



Lawnmower Emissions – PEMS Pilot Testing and Upcoming Surveillance Program

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Background

- PEMS are widely applied for on-road vehicles and off-road diesel equipment
- Current PEMS may not be applicable for small off-road engines (SORE) as it requires a complex set-up
- Emissions of reactive organic gases (ROG) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) from SORE becomes increasingly important
- SORE emissions have a direct health impact to the local communities and the lawn and garden workers

Objectives

- Evaluate the technical challenges associated with PEMS measurement of SORE
- Compare real-world emissions vs. emission standards
- Compare real-world emissions vs. SORE2020 emission factor
- Understand the operating cycle for lawn mower (idling, stop-and-go)

Equipment

➤ 2005 new Honda walk-behind lawn mower
4.4 hp (4-stroke and carbureted)

➤ PEMS and auxiliary units

AVL 493 Gaseous PEMS (1065 PEMS with NDUV analyzer for NO_x and NDIR analyzer for CO and CO₂)

AVL heated FID for measuring THC (part of the AVL 493 gaseous PEMS)

AVL PM PEMS with Micro soot sensor and gravimetric filter methods

Eco Physics PEMS (CLA analyzer for NO_x)

ECM sensor for NO_x

ECM sensor for CO₂ and CO

AVL PLUtron (Fuel mass flow meter with CO₂ measurement)

