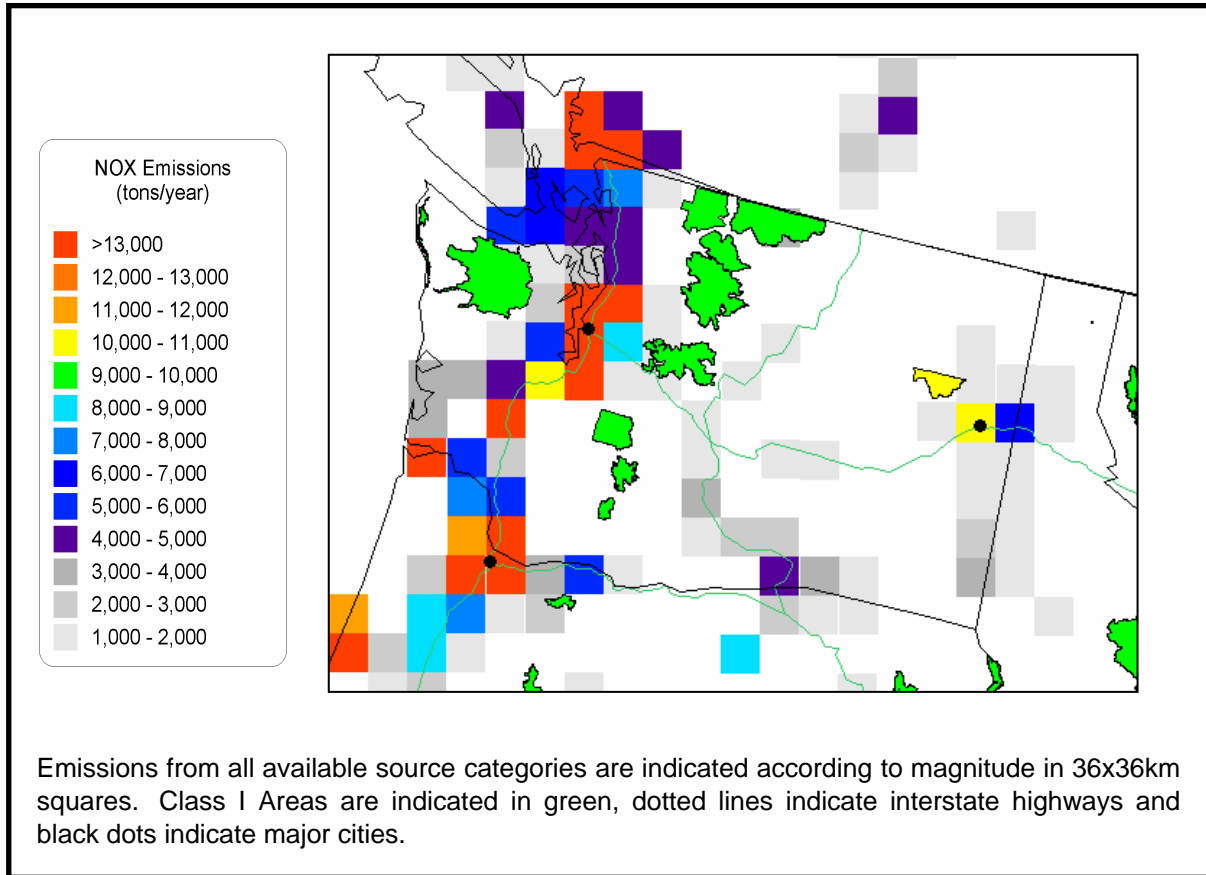
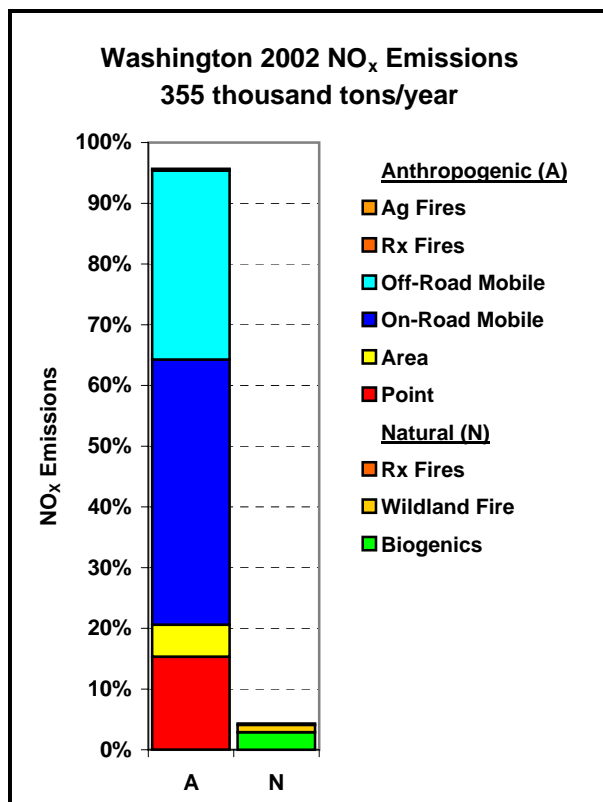


