# Report from MOVES Review Workgroup

October 6, 2009

- Review period for Draft MOVES2009
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  - Formal Peer Review
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#### Summary of Comments on Draft

- Guidance needed on developing new inputs & managing transition
- Concern that higher emission estimates will require extra SIP action
- Lookup option for starts & evap needed
- Additional functionality (e,g, "Rate of Progress" calculation, Daily VMT) suggested
- User interface is good—but some tweaks needed
- User Guide and Technical Documentation need editorial improvement & some sections need more detail
- MOVES run time is slower than Mobile6
- Installation can be difficult depending upon user environment

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## Recent Workgroup Topics

- July 2009
  - Initial EPA validation results
    - Comparisons to Georgia remote sensing data (RSD)
  - Workgroup member comments on Draft MOVES2009
- Sept 2009
  - Additional validation results with comparisons to:
    - Chicago I/M data
    - Chicago RSD
    - Atlanta RSD (refined)
  - Likely changes in emission rates for final
  - Plans for draft and final guidance documents
  - Update on new fuels code
  - Workgroup member comments on technical reports

## **Upcoming Topics**

- > November 2009
  - Final plans for the model
  - Preliminary final results

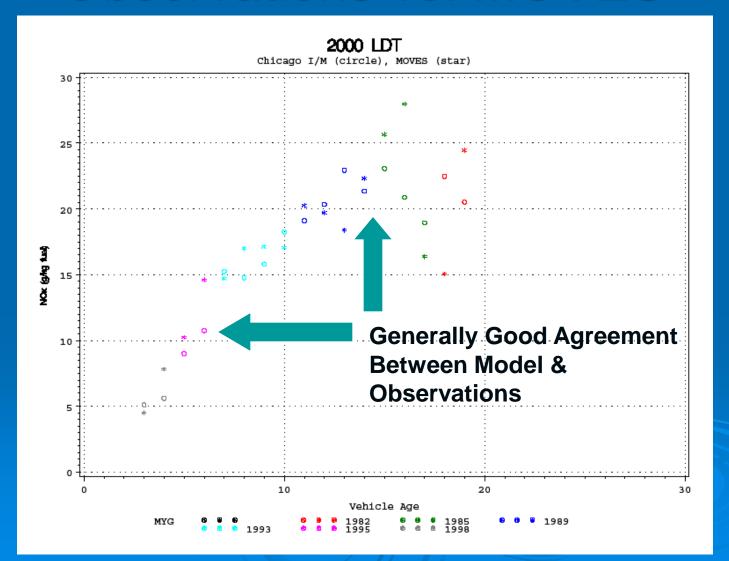
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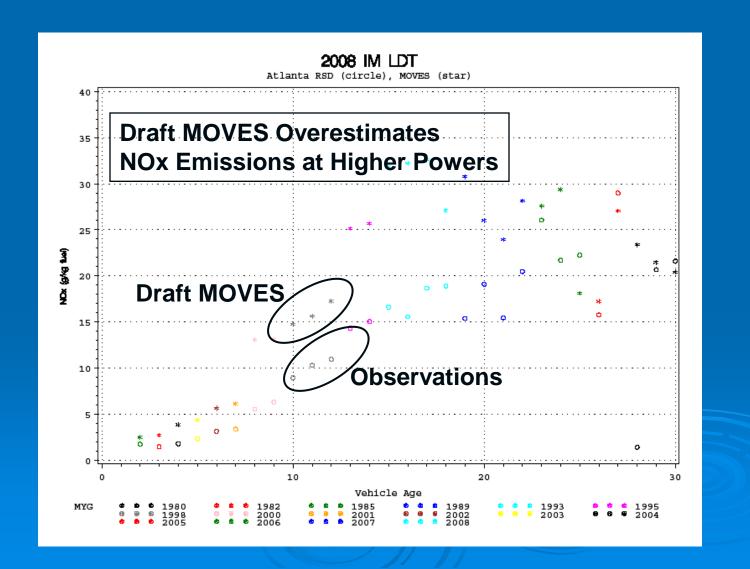
#### Model Validation Efforts

- MOVES Validation
  - Most comprehensive emissions model validation effort ever undertaken by EPA
  - Able to compare MOVES output to independent datasets:
    - Years of remote sensing data on cars/light trucks from Georgia and Illinois
    - Chassis and roadside data on HD trucks
    - Groundbreaking evaluation of evaporative leaks
    - Fuel sales

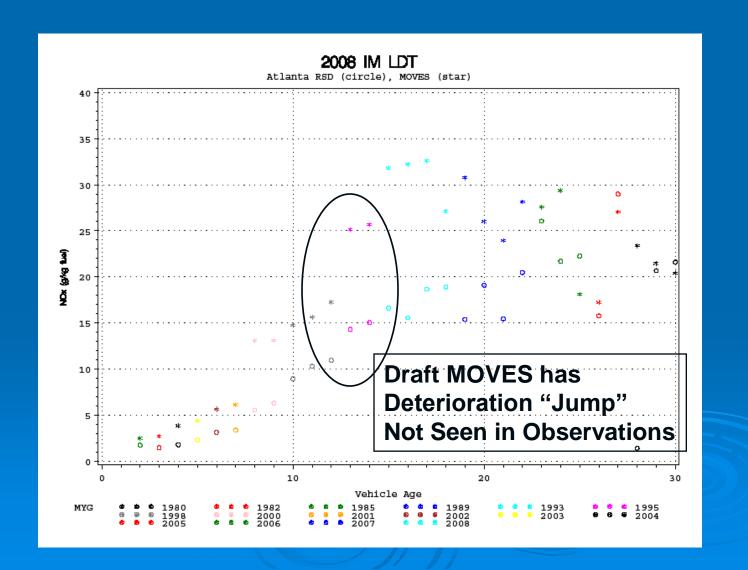
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All of these efforts are informing changes from draft to final

#### MOVES Review Workgroup Comments & Recommendations

- EPA has been responsive to group comments.
- Validation work so far has been helpful
  - Should be ongoing to identify areas for improvement
  - Should be conducted by other organizations as well as U.S. EPA
- Need to continue model updates after release
  - Update emission rates as well as features
  - Consider planning for annual or biennial release.
- Need to plan for long-term data collection