RPM meter



Preparation



“Dry Run” at ARB Parking Lot



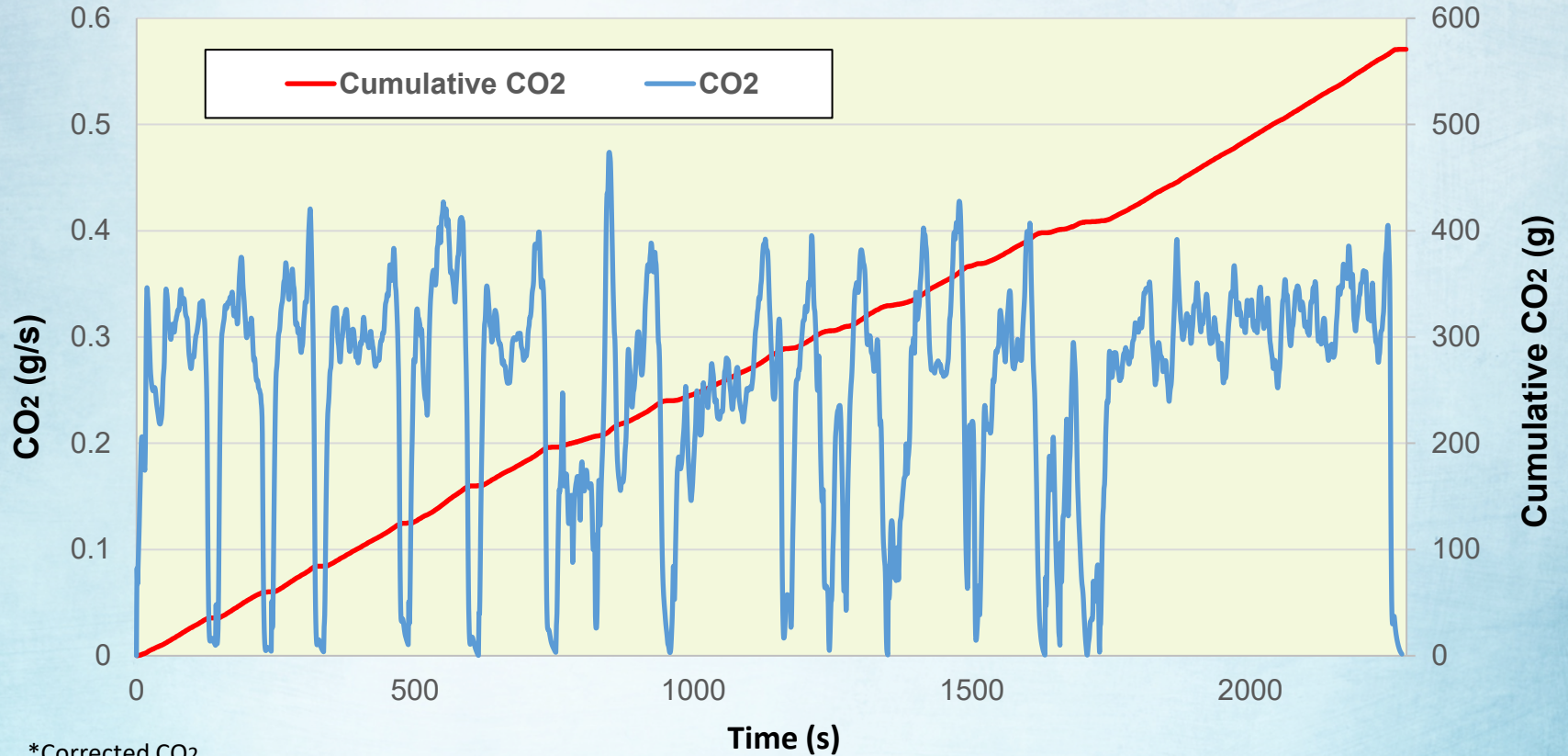
Practice Run at a local residence

Testing at Glendora High School



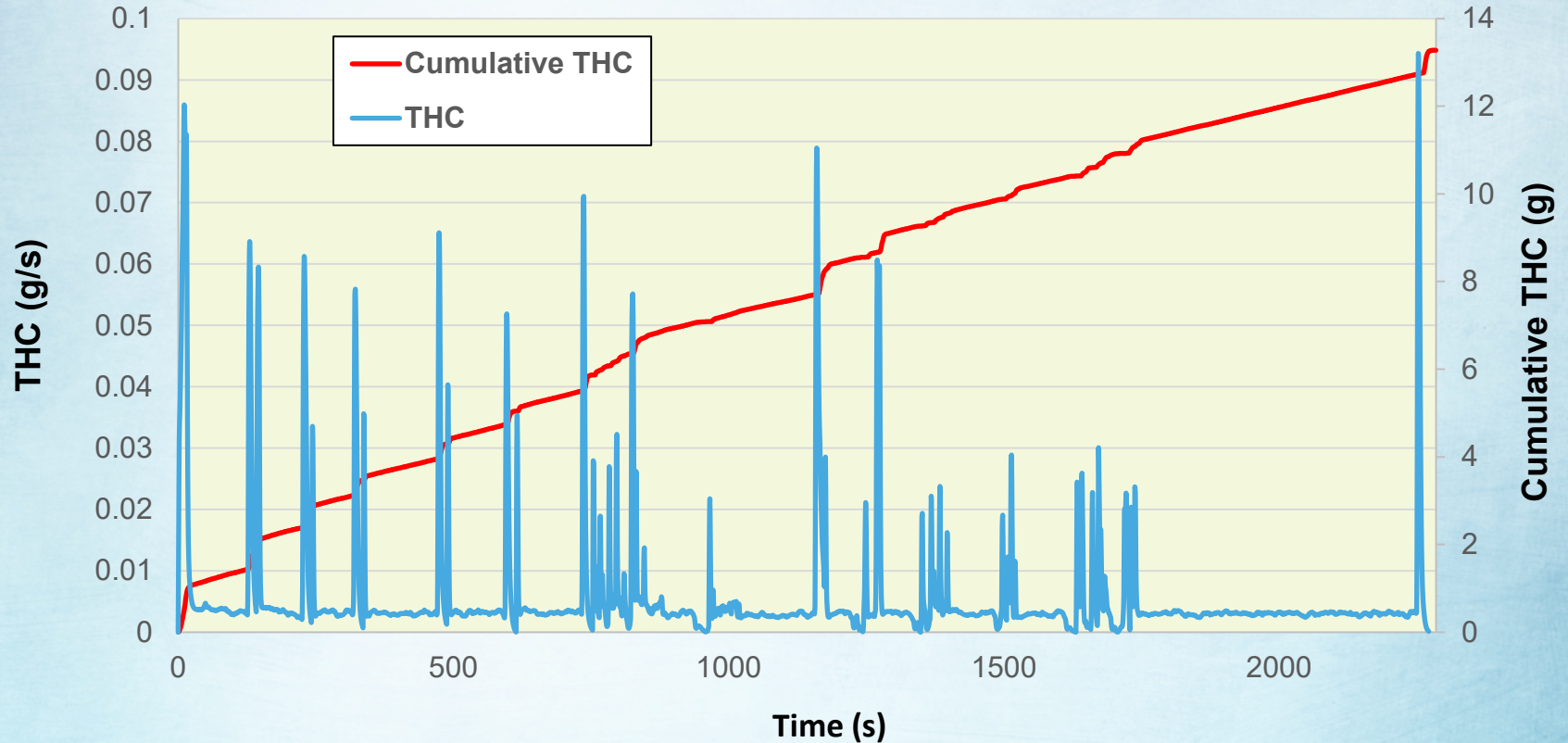
- Field testing lasted about one hour
- Includes idling time, stop-and-go conditions
- Generator used for power supply