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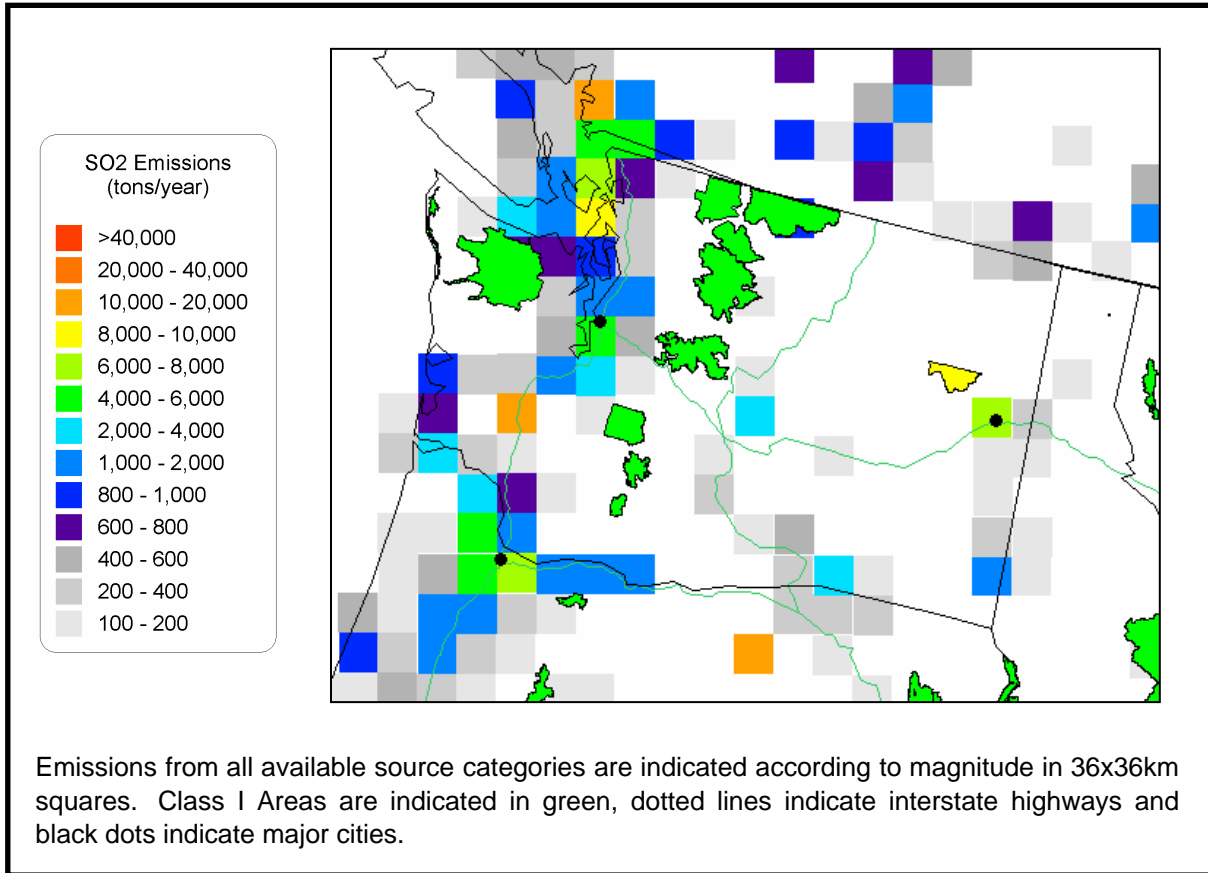


