### Engaging Community Stakeholders in Toxic Release Inventory Sites Sampling and Geographic Information Systems Mapping with EJ SCREEN, the MyRTK tool and TOXMAP





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> EPA PROGRAM TO ENGAGE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN COMMUNITY-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (TSU News Service) – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has selected Tennessee State University for a program that will actively engage its students in initiatives that protect local residents from toxic air releases.

A release from the agency named TSU and five other institutions nationwide as "academic partners" for the <u>2014 Toxic Release</u> <u>Inventory University Challenge</u>. The Challenge is designed to find innovative ways to increase public awareness of industrial release of toxic chemicals in communities

### Tennessee State University U.S. EPA Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) University Challenge participation extended through September 2016

### 2014 TRI University Challenge

Every year, thousands of U.S. manufacturing facilities submit reports on their waste management practices of certain toxic chemicals, including the release of those chemicals into the environment. The TRI Program makes these data available to everyone through a variety of online reports, search tools and applications.

#### Learn more about:

- Our new 2014-15 Partnerships
- Our 2013-14 Partnerships
- Our 2011-12 Pilots
- How we conducted the 2014 Challenge

#### In Spring 2014, we challenged the academic community

to find innovative and creative uses of TRI data and related information to promote more informed decision-making and action on the part of communities, manufacturers, and government.

#### 2014 Challenge Results

We received 11 outstanding applications in response to the 2014 Challenge, and we are excited to announce that we will be working with six academic partners for the 2014-2015 school year.

The six project proposals that were selected for the 2014 TRI University Challenge came from faculty and students at the following academic institutions:

- Drew University Environmental Studies and Sustainability
- Southeastern Louisiana University Computer Science and Industrial Technology
- SUNY Plattsburgh Center for Earth and Environmental Science
- Tennessee State University Geographic Information Sciences Laboratory
- University of California, Los Angeles Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
- University of South Carolina Department of Geography

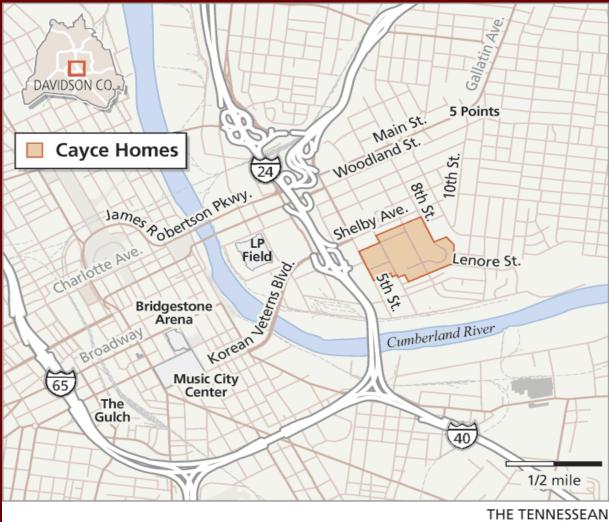
http://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/2015-2016-triuniversity-challenge-academic-partners

### **Community Partners**

The Martha O'Bryan Center at Cayce Homes, Meharry Medical College, the Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance, and Health Impacts of Degraded Environments, Inc.



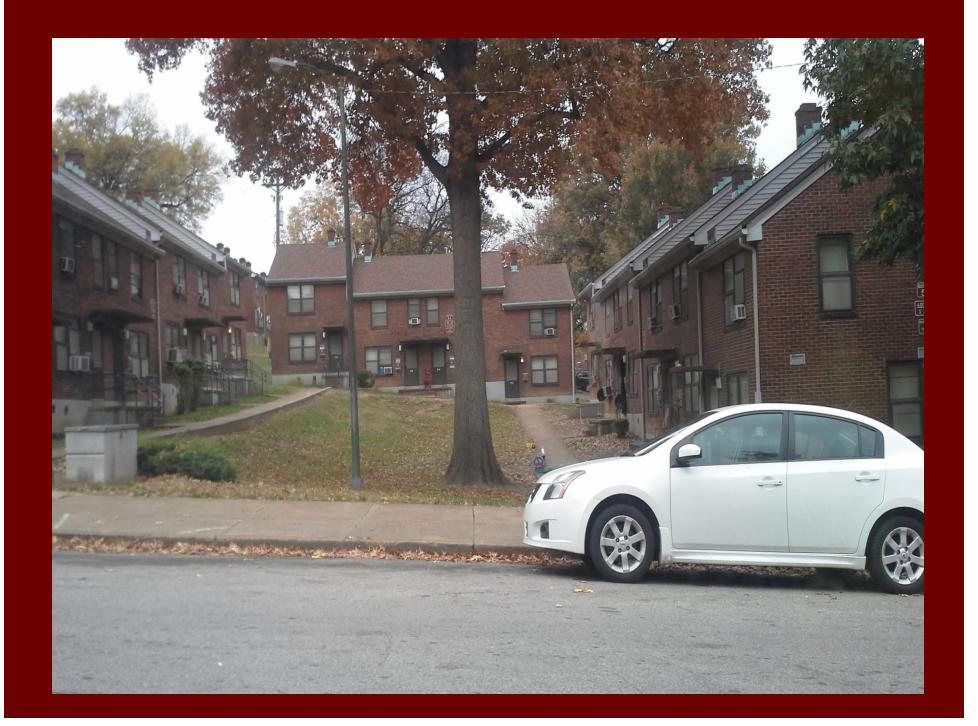
# Study Area: Cayce Homes and Environs – Nashville, TN