Glendora High School (CO₂)*



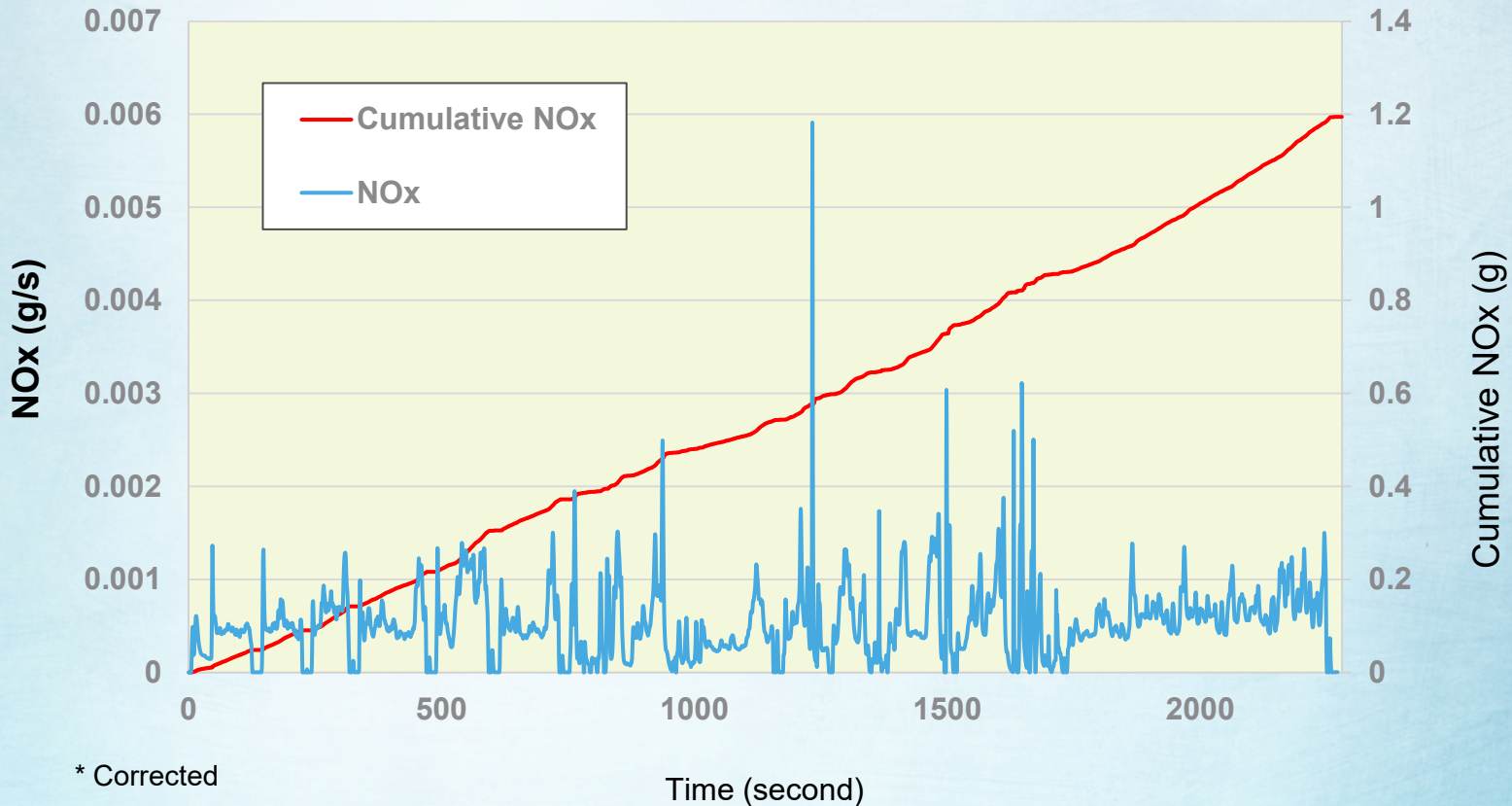
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Glendora High School (THC)*



