentrations are manganese, lead, and zinc.

Climatology and Air Pollution

The topography of the Birmingham area is irregular, consisting of ridges with intervening valleys. The city proper is in a valley between a series of low ridges extending from northeast to west, and Red Mountain extending from east to southwest which approaches a height of 600 feet above valley level.

The main climatic effect of the topography is that during winter months it produces extreme temperature inversions and rather low minimum temperatures. Associated with this is a marked reduction in visibility during early morning and late afternoon due to air borne particulate

matter and to some extent fog.

Visibility restrictions less than six miles and frequently less than one mile due largely to air pollution occur throughout the year but are most numerous and intense during winter and fall months.

Pollution sources include industrial areas lying from four to eight miles to the southwest of the city, but, the most heavily concentrated groups of known industrial sources extend from central to north and northeast Birmingham.

In general, the greatest pollution (at all stations for all measured pollutants) occurs on calm days with little or no wind movement.

On days when there is significant wind movement, the highest levels of pollution generally occurs at stations downwind from the industrialized North Birmingham, Tarrant area. This is true for all pollutants except gaseous aldehydes which show no consistent pattern in relation to wind directions.

During 1964, days classified as calm by the weather bureau occurred, on the average, 16.7% of the time, visibility was reduced below 6 miles 22.0% of the time and significant quantities of smoke and/or haze existed at the airport 15.1% of the time.

Summary

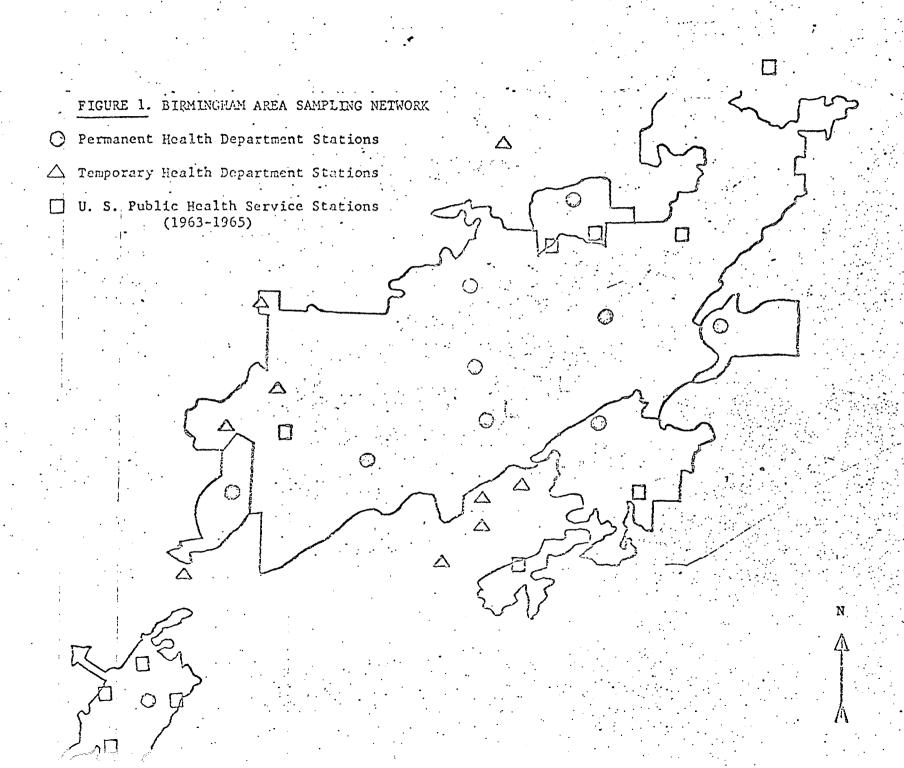
Results of sampling have shown conclusively that there is a serious air pollution problem in Jefferson County, especially in Jones Valley where meteorological conditions quite often favor accumulation of pollutants. Of major significance is particulate matter or general aerial filth. In fact, Birmingham has just recently been rated by the Public Health Service as one of the dirtiest cities in the country with regards

Results of our studies show that particulate levels are high year-round with little seasonal variation indicating a constant source of pollution.

