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The projections that have been calculated for a business as usual scenario indicate that significant exceedences of the National Air Quality Strategy objective for PM_{10} are likely in 2005. Projected 99th percentiles are well in excess of 50 μgm-3 for urban background monitoring site locations in major cities and concentrations are also likely to be in excess of the objective in many smaller urban areas, particularly for years with elevated secondary particle concentrations, such as 1996.

The picture is similar for the EU 'Daughter Directive' indicative Stage 2 limit values for 2009, with exceedences in many areas likely with the business as usual scenario. Projected concentrations in 2004 are expected to be lower than the EU 'Daughter Directive' Stage 1 limit values at most urban background locations, with the possible exception of central London.

Concentrations at the roadside are expected to be higher than at nearby background locations. Concentrations higher than the EU Stage 1 limit value are therefore expected at the roadside of heavily trafficked roads in urban areas in 2004. Concentrations at sites with significant industrial source contributions to measured ambient PM_{10} concentrations are also expected to be at risk of exceeding this limit value.

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Section 2 provides a brief summary of the receptor modelling technique and projection results presented in the APEG report. Projections for a 'business as usual' were calculated for eight city centre monitoring site locations based on both 1995 and 1996 measurement data. Similar projections based on 1995 and 1996 data for additional monitoring site locations are presented in section 3. Section 4 provides a detailed analysis of the PM_{10} concentrations that are likely to result from a range of alternative emissions reduction scenarios. These projections show the relative lack of sensitivity of the forecast concentrations to extreme changes in emissions.

The receptor modelling methods have also been applied to 1997 monitoring data and section 5 provides a comprehensive review of projections based on this data and a comparison with the projections based on 1995 and 1996 data. Methods for projecting concentrations at roadside and industrial sites are presented in sections 6 and 7. Some alternative emission reduction scenarios have been examined for sites that are likely to exceed the EU Stage 1 24-hour limit value in 2004 for the business as usual scenario. These are listed in section 9. Projections of both PM $_{\rm 10}$ and PM $_{\rm 2.5}$ are presented in section 9. These are based on approximately one year of monitoring data at the four sites at which $PM_{2.5}$ measurements commenced during the summer of 1997.

The majority of the national modelling of future PM_{10} concentrations carried out by AEA Technology Environment has been done on an individual monitoring site basis. This enables the receptor modelling and projections to be firmly based on actual observations of current PM_{10} concentrations. Maps of both current and projected PM_{10} concentrations are however required for the quantification of health impacts similar to those presented by COMEAP (1998). While maps of annual mean PM_{10} concentrations have been presented by Stedman (1998), this report provides the first maps of annual means and numbers of exceedence days for comparison with PM_{10} objectives and limit values. The daily PM_{10} mapping methods that have been developed are presented in section 10. The use of these mapping methods does, however, increase the uncertainty of the projections compared with those for individual sites.

2 **Summary of PM**₁₀ projections **presented in the APEG report**

2.1 RECEPTOR MODELLING

A receptor modelling technique has been developed which enables the measured daily mean PM_{10} concentration at a monitoring site to be divided into three components (APEG, 1998, Stedman, 1997):

- primary combustion particles
- secondary particles
- 'other' particles

A multiple regression analysis is carried out to determine the coefficients *A* and *B* for primary combustion and secondary particle concentrations. Either black smoke measurements or oxides of nitrogen (NO $_{\mathrm{s}}$) measurements are used as an indicator for primary combustion particles and rural sulphate measurements are used as an indicator for secondary particles:

[measured PM₁₀] = A_{bs} *[measured black smoke]* + *B [measured sulphate]* + *C*

*[measured PM*₁₀*]* = A_{NOX} [measured NO_{*x*}] + B [measured sulphate] + C

The daily mean concentration of 'other' particles is determined by difference.

2.2 NAQS PROJECTIONS FOR 8 SITES BASED ON 1995 AND 1996 DATA

The PM_{10} receptor model that has been developed enables us to make relatively sophisticated estimates of both annual mean and high percentile PM_{10} concentrations for future years. The key advantage of this method is that the PM_{10} concentrations have been separated into their component parts and appropriate reductions can be applied to these components, based on an understanding of the likely impact of current policies on future levels. The emission reduction factors that have been used to calculate the predictions based on 1996 data are summarised in Table 2.1. The factors for 1995 are slightly different.

Table 2.1. Emission reduction factors used to calculate projections for 2005 and 2010, relative to 1996 values.

Year	Urban traffic	Other Urban	Urban primary	Urban primary	Secondary	ʻother
	exhaust	prim arv	combustion, GB	combustion. NI	particles	particles
2005	$\rm 0.51$.00.	0.63	0.75	0.81	1.00
2010	0.37	.00	0.53	0.69	0.70	1.00

Projections for urban road traffic exhaust emissions of PM_{10} within the UK National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (NAEI) show that these emissions are expected to reduce to approximately half their 1996 values by 2005 (Salway *et al*, 1997, Goodwin *et al*, 1997, Murrells, 1998). We have assumed that 75% of 1996 primary emissions in UK cities were from traffic exhaust and 25% from other local sources and the latter emissions were assumed to remain at 1996 levels in 2005 and 2010. This 75% is an average of the split between traffic and other sources across major cities in Great Britain. Across all of the urban areas in Great Britain the split is 67% whereas in London 91% of primary emissions is from traffic exhausts sources. Coal use currently contributes substantially more to primary particle concentrations in urban areas of Northern Ireland (NI) than is generally the case in urban areas in GB. We have assumed that non-traffic exhaust emissions contributed 50% of the total of urban emissions in 1996 in NI and that these emissions will remain at 1996 levels.