Nashville's largest public housing community with 710 units and over 2,400 residents on 63 acres.

88% of the population is African American with 89% of households are headed by a single parent. 57% of the residents are children under the age of 18

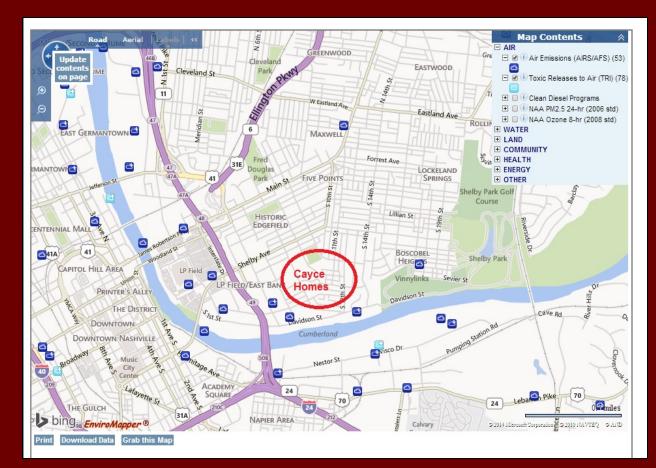
Residents suffer from above average asthma rates, especially children.



# Map of nearby sources of air pollution - Cayce Homes and Environs – Nashville, TN

Community is impacted by a variety of air pollution sources, including TRI facilities, Interstate highways, and small businesses.

No government air monitor is located within two miles of the community.



Potential sources of air pollution upwind from Cayce Place and environs.



CMC Rebar – TRI Facility



PSC Metals – Permitted Air Facility

### March 2015 Meetings with community stakeholders at the Martha O'Bryan Center. Discussed plans for outdoor air sampling and health assessments



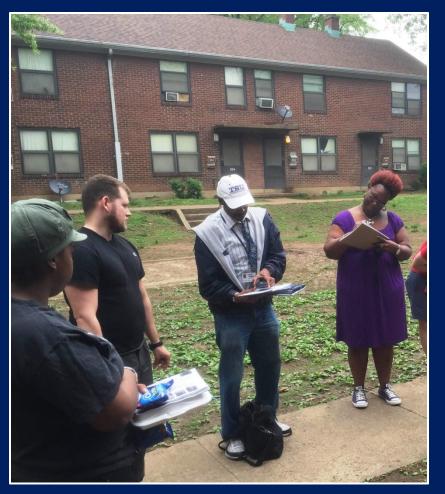


April 2015 – Ten-second "grab" air samples collected: Community air quality testing using 6-liter Summa canisters. Stakeholders used global positioning systems (GPS) receivers to map the locations where air samples were collected. Samples were analyzed by Dr. Sing Chong, Middle Tennessee State University.