Location	Suspended ¹ Particulate Dustfall ¹ ug/m ³ Tons/m ² /mo		a11 ¹ a ² /mo	Sulfation ² mgSO3/100cm ² /day		Sulfur Dioxide ² pphm		Nitrogen Djoxide ²		Aldehyde ² pphm		
	Mean	20%3	. Mean	20%	Mean	20%	Mean .	20%	Mean	20%	Mean	20%
Bessemer	17.6	270	20	25	0.20	0.30	0.2	0.4	8.3	12.0	1.4	2.2
Fairfield	126	205	20	23	0.31	0.47	0.3	0.8	7.4	12.0	1.4	2.6
West End	124	200	21	27	0.14	0.19	0.2	0.4	7.9	12.0	1.3	2.2
No. B'ham	281	440	88	124 ¹ / ₂	0.55	1.00	0.4	1.3	19.3	15.0	1.4	2.1
Central B'ham	197	300	22	26	0,32	0.50	0.4	1.3	9.7	. 13,5	1.5	2.2
Southside	179	276	. 20	25	0.33	0,52	0.3	0.9	8.6	12.8	1.8	27
Woodlawn	139	220	24	30	0.07	0.18	0.1	0.3	8.3	12.0	1.4	2.2
Tarrant	219	362	· 53	70	0.13	0.22	0.2	0.4	7.9	10.5	1.3	2.0
Irondale	115	130	15	18	0.12	0.18	0.2	0.6	7.2	10.6	1.5	2.3
Mt. Brook	72	115	10	13	0.08	0.19	0.2	0.4	7.1	10.8	1.3	2.0
All Stations	151	265	29	38	.23	0.38	0.3	0.7	8.3	12.1:	1.4	2.3

^{1.} Jefferson County Air Pollution Program Data

U. S. Public Health Service Data Reference 5
 Indicates Levels That Occur 20% Of The Time Or Slightly More Than 2 Months Per Year * Commutate means or averages are used throughout this paper for all pollutants.



EMISSION INVENTORY

In 1965, a year long effort was begun by the Jefferson County

Department of Health to obtain a comprehensive and complete inventory

of the air pollutants emitted into Jefferson County's atmosphere. One
thing that was learned as a result of this emission inventory was that
of all the air pollution in Jefferson County, about 50% comes from
within the city limits of Birmingham with the remaining 50% coming

from the many communities surrounding Birmingham.

In general, this air pollution comes from four main sources.

These sources and the method used to estimate their individual contribution to the air pollution problem in Jefferson County are:

- (1) Domestic sources; information on fuel, trash, and leaf burning was obtained via a random survey of 7,200 households in Jefferson County. The results were then extrapelated to include all 188,000 households in the county.
- (2) Transportation sources; information was obtained from tax records which is directly related to fuel consumed in combustion engines. Airplane and diesel powered vehicles were included in this study as well as buses, trucks, and automobiles.
- (3) Commercial sources; information was obtained via "fuel use" questionnaires which were sent out to 498 laundries, dry cleaners, hospitals, rest homes, hotels, motels, schools, and shopping centers.

 Approximately 90% of the questionnaires were returned and it is estimated that 75% of all "commercial" establishments were sent questionnaires.

 Therefore, the commercial emissions are based on approximately 68% of all the commercial establishments in Jefferson County.
 - (4) Industrial sources; information was obtained via a "fuel use"

and "process" questionnaire. Questionnaires were sent out to the 815 industrial establishments as listed in the 1964 Industrial Directory of the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce. Of these only 368 were returned with usable information. Therefore, the industrial emissions are based on approximately 46% of the industries in Jefferson County. Most of the major industries, however, were included in this 46%. Emissions from Stationary Sources

Stationary sources include the domestic, commercial and industrial contributors to air pollution. The emissions from the transportation industry will be presented separately.

In most communities one of the biggest sources of air pollution is the emissions given off from the burning of fuel for heating requirements. In a large industrial area such as Jefferson County, however, it would seem logical that the largest amount of fuel is consumed by industry for process heat, making the over-all emissions relatively constant year round. This assumption is validated by the seasonal air pollution levels presented in a separate section which show very little seasonal variation in particulate matter.