The factors for secondary particle concentrations future years in the UK have been based on the results of the EMEP modelling of secondary particles over Europe (Tarrason and Tsyro, 1998), which showed that levels in 2010 are likely to be about 70% of 1996 levels on the basis of current policies. It has been assumed that this reduction up to 2010 will be linear, leading to an estimate of concentration in 2005 being equal to 0.81 times the current values.

or

It has been assumed that the 'other' particle concentration will remain at 1996 levels in all future years.

This analysis directly provides an estimate of the 99th percentile of daily mean PM_{10} concentrations, so one additional step is required to provide an estimate of the value required for comparison with the NAQS objective. The 99th percentile of the daily maximum of running 24 hour mean PM_{10} concentration (NAQS 99th percentile) is generally slightly higher than the 99th percentile of daily values, by a factor of about 1.16 (Figure 2.1). This is largely due to primary particle episodes, which are generally of shorter duration than secondary particle episodes causing daily maximum 24-hour running mean concentrations to be higher than fixed daily means. This factor of 1.16 tends to overestimate the NAQS $99th$ percentile in years dominated by secondary particle episodes such as 1996, while underestimating values in years such as 1995, where high percentiles were less dominated by secondary particle episodes. It should also be noted that this factor of 1.16 is unlikely to remain constant in future years and may reduce as the traffic exhaust contribution to urban PM_{10} becomes smaller. This therefore increases the uncertainty of the estimates of NAQS 99th percentiles presented in this report. The number of days per year with running 24-hour PM₁₀ concentrations greater than 50 μgm⁻³ (NAQS days) is also greater than the number of days with fixed daily means above this threshold. The number of NAQS days is currently approximately 1.8 times the number of fixed days above 50 μ gm⁻³. Since this is a large correction factor and it is likely to change in future years, we have not applied it to the number of days with concentrations above 50 μgm-3 presented in this report and have presented a value for fixed daily means only.

The estimated PM_{10} concentrations for 2005 and 2010 presented in the APEG report for the business as usual scenario are reproduced in Table 2.2. This table shows predictions for comparison with the NAQS objective.

The estimated NAQS 99th percentiles for 2005 based on both 1996 and 1995 meteorology are higher than 50 μg m⁻³ (much higher than 50 μg m⁻³ for 1996 meteorology) indicating that current policies are unlikely to deliver compliance with the objective for 2005 at city centre locations.

Table 2.2. Estimated annual means and 99th percentiles of PM10 concentrations including predictions for 2005 and 2010 (mgm-3)

2.3 EU DAUGHTER DIRECTIVE PROJECTIONS FOR 8 SITES BASED IN 1995 AND 1996 DATA

The estimates of PM_{10} concentrations presented in Table 2.3 and 2.4 have been multiplied by 1.3 for comparison with the EU limit values. This is to take into account the difference between TEOM (Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance) measurements of PM_{10} and the EU reference gravimetric method. While there is considerable uncertainty to the exact relationship between TEOM and gravimetric measurements, we have chosen to use a factor of 1.3 as a conservative approach.

In contrast to the projections calculated for comparison with the NAQS objective, the projections of percentiles and numbers of days above 50 μgm-3 can be calculated directly from the results of the receptor models because the limit value is for fixed daily means. The EU Stage 1 and Stage 2 limit values will apply for 1 January 2005 and 1 January 2010 respectively. Projections for comparison with these limit values should therefore ideally be calculated for 2004 and 2009, rather than 2005 and 2010. Projections for 2005 and 2010 for comparison with the EU limit values were, however, presented in the APEG report for easy of computation and consistency with the NAQS projections. We have therefore adopted this approach for all of the 1996 and 1995 base year projections presented in this report. Projections based on 1997 data have been calculated for 2005 for comparison with the NAQS and for 2004 and 2009 for comparison with the EU limit values.

	London	Birmingham	Bristol	Manchester	Newcastle	Belfast	Edinburgh	Liverpool
	Bloomsbur	Centre	Centr	Piccadilly	Centre	Centre	Centre	Centre
			e					
				Annual mean				
1996	39	33	34	34	30	31	25	33
1995	36	30	31		29	31	26	35
				Stage 1 EU 90th percentile of fixed daily means				
1996	68	52	57	55	51	55	39	55
1995	60	48	55		46	50	42	62
				Stage 2 EU 98th percentile of fixed daily means				
1996	91	86	81	84	86	81	61	87
1995	83	72	74		70	77	67	76
				Fixed daily means above				
				50 mgm ⁻³				
1996	65	38	40	39	39	44	14	48
1995	58	30	33		25	35	19	60

Table 2.3 PM10 concentrations 1996 and 1995 (mgm-3) for comparison with EU 'Daughter' Directive limit values

Predictions of PM_{10} concentrations for 2005 and 2010 for comparison with the 'Daughter Directive' have been made based on 1995 and 1996 analysis. A "business as usual" primary emissions reduction scenario, blanket reduction of secondary particle concentrations using EMEP coefficients have been used in the calculations. Current national policies are likely to deliver concentrations lower than the Stage $1\,90th$ percentile limit value except possibly in central London. For Stage 2 the 98^{th} percentile and the annual limit value are likely to be exceeded at all sites (Table 2.4).

Table 2.4 Predicted PM10 concentrations for 2005 and 2010 based on 1996 and 1995 analysis (mgm-3)

2.4 UNCERTAINTIES IN THE RECEPTOR MODELLING OF THE 'OTHER' PARTICLE CONCENTRATION

It was noted in the APEG report that all of the 8 cities for which projections were calculated had several days with estimated daily mean 'other' particle concentrations in the range of 25 - 30 μg m⁻³ in both 1995 and 1996. It is impossible to know if these days are coarse particle episodes or are due to an underestimate of the primary or secondary contribution. For projections to 2005 or 2010 these days can have a significant influence on the $99th$ percentile. This is important because the other particle concentrations are assumed to remain unchanged between now and 2005 and 2010, while the contributions from the other sources are expected to reduce.

