NOx it off now! Air pollution mediation with photocatalytic pavements



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Air Pollution and it's causes

According to the EPA, over 90% of the fuel used for transportation is petroleum based

When combustion of oil occurs around 50% of the total emissions are NOx

NOx is the main culprit of visual air pollution and acid rain





The causes:

Air pollution has many causes with some being natural, like volcanos



What is the leading cause of NOx emissions?

The EPA estimates National NOx emissions annually, the cause of the majority of NOx emissions are caused by vehicles





What is NOx?

NOx is a term for mono-nitrogen oxides comprised of :

- 1. Nitric Oxide (NO)
- 2. Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)



Nitrogen Dioxide receives special attention due to its adverse respiratory effects and because it acts as a precursor of both tropospheric ozone and particulate matter





The main primary pollutants are...



Particulate Matter PM 2.5, PM 10



Volatile Organic Compounds



Carbon Monoxide



Sulphur Dioxide





Nitrogen Dioxide



Primary pollutants

Primary pollutants are directly emitted from vehicles exhaust and contact the pavement on their way up



Primary pollutants then give birth to... Primary pollutants mix with air and sun to form secondary pollutants, like dreaded ground level ozone ·www.www. Atmospheric oxygen Nitrogen oxides Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)

Ozone



Source: Environmental Protection Agency

NOx per capita, worldwide



London, UK



Beijing, China



Los Angeles, US

NOx per capita





Effect of air pollution on public health

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates there are 3.7 million premature fatalities worldwide due to poor outdoor air quality

Study shows 200,000 premature deaths in US due to combustion emissions

Bad air has shortened average life expectancy in China by over 2 years





Health effects

Health effects of pollution





Health effects

SoCal hit with worst smog in years as hot, stagnant weather brings surge in hospital visits



Smog descends on downtown Los Angeles during a November afternoon in 2015. (Los Angeles Times)

ByTony Barboza

AUGUST 11, 2016, 9:00 AM

Southern California is experiencing its worst smog in years this summer as heat and stagnant weather increase the number of bad air days and drive up ozone pollution to levels not seen since 2009.

Where pollution is worst, in the Inland Empire, hospitals and asthma clinics are reporting increases in patients seeking treatment for respiratory illness, their breathing difficulties exacerbated by the persistent heat and pollution.

Ozone, the lung-searing gas in smog that triggers asthma and other health problems, has exceeded federal standards on 91 days so far this year compared to 67 days over the same period last year, according to South Coast Air Quality Management District data through Monday.

In June, only four days had healthy air across the South Coast basin, which spans Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. In July, ozone levels violated federal health standards every day except July 31.

Health effects

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China Faces More Air Pollution Deaths

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An analysis by Michael Lelyveld 2016-07-18



Pupils from an elementary school cover their mouths and noses as they leave the schoolyard after classes were suspended because of a "red alert" for heavy smog in Binzhou, east China's Shandong province, AFP Dec. 23, 2015.

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Despite a strong push to improve air quality, China's citizens will suffer over 2 million premature deaths annually due to pollution for decades to come, according to a recent report.

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The study released last month by the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) follows World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that air pollution causes at least 6.5 million premature deaths a year worldwide.

In 2014, the WHO put the death toll from air pollution for 2012 at 7 million, calling it "the world's largest single environmental health risk."

The new IEA estimate includes 3 million fatalities due to outdoor air pollution and 3.5 million more from poor indoor air quality, largely from cooking and heating with wood, coal and One-third of the deaths are occurring in China, including 1 million from outdoor pollutants and 1.2 million indoors, the IEA said in its 266-page study, which also profiled other countries and biomass fuels. regions including India, Africa and the United States. Bad air has shortened the average life expectancy in China by over two years, it said.



n (top C) walks along an overpass amid heavy smog in Beijing the Chinese capital's first-ever red alert for air pollution, Dec.

ss effective substitution opportunity," said Herberg, adding that large-scale

dards are expected to cut NOx emissions from passenger cars by 45 percent, the negacities have tried to control the exhaust problem by slowing the growth of Beijing's current five-year plan would limit the number of cars on the road to f of next year, rising to 6.3 million in 2020, state-run ECNS news said. orts to curb indoor air pollution will succeed in reducing premature deaths 70,000 in 2040 with demographic shifts, safer stoves and cleaner fuels, will still be using biomass for cooking and heat.

ts, the bottom line is that reductions in indoor pollution deaths will not ses in outdoor pollution fatalities with policies that have been laid out

Controlling exhaust

Transport emissions may prove tougher to reduce than emissions from coal, which is expected to cover less than half of China's total energy needs by 2040.

"I think it's easier to make progress on the coal side than it will be on the transportation side because

Air pollution linked to breast cancer?



"Across Montreal, levels of NO2 varied between 5 ppb to over 30 ppb. We found that risk increased by about 25 per cent with every increase of NO2 of five parts per billion. Another way of saying this is that women living in the areas with the highest levels of pollution were almost twice as likely to develop breast cancer as those living in the least polluted areas."

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What is the cost of air pollution?