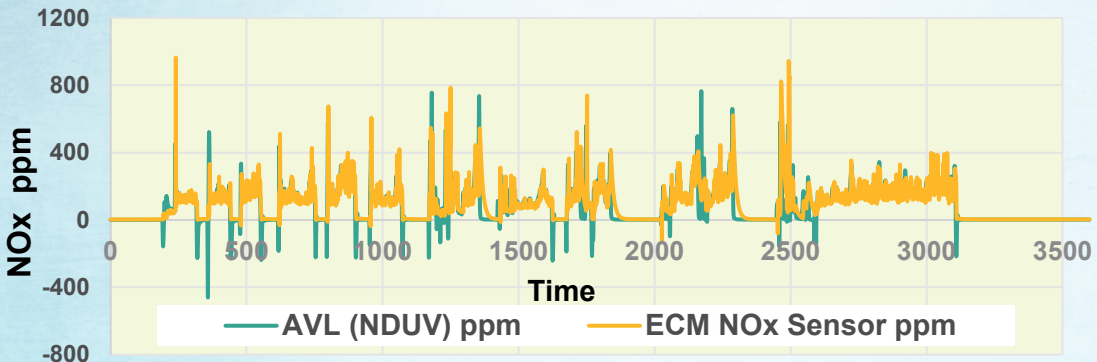
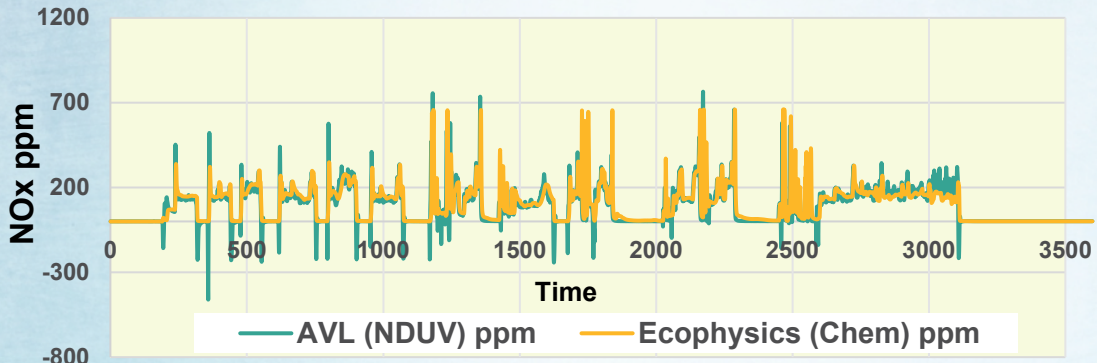
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Glendora High School (NOx)*

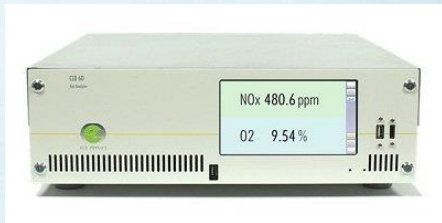


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Correlation of NOx Measurement



