### ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE IN A RESTAURANT NON-SMOKING AREA: A CASE STUDY

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## **Purpose of Study**

• Test the performance of a directional-flow energy recovery ventilation system in a pub that segregates smoking and non-smoking areas, and its effectiveness in providing *non-smoking areas ETS concentrations* comparable to the ETS concentrations in similar facilities where indoor smoking is prohibited.

## **Target Facility**



- Black Dog Pub located in Scarborough, Ont. (Suburb of Toronto)
- Seating for 45 patrons in bar plus 90 in dining area
- Serves drinks and food
- Segregated smoking and non-smoking sections
- Use of a energy-recovery ventilation system.

## Interior



Boundary

Non-smoking section







## Conceptual Schematic of a Heat Recovery Ventilation System



#### Exhaust Side

Air Intake Side

### Estimated fraction of Black Dog heat recovered: 78%

## Other Features of the Black Dog Pub Ventilation System

- Heat recovery ventilation system at 3100 cfm
- Directional air flow from nonsmoking to smoking section.
- 1600 cfm added on west side NS section
- 1500 cfm added at S/NS boundary through three ceiling diffusers.
- All air exhausted from smoking section.



## "Comparative" Facilities Regulated Non-Smoking Establishments



#### Food court in a large mall



#### Indoor sports complex and bar



Multi-level bar in an historic hotel

Provide an *intuitive* air quality benchmark

# Indoor Air Constituents Measured

### • Real Time

- Temperature, RH, CO<sub>2</sub> (YES-206LH Falcon)
- Particulates (DustTrak)







Indoor Air Constituents Measured (continued)

 Integrated Samples
UVPM, FPM, Solanesol, Nicotine, 3-EP



# CO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations in Test Facilities



## Real Time Particle Concentration Black Dog, December 30



## Real Time Particle Concentration Mall Food Court at Lunchtime



### ETS Concentrations in the Smoking Section of the Black Dog Appear Similar to those in Other Taverns

	Concentrations, μg/m3 Mean ± Std. Dev.								
	UVPM	FPM	Sol-PM	Nicotine	<b>3-EP</b>				
Black Dog Smoking Section	95 ± 32	153 ± 32	165 ± 49	12.2 ± 19.3	1.7 ± 2.7				
Knoxville Single Room Bars (N = 26)	146 ± 107	133 ± 104	123 ± 113	21.9 ± 17.1	5.2 $\pm$ 3.3				

### Concentrations of ETS in Non-Smoking Areas Black Dog Pub vs Comparative Facilities

		Concentrations, ug/m3						
		UVPM	FPM	Sol-PM	Nicotine	3-EP		
Black Dog Non- Smoking Areas N = 12	Median	3.4	5.4	0.0	0.00	0.18		
	Mean	3.5	5.8	2.5	0.44	0.23		
	Std Dev	1.8	2.5	3.7	0.76	0.28		
	95 <sup>th</sup> %ile	6.4	9.6	8.1	1.75	0.70		
Non- Smoking Tavern & Food Court Areas N = 13	Median	5.2	8.6	1.5	0.00	0.00		
	Mean	4.6	7.2	2.6	0.21	0.07		
	Std Dev	2.3	4.0	5.5	0.28	0.10		
	95 <sup>th</sup> %ile	7.9	12.1	7.1	0.64	0.23		

# Conclusions and Policy Implications

- ETS levels in the non-smoking section of the Black Dog Pub statistically indistinguishable from those in similar regulated non-smoking facilities.
- If one is thoughtful about the design of a ventilation system for a hospitality venue, one can achieve with an HVAC system what otherwise might require the passage of legislation.
- Cost effective HVAC modification should include attention to layout, robust air exchange rates, directional airflow, and appropriate energy recovery systems.