### April 2015 – 10 second air "grab" samples collected April 17, 2015





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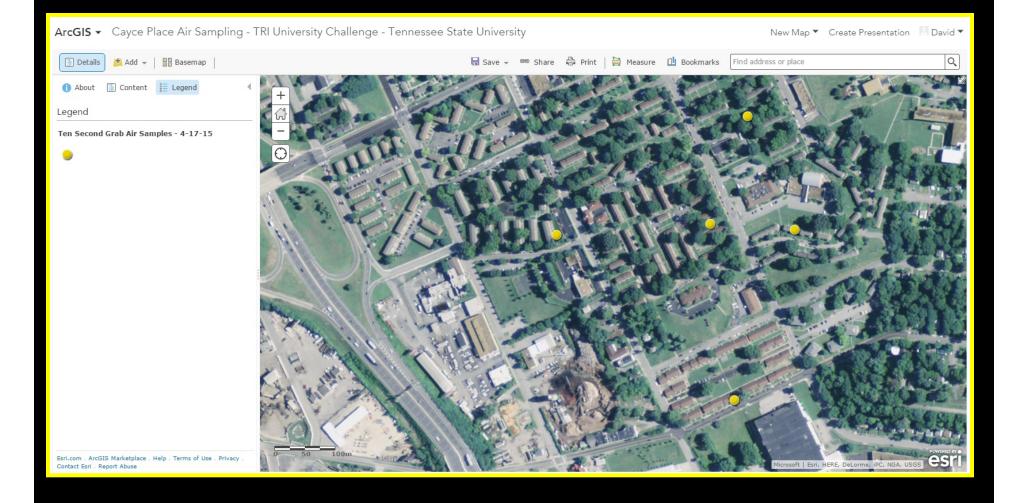
Bucket Brigade Community Air Sampling GPS Mapping Data Work Sheet

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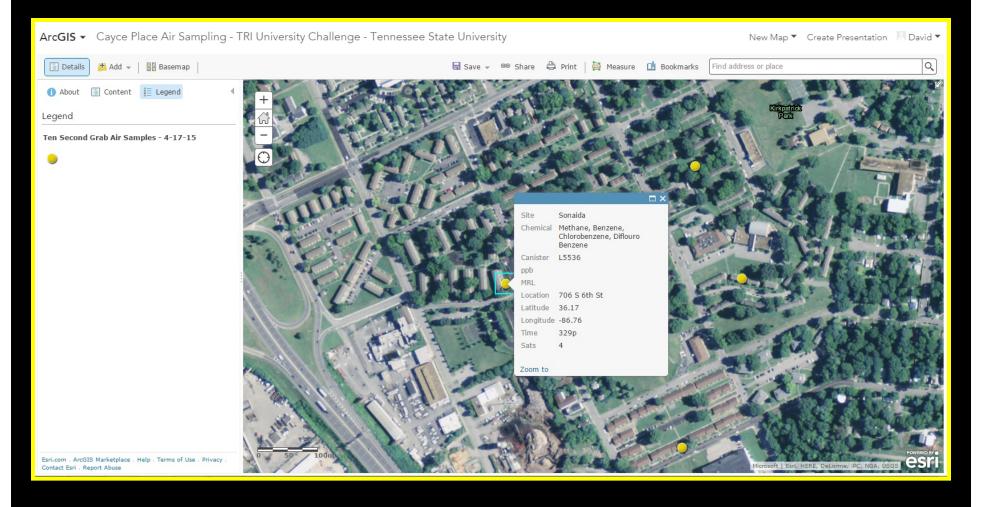
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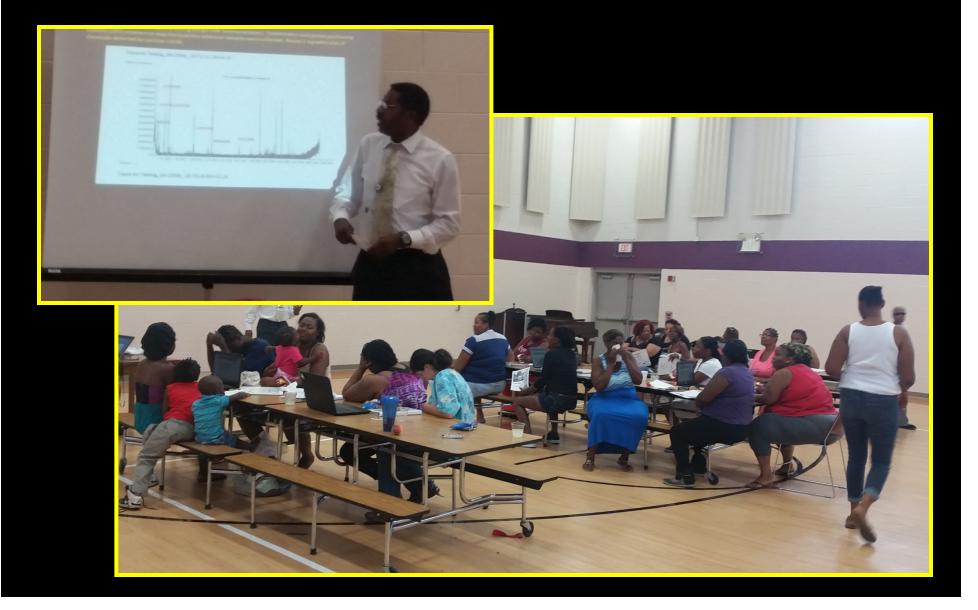
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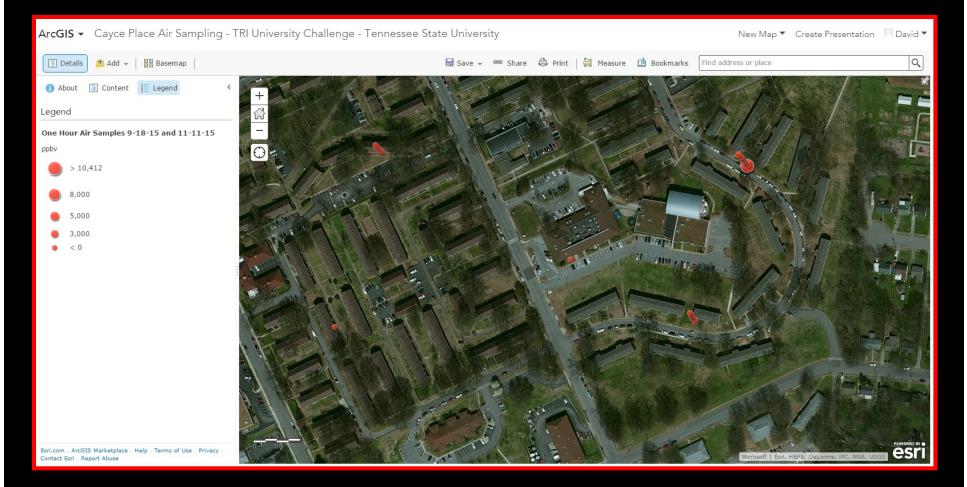
### July 2015 Ten second air "grab" sample results shared with community stakeholders.