The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates the cost of major life-saving advances are available at an additional:

- 1. \$2.3 trillion in advance pollution control mostly for vehicles
- 2. \$2.5 trillion for energy sector advances

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Air pollution is

Air pollution is blamed for increases in road accidents

Oliver Moody, Science Correspondent

October 3 2016, 12:01am, The Times



A PhD student at the London School of Economics found that the number of accidents on British roads fluctuated in line with levels of nitrogen dioxide PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

Heavy pollution makes people drive more dangerously, according to the first study to link dirty air with road accidents.

Scientists have already established that being exposed to airborne pollutants such as ozone and microparticles of soot even for a few hours can harm children's test scores at school and make workers in factories and call centres less productive.

Now Lutz Sager, a PhD student at the London School of Economics (LSE), has shown that breathing in air pollution has a similar judgmentimpairing offect on drivers

The Solutions: Walking, biking, EV etc?

In Paris, the Mayor restricted car traffic to license plates ending in even or odd #'s

China routinely shuts down factories, power plants and restricts vehicular traffic

California has the strictest emissions standards in the Country, encourages EV/hybrid cars

India provides masks and pollution free signs to it's citizens





The Solutions: Photocatalytic reactions

Many of the most promising pollution busting technology uses photocatalytic reactions created by the use of Titanium Dioxide TiO₂

Other technology's utilize bacteria and filtration however hazardous byproducts are one of the drawbacks

The advantage of using TiO₂ based strategies is the only byproduct is NO₃ or nitrates which are essentially harmless

The Solutions: Roofs

Benefits:

- Air purifying effect
- NOx reduction
- Sustainable
- Multi purpose solution
- Certified performance

The Noxite® Process





Eco-Activ® Noxite® membranes are self protected by granules based upon Ti0² (titanium dioxide in its anatase form) which functions as a catalyst actuated by UV rays from sunlight. The granular make up of the membrane maximises the photocatalytic surface area and the efficiency of the NOx depolluting potential, neutralising more than 90% of the particles. On contact with the granule NOx is changed to form harmless levels of nitrates* which are washed away as a dilute solution in rainwater. The resulting depolluting effect is permanent throughout the life of the waterproofing membrane.

*Levels of nitrates are less than those found in bottled mineral water.

The Solutions: Roofs

Noxite[®] roofing membrane use results in NOx reduction of 89% in CNRS study



Arrival of the pollutant (NOx) Excitation of the TiO₂





Transformation of the pollutant



Nitrates diluted and washed away in rainwater

Case Study from Alachua County 911 Center Contact | Hon

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Nachua County 911, Florida, USA

Problem The Alachua County Combined Communications Center houses 911 service technology for the city of Gainesville and the surrounding area, representing over 227 000 residents plus the population of the

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Project: Alachua County 911 Centre

Location: Galnesville: Florida, USA

Completion Date: May 2013

Contractor: Ferber & Osteen Roofing & Sheet Metal

Specifier: Paul Stresing Associates Inc

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ROOFING CASE STUDIES

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Jubilee House, Vancouvi

Alachua County 911, Florida.

Greenwich William Harvey Hospital

Moorlands Junior School, Sale

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The Solution: Buildings





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The Palazzo Italia built for the 2015 World's Fair was constructed using a type of concrete called Tiocem®

It used 9,000 square meters of photocatalytic concrete with titanium dioxide mixed in

Reaction process of NOx reduction by $\mathsf{TioCem}^{\circledast}$





Palazzo Italia, Milan Italy



The Solution: New Roads

Tiocem[®] has also been used to construct new concrete block roadways however the cost of reconstruction is a deterrent to rapid adoption



Borgo Palazzo Street, Bergamo, Italy



The Solution: New Roads

Tiocem[®] was tested over a two week period in November 2006 with mean reductions ranging from 41% to 49%

Example of NO_x reduction – November 2006



The Solution: Roads

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Charlotte County, Florida another worldwide first as PTI performed the first retrofit of an existing roadway using A.R.A.-1 Ti[®] which has photocatalytic properties





Asphalt Roads

A.R.A.-1 Ti[®] is a polymerized rejuvenating seal with TiO₂ added for air pollutant mediation

The air-purifying surface will perpetually regenerate itself throughout the life of the pavement

The A.R.A. – 1Ti® fully penetrates into the pavement and provides an in-depth seal as well as extending the life of the pavement





Concrete Roads

Tuesday in Austin, Texas PTI applied our
Litho 1000 Ti[®] concrete sealer and hardening
agent on I-35 as part of a two step process
1. Skidabrader – surface texturing
2. Application of the Litho 1000 Ti[®]





Concrete Roads

The Litho 1000 Ti[®] was specified to assist TxDOT with polishing that is common due to softer aggregates used in Texas PCC pavements which is why texturing was necessary as well



Before

After



Road Solutions

A.R.A.-1 Ti[®] and Litho 1000 Ti[®] cost only marginally more than regular "top of the curve" preservation strategies

What is it worth to you? Does your agency value air pollution mitigation?

The next step is to perform more A.R.A.-1 Ti[®] and Litho 1000 Ti[®] projects in Florida!





Conclusion

The best approach is likely a combination of all of these solutions

Whether it's pollution eating roofs, buildings or photocatalytic pavement solutions like A.R.A.-1Ti[®] and Litho 1000 Ti[®], these technology breakthroughs hold tremendous promise

We owe it to our children and grandchildren to help solve air pollution





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