Figure 2 is a map illustrating quantity ranges of particulate emissions and showing some of the known major industrial and commercial sources of air pollution. Figures 3 and 4 show the emission breakdown for stationary sources in Jefferson County.

From Table II it can be seen that industrial sources account for approximately 98% of the particulate emissions, 88% of the gaseous emissions and 53% of the hydrocarbon emissions from <u>stationary</u> sources. In addition, the map indicates that emissions are greatest in areas of concentrated industrial activities. The fairly large percentage of

commercial hydrocarbon emissions comes mainly from burning dumps and dry cleaning establishments.

The small amount of emissions from domestic sources can be attributed primarily to the decline over the past 20 years of coal as a source of space heating and cooking fuel.

The five largest sources of <u>particulate</u> emissions in Jefferson County from stationary sources are listed below in decreasing order of importance:

Source	Particulate Emissions Llbs. per year
Industrial processes	378,840,000
Industrial fuel use	14,260,000
Commercial fuel use	3,592,000
Domestic fuel use	2,522,000
Burning dumps	1,328,000

Industrial activities clearly account for the vast majority of particulate emissions in Jefferson County. However, the remaining sources should not be completely overlooked as they are often large enough to cause severe localized nuisance and/or health problems.

Transportation Emissions

The estimated emissions from the transportation industry include those associated with automobiles, diesel vehicles, and aircraft. The calculations are based on fuel use data and airport flight information. Figure 5 shows the various types of pollutants emitted and their relative percentages.

In comparison with stationary sources it can be seen that transportation contributes only slightly to the particulate matter in Jefferson County's air. Carbon monoxide emissions are primarily from

the transportation industry and a significant portion of the hydrocarbon emissions also are associated with transportation sources.

In the area of transportation, however, it must be noted that the federal government has already passed legislation relating to the control of motor vehicle emissions. All new vehicles now have crankcase blow-by devices which control up to 30% of the total emissions of motor vehicles. This factor was not considered when calculating the estimated emissions. In addition, beginning with 1968 model vehicles, exhaust control devices will be standard equipment. This equipment will reduce the emissions from new automobiles approximately 70 percent.

Summary

Estimated air pollution emissions in Jefferson County have been tabulated and summarized in Table II, and Figures 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

From this data several things become evident:

- (1) That the greatest source of particulate emissions is from stationary sources, and in particular from industrial sources.
- (2) That the problem of hydrocarbons is associated with both stationary and transportation sources.
 - (3) That carbon monoxide is primarily from transportation sources.
- (4) That federal law will substantially reduce the amount of air pollution emitted from motor vehicles in the near future.
- (5) That stationary sources, particularly industrial, is the area in which air pollution control efforts should be directed, and that transportation source emissions are a secondary problem.

Legitimate comparisons of emissions between various communities are difficult to make due to the inherent incompleteness of any such survey. However, some comparisons might give more insight into the extent of

Jefferson County's air pollution problem.

In Nashville, Tennessee, ¹⁰ total particulate emissions (including transportation) were estimated at 42,000,000 lbs. per year which is only one-tenth of those in Jefferson County. Gaseous emissions, including hydrocarbons, were estimated to be 172,348,000 lbs. per year while Jefferson County's total gaseous emissions are approximately 753,000,000 lbs. per year.