Table 2.5 lists the maximum and $99th$ percentile of fixed daily mean 'other' particle concentrations within the model.

Table 2.5 Maximum and 99th percentile of fixed daily mean 'other' particle concentrations within the model (mg m-3)

These can be compared with the coarse particle concentration derived from the difference between co-located PM₁₀ and PM₂₅ measurements (Table 2.6).

Table 2.6 Maximum and 99th percentile of fixed daily mean coarse particle concentrations from co-located PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} measurements ($\mathbf{mg} \text{ m}^{-3}$ **)**

The measured coarse particle 99th percentile concentrations look perhaps 10 μ g m⁻³ lower than the 99th percentile 'other' particle concentration in the model, although it is not possible to make a direct comparison.

This uncertainty in the daily variation of the 'other' particle concentration within the receptor modelling applies to all of the projections presented in the APEG report and in this current report.

2.5 ALTERNATIVE MODEL OF DAILY PM10 CONCENTRATIONS USING NO^X MEASUREMENTS

One of the limitations of the method that has been used to assign the contributions to daily PM_{10} concentrations from different sources is that the concentration of particles that are neither primary combustion related or secondary has been calculated as the difference between the measured PM_{10} concentration and the estimated total of primary and secondary. Any contribution to measured PM_{10} concentrations that does not exhibit a similar temporal variation to either black smoke or sulphate is therefore included as 'other' particles.

An alternative regression model of daily PM $_{\rm 10}$ concentrations, which utilises $\rm NO_x$ measurements instead of black smoke measurements as an indicator for the primary particles was also presented in the APEG report. This has the advantage that the $\rm NO_x$ measurements are directly co-located with the PM_{10} measurements but an implicit assumption in this model is of common sources for $\rm NO_x$ and primary PM $_{10}$. While the black smoke monitoring method includes greater uncertainties than ${\rm NO}_{\rm x}$ measurements, it has the advantage of more directly sampling the atmospheric particle concentration.

The regression coefficients for this NO_x -based model are compared with the black smoke based model in Tables 2.7 and 2.8. The correlation coefficients are very similar. The intercept, C, is generally several μ g m⁻³ lower than for NO_x than for the black smoke-based regressions; the difference being PM_{10} that has now been assigned to either primary or secondary instead of 'other'. Estimates of PM_{10} concentrations for 2005 and 2010 have also been calculated using this $\rm NO_x$ based model and were found to be very similar to those listed in Table 2.2. The similarity of the predictions based on the black smoke and $\rm NO_x$ based models increases our confidence in the projections and also enables the calculation of projections based on either black smoke or $\rm NO_{x}$ as the indicator for combustion primary PM_{10} .

Table 2.8 Regression coefficients for NO^x and Sulphate receptor modelling of 1996 PM10 data (NO^x concentration expressed in ppb)

3 PM10 Projections for 12 additional sites based on 1995 and 1996 data

3.1 PROJECTIONS FOR COMPARISON WITH NAQS OBJECTIVE

Projections for comparison with the NAQS objective have been calculated for an additional 12 monitoring sites using PM_{10} measurement data for 1996 and 1995 (where available) and these projections are shown in tables 3.1 and 3.2. A receptor model using daily mean NO_{x} and sulphate concentrations has been used along with a business as usual emissions scenario. The projected NAQS 99th percentile is greater than 50 μgm-3 for all projections based on 1996 data. The 99th percentiles predicted on the basis of 1995 are just below 50 μgm-3 for Leicester Centre and Southampton Centre.

3.2 EU DAUGHTER DIRECTIVE PROJECTIONS

Projections for comparison with the EU Daughter Directive limit values have also been calculated for these additional 12 sites and are shown in tables 3.3 and 3.4. The Stage 1 24-hour limit value is seen to be at risk of being exceeded at Swansea and Sheffield centre site for the business as usual scenario. The Stage 2 limit value is likely to be exceeded at most sites. As before, the TEOM PM_{10} measurements have been multiplied by a factor of 1.3 for comparison with the EU limit values.

Table 3.1 PM10 concentrations 1996 and 1995 (mgm-3)

Table 3.2 Predicted PM10 concentrations for 2005 and 2010 based on 1996 and 1995 analysis. Individual site analysis of PM10, nitrogen oxides and sulphate data, "business as usual" primary and secondary emissions reduction scenario (mgm-3)

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4 PM10 Projections for alternative emissions scenarios

The PM_{10} projections presented in the APEG report represent our current best estimates of the likely impact of current national and international policy measures on PM_{10} concentrations in the UK. PM_{10} projections for a range of alternative scenarios are presented in this section and the receptor modelling results are clearly relatively insensitive, even to extreme reductions in either primary or secondary particle concentrations. At least to some extent, this is due to high concentrations of 'other' particles within the receptor modelling (section 2.4). Projections for comparison with the NAQS objective are listed in Tables 4.1 to 4.8. The scenarios that we have examined include emissions reductions additional to those assumed in the business as usual scenario. The reductions listed below are all relative to business as usual. The non-traffic primary combustion PM_{10} contribution and the 'other' particle contribution are held at 1996/1995 levels in all scenarios:

It should be noted that no specific policy measures have been identified which could achieve the reductions implied by these alternative scenarios.

Table 4.1 Predicted PM10 concentrations for 2005 and 2010 based on 1996 and 1995 analysis. Individual site analysis of PM10, black smoke and sulphate data, 50% reduction of traffic emissions, "business as usual" secondary particle concentrations (mgm-3)

Table 4.2 Predicted PM10 concentrations for 2005 and 2010 based on 1996 and 1995 analysis. Individual site analysis of PM10, black smoke and sulphate data, 100% reduction of traffic emissions, "business as usual" secondary particle concentrations (mgm-3)

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5 PM10 Projections based on 1997 monitoring data

5.1 INTRODUCTION

There was a substantial increase in the number of automatic PM_{10} monitoring sites within the DETR national monitoring networks during 1996 and 1997. This has enabled us to calculate projections from a 1997 base year for many more sites than was possible for 1996 and 1995. Projections for urban background and rural sites are discussed in this section and the results are compared with those for the 1996 and 1995 base years. The extension of the receptor modelling methods to roadside and industrial sites is discussed in sections 6 and 7.