AVL Gas PEMS 493



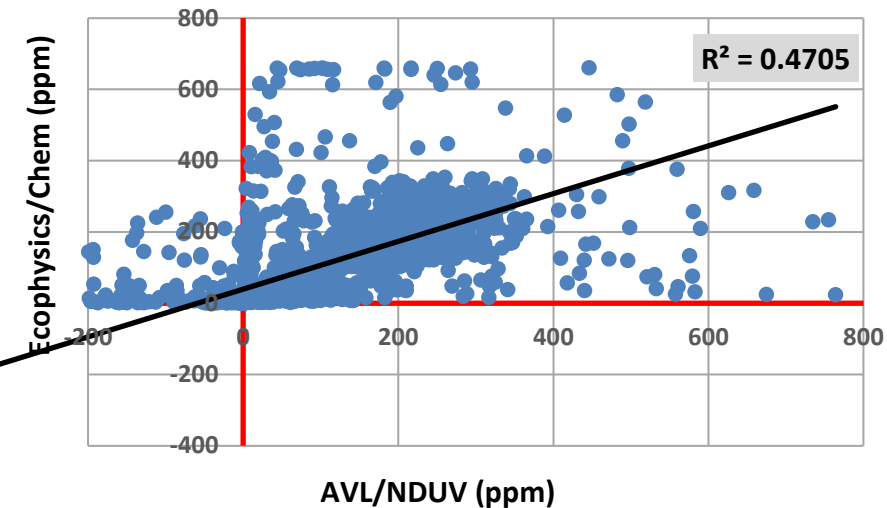
ECOPHYSICS NOx Analyzer



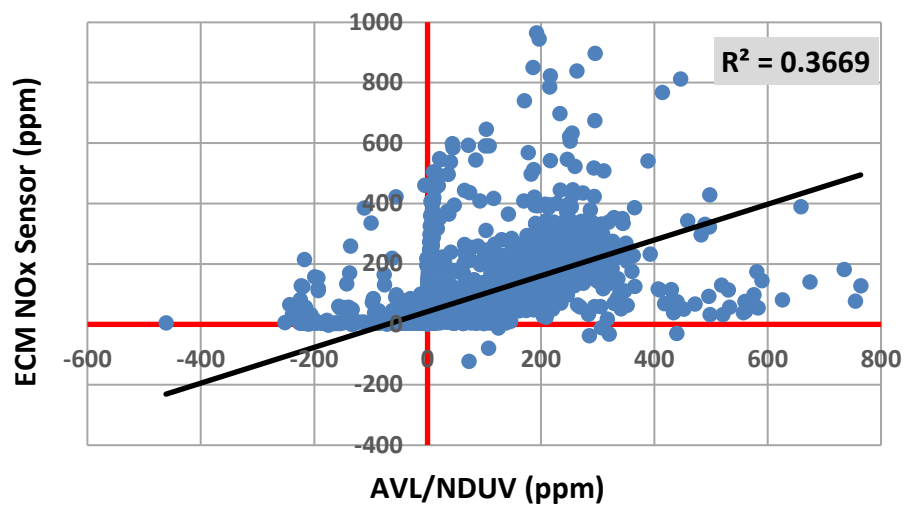
ECM NOx Sensor

Correlation of NOx Measurement (cont'd)