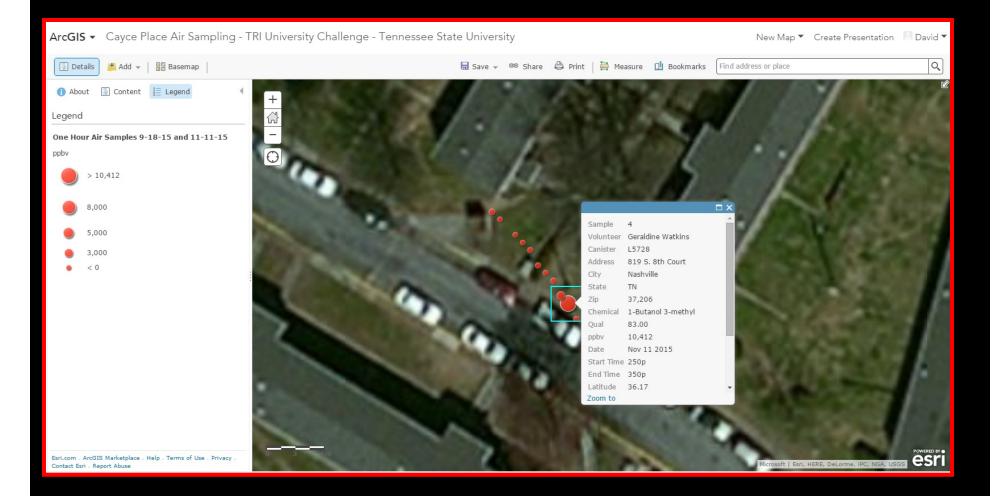
Summer/Fall 2015 – One-hour air samples collected: Community air quality testing using 6-liter Summa canisters. Stakeholders used global positioning systems (GPS) receivers to map the locations where air samples were collected. Samples were analyzed by Dr. Sing Chong, Middle Tennessee State University.



September and November 2015 – One hour air samples collected. Sample site latitude/longitude locations were imported into ArcGIS Online. Chemical concentrations (ppbv) are displayed with proportional circle point symbols.



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# **U.S. EPA Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool** (EJ SCREEN)