5.2 PROJECTIONS FOR URBAN BACKGROUND SITES

Projections of PM_{10} concentrations have been calculated for comparison with both the NAQS objective and the EU Daughter Directive limit values. These projections are based on an analysis of 1997 monitoring data for a total of 30 sites classified as either urban background, urban centre, suburban or rural. We have used daily measurements of PM $_{\rm 10}$ and NO $_{\rm x}$ at each site along with rural sulphate values. A regression analysis then enables us to divide the measured roadside PM_{10} concentrations into the following components

- primary (based on the site NO_x)
- secondary (based on rural sulphate)
- other (largely background coarse, calculated by difference)

The regression coefficients obtained for these 30 sites are listed in Table 5.1. The data for most urban sites fit the model reasonably well, with coefficients close to those calculated using 1995 and 1996 data.

	$\overline{\text{NO}}_{\underline{x}}$	$\overline{SO_4}$	Intercept	r^2
Belfast Centre	0.322	2.25	7.66	0.65
London Bexley	0.133	2.50	7.36	0.71
Birmingham East	0.147	1.96	8.28	0.66
Birmingham Centre	0.171	1.78	8.48	0.61
London Bloomsbury	0.121	2.27	8.55	0.62
Bolton	0.163	2.24	6.96	0.64
London Brent	0.110	2.75	7.22	0.73
Bristol Centre	0.138	1.43	10.42	0.76
Cardiff Centre	0.169	1.94	12.89	0.45
Derry	0.423	1.77	11.21	0.49
Edinburgh Centre	0.095	2.94	7.38	0.61
Glasgow Centre	0.126	2.82	8.61	0.60
London Hillingdon	0.099	2.50	5.37	0.75
Hull Centre	0.162	2.18	10.38	0.27
London N. Kensington	0.131	2.30	8.95	0.78
Leamington Spa	0.173	1.81	8.65	0.57
Leeds Centre	0.201	2.75	7.08	0.44
Leicester Centre	0.142	2.33	7.35	0.65
Liverpool Centre	0.190	1.76	9.12	0.62
London Eltham	0.117	2.31	8.02	0.71
Manchester Piccadilly	0.187	1.89	8.56	0.63
Narberth	0.781	1.14	7.43	0.44
Newcastle Centre	0.144	2.08	8.35	0.61
Nottingham Centre	0.171	2.34	6.97	0.70
Rochester	0.194	1.97	9.08	0.54
Sheffield Centre	0.173	2.46	7.26	0.72
Southampton Centre	0.142	2.08	9.20	0.72
Stockport	0.146	1.96	7.95	0.67
Thurrock	0.146	2.59	7.44	0.64
Wolverhampton Centre	0.233	2.22	5.48	0.71

Table 5.1 Regression coefficients for NO^x and Sulphate receptor modelling of 1997 PM10 data (NO^x concentration expressed in ppb)

PM₁₀ concentration forecasts were calculated using these coefficients and the business as usual scenario. These projections are listed in Table 5.3 and the results have been compared with NAQS objective and EU limit values:

The results listed in Table 5.2 suggest that most sites would exceed the NAQS 2005 99th percentile objective for the business as usual scenario. All sites should achieve the EU stage 1 and 2 objectives for annual mean. Leeds is the only site predicted to exceed the EU stage 1 2004 90th percentile target. However, many sites - Belfast Centre, London Bexley, Bloomsbury, Derry, London Hillingdon, Hull Centre, London N. Kensington, Leeds Centre, Sheffield Centre, Southampton Centre, Thurrock and Wolverhampton Centre would exceed the EU 2009 98th percentile.

NAQS 99th percentile and EU Stage 1 90th percentile projections for base years 1995, 1996 and 1997 for background sites are summarised in Table 5.3. The projections based on 1996 data are generally the highest. The 1997 based values are generally similar to the 1995 based values, with the 1997 value often being a bit lower. At a few sites the NAQS objective is achieved for projections based in 1997 data.

Table 5.2. PM10 projections for background sites based on 1997 monitoring data (mgm-3).

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Table 5.2 (continued) PM10 projections for background sites based on 1997 monitoring data (mgm-3).

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Table 5.3 Comparison of NAQS and EU Stage 1 PM10 projections for 1995, 1996 and 1997 base years (mgm-3)

6 PM10 Projections for roadside monitoring sites

The receptor modelling methods have been extended to calculate projections for 1997 of roadside PM_{10} concentrations for comparison with the NAQS objective and EU limit values. We have used daily measurements of PM_{10} at the roadside along with rural sulphate values and measurements of NO $_{\mathrm{s}}$ at the roadside and at a nearby urban background monitoring site. A regression analysis has been carried out to find the coefficients *A, B* and *R:*

 $PM_{10} = A$. Background $NOx + B$. Sulphate $+ R$. Roadside enhancement of $NO_x + C$

Where the *Roadside enhancement of* NO_x is defined as the measured daily mean NO_x concentration at the roadside site with a background daily mean $\rm NO_x$ concentration from a nearby background site subtracted:

roadside enhancement concentration = roadside concentration - background concentration

The regression coefficients and correlation coefficients obtained from this analysis are listed in Table 6.1.

