

# Monitoring Related to Oil and Gas Development

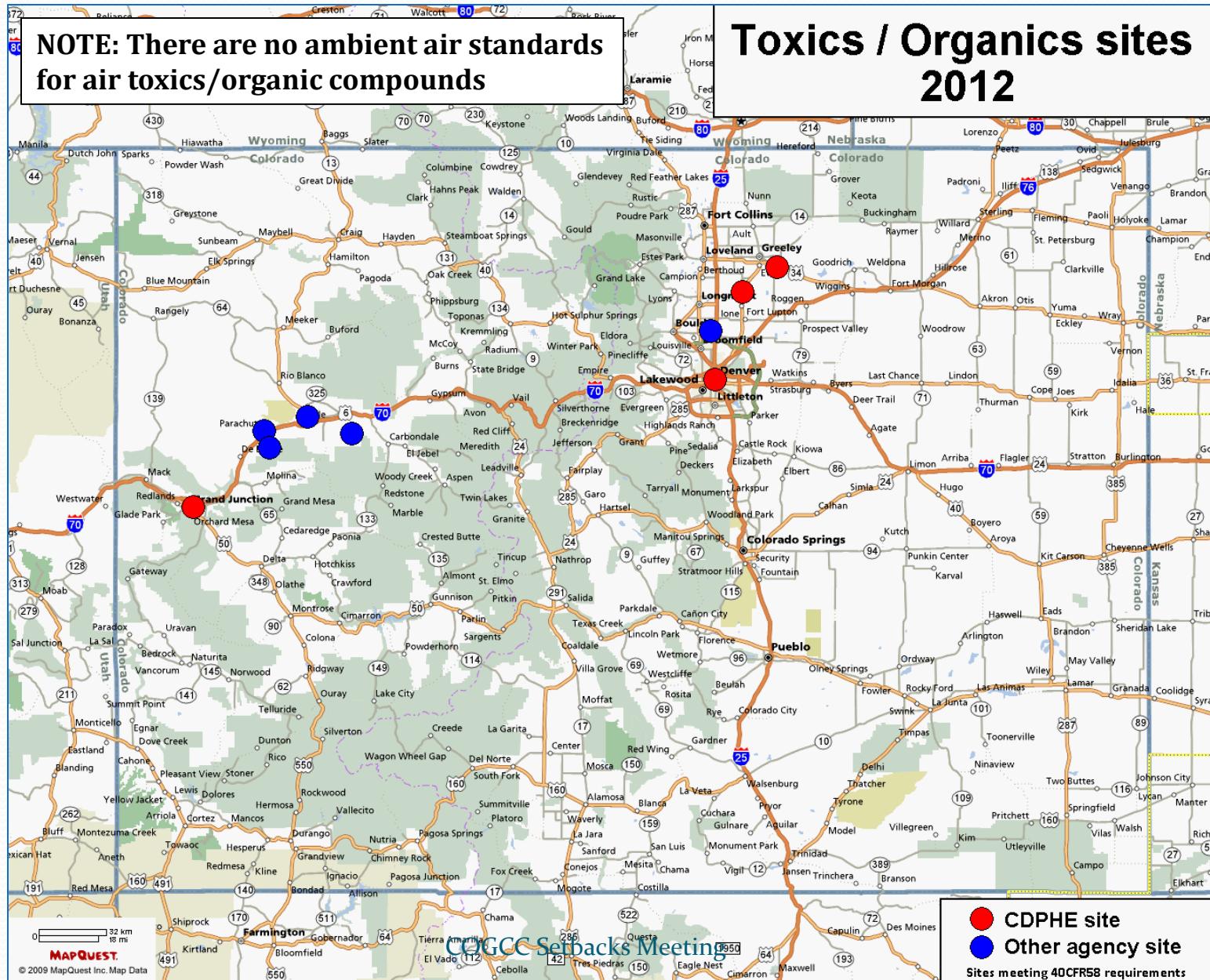
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# Air Monitoring Overview

- EPA has 6 “Criteria” pollutants for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) – primary focus for CDPHE/APCD
  - CO, O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM (PM<sub>10</sub> & PM<sub>2.5</sub>), Pb
- Designed to protect public health
- Performed across State of Colorado
  - APCD has approximately 60 sites (other agencies also have monitors)
  - Sites added or removed based on needs and concentrations recorded
- Mainly in population centers
- Different types
  - “Continuous” provides hourly values
    - CO, O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>/NO<sub>y</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, meteorology
  - “Daily” provides 24-hour values
    - PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, air toxics

# Air Quality Monitoring Sites



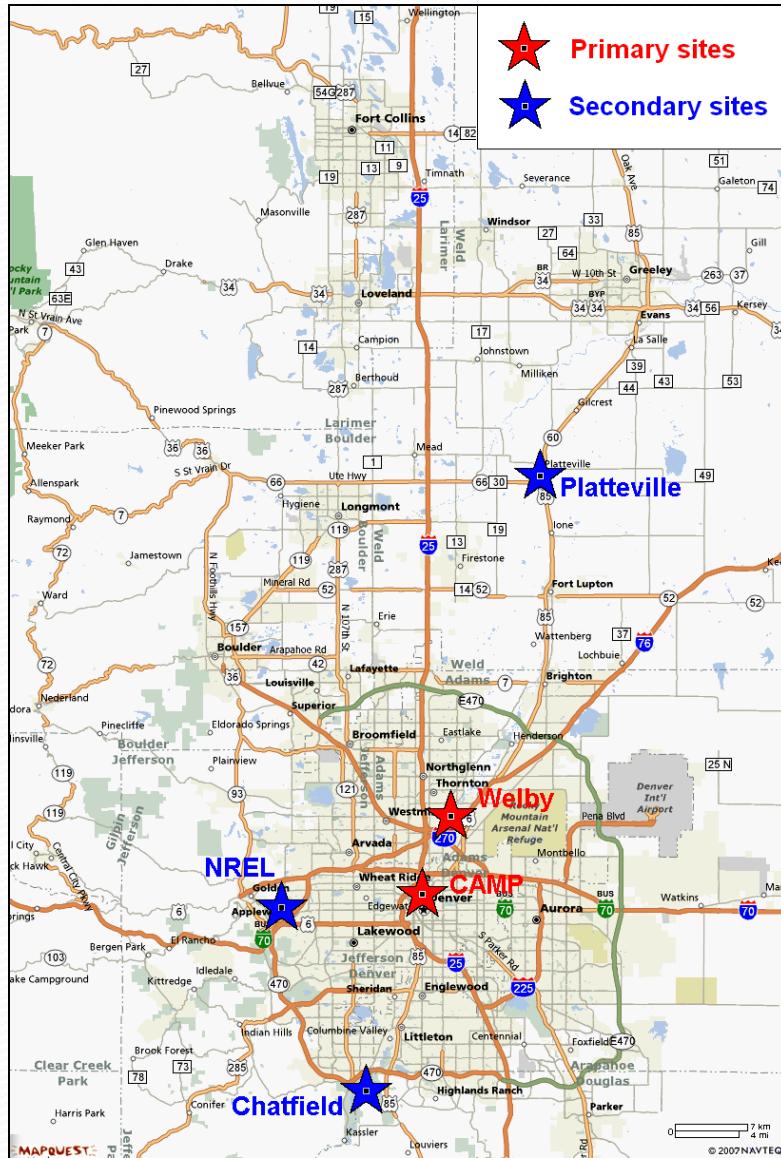
# Front Range Area / Wattenberg Field Monitoring and Results

