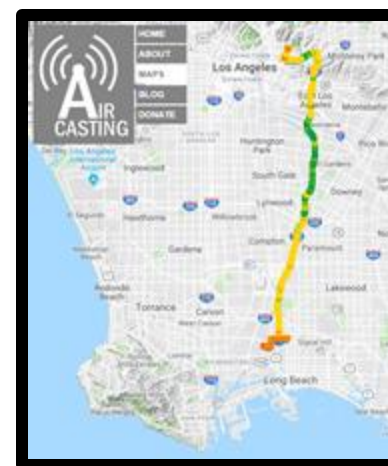


# Participatory Community Air Monitoring

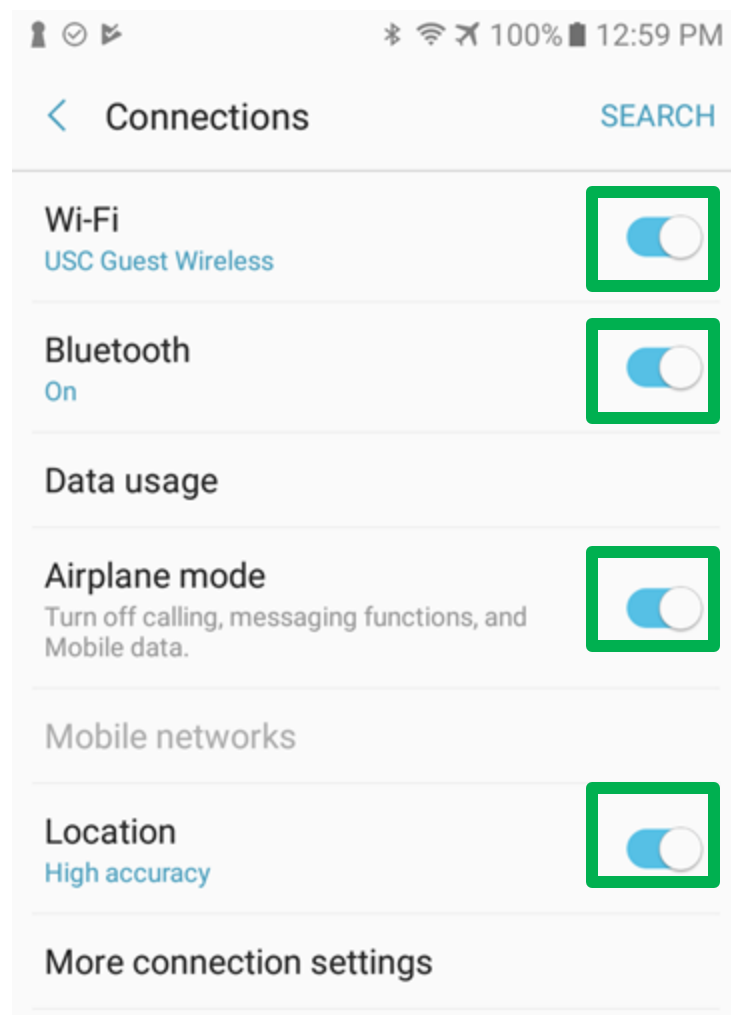
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# Phone Settings



