EVE 402 Air Pollution Generation and Control

Homework #1 Due: Friday, 30 August, 2019

- 1. The ozone concentration $[O_3]$ sometimes reaches a value of 0.25 ppm over a 1-hr period in urban areas with photochemical smog problems. Determine by what percentage this level exceeds the pre-1997 national ambient standard of 240 μ g/m³ for the given time period, if the temperature is 25°C.
- 2. The primary air quality standard for NO_x expressed as NO₂ as an annual average is 100 μ g/m³. What is the equivalent concentration in ppm at 25°C?
- 3. The visibility due to scattering only is found to be 3.0 km. What percentage of light will pass through a length of 0.3 km if the limit of visibility is defined as (a) a 98% reduction, and (b) a 99% reduction in the original light intensity?
- 4. Air at 25°C and 1 atm has 78% by volume N₂, 21% by volume O₂, and 0.05% by volume methyl ethyl ketone (MEK, CH₃CH₂COCH₃).
 - a. What is the concentration of each component in ppm?
 - b. What is the concentration of each in $\mu g/m^3$?
- 5. A PM₁₀ sampler was operated for a 24-hr period at a flowrate of 1.7 m³/min. At the end of the period, the filter had a weight gain of 0.53 grams after being desiccated. Determine the concentration of PM₁₀ in μ g/m³.
- 6. Consider that cigarette smoke contains an average of 450 ppm carbon monoxide. If the average oxygen content in the air in the lungs is 19.0%, what percentage of the saturation level would the COHb concentration ultimately reach?