## Mass Aerosol Drift Component Sampling Device for Evaluating Mosquito Adulticide Applications

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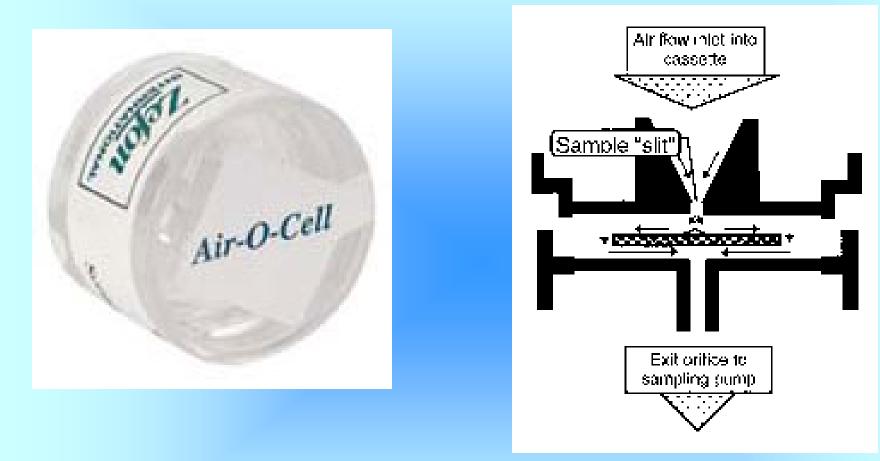
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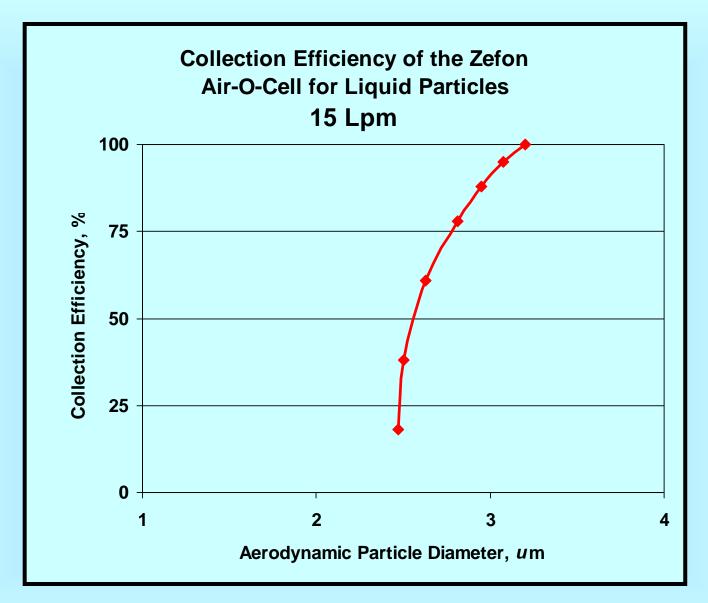
### **Mass Aerosol Drift Component**

- The mass (weight) of aerosol passing a particular point.
- Amount of aerosol available for adult control.
- Drop density when combined with aerosol spectra sampling.
- Part of the predictive equation for adult control.
- Related to the amount of aerosol available for inhalation.

# **Air Sampling Cassette**



The *Air-O-Cell*® operates upon the principle of inertial impaction. Particulate laden air is accelerated as it is drawn through the cassettes tapered inlet slit and directed towards a small slide containing the collection media, where the particles become impacted, and the air flow continues out the exit orifice.



Willeke, K. 1998. *Final Report, Cut-Size Evaluation of Air-O-Cell Sampler*. Zefon International-Analytical Accessories, St. Petersburg, FL.

## **Sample Collection Slide**



## **Sampler Features**

- Samples Drops > 3 um.
- Wind Direction Neutral.
- Droplet Spectra Collection is Wind Speed Independent.

# **Mass Aerosol Sampling Station**



#### **Evaluation Protocol**

- The aerosol cloud was generated by a truck mounted Leco ULV unit.
- Inert oil Orchex 796 with 0.25% Uvitex OB fluorescent dye was used as the aerosol.
- The air flow for sampling was set to 15 Lpm.
- Quantification of aerosol collection was by fluorometry.
- Aerosol collections were made 50, 100, 200, 300 feet from spray line.
- Six spray passes were made for each collection.
- Air-O-Cell cassettes were placed in a closed box following sampling.
- Spray tank samples were taken at spray time for baseline oil fluorescence analysis.
- Blank samples were taken by sampling for 5 minutes without spray.
- Drop spectra was measured with rotary impinger (600 rpm).