Ecophysics/Chem vs. AVL/NDUV

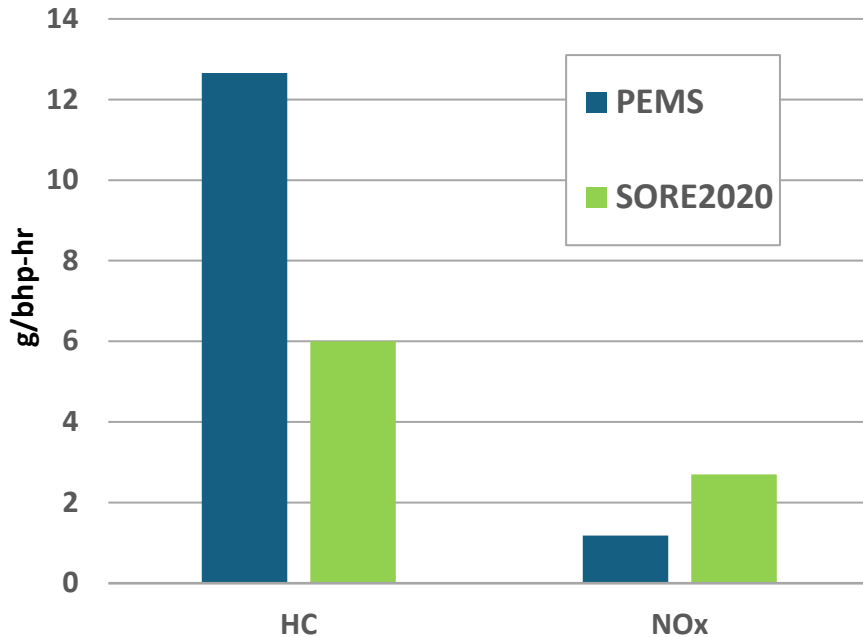


ECM NOx Sensor vs. AVL/NDUV

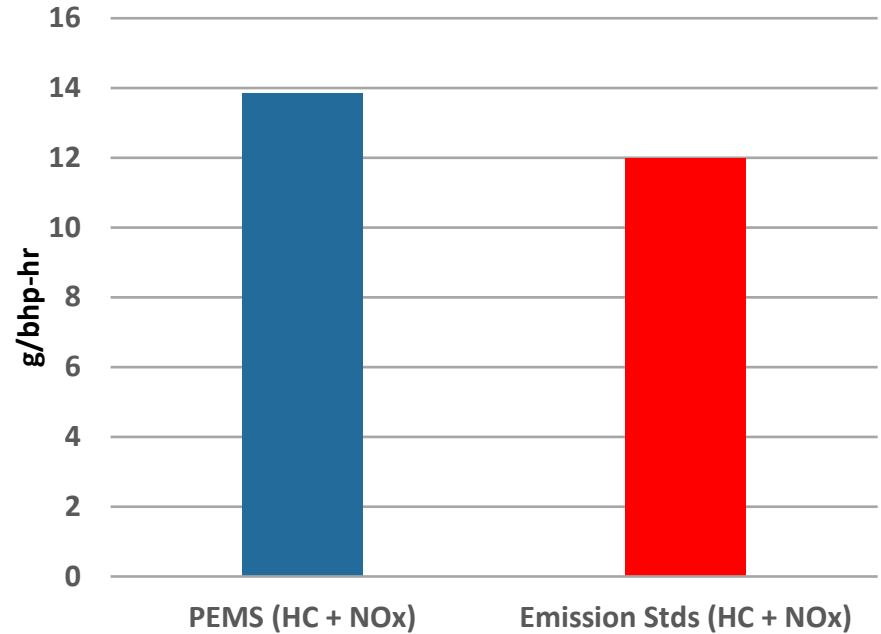


Comparing PEMS Emissions vs. SORE2020 EF and Emission Standards

PEMS vs. Zero-Hour EF from SORE2020



PEMS vs Emission Standards



Conclusions

- Based on a new 2005 lawn mower with 4.4 hp:
 - PM HC test data is 111% higher than the HC EF from SORE2020
 - PEMS NOx test data is 56% less than NOx EF from SORE2020
 - PEMS test data (HC +NOx) is about 15% higher than the emission standards
- The PEMS units, though producing reliable results, are bulky and cumbersome for small off-road equipment and reliable mini-PEMS is needed for future study
- Reasonable correlation in NOx reading from different measurement systems

Upcoming Surveillance Program

- Develop an in-use surveillance test plan for in-use lawnmowers (n=16)
- Testing include:
 - Diurnal Test (SHED) - evaporative
 - Running Loss (SHED) - evaporative
 - Engine Dynamometer - exhaust
 - PEMS - exhaust
- May expand the in-use surveillance test plan for other off-road gasoline equipment (e.g., other lawn and garden equipment, recreational vehicles, and recreational marine vessels)



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