# Organic Compounds Monitoring History

- 2003 Ozone Precursor Study (July – Sept.)
  - SNMOC's and carbonyls
  - 2 primary sites, 3 secondary sites
  - 3-hour a.m. and 3-hour p.m. samples
- 2006 Ozone Precursor Study (June – July)
  - SNMOC's and carbonyls
  - 4 primary sites (3-hour a.m.)
  - 2 secondary sites (3-hour p.m.)
- 2012 Ozone Precursor Study (Dec. 2011 – current)
  - SNMOC's and carbonyls
  - 3 primary sites (2 currently installed)
  - Additional secondary sampling being planned
  - 3-hour a.m. samples

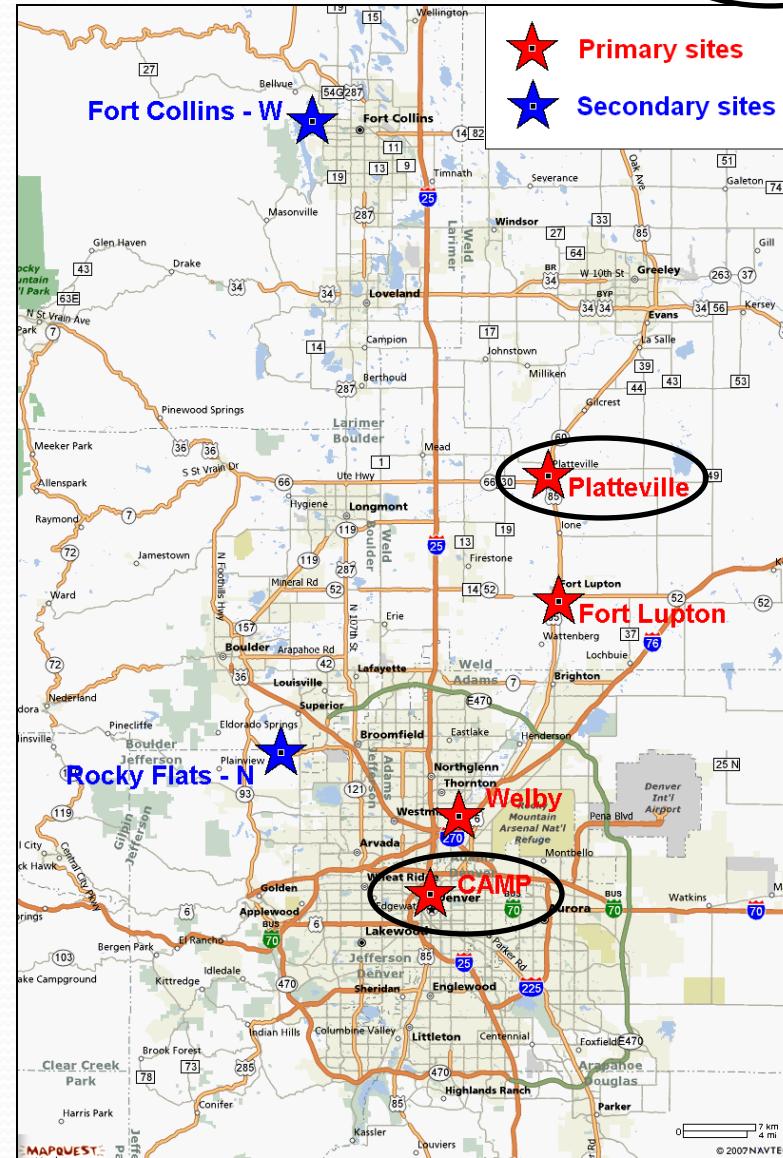
2003

# Ozone Precursor Studies



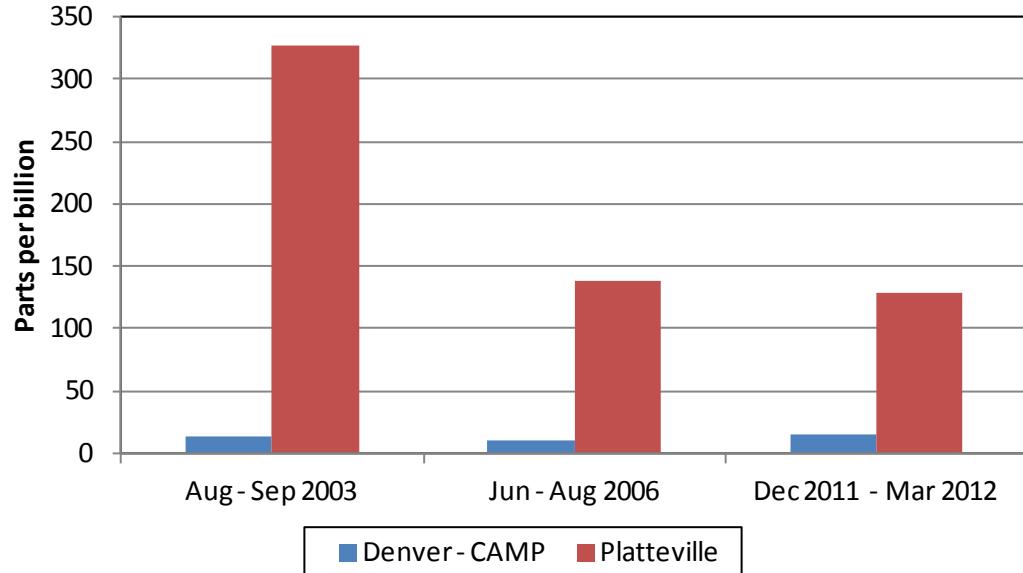
6/14/2012

2006/2012



## Ethane

Average 3-hr. samples (6 a.m. - 9 a.m.)



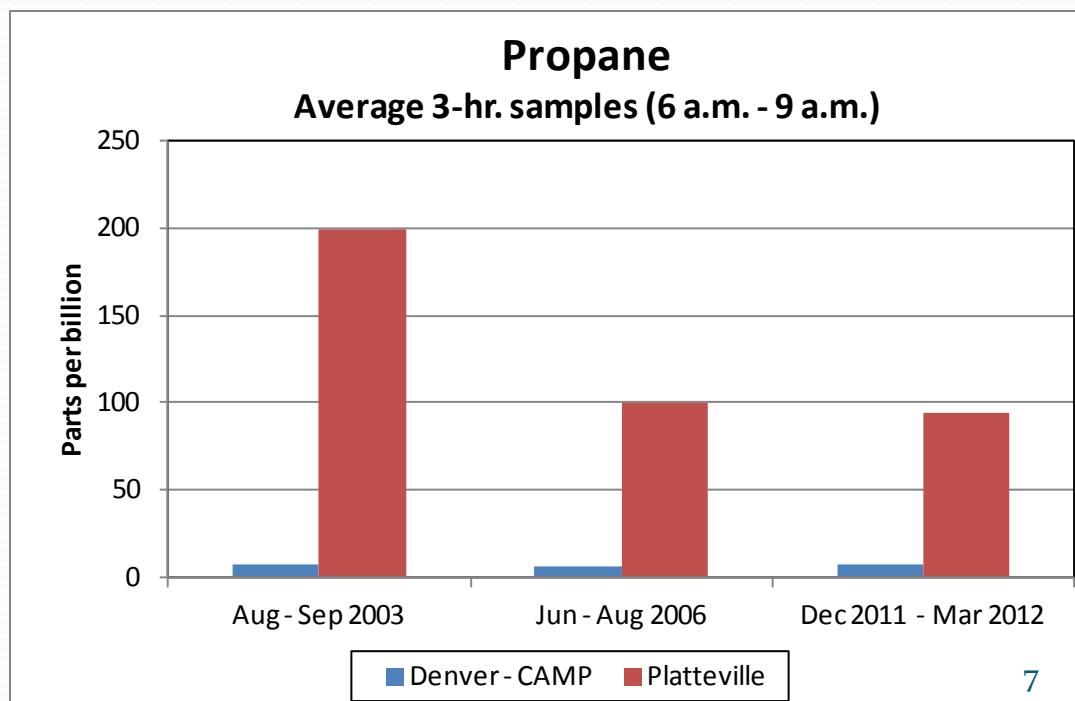
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O&G-related