Nitrogen oxides (NO_x) form when fuel is burned at high temperatures. In Washington, 2002 emissions of NO_x were dominated by mobile sources (on-road and off-road) and point sources (industrial, commercial, and residential sources that burn fuel).

NO_x emissions are highly reactive and can form nitrate compounds (e.g. NH₄NO₃). These compounds can block the transmission of light, contributing to visibility reduction on a regional scale in our Class I Areas.

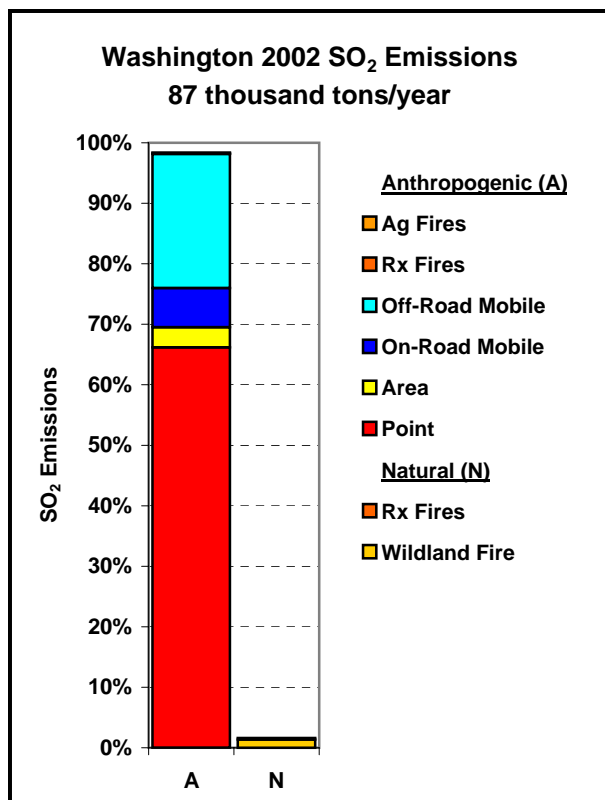