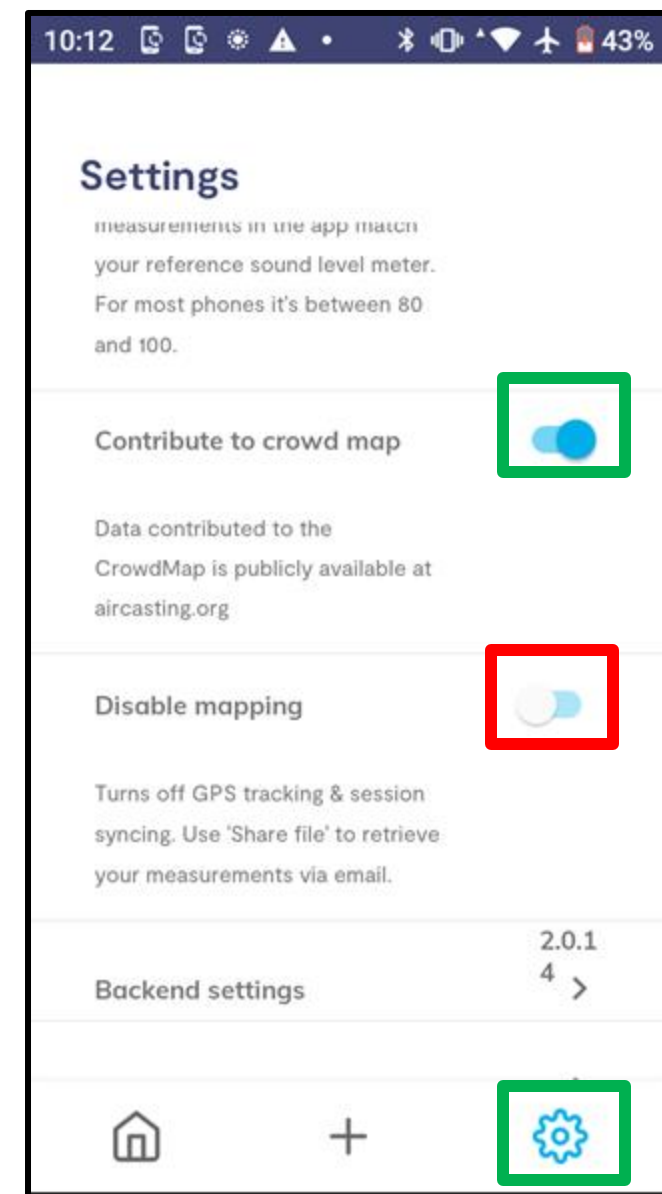
First:

- Turn on Airplane mode

Then:

- Turn on Bluetooth, Wifi (it does not have to be connected to a network), Location, make sure Low Power Mode is **off**

# App Settings



To go to settings, click the gear on the bottom right

Make sure "contribute to crowd map" is on and "Disable mapping" off

# AirBeam 3 Colors

Solid green for 180 seconds = ready to be configured, waiting for Bluetooth connection

Solid Blue = Bluetooth connected

Solid White for 120 seconds = AirBeam successfully configured and sending data

Blink White, once every ten seconds = Bluetooth connected and transmitting data

Blink Orange, once every ten seconds = standalone mode, Bluetooth disconnected, GPS fix present

Blink Yellow, once every ten seconds = standalone mode, Bluetooth disconnected, GPS fix missing

Blink Magenta, once every ten seconds = low power indicator, plug in your AirBeam