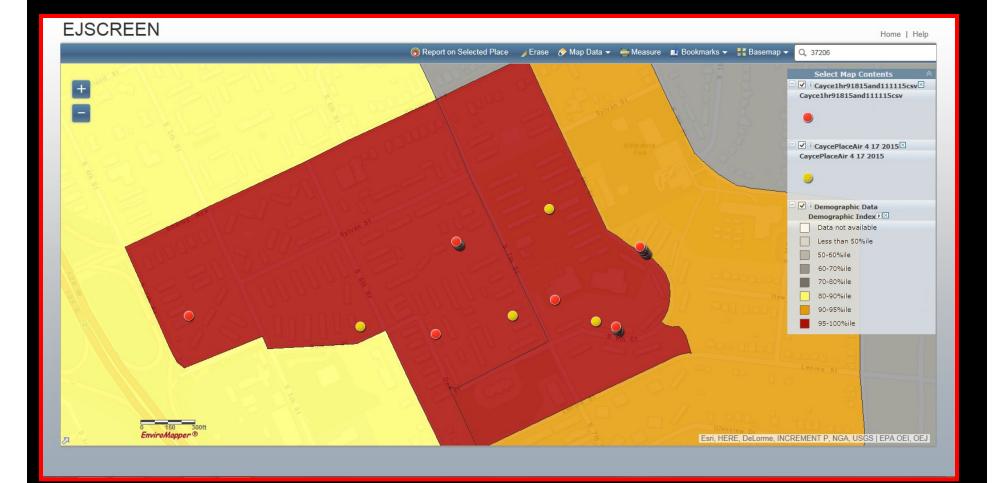


Launch the EJSCREEN Tool

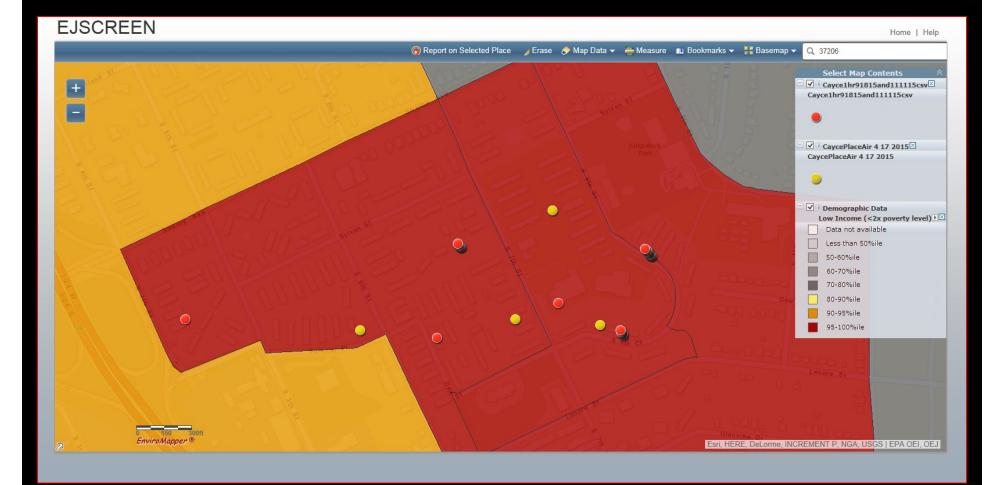
- What is EJSCREEN?
  - How was It Developed?
  - How Does EPA Use It?
  - Purposes and Uses

- Learn to Use EJSCREEN

### February 2016 Ten second and one hour sample sites imported into EJ SCREEN All stakeholders reside within the highest EJ SCREEN "Demographic Index"



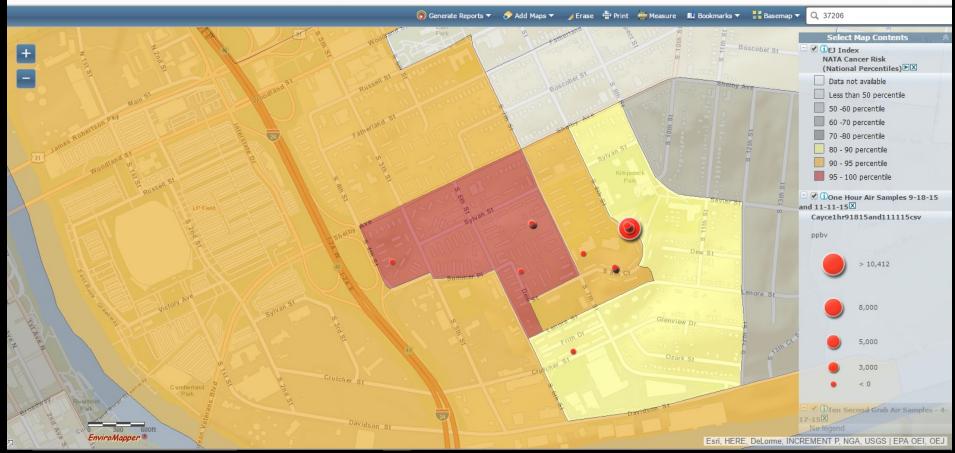
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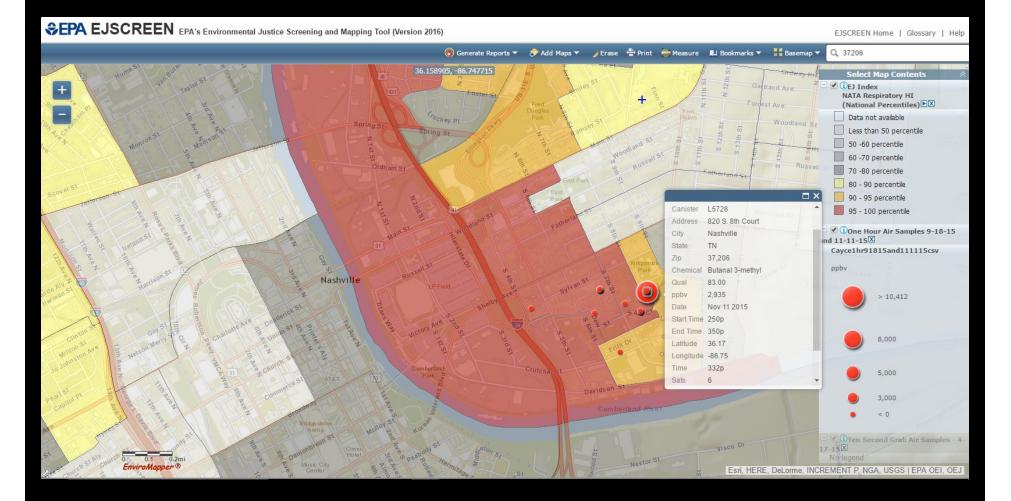
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## **April 2016** – Ten-Second and One-Hour Air Sampling Results Reported to Cayce Homes Residents