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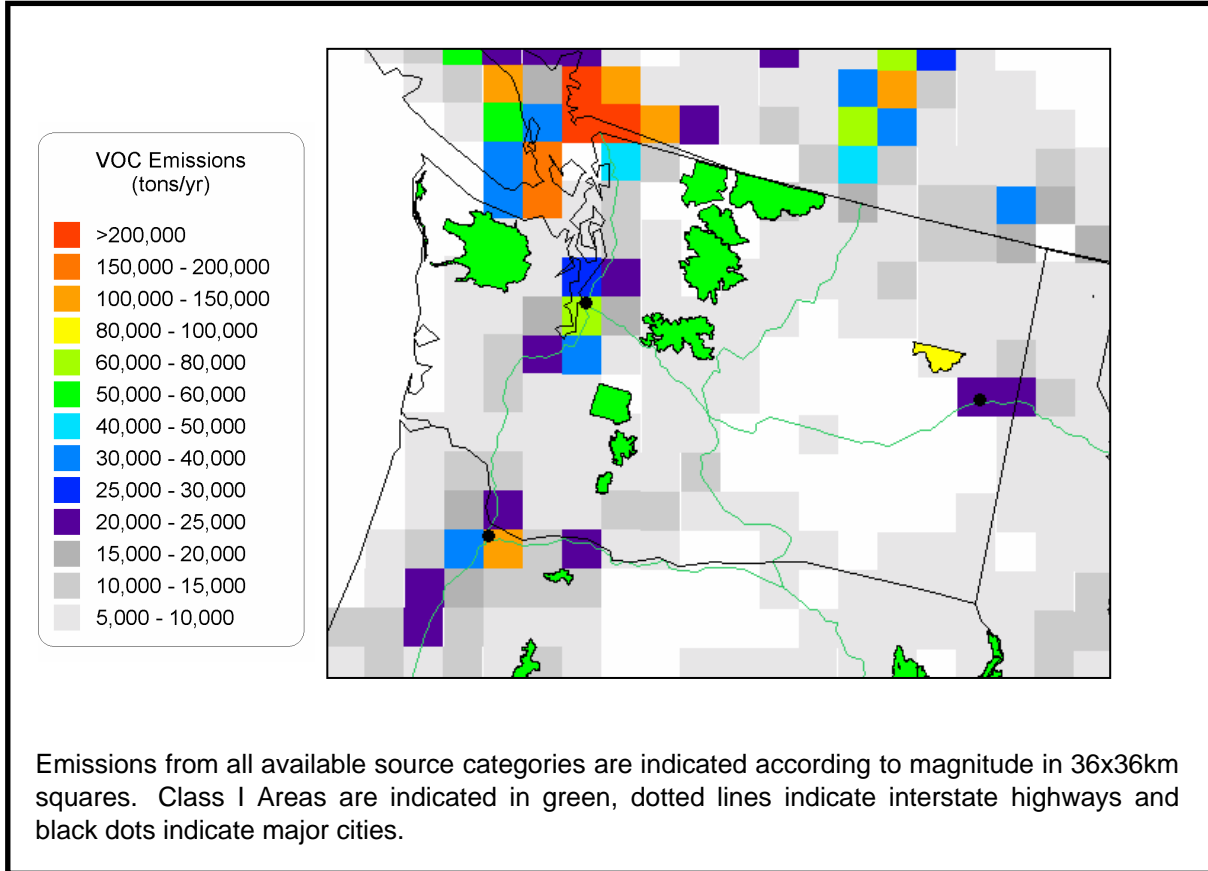


Sulfur oxide gases (SO_x) are formed when sulfur containing fuels, such as oil or coal, are burned, when gasoline is extracted from oil or when metals are extracted from ore. In Washington, 2002 emissions of SO₂ were dominated by point sources.

SO₂ dissolves in water vapor to form acid, and contributes to the formation of sulfate compounds (e.g. (NH₄)₂SO₄). These compounds can block the transmission of light, contributing to visibility reduction on a regional scale in our Class I Areas.