Solid Cyan = SD card syncing

# Turning on AirBeam 2 & 3



**OFF**

**Ready to pair**

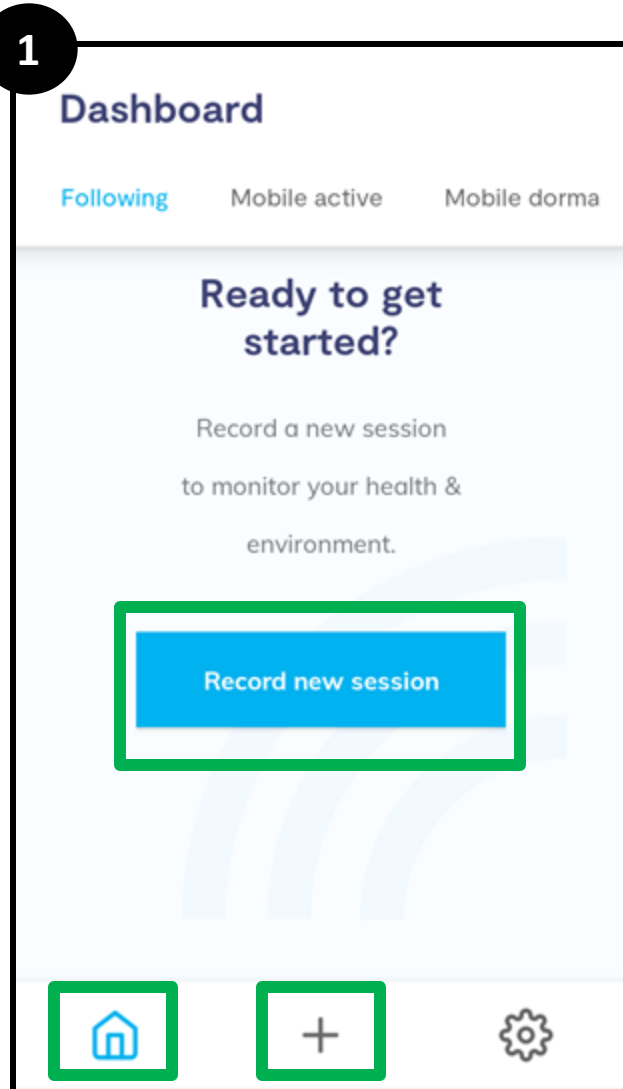
**Connected**

**Recording**

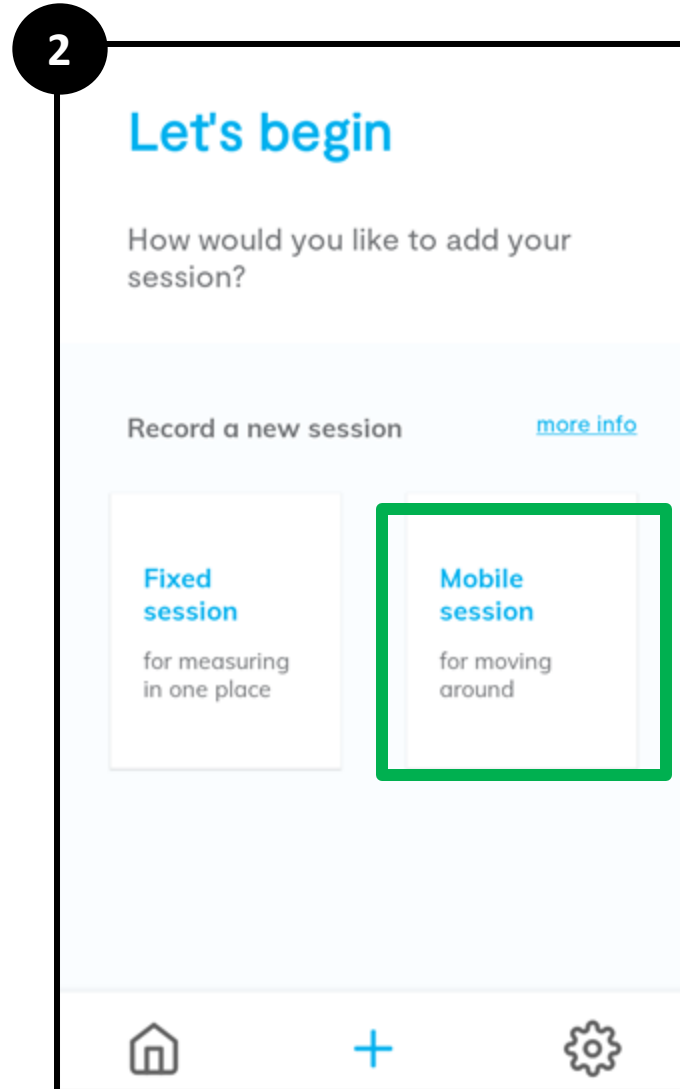


- To disconnect a wrong AirBeam, start over
- If the lights don't turn on after a while, try to connect AirBeam anyway