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	Sulphate	Background NO _x Roadside NO _x		Intercept	
London A3	2.74	0.177	0.0423	6.43	0.74
Bury Roadside	2.64	0.138	0.0662	6.90	0.71
Camden Roadside	2.33	0.120	0.0696	11.2	0.77
Haringey Roadside	2.53	0.125	0.0776	7.90	0.80
Glasgow Kerbside	3.11	0.0689	0.1234	6.92	0.79
London Hillingdon	2.42	0.135	0.0748	5.60	0.78
Marylebone Road	3.26	0.122	0.0901	6.12	0.79
Sutton Roadside	2.40	0.110	0.0961	7.04	0.74

Table 6.1 Coefficients of regression analysis of roadside sites (NO^x expressed as p

We have then calculated projections for 2004 and 2005 and 2009 using the business as usual scenario. We have assumed that the roadside enhancement of PM_{10} consists of half and half fine exhaust emissions and coarse resuspended dust. This is consistent with a comparison of the roadside enhancements of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and NO_x at Marylebone Road carried out by APEG (APEG 1998). Figure 6.1 shows that the slope of the regression line between the roadside enhancement of particle concentration and the roadside enhancement of $\rm NO_x$ for PM_{10} is twice the slope for $PM_{2.5}$. The exhaust emissions are projected to reduce in line with urban traffic emissions and the coarse resuspended dust is projected to remain at 1997 levels.

The resulting projections are shown in Table 6.2. All sites are projected to exceed the NAQS objective in 2005 and the EU Stage 2 2009 98th percentile. Four of the sites are projected to exceed the EU 24-hour limit value in 2004, with three other sites having concentrations close to 50 μgm-3. At Marylebone Road the projected annual mean is higher than the annual limit value of 40 μ gm⁻³.

NAQS	London A3	Bury	Camden	Haringey	Glasgow	London	Marylebone	Sutton
		Roadside	Roadside	Roadside	Kerbside	Hillingdon	Road	Roadside
1997 annual mean	28	30	32	26	31	25	39	24
1997 99th percentile	68	79	91	87	81	85	99	78
1997 Days>=50	7	14	32	19	19	15	26	16
Est. An. Mean 2004	24	25	28	23	26	22	32	21
Est. An. Mean 2005	23	25	28	22	26	21	32	21
Est. An. Mean 2009	21	23	26	21	24	19	29	19
99th perc. 2005	58	66	73	70	71	70	76	60
99th perc. 2009	53	61	68	64	68	65	68	58
2005 Days>=50	1	6	17	9	10	7	14	7
2009 Days>=50	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{5}$	13	$\overline{7}$	3	66	10	3
EU								
1997 annual mean	36	39	42	34	40	33	51	31
1997 90th percentile	57	61	62	55	61	54	76	49
1997 98th percentile	70	80	96	81	81	77	103	74
1997 Days>=50	25	47	83	51	74	50	66	34
Est. An. Mean 2004	31	33	36	30	34	29	42	27
Est. An. Mean 2009	27	30	34	27	31	25	38	25
2004 90th percentile	48	51	54	47	52	45	65	43
2009 90th percentile	43	46	50	43	48	41	59	38
2004 98th percentile	60	69	80	66	69	65	81	65
2009 98th percentile	55	62	73	62	64	61	72	58
2004 Days $>=\frac{1}{50}$	12	27	46	25	36	20	37	22
2009 Days $>=\frac{1}{50}$	1	18	36	22	20	14	20	15

Table 6.2. PM10 projections for Roadside sites based on 1997 monitoring data (mgm-3).

7 PM10 Projections for monitoring sites in industrial areas

Several of the PM_{10} monitoring sites within the national monitoring network are known to be in industrial areas, where industrial emissions may have a significant impact on ambient air quality. Regression analysis of measured PM $_{10}$, NO $_{\mathrm{\star}}$ and sulphate concentrations using the

same method as successfully applied to urban background monitoring sites in section 5 yielded very poor correlation coefficients and large intercepts for the four sites listed in Table 7.1. This was because no attempt had been made to account for the local industrial source contribution to measured PM_{10} at these sites. The local industrial source contribution to PM_{10} at these sites will not have the same temporal variation as the contribution from local traffic sources.

The receptor modelling methods have been extended further in order to separate the measured daily mean PM_{10} concentrations at these sites into the following sources:

- Primary combustion calculated from the measured daily mean NO_x concentrations at the industrial site by multiplying by a typical coefficient (*A*) derived at sites where traffic is the dominant source of both NO_x and primary combustion PM_{10} ($A = 0.15$).
- Secondary calculated from the measured daily mean sulphate concentrations at the nearest rural monitoring site by a typical coefficient (B) derived at other sites $(B = 2.22)$.
- Other taken from the receptor modelling results for other sites (Bristol Centre for the South Wales sites and Newcastle Centre for the Teesside sites) and calculated by difference (*'other' PM10 = Urban Centre site PM10 - primary combustion - secondary*). This approximately corresponds with the urban background concentration of coarse particles.
- Industrial calculated by difference (*Industrial site PM10 primary combustion secondary other*).

Table 7.1 shows the contributions that each of these sources is estimated to contribute to the 1997 annual mean. Both Port Talbot and Redcar look to have significant industrial contributions, while the contributions at Swansea and Middlesbrough are small.

site	total	primary	secondary	other	industrial
Port Talbot	25.7	3.8	4.9	10.5	$_{6.5}$
Swansea	23.6	$.3^{\circ}$	4.9	10.6	$^{0.9}$
Middlesbrough	19.31		5.6	8.3	\cdot
Redcar	22 4	2.9	5.2		

Table 7.1. Estimated contributions to annual mean PM₁₀ concentrations at **industrial sites in 1997 (mgm-3)**

The split between 'industrial' and 'other' sources is the least certain. In our projections of business as usual PM_{10} concentrations for future years listed in Table 7.2 we have, however, assumed that both of these contributions will remain at 1997 values. The primary combustion and secondary particle concentrations have been projected using the same business as usual scenario as for has been used for the background and roadside projections. The NAQS 99th percentile is expected to be at least 70 μgm-3 at Port Talbot and Middlesbrough and about 50 μgm-3 at Swansea and Redcar. Possibly of more concern are the EU stage 1 90th percentiles, which are projected to be 52 μgm⁻³ at Port Talbot and 47 μgm⁻³ at Redcar.