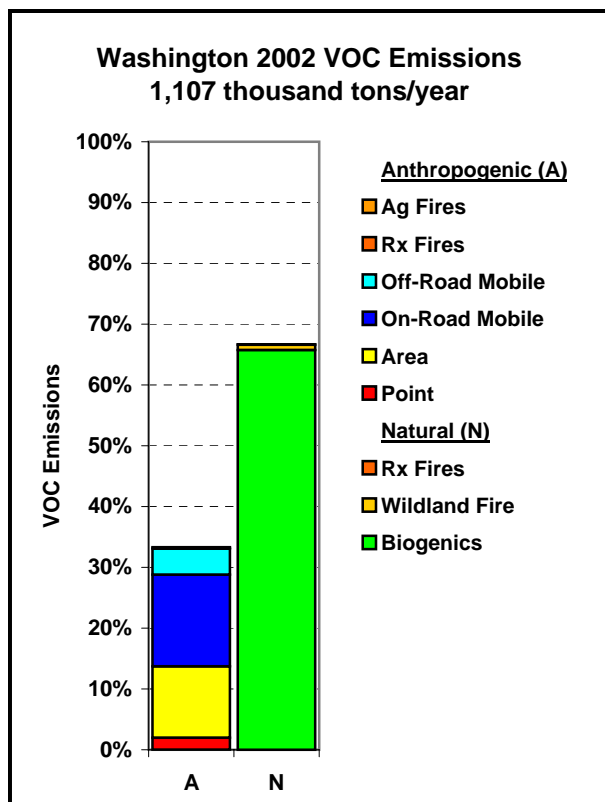


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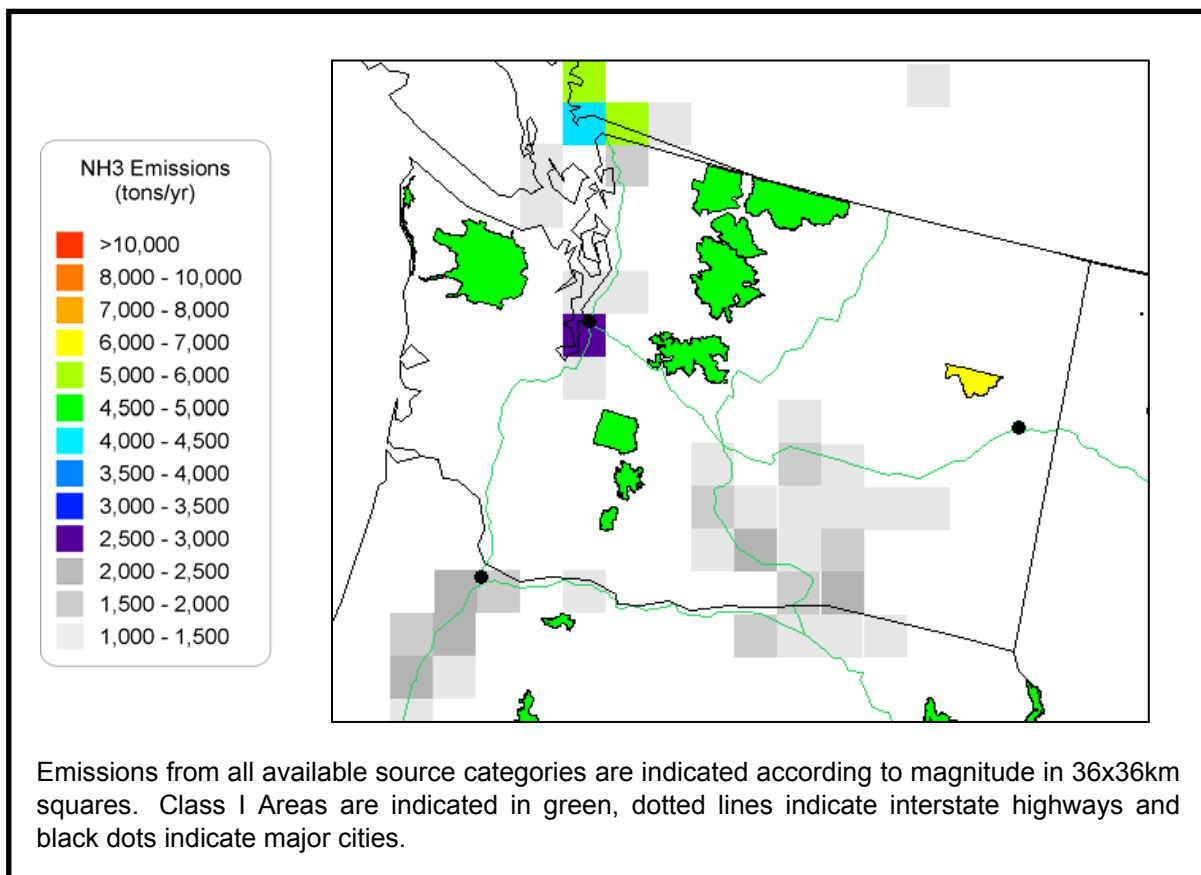


Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are released predominantly from plants (biogenics). VOCs are also released from burning fuel, such as gasoline, wood, coal, or natural gas, and from products such as solvents, paints and glues.