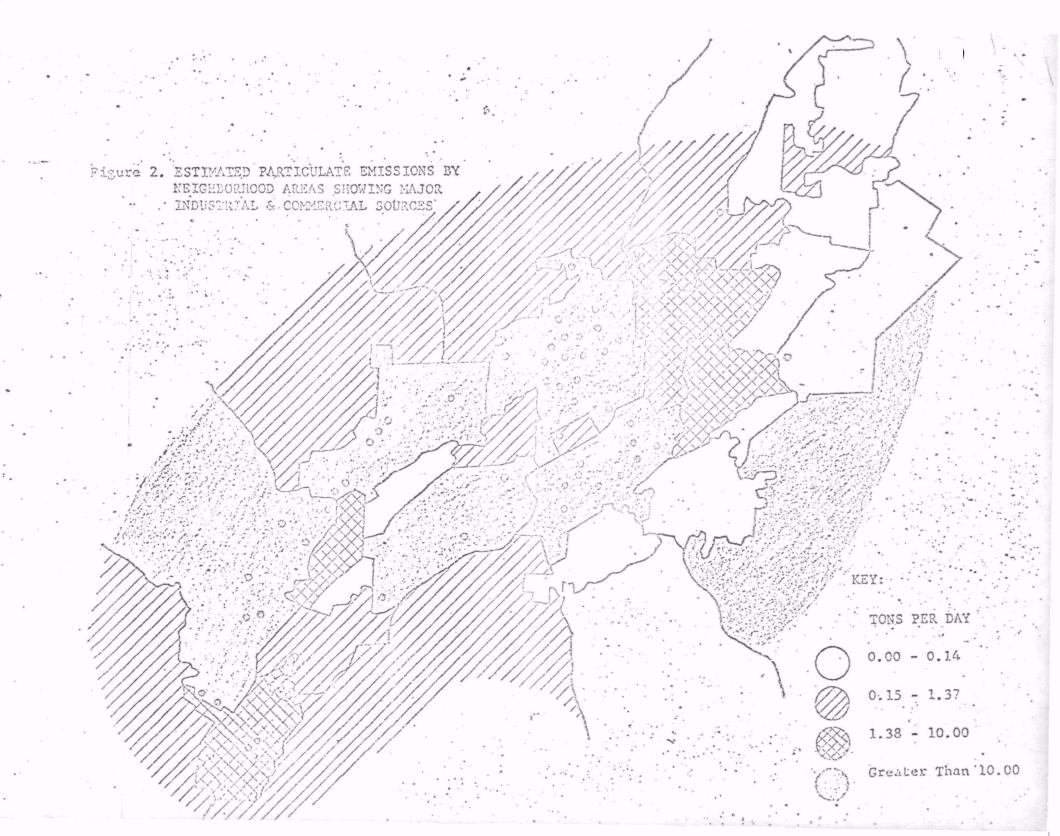
In Chattanooga, Tennessee, 11 total particulate emissions were estimated to be 204,612,000 lbs. per year which is approximately one-half the amount found in Jefferson County.