### CHEMICALS DISCOVERED IN THE AIR AT CAYCE HOMES AS OF APRIL 2016

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Cyclohexene Cyclohexanone Nonanal Heptanal 3-Hexanone, 2-methyl-Formic acid, hexyl ester Octanal Butanal Heptanal cis-1-Butyl-2-methylcyclopropane 1-Butanol, 3-methyl-Butanal, 3-methyl-3-Pentanone, 2,4-dimethyl-Butanal, 3-methyl-1-Hexanol, 2-ethyl-Sulfurous acid, butyl decyl ester 4-Octanone 3-Heptanone Cyclopropane, propyl-4-Heptanone

#### NEXT STEPS

1.) We are investigating the health effects associated with the chemicals and will share what we find as soon as possible.

2.) You may investigate the health effects associated with the chemicals on your own at <a href="https://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/">https://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/</a>

3.) We are currently investigating the potential sources from which the chemicals we found are being released.

4.) You may conduct your own investigation for the chemical release sources at <u>https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/my-right-know-application</u>

5.) We found the chemical "Dithiapentane" at the playground. It is released from the ground up tires covering the ground there. It can irritate children's eyes and noses, especially when the weather gets warmer. Parents wanting more information are encouraged to contact us.

6.) The map showing the locations and results of the air samples collected in and near Cayce Homes thus far may be viewed at <a href="http://arcg.is/1XvdiAT">http://arcg.is/1XvdiAT</a>

7.) We will be collecting more air samples through the summer and through the end of the year. There will be opportunities for parents and youth to be involved. Please contact us, if you are interested.

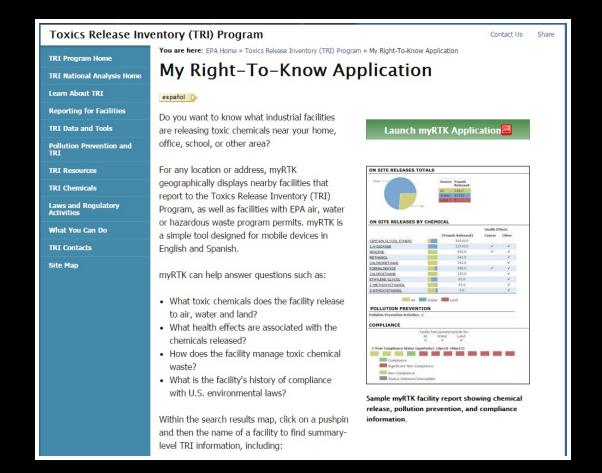
8.) We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has volunteered in the air sampling thus far. We have a small token of thanks to share with you. We will be in touch soon.

