# DATA TO DECISIONS

Opportunities & challenges in incorporating satellite data at OR DEQ

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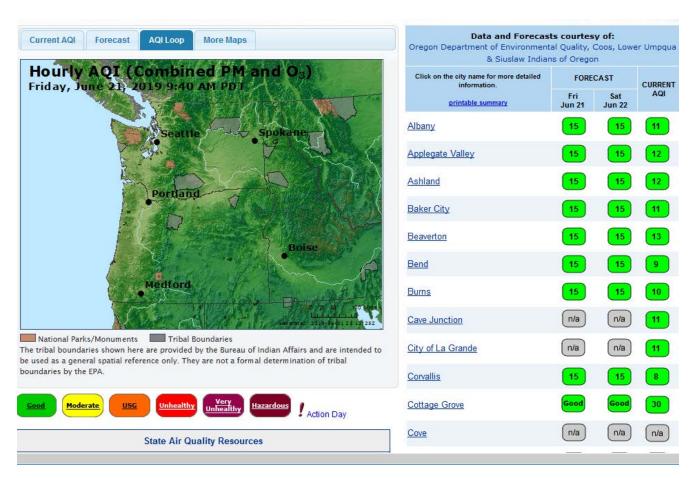
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"...to be a leader in restoring, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Oregon's air, land and water."



## **FORECASTING**



Daily point forecast for 1,2, and 3 days out for PM2.5, O3 and stagnation conditions, based on ground-based monitors + models

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

- Integrate satellite ozone & AOD with ground-based networks and models to improve 1, 2, 3 day forecasts
- Predict hourly PM2.5 and O3 surfaces
- Build capacity at DEQ to leverage data from new satellites (TEMPO, GOES)

#### **C**HALLENGE

- Column AOD to surface PM2.5
- Spatial and temporal resolution



## SMOKE IMPACTS FROM WILDFIRE AND PRESCRIBED BURNS



Smoke from multiple NW fires, 13th Aug, 2018

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

As part of a multi-agency team, work to:

- Exceptional events
- Minimize health impacts and build resilience to increasing wildfire events through forecasting
- Proactively prioritize and target response

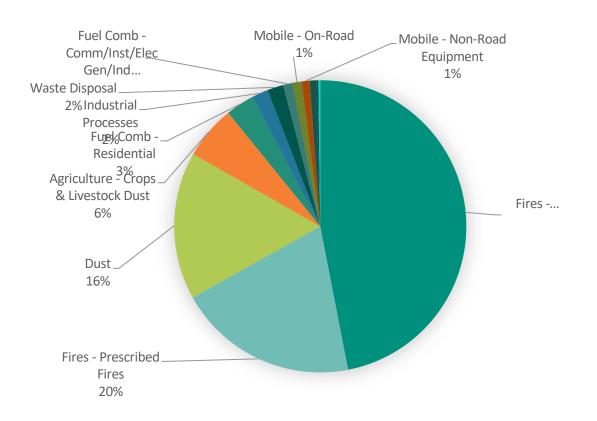
#### CHALLENGE

- Multi-agency collaboration
- Integrating multiple, complex data sets (monitors, models, satellite data from multiple instruments – MODIS, OCEO) n near-real time
- Validating models



## **EMISSION INVENTORIES VERIFICATION**

## **OR - PRIMARY PM2.5 EMISSIONS**



#### **OPPORTUNITY**

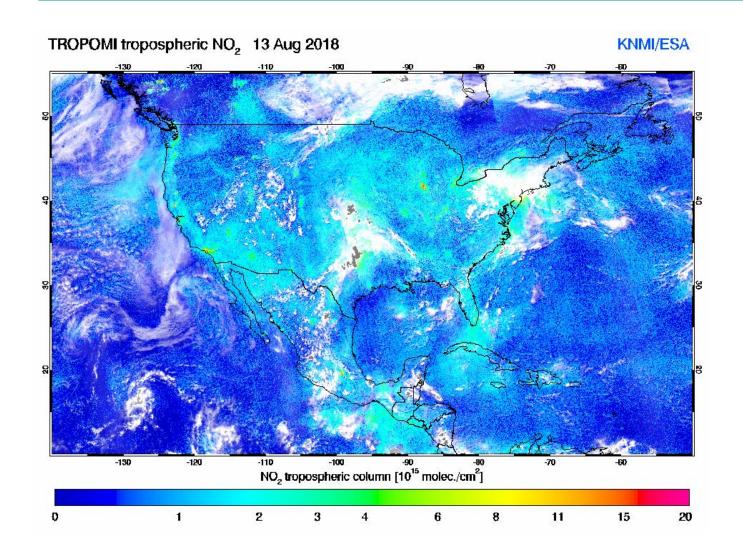
Improve models – GIGO principle

#### **C**HALLENGE

Verification



## Assessing Health and Environmental Impacts of Air Pollution



### **OPPORTUNITY**

 Develop spatially and temporally resolved maps of air pollution to investigate the link between air pollutants and acute and chronic health risks.

#### CHALLENGE

Validation