NAQS	Port Talbot	Swansea	Middlesbrough Redcar	
1997 annual mean	26	24	19	22
1997 99th percentile	85	61	72	58
1997 Days>=50	13	$\overline{4}$	11	3
Est. An. Mean 2004	24	21	17	21
Est. An. Mean 2005	24	20	17	21
Est. An. Mean 2009	23	19	16	20
99th perc. 2005	76	51	70	52
99th perc. 2009	72	47	69	50
2005 Days $>=50$	9			
2009 Days>=50	8	$\boldsymbol{0}$	7	
EU				
1997 annual mean	34	31	25	29
1997 90th percentile	55	47	42	50
1997 98th percentile	70	59	60	58
1997 Days>=50	38	18	21	18
Est. An. Mean 2004	31	27	22	27
Est. An. Mean 2009	94	61	21	26
2004 90th percentile	52	41	39	47
2009 90th percentile	52	38	36	45
2004 98th percentile	66	54	57	56
2009 98th percentile	64	52	55	54
2004 Days>=50	35	9	16	11
2009 Days $>=50$	30	7	13	9

Table 7.2. Projected PM10 concentrations at industrially influenced monitoring sites (mgm-3)

We have also examined the wind directions corresponding to the top 10 days with the highest industrial contributions and these are listed in Table 7.3. This analysis clearly indicates the impact the steel works at Port Talbot, which is about 750 m to the SW of the monitoring site. This same steel works is about 10 km to the east of the Swansea site and the industrial contributions are correspondingly lower. The Teesside steel works is about 2 km to the NW of the Redcar site.

This analysis does not provide a definite indication of a significant industrial source contribution on a particular days because this component has been derived by difference. A good example of this is provided by the Middlesbrough monitoring site, which experienced extremely high concentrations of PM_{10} on the 5th November 1997, due to an enthusiastic bonfire celebration taking place immediately adjacent to the site.

Table 7.3. Top ten industrial source days at each site (daily mean total PM10 and estimated industrial source PM10 concentrations are shown, mgm-3)

8 Projections for sites expected to exceed the EU Stage 1 limit value

Additional PM_{10} projections have been calculated for the five monitoring sites for which the 1997 receptor modelling indicated that concentrations may exceed the EU stage 1 24-hour limit value in 2004 for the business as usual scenario. Four of these sites are roadside: Bury Roadside, Glasgow Roadside, Camden Roadside and Marylebone Road and one is industrial: Port Talbot.

The scenarios examined were:

- **Scenario a** Business as usual.
- **Scenario h** A 30% reduction in traffic emissions including buses, lorries etc. Business as usual for secondary particle emissions.
- **Scenario i** A 30% reduction in car emissions. Business as usual for secondary particle emissions.
- **Scenario j** Traffic emissions reduced by 50% and a reduction of 50% of the business as usual levels for secondary particles.

It should be noted that no specific policy measures have been identified which could achieve the reductions implied in scenario j.

Port Talbot forecasts were made as described for industrial sites. The other sites were treated as previously described for roadside sites. The projections for the different scenarios are listed in Table 8.1.

Bury Roadside achieves the EU Stage 1 objective under each of the new scenarios. Glasgow and Camden sites achieve the objective under scenarios h and j, whilst both London Marylebone Road and Port Talbot exceed the objective under even the most optimistic scenario.

Table 8.1 PM10 projections for different scenarios for sites likely to exceed the EU stage 1 24-hour limit value in 2004 for the business as usual scenario (mgm-3) .

Table 8.1(continued)PM10 projections for different scenarios for sites likely to exceed the EU stage 1 24-hour limit value in 2004 for the business as usual scenario (mgm-3) .

9 Projections for sites measuring PM10 and PM2.5

9.1 INTRODUCTION

Co-located monitoring of PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ commenced at four sites within the national monitoring network during the summer of 1997 and these four sites are listed in Table 9.1. We have undertaken receptor modelling and projections of concentrations to future years for $PM_{2.5}$ at these sites. Projections have been based on the monitoring data from the start of PM_{2.5} monitoring until June 1998, which provides about one year of data for all of the sites except Harwell, where measurements started in September 1997. PM_{10} projections have also been calculated from data for this period so that a direct comparison can be made between the $PM_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} projections. The PM_{10} projections are however, generally very similar to those presented in Tables 5.2 and 6.2 which were derived from 1997 data.

Projections have been calculated for both $\rm NO_x$ and black smoke based receptor models, and the differences in the projected concentrations are generally small. The results are discussed in section 9.4,

9.2 PROJECTIONS USING A NO^X BASED RECEPTOR MODEL

The regression coefficients and correlation coefficients obtained for PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ are listed in Table 9.1. Projections are listed in Tables 9.2 and 9.3.

Table 9.1 Coefficients of regression analyses of PM10 and PM2.5 using NO^x and sulphate data.

Table 9.2 Projected PM10 concentrations based on NO^x and sulphate measurements 1997/98 (mgm-3).

Table 9.3 Projected PM2.5 concentrations based on NO^x and sulphate measurements 1997/98 (mgm-3).

9.3 PROJECTIONS USING A BLACK SMOKE BASED RECEPTOR MODEL

The regression coefficients and correlation coefficients obtained for PM $_{\rm 10}$ and PM $_{\rm 2.5}$ are listed in Table 9.4. Projections are listed in Tables 9.5 and 9.6.