# Community-Based Participatory Research (Citizen Science) – Summer-Fall 2016

(MVA grant extension/supplement)

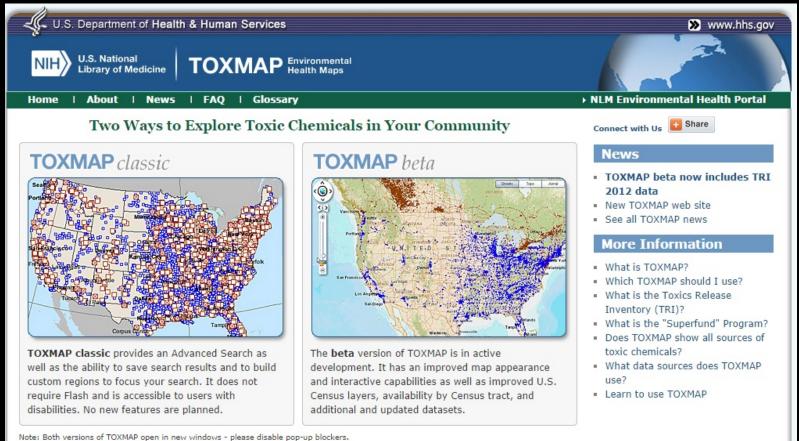
- Continued investigation of potential sources of detected air contaminants using various online environmental research tools such as EJ SCREEN, TOXMAP, and My Right to Know (MyRTK)
- A "stakeholders' guidebook" and companion web site for CBPR air sampling and mapping is under development.
- Clean Air Act (CAA) "Criteria" Pollutant sampling and mapping - with youth participants
- Potential impacts upon community health posed by air pollution will continue to be shared with stakeholders

## My Right-To-Know Application U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



http://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/my-right-know-application

### TOXMAP National Institutes of Health



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### http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov/toxmap/

# **Additional Resources**

### **TRI Tools Tutorial**

http://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/guides-andtutorials-tri-tools

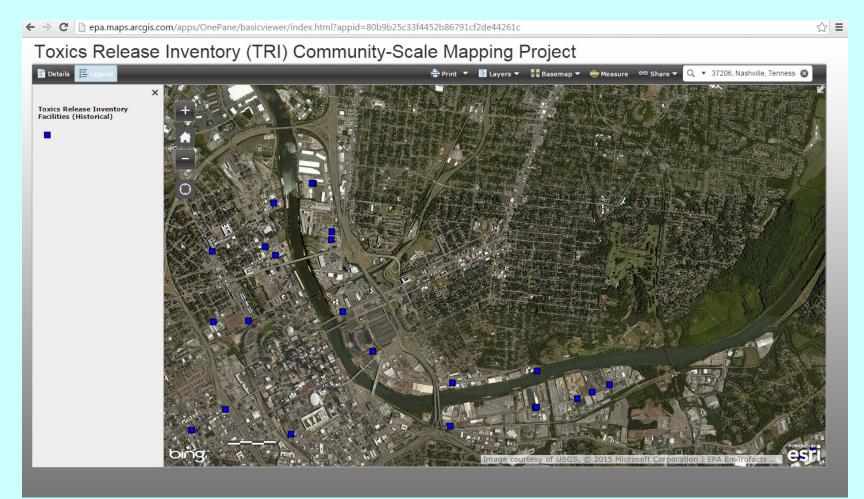
### **TOXMAP User Guides**

http://toxmap.nlm.nih.gov/toxmap/faq/2009/08/where-can-i-learn-howto-use-toxmap.html





# US EPA TRI Community Scale Mapping Project



http://www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-community-scalemapping-project