## NOTE:

Average methane levels  
for March 2012:  
CAMP = 1780 ppb  
Platteville = 2535 ppb

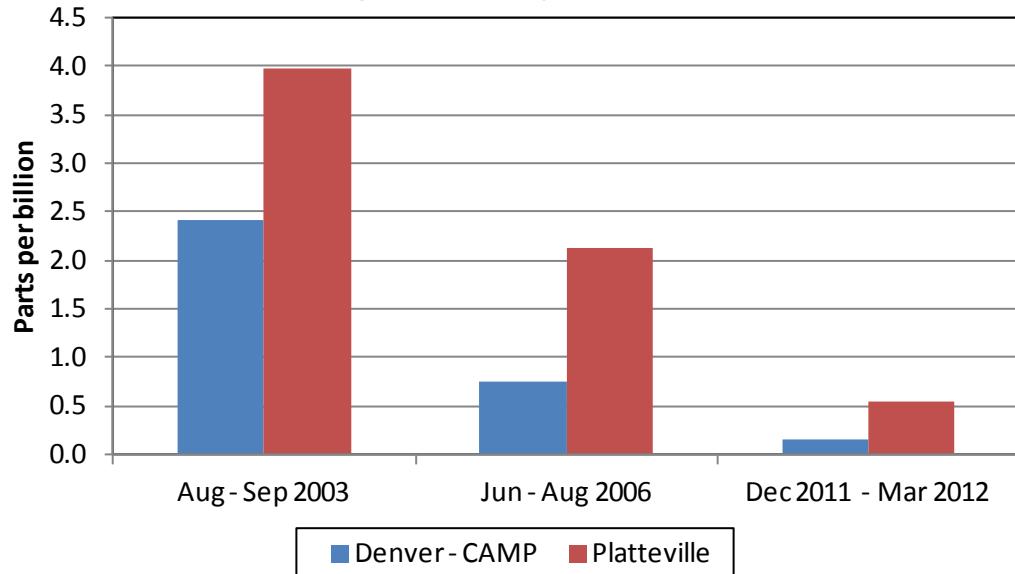
## Propane

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## Benzene

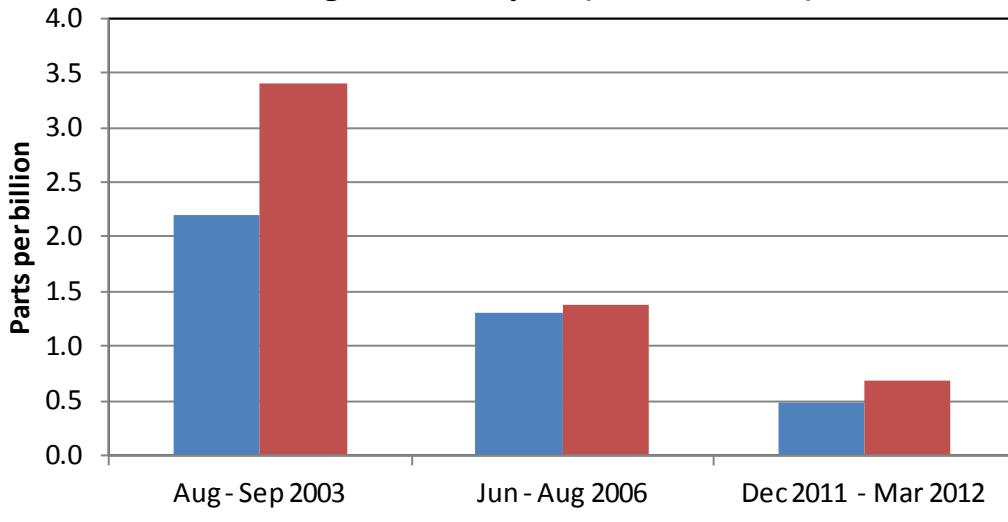
Average 3-hr. samples (6 a.m. - 9 a.m.)