#### **Fluorescence Analysis**

- 0.3 ml of tank sample was diluted in 30 ml hexane.
  Further dilution was as 0.03 ml placed in 10 ml hexane.
- Target slides from Air-O-Cell were place in 3 ml hexane.
- All materials used were tested previously for leaching of fluorescent dyes.
- Fluorescence was measured by a Turner Designs TD700 Fluorometer with appropriate filters for Uvitex OB dye.
- Eluted Samples were kept refrigerated prior to analysis

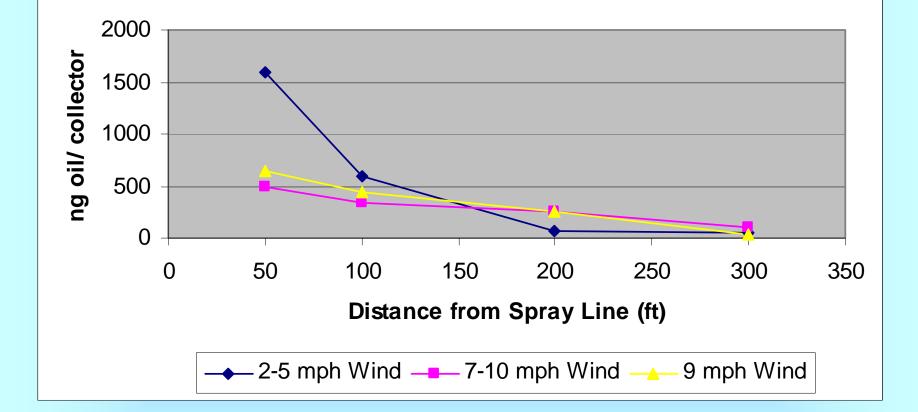
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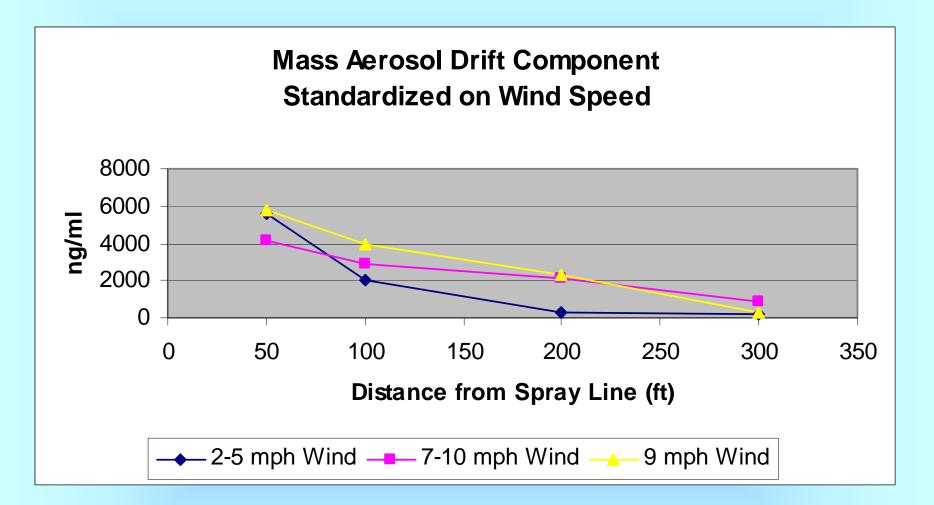
- 5 ul of fluorescent tank sample was placed on a virgin target slide removed an Air-O-Cell cassette.
- The sample was deposited on the adhesive material in the center of the slide.
- The sample was kept in the dark and room temperature for 3 hours before placed in 3 ml of hexane.
- The sample was further diluted 5 *u*l in 200 *u*l hexane at the time of measurement.
- Procedure was performed in triplicate.
- Recovery from target slide was compared to direct dilution of tank sample.

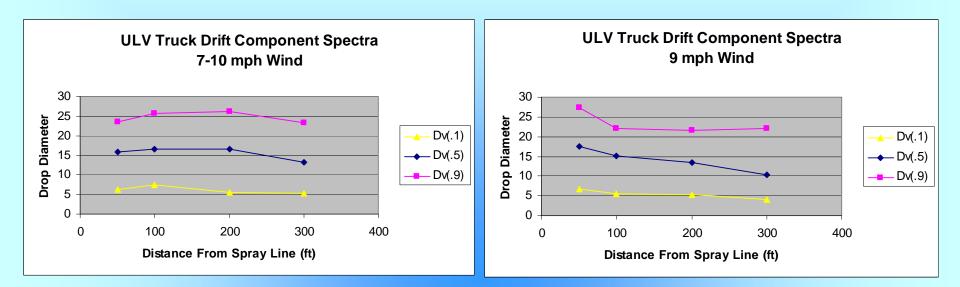
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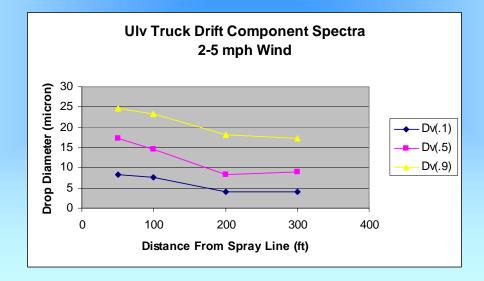
Tank Sample	0.00202 gm Uvitex OB/ml
Air-O-Cell target slide recovery	0.00193 gm Uvitex OB/ml
Recovery	95.5 %

## Mass Aerosol Drift Component for ULV Truck Application









# Summary

- The Air-O-Cell air sampler was successful in collecting aerosols generated by mosquito adulticide ULV equipment.
- A measure of the maximum amount of aerosol passing a particular point in the treated zone was obtained.

### **The Whole Enchilada**



**Adult Mortality** 







#### **Droplet Spectra**



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