PM_{10}	Smoke coeff.	$SO4$ coeff.	Intercept	
Marylebone Road	0.958	2.16	18.2	0.59
London Bloomsbury	0.712	2.78	9.16	0.63
Rochester	0.348	2.70	7.31	0.53
Harwell	0.462	2.33	6.79	0.44
PM_{25}	Smoke coeff.	$SO4$ coeff.	Intercept	r^2
Marylebone Road	0.858	1.82	9.64	0.64
London Bloomsbury	0.651	1.93	5.94	0.69
Rochester	0.412	2.18	1.60	0.74

Table 9.4 Coefficients of regression analyses of PM10 and PM2.5 using black smoke and sulphate data.

Table 9.5 Projected PM10 concentrations based on black smoke and sulphate measurements 1997/98 (mgm-3).

$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{M}_{10}$	Marylebone	London	Rochester	Harwell
	Road	Bloomsbury		
1997 annual mean	36	26	19	17
1997 99th percentile	93	71	56	42
1997 Days>=50	36	12	3	$\mathbf{1}$
Est. An. Mean 2004	32	22	16	15
Est. An. Mean 2005	31	22	16	14
Est. An. Mean 2009	30	20	14	13
99th perc. 2005	75	66	49	38
99th perc. 2009	70	65	47	37
2005 Days $>=50$	24	7	1	$\overline{0}$
2009 Days>=50	16	$\overline{4}$	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{0}$
EU				
1997 annual mean	47	34	25	22
1997 90th percentile	68	52	41	35
1997 98th percentile	89	74	57	46
1997 Days>=50	67	44	12	$\overline{2}$
Est. An. Mean 2004	42	29	21	20
Est. An. Mean 2009	39	26	18	17
2004 90th percentile	59	45	34	31
2009 90th percentile	55	42	30	29
2004 98th percentile	80	66	49	41
2009 98th percentile	74	61	44	39
2004 Days $>=50$	67	21	$\overline{4}$	$\boldsymbol{2}$
2009 Days>=50	52	14	$\overline{4}$	$\overline{2}$

Table 9.6 Projected PM2.5 concentrations based on black smoke and sulphate measurements 1997/98 (mgm-3).

9.4 DISCUSSION

The $\rm NO_x$ based receptor model provides the most reliable estimates for the Marylebone Road monitoring site because measurements of black smoke from background monitoring sites do not provide a good surrogate for roadside PM_{10} (the receptor model for roadside sites has not been applied to this data, the simpler APEG model has been used). Black smoke measurements do, however, seem to provide a better surrogate than $\mathrm{NO_x}$ for primary combustion PM $_{\rm 10}$ at the two rural sites at Rochester and Harwell. The NO $_{\rm x}$ based model is particularly poor for $PM_{2.5}$ at Rochester.

The results from the $\rm NO_x$ and black smoke based models are very similar. Both London Marylebone Road and London Bloomsbury sites are predicted to exceed the NAQS 2005 99th percentile target for PM_{10} , with Rochester close to exceedance. Marylebone Road is the only site that doesn't attain the EU stage 1 90th percentile limit value and the two London sites are forecast to exceed the EU stage 2 98th percentile.

Both Marylebone Road and London Bloomsbury are very close to exceeding the NAQS and EU stage 2 98th percentile levels for $PM_{2.5}$ alone. Rochester's $PM_{2.5}$ forecast in table 9.3 is unreliable due to the poor regression analysis results.

10 Daily mapping of PM concentrations

10.1 INTRODUCTION

Maps of estimated annual mean background PM_{10} concentrations have been calculated for 1996 (Stedman 1998). Projections of the annual mean concentrations that current policies are likely to deliver in 2005 can also be calculated by making certain assumptions about the likely changes in primary and secondary particle concentrations.

Background PM_{10} concentrations are made up from contributions from primary, secondary and coarse particles, and the relative proportions vary from day to day. This is why the relationships between numbers of days above threholds, high percentiles and annual means are not very reliable, particularly if it is applied to future years, such as 2005, when the relative contributions from primary, secondary and coarse particles to PM_{10} are likely to have changed.

Maps of both current and projected PM_{10} concentrations are however required for the quantification of health impacts similar to those presented by COMEAP (1998). Whilst maps of annual mean concentrations are required for the health quantification work, the calculation of these maps from a series of daily maps enables maps of other statistics of interest to be calculated, without having to make assumptions about the relationship between means and numbers of days above thresholds. This report provides the first maps of annual means and numbers of exceedence days for comparison with the PM_{10} objective and limit values. The use of these mapping methods does, however, increase the uncertainty of the projections compared with the projections presented in this report for individual sites.

10.2 METHOD

The following data has been used:

- daily mean particulate sulphate concentrations at eight rural sites;
- daily PM_{10} , black smoke and rural particulate sulphate concentrations for eight different cities have been analysed in order to provide estimates of primary, secondary and 'other' particle concentrations for each day for the following sites:
	- London Bloomsbury
	- Edinburgh Centre
	- Belfast Centre
	- Birmingham Centre
	- Newcastle Centre
- Liverpool Centre
- Bristol Centre
- Manchester Piccadilly;

• a 1 km x 1 km grid square map of combustion related emissions of PM_{10} from the National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory.

The daily PM_{10} map for each day is calculated as follows:

 PM_{10} map = primary map + secondary map + 'other' map

where

secondary map is calculated by multiplying a map of particulate sulphate by 2.46, which is both a reasonable theoretical factor and consistent with the daily individual site analysis. The map of particulate sulphate concentrations is interpolated from the daily sulphate measurement data at eight rural sites.

