Efficiency and Air Quality

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Despite Improvements in Air Quality, Much Work Remains

Non-attainment of federal ozone and PM$_{2.5}$ standards

Unique topography, meteorology, and photochemistry
Efficiency for Air Quality

Ozone Levels = Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)
NOx Emissions = Energy Use (combustion)

• Air Quality Management Plan: Extensive review of emission sources
• Efficiency measures result in permanent emission reductions
• Developed efficiency based emission control measures

http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/groups-committees/aqmp-advisory-group/2016-aqmp-white-papers
South Coast AQMD Headquarters

- Built in 1991
  - 370,000 sq. ft.
  - 23,000 sq. ft. chemistry lab
- History of adding onsite generation
- Transportation
  - CNG, Hydrogen, 130 vehicle chargers
- Large electricity load, no load management
- No updates to efficiency
South Coast AQMD: Efficiency Retrofits

- Central plant replacement – High efficiency chillers cooling towers with new refrigerant
- Laboratory constant flow fume hoods w. dynamic flow valves, sash position and proximity sensors
- Advanced zone building management system controls
- Demand response platform
- LED office fixtures that adjust color, temperature, and intensity throughout day
- DC LED lighting system for laboratory with solar panels and storage
- Off-grid outdoor LED parking light poles

- > 20% efficiency gain expected
- Project lead: Willdan Energy Solutions
- Showcase and lessons learned
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