Select  
organics that  
are urban and  
O&G-related

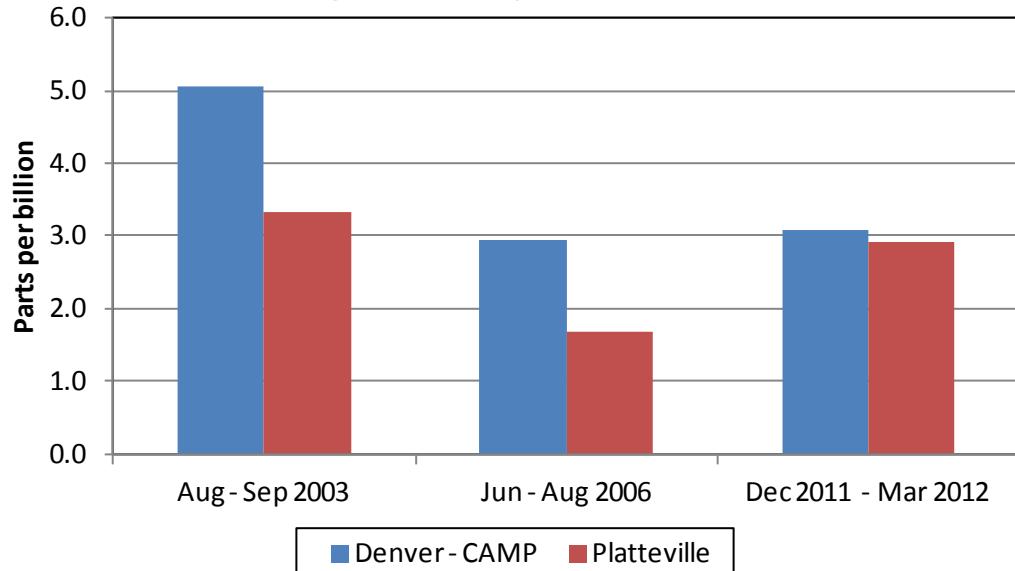
## Toluene

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## Ethylene

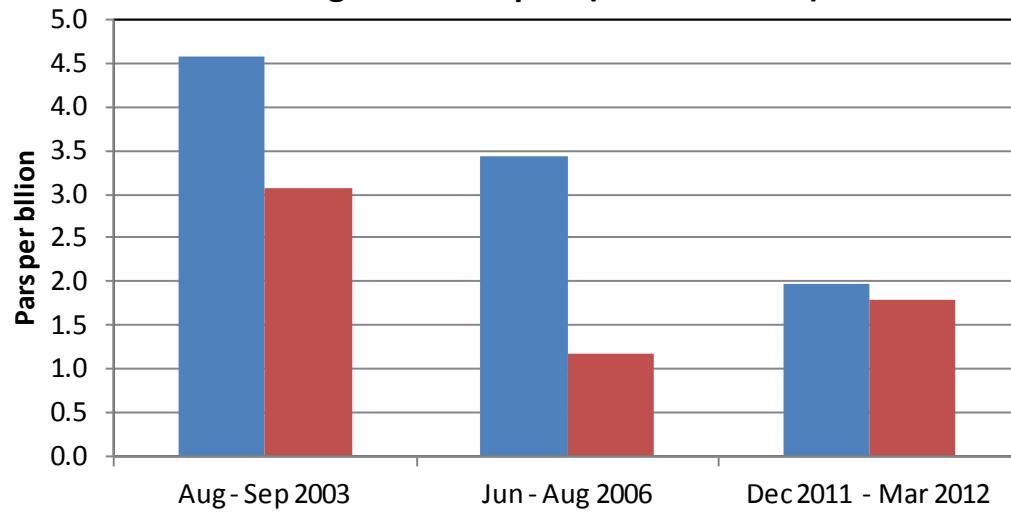
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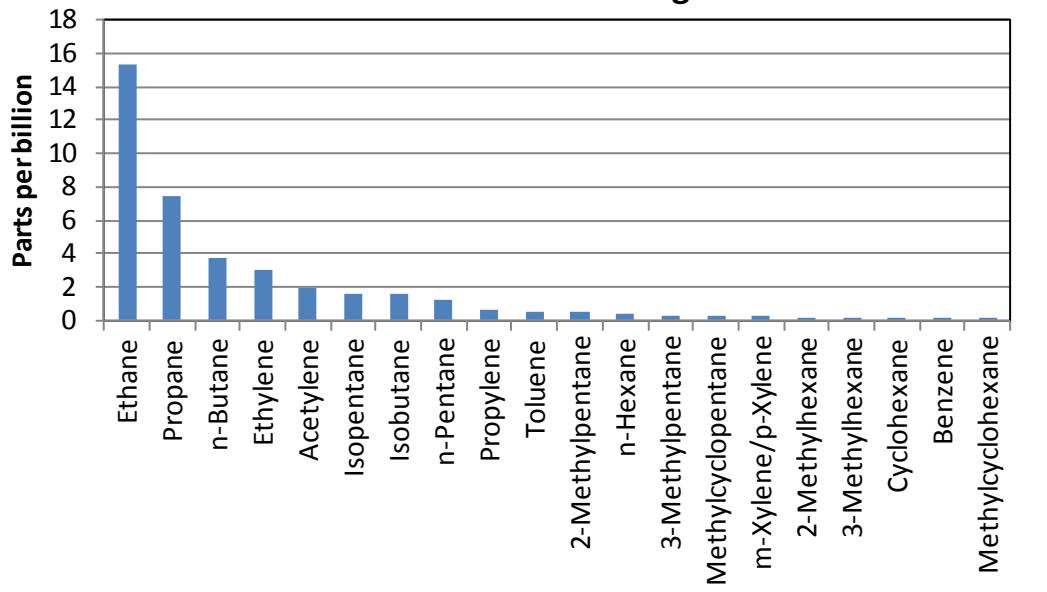
## Acetylene

Average 3-hr. samples (6 a.m. - 9 a.m.)