'other' map is interpolated from the daily estimates of 'other' particle (largely coarse particle) concentrations derived from the daily analysis of concentrations at urban sites. This is likely to overestimate coarse particle concentrations in rural areas but probably not to a large extent.

primary map consists of two components:

- long range transported primary particle concentration
- local primary particle concentration

The long range transported component is expected to be relatively small and show a similar spatial variation to secondary particle concentrations. Daily concentrations have been estimated by multiplying the daily secondary concentration by 0.08333.

The local primary particle concentration has been calculated by multiplying the map of annual combustion related emissions by a factor *k*. This factor represents the efficiency of the dispersion of these local emissions within a 5 km x 5 km box and is allowed to vary both spatially and from day to day. A map of the *k* factor is interpolated for each day and is allowed to vary by dividing the estimates of the daily primary contribution to PM_{10} from the analysis of daily concentrations at individual urban sites by the estimated contribution that primary particles make to annual mean PM_{10} concentration.

 $k = k_a$ [p]/[p]_a

where

k is the coefficient used to derive daily mean local primary PM_{10} concentration from annual emissions estimates;

ka is the coefficient between annual emissions and annual mean primary particle concentration;

 $[p]$ is the daily mean primary particle concentration derived from the daily analysis of PM_{10} , black smoke and sulphate measurements;

[p]^a is the annual mean of primary particle concentration aggregated from the daily analysis of PM₁₀, black smoke and sulphate measurement.

10.3 RESULTS FOR 1995 AND 1996

The general pattern of annual mean concentrations shown in Figures 10.1 are similar to that derived from an analysis of annual concentrations (Stedman 1998). Rural concentrations are highest in the south and east due to the varying magnitude of the secondary particle contribution. Urban concentrations are higher due to the local primary emissions. Rural concentrations are estimated to be rather higher in 1996 than in 1995, while urban centre concentrations were not much higher in 1996 than in 1995. A comparison of the mapped estimates with measured annual mean concentrations has shown reasonably good agreement. Concentrations in central London are, however, overestimated. The high concentrations in North Wales in 1995 are probably caused by the mapping method and are unlikely to be representative.

In common with the individual site receptor modelling results, we have not scaled the maps of number of days with concentrations $\epsilon = 50 \mu g m^{-3}$ to enable direct comparison with the NAQS objective because of the uncertainties associated with the large scaling factor that would be required. The maps presented in Figure 10.2 represent the number of days with fixed 24-hour mean PM_{10} concentrations \geq 50 µgm⁻³. There is a striking difference between the two years, with the secondary PM_{10} episodes during the early part of 1996 leading to much many more days above 50 μgm⁻³ in both rural and urban areas.

10.4 PROJECTIONS FOR 2005

Projections for 2005 have been calculated from the 1995 and 1996 maps using the same business as usual scenario as for the individual site receptor modelling. Annual mean maps for 2005 are shown in Figure 10.1. The projected annual mean PM_{10} concentrations for 2005 are significantly lower than those for 1995 and 1996 and the values calculated from the 1996 are not very different from those calculated from the 1995 map.

Maps of the estimated number of days with PM_{10} concentrations \geq 50 μ gm⁻³ for 2005 based on either 1995 or 1996 meteorology are also shown in Figure 10.2. Large areas of the country have more than four days with projected concentrations greater than 50 μgm-3 , even for projections based on 1995 monitoring data. This is also likely to be a significant underestimate of the number of days with running 24-hour mean concentrations greater than 50 μgm-3, as discussed above.

10.5 PROJECTIONS FOR COMPARISON WITH EU LIMIT VALUES

Figure 10.3 shows maps of the number of days with estimated PM_{10} concentrations ≥ 50 μgm-3 for comparison with the EU 24-hour limit values. The Stage 1 limit value is that 50 μgm⁻³ should not to be exceeded more than 35 times in 2004. This mapping analysis indicates that central London may be at risk of exceeding this limit value in years such as 1995 and the whole of the London area may be at risk in a year such as 1996. It is likely, however, that concentrations in the London area have been overestimated by the mapping method because the individual site analysis indicated exceedance for 1996 only, and this was confined to central London.

The indicative Stage 2 24-hour limit value of 50μgm-3, not to be exceeded more than 7 times in 2009 is likely to be exceeded over most of England and Wales for the business as usual scenario.

11 Conclusions

Projections of PM_{10} concentrations for future years have been calculated using the receptor modelling methods developed by the Airborne Particles Expert Group. Projections have been calculated for a business as usual scenario and indicate that significant exceedences of the National Air Quality Strategy objective for PM₁₀ are likely in 2005. Projected 99th percentiles are well in excess of 50 μgm-3 for urban background monitoring site locations in major cities and concentrations are likely to be in excess of the objective in many smaller urban areas, particularly for years with elevated secondary particle concentrations such as 1996.

The picture is similar for the EU 'Daughter Directive' indicative Stage 2 limit values for 2009 with exceedences in many areas likely with current national and international policy measures. Projected concentrations in 2004 are expected to be lower than the EU 'Daughter Directive' Stage 1 limit values at most urban background locations, with the possible exception of central London.

Concentrations at the roadside are expected to be higher than at nearby background locations. Concentrations higher than the EU Stage 1 limit value are therefore expected at the roadside of heavily trafficked roads in urban areas in 2004. Concentrations at sites with significant industrial source contributions to measured ambient PM_{10} concentrations are also expected to be at risk of exceeding this limit value.

The receptor modelling results indicate that the projected PM_{10} concentrations in 2005 are relatively insensitive to changes in primary combustion particle emissions due to the important contributions of secondary and 'other' particle sources to ambient concentrations. It is likely that the receptor modelling may overestimate the contribution from 'other' particle sources on some days because this concentration has been derived from the residual of the regression analysis. An examination of co-located PM_{10} and PM_{25} measurements does, however, indicate that the 99th percentile of daily mean coarse particle concentration (PM₁₀ -PM_{2.5}) are typically in the range 20 - 30 μ gm⁻³.

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