# **AQRP Monthly Technical Report**

PROJECT TITLE	The Influence of Alkyl Nitrates from Anthropogenic and Biogenic Precursors on Regional Air Quality in Eastern Texas	PROJECT #	16-019
PROJECT PARTICIPANTS	University of Texas at Austin (Drs. McDonald- Buller and Hildebrandt Ruiz) Ramboll Environ (Dr. Yarwood)	DATE SUBMITTED	11/8/2016
REPORTING PERIOD	From: 10/6/2016 To: 10/31/2016	REPORT #	1

A Financial Status Report (FSR) and Invoice will be submitted separately from each of the Project Participants reflecting charges for this Reporting Period. I understand that the FSR and Invoice are due to the AQRP by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the reporting period shown above.

### **Detailed Accomplishments by Task**

Task 1: Refinements to the CB6r4 Mechanism in CAMx

The University of Texas at Austin (Elena McDonald-Buller, Lea Hildebrandt Ruiz and graduate students, and Yosuke Kimura) and Ramboll Environ (Greg Yarwood and Ou Nopmongcol) teams held an initial conference call on October 26, 2016. The discussion included an update about on-going chamber experiments that are being conducted by Dr. Hildebrandt Ruiz's research group under the sponsorship of the Texas Air Research Center (TARC) to examine gasparticle partitioning and particle-phase hydrolysis rates of alkyl nitrates from straight-chained and branched alkane precursors. These experiments are expected to be important to the refinements that will be made to the CB6r4 mechanism for our AQRP project. A literature review has also been initiated, focusing right now on alkyl nitrates formed from nitrate radical oxidized monoterpenes.

Task 2. Evaluating CB6r4 Updates in CAMx Modeling for DISCOVER-AQ Not yet initiated.

Task 3. Project Reporting and Presentation On-going per requirements.

#### **Preliminary Analysis**

Not yet initiated

#### **Data Collected**

Not yet initiated

**Identify Problems or Issues Encountered and Proposed Solutions or Adjustments** 

N	one

Principal Investigator

## Goals and Anticipated Issues for the Succeeding Reporting Period

Objectives for the succeeding reporting period include on-going literature review and planning for CB6r4 refinements. The transfer of the CAMx model inputs for the Houston DISCOVER-AQ period (September 2013) between the University of Texas at Austin and Ramboll Environ will be coordinated.

Detailed Analysis of the Progress of the Task Order to Date See above.
Do you have any publications related to this project currently under development? If so, please provide a working title, and the journals you plan to submit to.
YesX_No
Do you have any publications related to this project currently under review by a journal? If so, what is the working title and the journal name? Have you sent a copy of the article to your AQRP Project Manager and your TCEQ Liaison?
YesXNo
Do you have any bibliographic publications related to this project that have been published? If so, please list the reference information. List all items for the lifetime of the project.
YesX_No
Do you have any presentations related to this project currently under development? If so, please provide working title, and the conference you plan to present it (this does not includ presentations for the AQRP Workshop). YesXNo
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YesXNo
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