## Top 20 NMOC - Denver CAMP

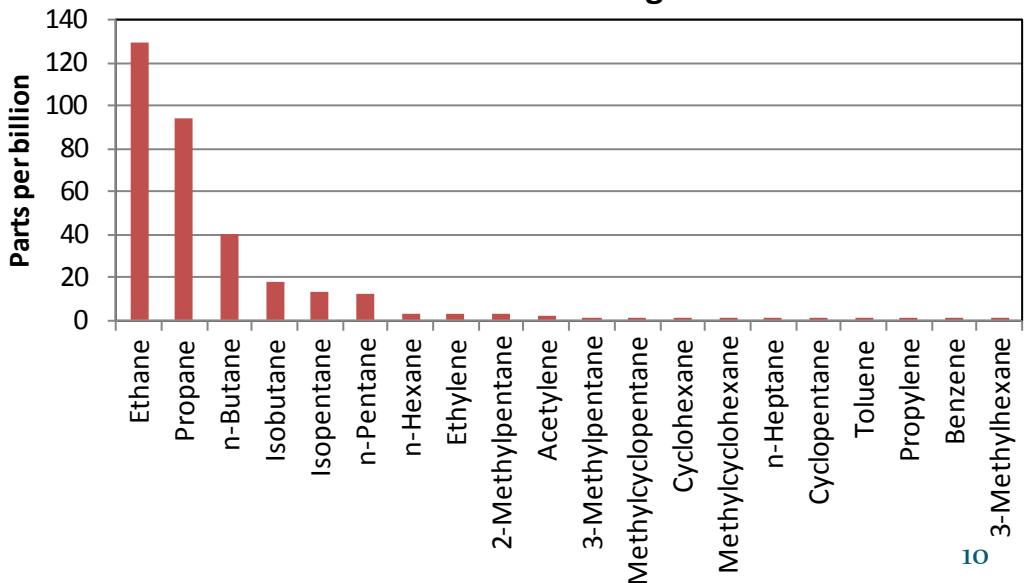
Dec. 2011 - Mar. 2012 Averages



# Top 20 NMOC's

## Top 20 NMOC - Platteville

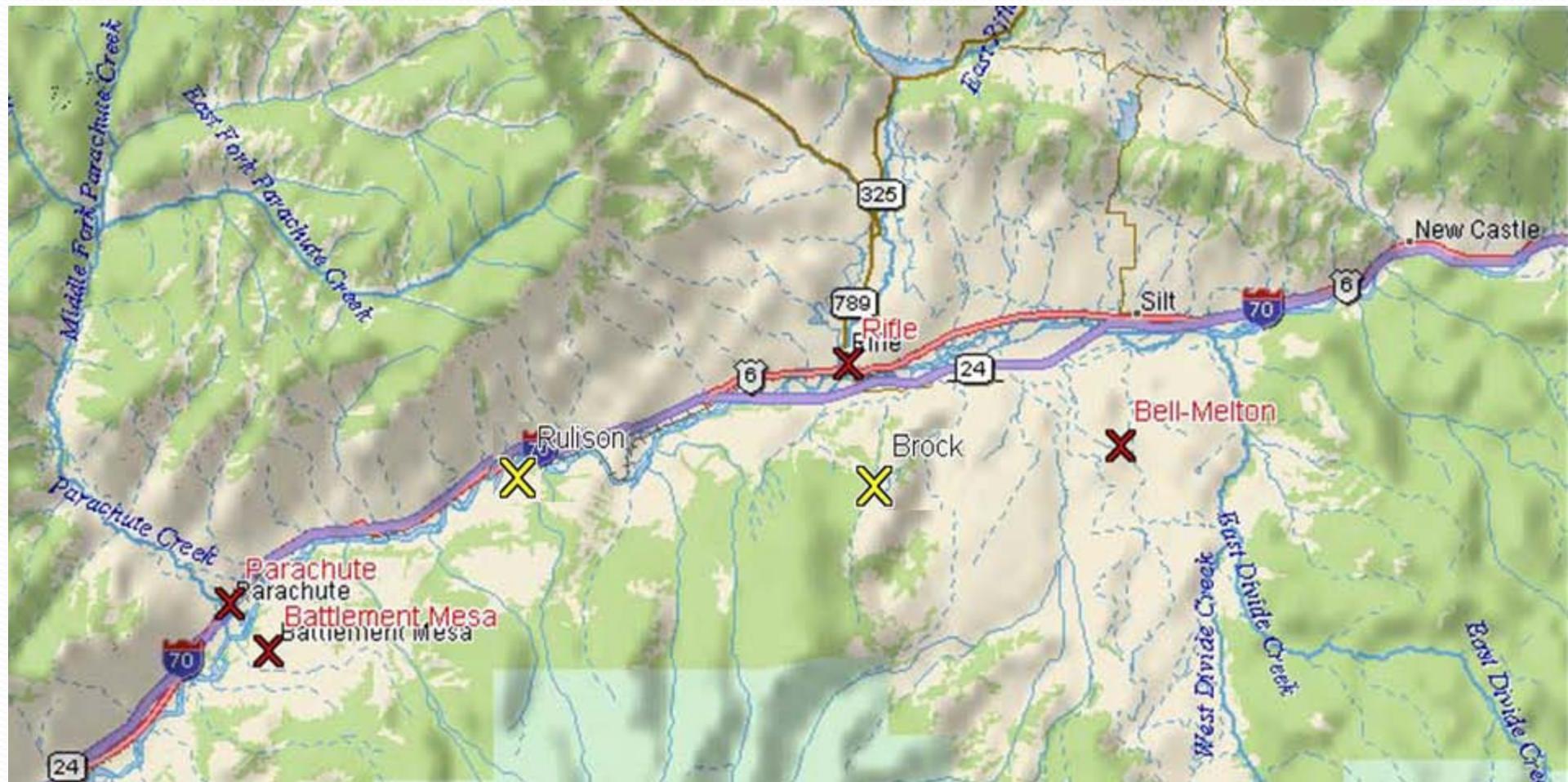
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# Garfield County / Piceance Basin Monitoring and Results

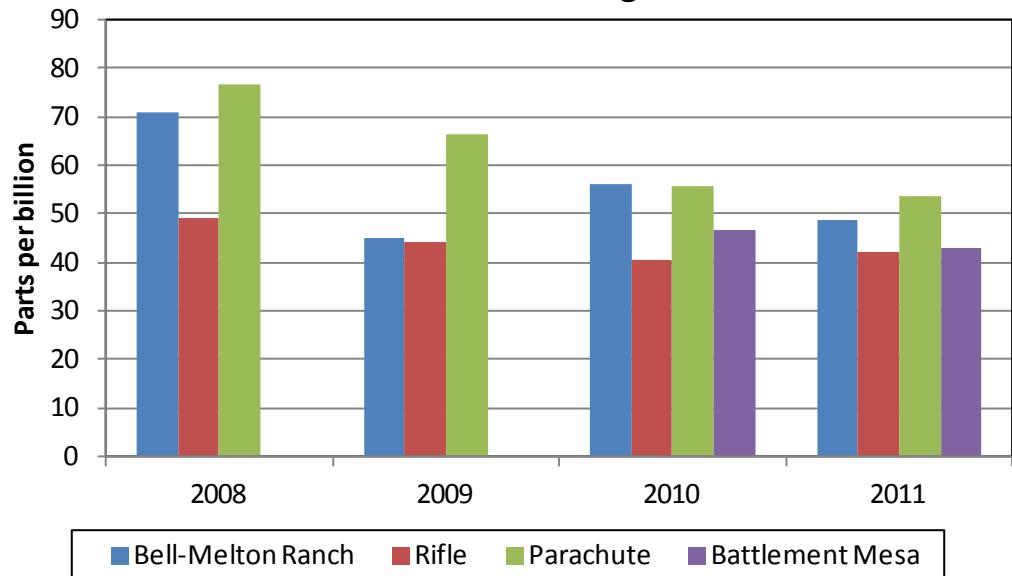
# Organic Compounds Monitoring History

- 2005-2007
  - VOC's at 14 sites, 24-hour
  - VOC grab samples
- 2008-current
  - SNMOC's and carbonyls, 24-hour
  - 4-5 sites each year
- 2002 Well Study
  - VOC's at uncontrolled well and controlled well
- 2008 Targeted Well Study
  - SNMOC's and carbonyls, 24-hour
  - 8 wells (4 drilling activities, 4 completion activities)



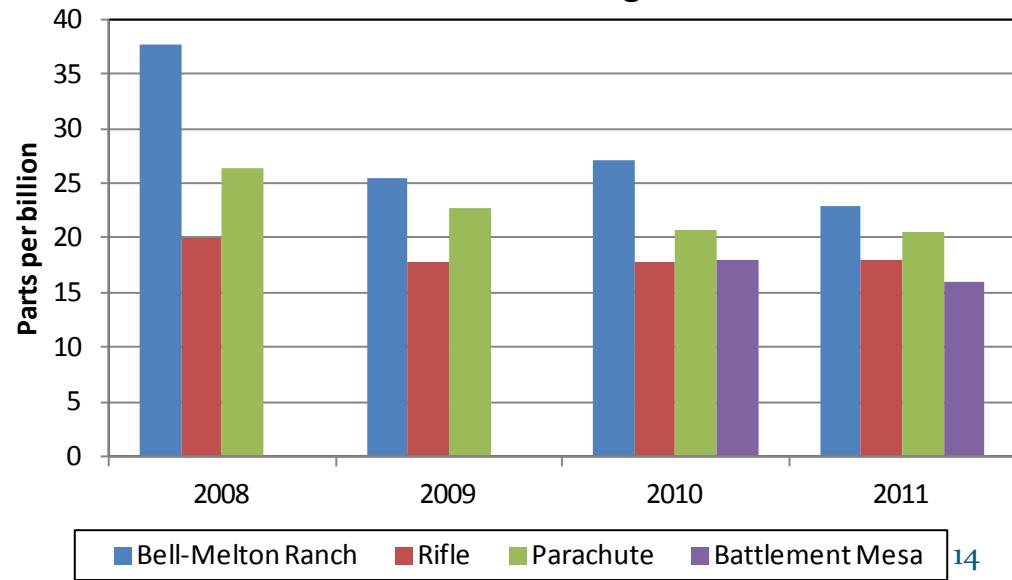
## 2008 - 2011 Air Quality Monitoring Sites

