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Experimental Investigation of Traffic Pollution in Ambient Air, Coimbatore City, India

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Abstract: *Dispersion of air pollutants in the ambient air, biological molecules present in the ambient air or other toxic materials emitted into the earth's atmosphere possibly cause severe disorders. In the recent era, pollution in the ambient air has become a major environmental issue because of enhanced anthropogenic activities. The present work aims to investigate the traffic pollution in the ambient air caused by the movement of vehicles. The major arterial road (Trichy Road) in the Coimbatore city was divided into five zones and the movement of vehicles were surveyed during the peak flow and average flow of vehicles. Ambient air pollutants such as particulate matter (PM 10 & 2.5), Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2) and Carbon Monoxide (CO) were monitored using respirable dust sampler and were compared with the National Ambient Air Quality (NAAQ) standards. The result showed that the emission of particulate matter (PM 10 & 2.5) was above the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) standards in two locations.*

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