VOCs in the air react with oxides of nitrogen and sunlight to form ozone, which acts as a catalyst for particulate formation. VOCs may also condense to form particulate organic matter. These particulates can block the transmission of light, contributing to visibility reduction on a regional scale in our Class I Areas.

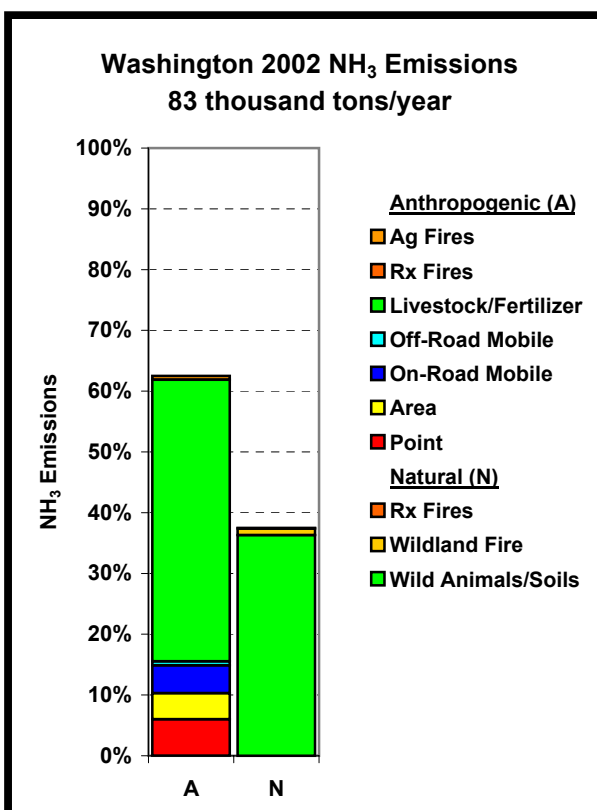


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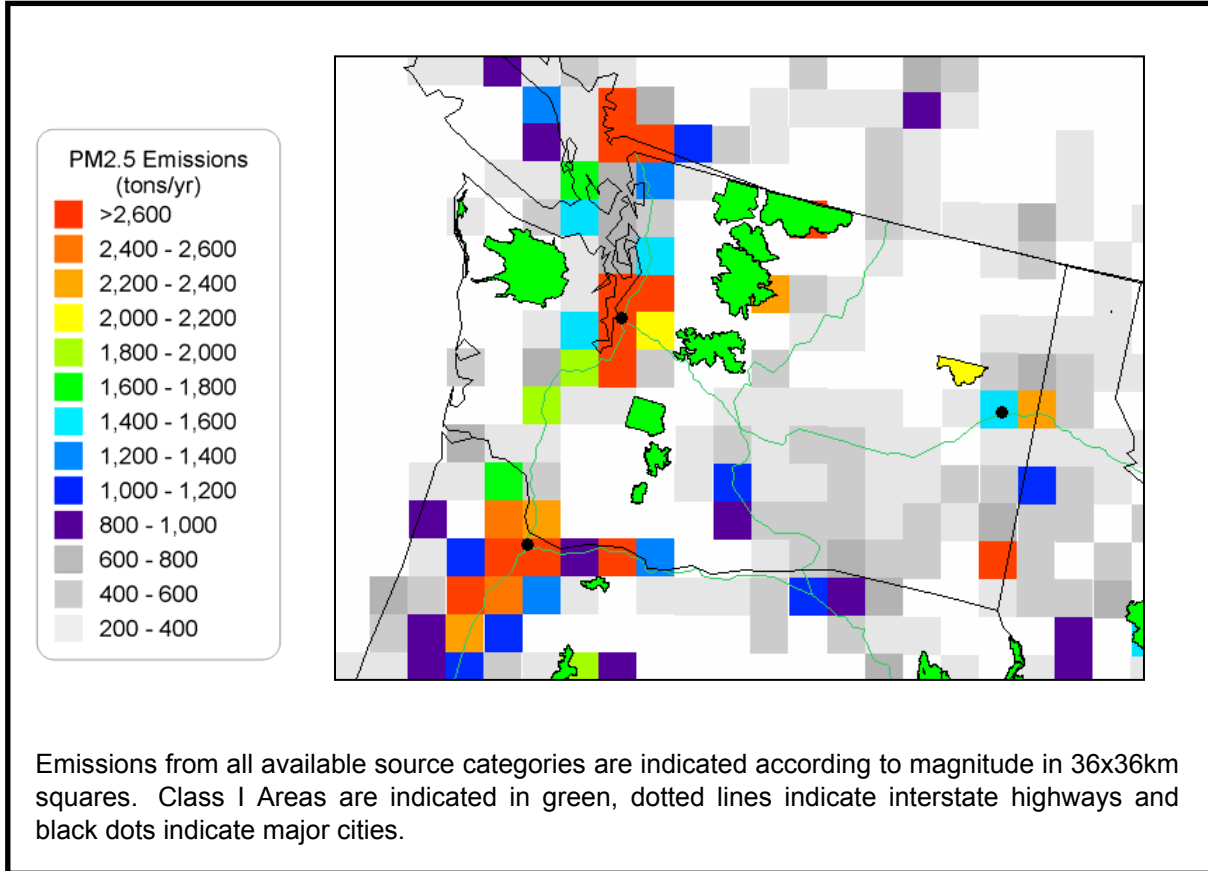