### Ethane Annual Averages

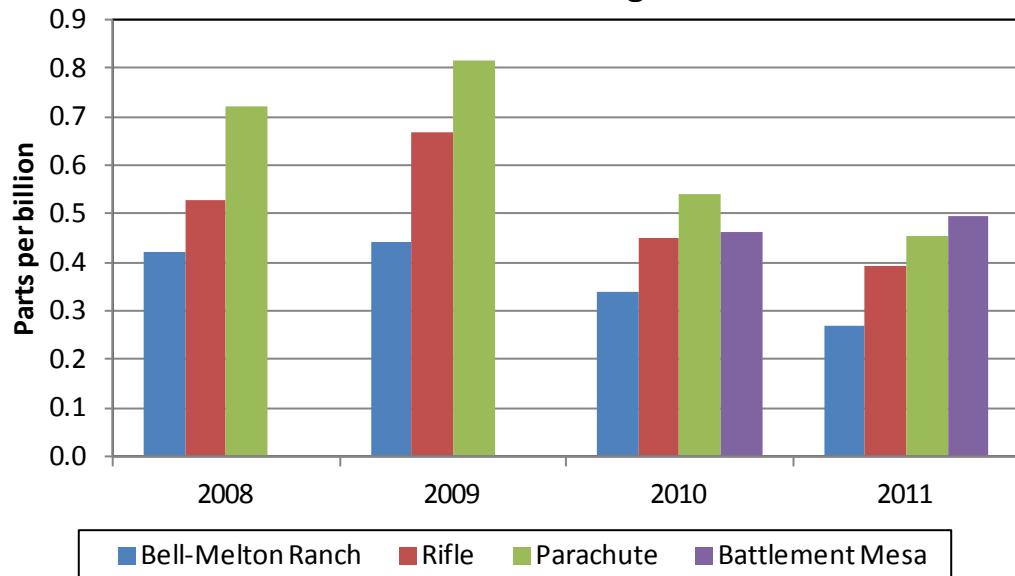


Select organics that are typically O&G-related

### Propane Annual Averages

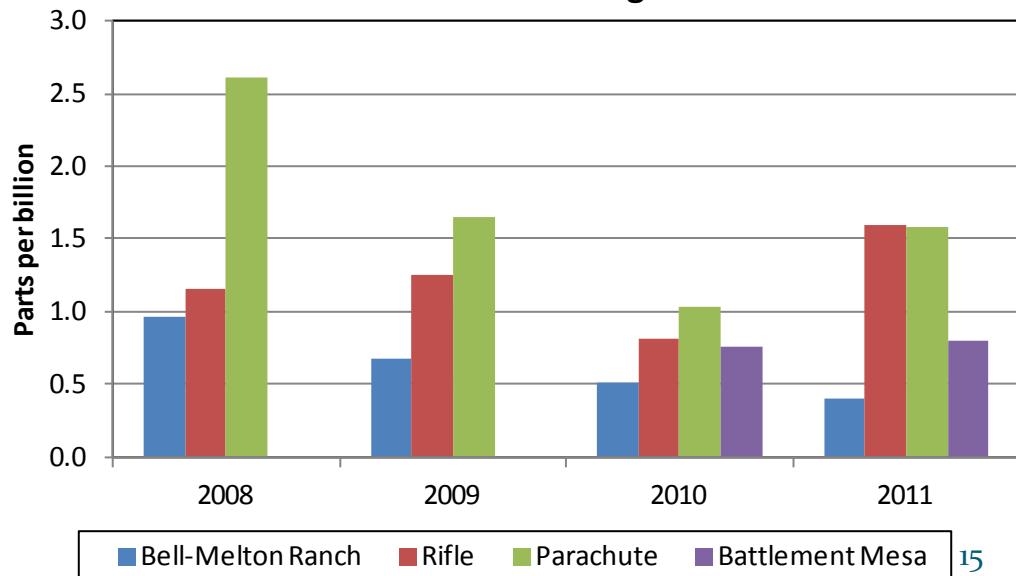


### Benzene Annual Averages

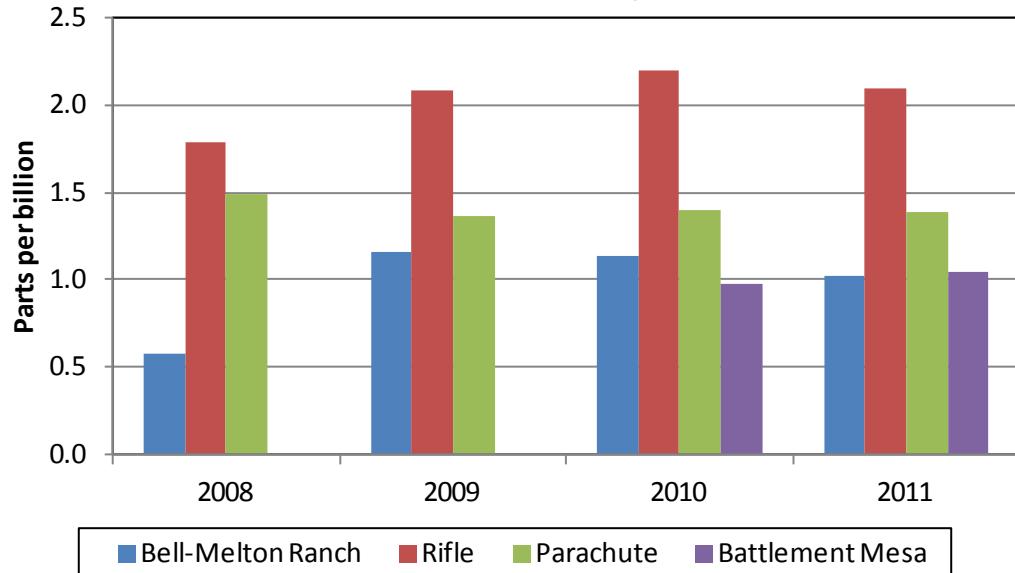


Select organics that are urban and O&G-related

### Toluene Annual Averages

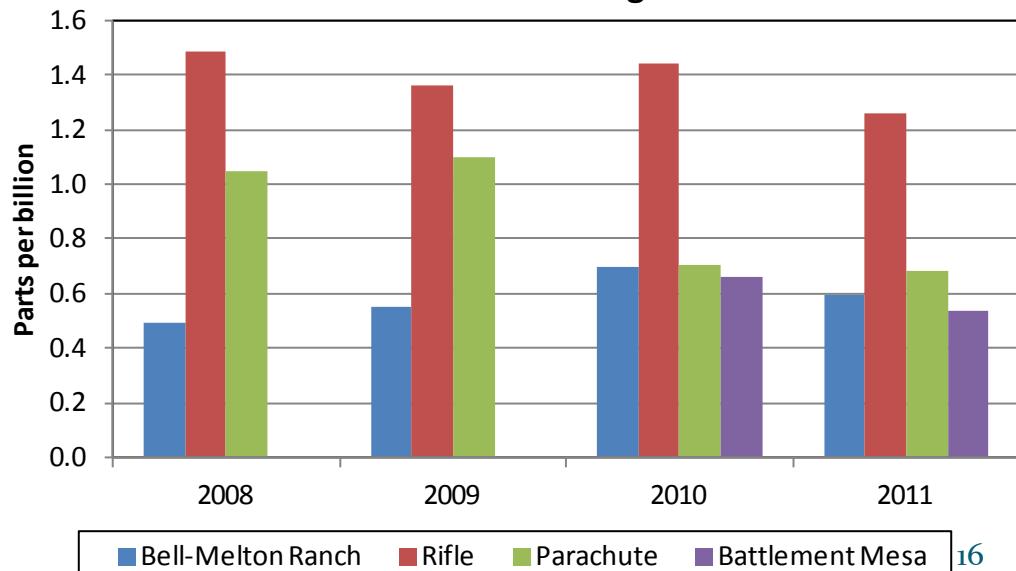


## Ethylene Annual Averages



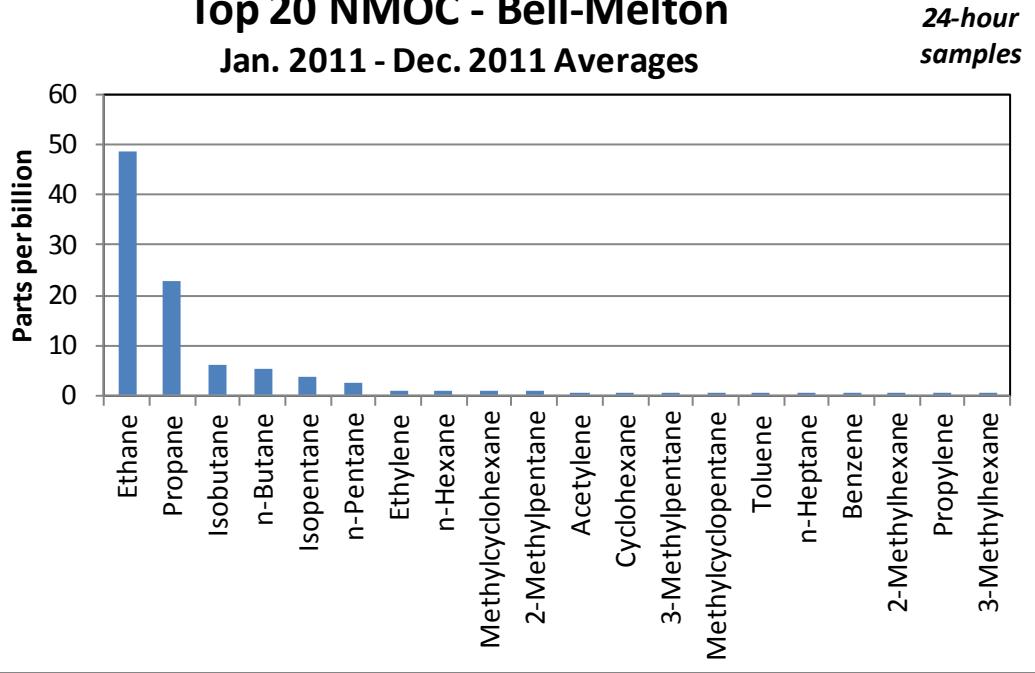
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## Acetylene Annual Averages