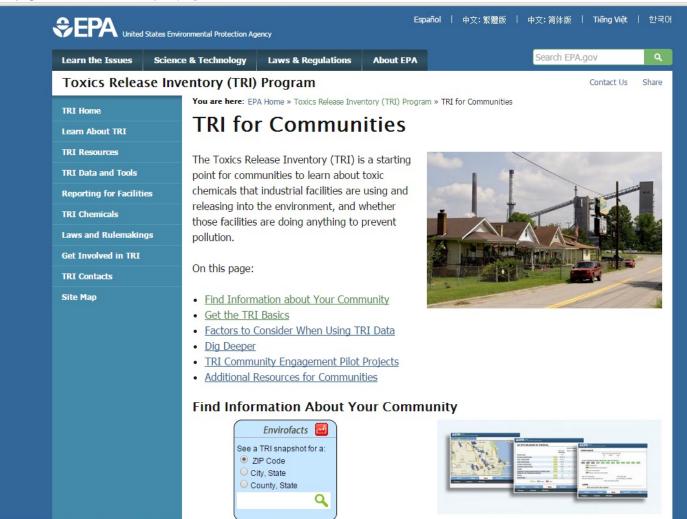
## U.S. EPA TRI Data and Tools



http://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-data-and-tools

# U.S. EPA TRI for Communities

www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-for-communities



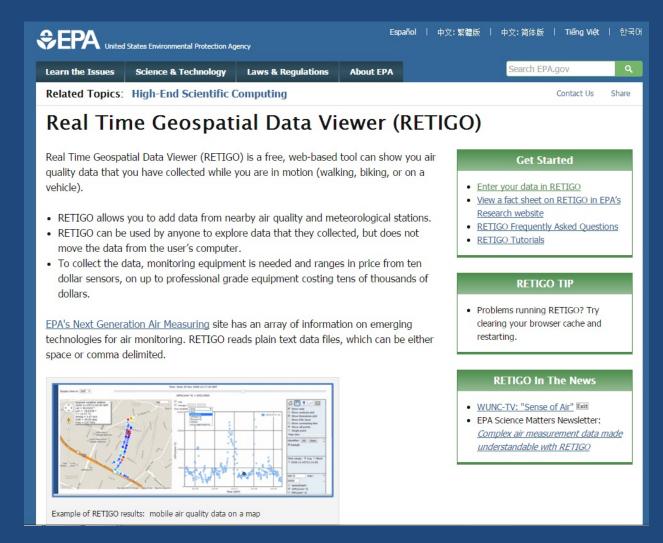
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## **US EPA Envirofacts Site**

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The preliminary 2014 TRI dataset is now available. The dataset is approximately 92% complete, and will be updated again in early August in response to data quality analyses and revisions submitted by facilities. For more information, visit www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/2014-tri-preliminary-dataset										
The Envirofacts database is now RESTful service-enabled. See the services tab below for documentation and examples, or visit: http://www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/services.html										
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http://www.epa.gov/enviro/

## Real Time GeOspatial Viewer (RETIGO) – U.S. EPA



### http://www.epa.gov/hesc/real-time-geospatial-data-viewer-retigo

## Community-Focused Exposure and Risk Screening Tool (C-FERST) – U.S. EPA

#### **Exposure Research**

Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sci<u>ences</u>

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- Chemical Safety

- Climate Research

Ecosystems

- Sustainability

- Health

Research Topics:

- Air

You are here: EPA Home » Exposure Research » Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences » Micro-Trac

Community-Focused Exposure and Risk Screening

Tool (C-FERST)

Communities and individuals are faced

with exposure to many environmental

their health risks and how to prevent

stressors. They want to understand

them, but face many obstacles.

interpreting available data for risk

ranking, prioritization, and decision-

In response to this challenge, EPA is

conducting research to enhance community-based cumulative risk

Accessing, integrating, and

making is a challenge.

Background

Screening Tool.

Issue

#### More about C-FERST

- C-FERST Fact Sheet (PDF.
- 53.26 KB)
- C-FERST AJPH Publication

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- C-FERST Related Publications (PDF, 69 KB)
- General Overview Presentation (PDF, 519 KB)
- Case Studies Presentation (with screenshots) (PDF, 2.55 MB)
- Call for Collaborative Science Presentation (PDF, 418 KB)
- FAQ About C-FERST (PDF, 133.83 KB)
- Pilot Test C-FERST

#### **Related Links**

- Tribal-FERST
- EnviroAtlas
- Eco-Health Relationship Browser
- Exposure Model for Individuals
  (EMI)
- EPA Exposure Research

https://www.epa.gov/healthresearch/community-focused-exposure-and-risk-screening-tool-c-ferst

assessments and developing tools to communicate that research to the public. One of these tools is C-FERST<sup>2</sup>, the Community-Focused Exposure and Risk

C-FERST is being developed as a community mapping, information access, and

assessment tool designed to help assess risk and assist in decision making with

communities. EPA scientists are partnering with EPA community programs and

other federal agencies to design and test C-FERST. This research responds to

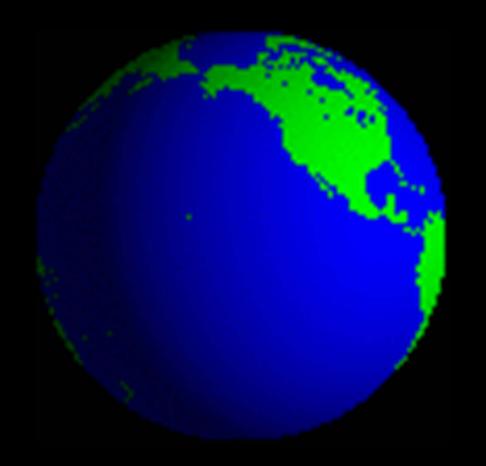
from the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Public Administration, and other Agency peer reviews. C-FERST is being developed

nominated for the White House Open Government Initiative.

requests from EPA regional offices and communities as well as recommendations

under EPA's Sustainable and Healthy Communities research program, and has been

# **QUESTIONS?**



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