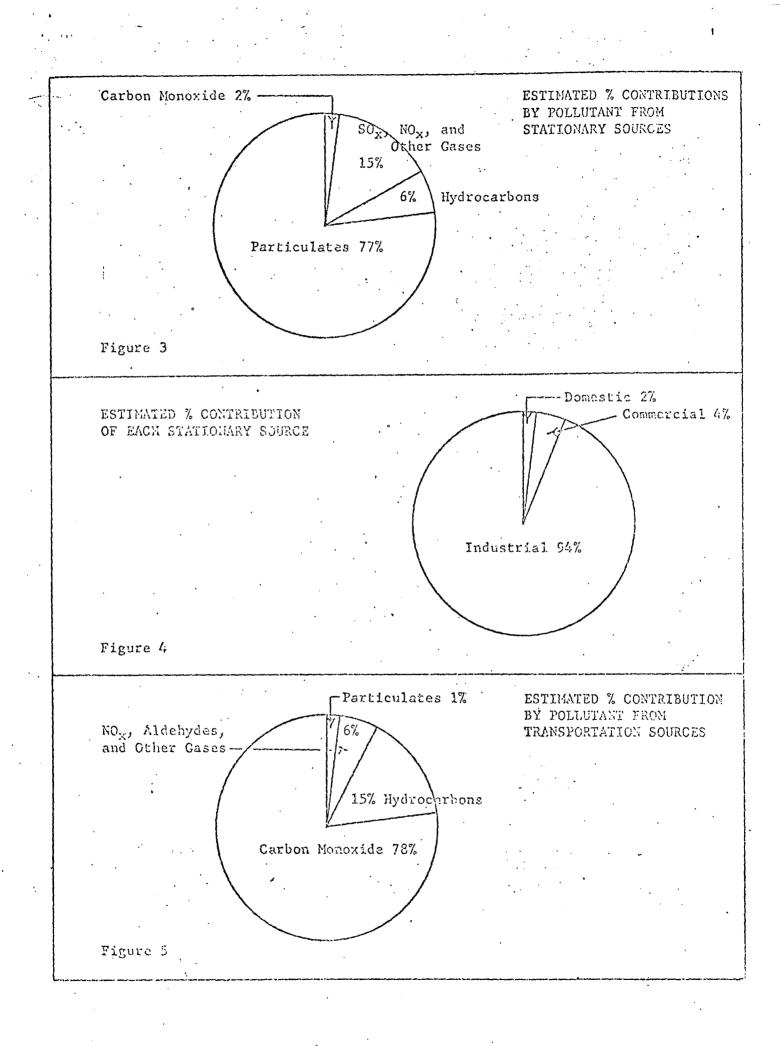
Pollutant	Particulate Tons/Yr	Carbon Monoxide Tons/Yr	Hydrocarbon Organic Acids Tons/Yr	Sulfur Guides Tons/Yr	Nitrogen Oxides Tons/Yr	Aldehydes Tons/Yr	Ammonia Tons/Yr
Indust. fuel use	7,130	1,91	411	7,263	6,922	41	N.A.
Conmer. fuel use	1,796	961	1.420	505	210	Neg.	N.A.
Residential fuel use	1,261	1,357	583	1,047	801	Neg.	N.A.
Indust. Processes	189,420	1,000	5,857	22,785	1,616	N.A.	N.A.
Mun. Incinerator	156	. 9	. 26	25	27	14	4
Mun. Dumps	664	N.A.	3,949	1.7	8	57	33
Indust. Refuse	143	136	761	3	2	33	5
Commer. Refuse	13	127	72	Neg.	Neg.	21	Neż,
Residential Refuse	55	249	134	٠.	6	14	Neg.
Gasoline (Auto & Trucks)	881	233,195	42,311	721	9,055	320	160
Diesel (Auto & Trucks)	2,938	1,602	5,636	1,068	5,930	106	N.A.
Airplanes	258	13,898	2,791	Neg.	956	54	N.A.
TOTALS	204,715	252,725	63,951	33,538	25,533	. 660	202

^{1 -} Includes 1,200 Tons/Yr from Dry Cleaners

N.A. - Not Available

· Neg. - Negligible Amount





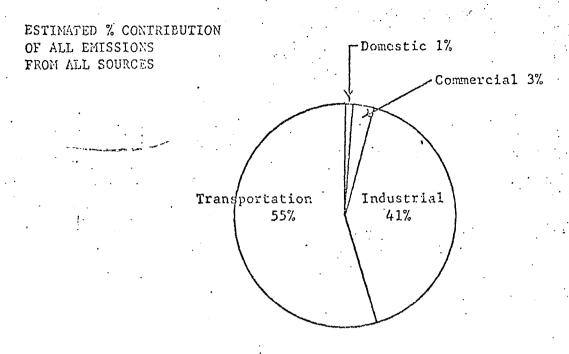


Figure 6

ESTIMATED EMISSIONS AS PERCENT OF TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES BY POLLUTANT

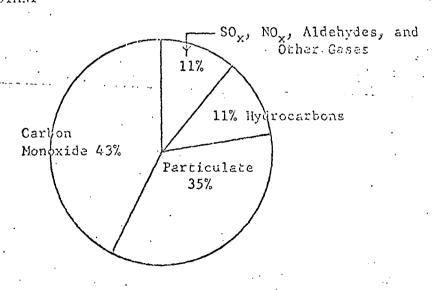


Figure 7

- Total Estimated Emissions = 581,324 Tons/Year

PUBLIC OPINION

Over 300 complaints regarding air pollution have been received and investigated by the Jefferson County Health Department since its air pollution program began in 1965. In addition, during the summer of 1965 approximately 7,200 households were interviewed by Health Department personnel—in—an extensive public opinion survey. Results of these activities conclusively show that the public is vitally concerned about and annoyed by the air pollution that exists in Jefferson County.