## Top 20 NMOC - Bell-Melton

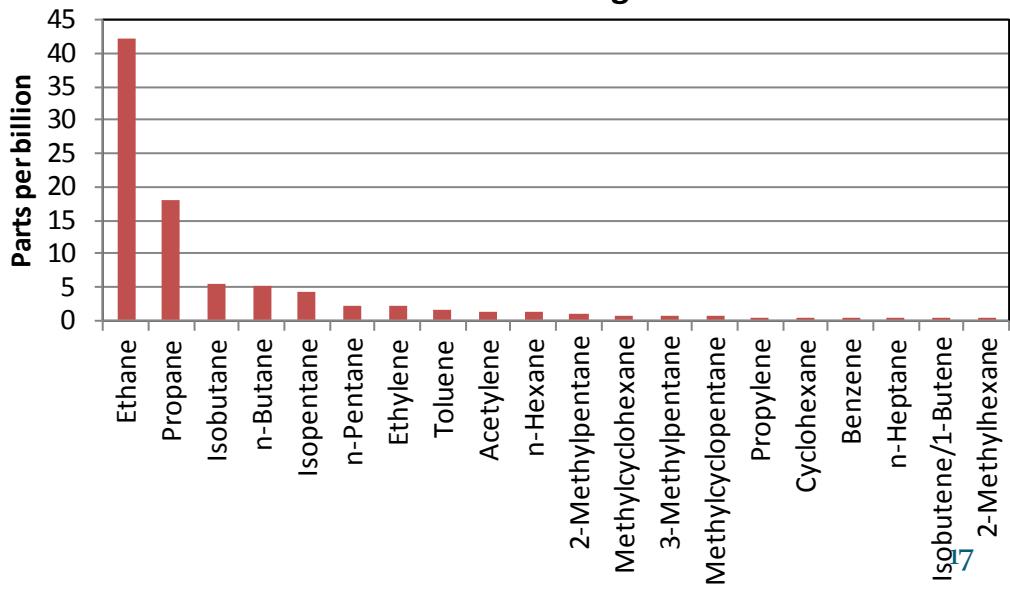
Jan. 2011 - Dec. 2011 Averages



# Top 20 NMOC's

## Top 20 NMOC - Rifle

Jan. 2011 - Dec. 2011 Averages

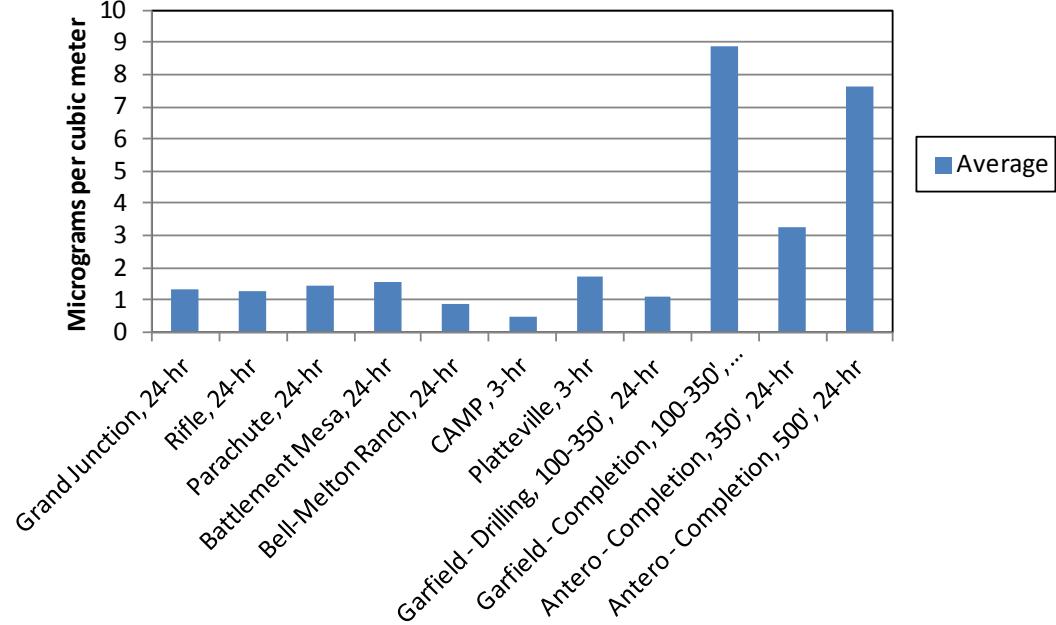


# Focus on Benzene

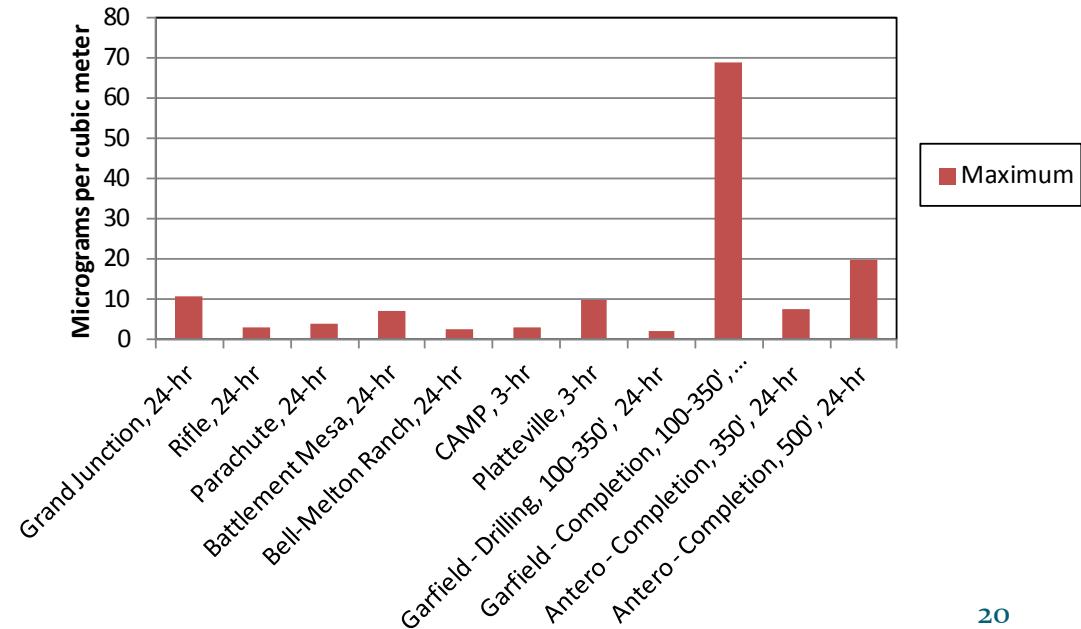
# Recent benzene data

Site	Date period	Sample time length	Number of samples	Avgverage ug/m3	Maximum ug/m3
Grand Junction	2011	24-hour	60	1.333	10.543
Rifle	2011	24-hour	51	1.260	2.780
Parachute	2011	24-hour	50	1.450	3.690
Battlement Mesa	2011	24-hour	50	1.580	6.870
Bell-Melton Ranch	2011	24-hour	54	0.860	2.640
CAMP	Dec. 2011-Mar 2012	3-hour	28	0.489	2.987
Platteville	Dec. 2011-Mar 2012	3-hour	35	1.732	9.691
