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Subject: Method 202 improvement QA plan

Method 202 improvement stakeholders:

At long last, the test plan and QA plan for evaluating the proposed revision of the condensable particulate matter sampling method are finished. We will begin conducting the replicate laboratory experiments in the next few days, and we may identify some needed revisions to the plan. As you review the plan, please send your proposed changes or amendments to me so we can generate a revision to the plan. As soon as results of our experiments are available, I will forward you those results.

You will notice that in addition to addressing those evaluations that EPA is performing, the plan accommodates much of the efforts that some stakeholders may wish to perform to improve our knowledge on the performance of the improved hardware arrangement. While stakeholder sponsored work is not addressed in the body of this plan nor QA project plan, we have provided a template for stakeholders to use to identify key differences between their experiments and those that we have documented in the body of the QAPP.

I would ask that stakeholders consider supplementing our effort with gas matrices that are more representative of the sources that they have greater interest in characterizing. I also ask that any stakeholder that can commit to conducting additional experiments inform me so that I can keep the remainder of the stakeholders informed. I will try to facilitate getting stakeholders with similar interests to collaborate to minimize duplication of efforts.

Given the time that it has taken me to get to this point, I can understand the time that it may require stakeholders to fully commit to performing additional experiments. I would like to have a face to face meeting to describe the results of EPA's work and to coordinate the efforts of stakeholders. I will be checking the availability of conference rooms at our RTP campus for the middle to late part of January.



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