The household public opinion survey was conducted at random and instructions were issued to the interviewers as to how to select houses randomly. Only adult members of the households were interviewed. On the average one home in 26 was interviewed in this survey. The survey showed that 54% of the people within the City of Birmingham and an average of 42% of the people outside the city limits were annoyed or affected adversely in some way by air pollution. The actual percent of people affected in the various communities ranged from 22% to 87% (Table III). Some of the statistical conclusions which were made as a result of this survey were: 12

- (1) That 33% of the people are adversely affected when suspended particulate levels exceed 150 micrograms per cubic foot of air.
- (2) That 33% of the people are adversely affected when dustfall levels exceed 30 tons per square mile per month.

These are levels of pollution that are quite often greatly exceeded in Jefferson County and one-third of the people is a significant number.

The relation between public opinion in the communities and the measured gaseous pollutants were not significant in most of the cases

studied. However, it should be noted that gaseous concentrations were in most instances very low.

The number of complaints received regarding air pollution over the past two years obviously reflects only a small percentage of the total population of Jefferson County. However, since to make a complaint one has to first place a phone call and then identify himself, it is apparent that these complaints most likely represent severe and specific problems resulting from localized sources of pollution. This theory is supported by the fact that 2/3 of all complaints received have been regarding "health effects" or "property damage", which is in contrast to the public opinion survey where most of the complaints were classified as a general nuisance.

A look at Table IV also indicates that 2/3 of the complaints are about particulate matter (dust, smoke, and flyash), and 2/3 of the sources of this pollution are said to be industrial.

In the absence of specific regulations and control legislation, investigation of the complaints are made to ascertain if the complaint is justified, to make a visible inspection of the source, and where possible to make appropriate recommendations for voluntary control.

Since the beginning of the program, it has been possible to investigate about 75% of the complaints received. However, the amount of voluntary compliance in abating these complaints is less than 5% of all the complaints; and in most cases, these were very small air pollution sources, e.g., leaf burning, trash burning, etc. It is not felt that the voluntary compliance has reduced the air pollution levels by any appreciable amount.

Table III

EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION ON POPULATION PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

CITY	Total % Household Affected	General Nuisance Response	Nealth Effects Response	Material Dumage Rosponse	Odor Response
Birmingham	54	33	18	19	23
Bessemer	35	1.7	11	8 .	20
Fairfield	66	60	3	~	19
Tarrant	87	74	53	9 .	. 68
Center Point	36	16	7 .	ca, en	7
Irondale	23	1.2	9	2	4
Mountain Brook	22	12	16		2
Vestavia ·	24	15	24		3

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Table IV SUMMARY OF AIR POLLUTION COMPLAINTS

Source of Com	plaint	• .	Total	
Industrial			2 09	
Domestic			33	
Commercial			51	
Transportation			9	f
Total		• • •	302	

Types of Effects	Total*
Property Damage	120
Health Effect	178
Odor	107
Visibility	28
General Nuisance	133
Total	566

Type of	Pollutant			Total*	
Dust			Aller and the second second second second second second second second second second second second second second	112	
Smoke.	Particulate			127	. •
Flyash /				45	
Gas				13	
Odor .		•		99	
Total				396	

^{*} Since more than one effect or type of pollutant can occur simultaneously, these totals are naturally larger than the number of complaints received.

CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION

There are many avenues of approach to the problem of air pollution control. The first and perhaps the most obvious solution is to zone or segregate industry away and downwind from residential areas. This approach usually fails due to the rapid expansion of cities and the refusal of the winds to always blow in the same direction.

In some cases, it is possible to avoid polluting the air by more efficient combustion or by changing fuels or by simple modifications of the processes in use. These solutions are generally more applicable to domestic and commercial space heating and waste incineration than to large industrial processes. The control of automobile exhaust is a good example of control by modifications resulting in more efficient combustion. Federal law requires that all new automobiles (1968 models on) be modified or have factory installed devices to reduce the amount of carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons that are emitted. These reductions will average 60% to 80% depending on the vehicle and the conditions under which it is being driven. These regulations will undoubtably be tightened in 1970 and will probably include buses and diesel powered vehicles.

Another widely used technique, especially in the power industry, is the erection of extremely high stacks (500 feet or higher). These stacks carry their load of pollutants higher into the atmosphere where they are more easily dispersed. This method of control is often satisfactory but offers no safeguard against downdrafts or prolonged stagnation periods. Here in Jefferson County with the many mountains and valleys this method would most likely be unsatisfactory.

