CAAQES MISSION

CAAQES provides the research, technology transfer, and educational programs that will result in appropriate regulation of agricultural operations, rapid adoption of new air pollution abatement technology, as well as increase the number of graduates pursuing careers in environmental air quality fields.

CAAQES faculty conduct research and develop educational programs for technology transfer, and course work for both undergraduates and graduate students. The research results serve as the science and engineering base for the appropriate regulation of air pollution.

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What is CAAQES?

- Texas A&M’s center of excellence for air quality research and engineering.
- A team of internationally nationally recognized air pollution and bioenergy experts
- Conducts air quality data collection and research for industry and regulatory agencies.
- Provides education and training for air quality engineers and consultants.
- Serves as the source of graduates for careers in environmental air quality
- Encourages strategic planning for air pollution control and regulation.
- Leverages existing A&M System strengths, including interdisciplinary relationships
- Promotes sound scientific practices in the development of emission factors for regulations

RESEARCH

- Air Quality: Reducing Emissions at Cattle Feedlots and Dairies
- Determining Emission Factors for Agricultural Operations:
  - PM, GHG, RVOC, NH3
- Particulate Matter Characterization:
  - Particle size distribution
  - PM_{10}, PM_{2.5} ratio to TSP
- Bioenergy development: Onsite power production at cotton gins
- Cyclone Design and Efficiency Improvement
- Impacts of GHG Regulation
- Exposable Dust Testing and characterization

CAAQES OBJECTIVES

- Improve and refine dispersion modeling technology for particulate matter (PM), ammonia (NH₃), reactive volatile organic compounds (RVOC), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and greenhouse gasses (GHG)
- Develop data bases that characterize PM, RVOC, NH₃ and GHG emitted by CAFO, field operations, cotton gins, grain elevators, mills, and agricultural burning
- Develop accurate emission factors and inventories for PM and gases emitted from agricultural operations
- Develop improved methods to estimate PM emission rates and emission factors based on scientific understanding of the processes and release mechanisms
- Determine the relationship between ammonia and secondary PM2.5 formation
- Provide educational programs at TAMU and WTAMU for undergraduate and graduate students that will facilitate careers in air quality engineering and science; and
- Provide training and technology transfer for agricultural producers, scientists, regulatory agencies, and the public.