Ammonia (NH₃) is a naturally occurring, colorless gas found in the atmosphere, emitted from livestock or as a result of the breakdown of organic waste. It is also found in industrial activities; mainly the production of fertilizer.

NH₃ can neutralize sulfate aerosols to form ammonium sulfate ((NH₄)₂SO₄). Depending on temperature and relative humidity, an excess of NH₃ can react with NO_x emissions to form ammonium nitrate (NH₄NO₃) aerosols. These compounds can block the transmission of light, contributing to visibility reduction on a regional scale in our Class I Areas.

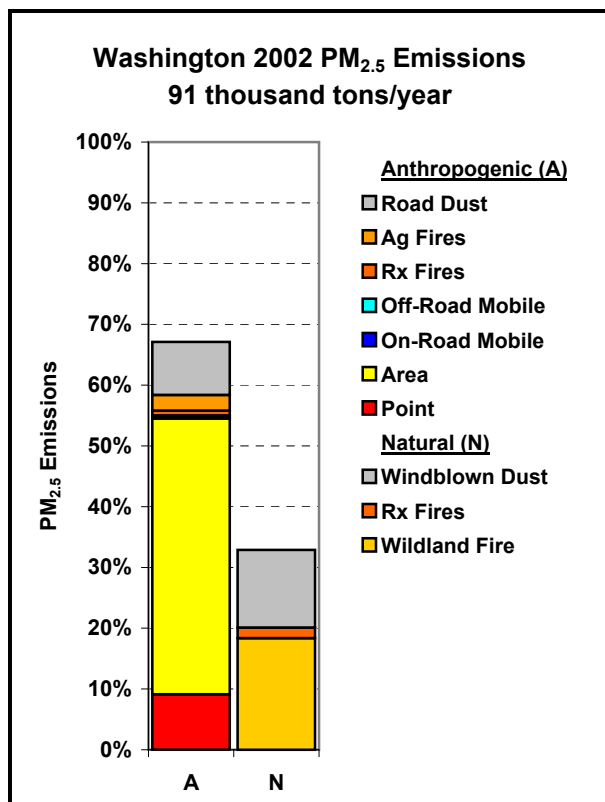


Washington PM_{2.5} Emissions WRAP Interim 2002 Inventory

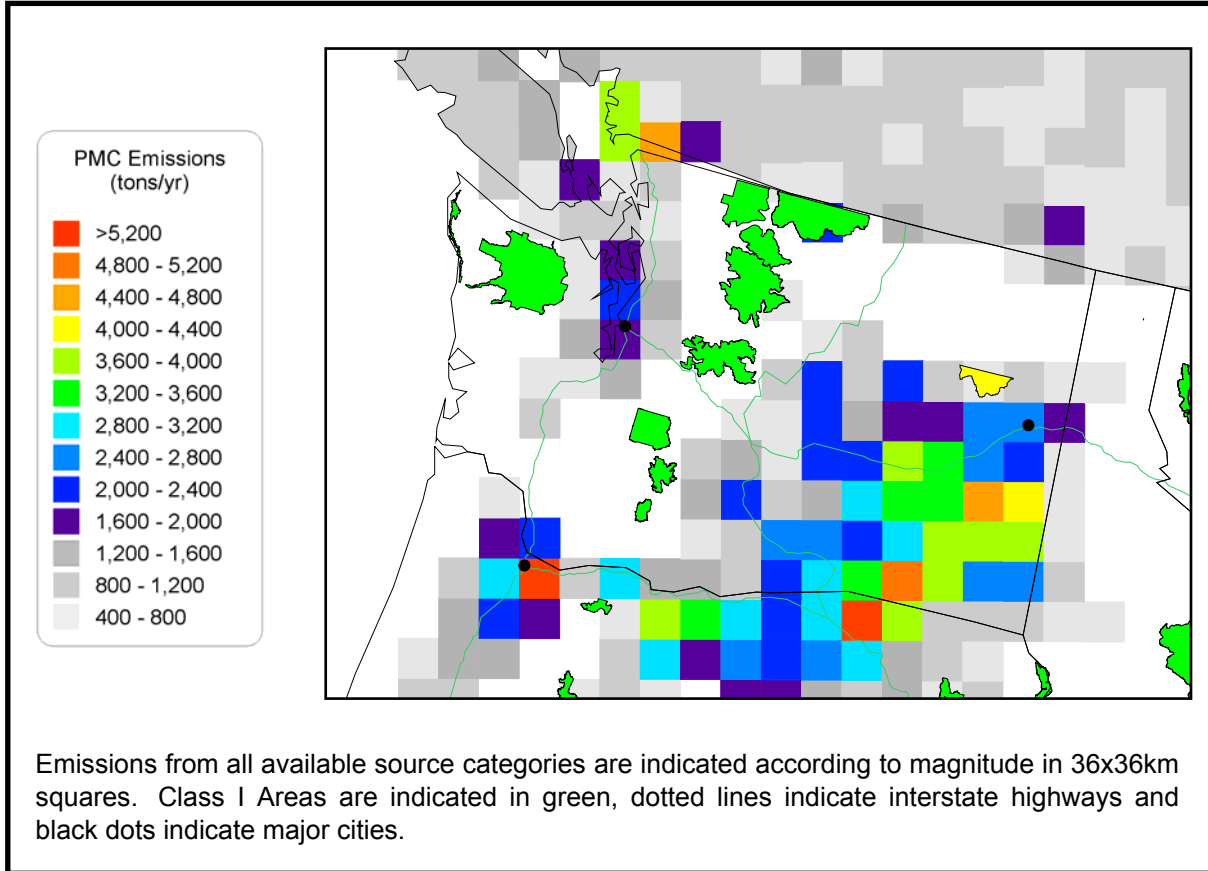


Aerosols with diameters less than 2.5 microns are referred to as PM_{2.5} or fine particulate matter. Sources of PM_{2.5} include combustion activities or mechanical grinding and soil material.

Fine particulate matter can remain suspended in the atmosphere for long periods of time and travel long distances. This makes PM_{2.5} a major source of haze that reduces visibility on a regional scale in our Class I Areas.



Washington PMC Emissions WRAP Interim 2002 Inventory



Aerosols with diameters between 2.5 and 10 microns are referred to as coarse particulate matter (PMC). Sources of PMC include crushing or grinding operations, combustion activities and soil materials.

Coarse particulate matter typically does not remain suspended as long or travel as far as $PM_{2.5}$. PMC can be a major source of haze that reduces visibility, especially on a local scale in our Class I Areas.