In addition to the above methods, there are for most industries and processes methods and equipment to remove the bulk of the pollutants from the stack gases before they are discharged into the atmosphere.

These methods or devices are generally placed in four broad categories.

The first method is mechanical, the most common form being the cyclone collector. In this method the gas is forced into a swift spiral and the centrifugal force created causes the solid particles to be thrown out of the gas stream and into a hopper. The cleaned gas then passes out into the atmosphere.

The second group of collectors are generally classified as wet collectors. In this method the polluted gases are forced into intimate contact with finely divided liquid (usually water) droplets. This wetting causes many of the solid and gaseous pollutants to be trapped in the water where it can later be recovered for disposal or reuse.

The third class of collectors work on a principal similar to that of a vacuum cleaner. The dust laden gases are passed through a large filter bag where the solid matter is trapped in the fabric of the filter. This type of collector is somewhat limited due to clogging of the filters and to the high temperatures of some of the exhaust gases encountered in industrial processes.

The fourth type of air pollution control equipment is the electrostatic precipitator. In this collector the dust is given an electric charge while passing through tubes or between plates which have a charge opposite to that of the particles. These opposite charges cause the particles to be attracted electrically to the walls of the tube where they can then be mechanically removed.

All of the above methods of control are technically feasible and are presently being used either by themselves or in combinations by industry throughout the country. Table V shows some examples of air pollution sources, types of pollutants emitted, common control methods, and average amounts of pollutants emitted both before and after control equipment is installed. These are average figures and do not necessarily reflect the performance of any individual industry, process, or source. This table does, however, give some insight into the amount of pollutants that can be kept from the atmosphere with reasonable amount of control.

The cost of air pollution control is high, but so is the cost of not controlling this pollution. Just recently it was reported that the cost of air pollution (not including health effects) in Canada is \$25.00 per parson per year. This same figure for U. S. citizens has been estimated in excess of \$65.00 per year.

Where in Jefferson County numerous instances have been reported where roofs have had to be replaced in as little as three years due to air pollution and houses needing repainting after turning black almost overnight. These factors along with many others including increased public and private housekeeping expenses, plant damage, and health effects, cost our community untold millions of dollars annually. The cost of cleaning our skies will vary from a few dollars per source to as high as one million dollars for one stack, but the time has come when we can no longer afford not to clean our air. Air pollution is a liability to every citizen and to our fine community. Air pollution costs us much more in economic and health loss than it will cost to control.

Table V ESTIMATED UNCONTROLLED AND CONTROLLED PARTICULATE EMISSIONS FROM SELECTED SOURCES

Specific Process or Operation	Major Pollutant Emitted	Type of Control Equipment	Collector Efficiency (%)	Estimated Emissions Uncontrolled	Estimated Emissions With Controls
Blast Furnace	Iron Ore & Coke Dust	Wet Scrubber	90	200 #/ton of product	6 #/ton of product
Open Hearth	Iron Oxide Fume	Electrostatic and/or Wet Scrubber	85-98	9 #/ton of product	0.8 #/ton of product
Cement Kilns	Cement Dust	Electrostatic	85-99	4 #/1000 Ft ³ of exhaust	0.2 #/1000 Ft ³
Gray Iron Cupolas	Iron Oxide Dust and Fume	Filter Bags	98	17 #/ton of material	0.3 #/ton of material
Asphalt Batching	Sand and Gravel Dust	Cyclone	85	5 #/ton of product	0.8 #/ton of product
Coffee Roasting	Dust, Chaffe	Cyclone	75	3 #/1000 Ft. of exhaust	0.7 #/1000 Ft ³ of exhaust
Industrial and Commercial Incinerators	Particulates		The state of the s	23 #/ton of refuse (single chamber)	4 #/ton of refuse (multiple chamber)

^{*} Obtained from: "Inventory of Air Contaminant Emissions," New York State Air Pollution Control Board, and
"A Compilation of Emission Factors for Combustion Processes, Gasoline Evaporation, and
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