Garfield - Drilling, 100-350' to well head	2008	24-hour	20	1.117	1.816
Garfield - Completion, 100-350' to well head	2008	24-hour	20	8.866	68.686
Antero - Completion, 350' to well head	2010	24-hour	4	3.259	7.667
Antero - Completion, 500' to well head	2010	24-hour	4	7.646	19.914

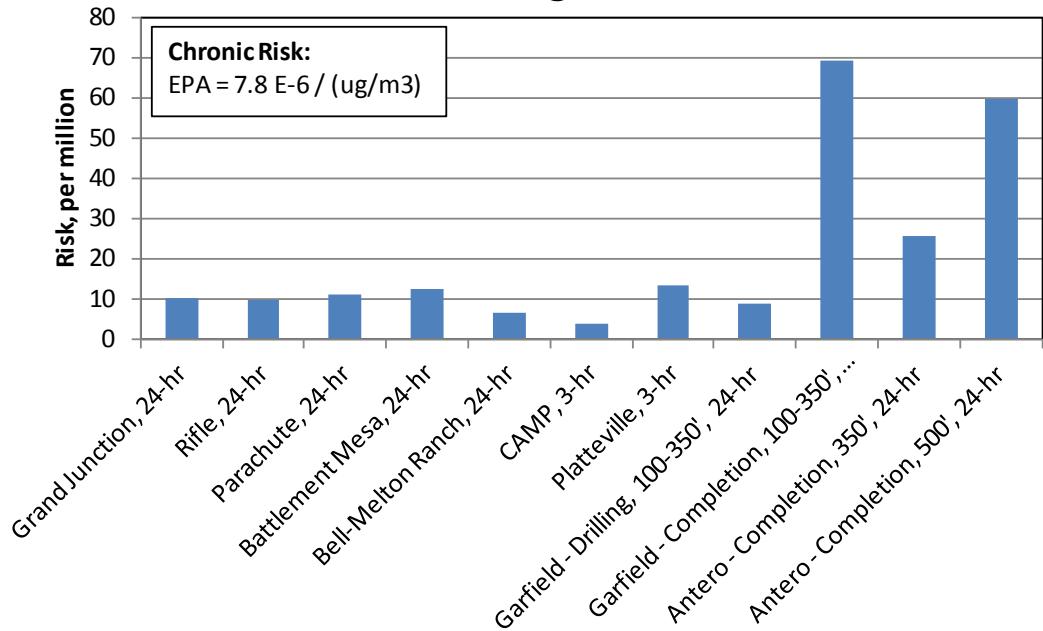
## Benzene, Average concentration



## Benzene, Maximum concentration



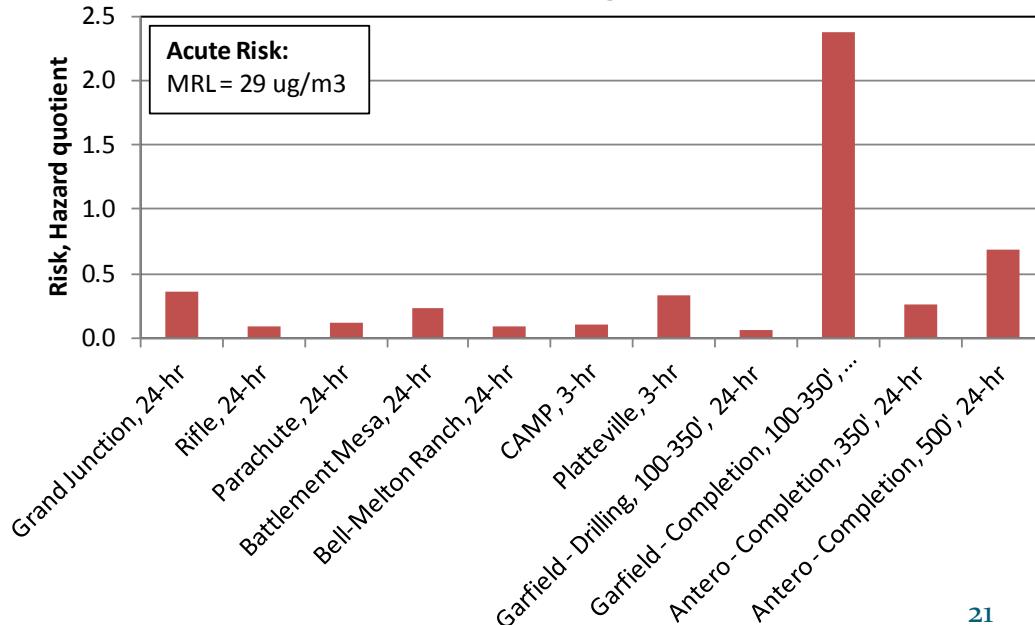
## Benzene, screening chronic cancer risk



(Chronic risk based on average of data)

(Acute risk based on maximum value of data)

## Benzene, screening acute risk



# Questions?

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