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I am pleased to announce that the NADP’s Ammonia Monitoring Network Special Study (AMoN) was approved as an official NADP network at the October meeting of the NADP’s Executive Committee. The first AMoN samples were deployed in November 2007, and there are 1550 sample sets in the dataset. Thank you for your efforts that made the AMoN Special Study a success!

As an official network, preliminary data reports will be sent to site operators and supervisors each month. Your preliminary data report will come in a separate email if we have your email address. Please respond to any “Reviewer Questions” shown in the report. Let me know if you prefer to receive the report in hard copy.

All data from the AMoN special study will be maintained as part of the official AMoN data set. All data is posted on the NADP website at http://nadp.isws.illinois.edu/nh3net/data/. Please note this site is no longer password-protected, and continued development of the website is planned.

Effective 01 January 2011, there will be a few changes to the field deployment of samplers. This will include a reduction in the number of samplers and travel blanks deployed in each sample set. These changes will make the network cost-effective while continuing to meet the data quality objectives. I will let you know of these changes in advance, and site operators will receive a note in their sampler box. The current field SOP is posted online at http://nadpweb.sws.uiuc.edu/ops/cal/SOPs%20Final/SS-4070.3.pdf