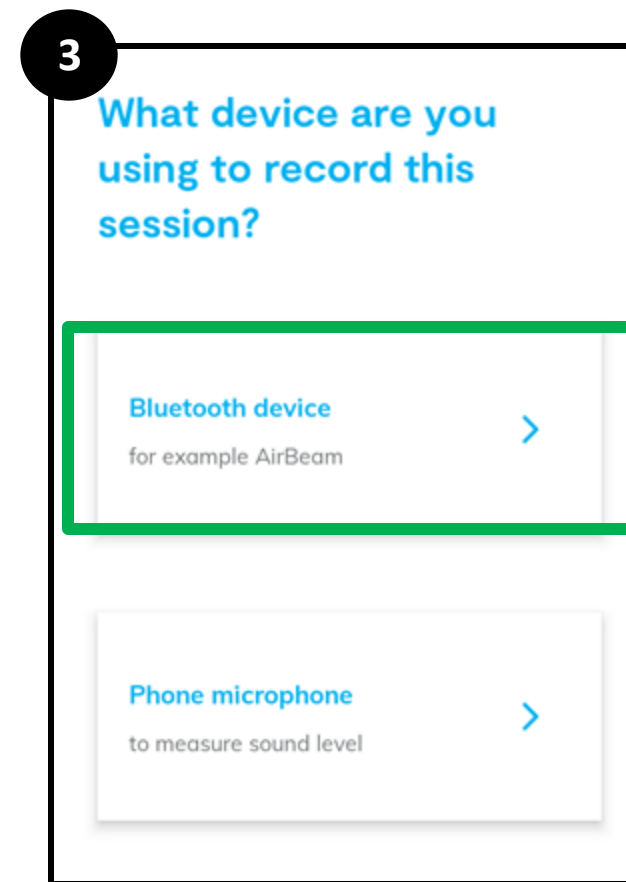
# Connecting AirBeam



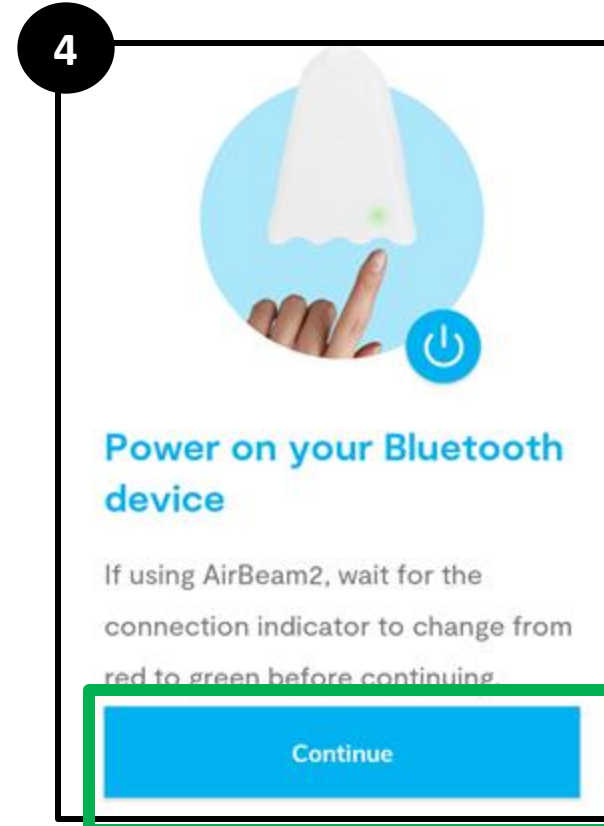
Either click the home icon to go to the dashboard OR. Click the + icon on the bottom of the screen. Then, click on **Record new session**



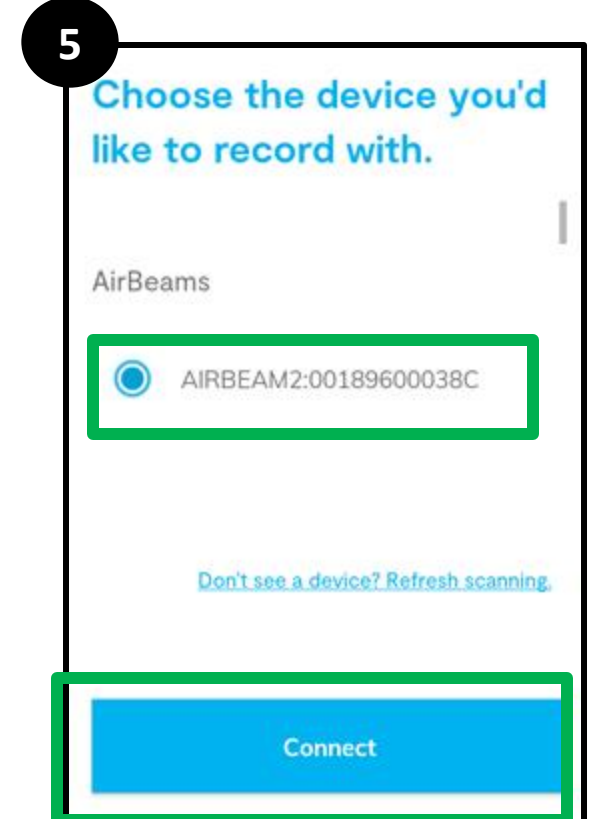
Click **Mobile Session**



Click **Bluetooth device**



Turn on AirBeam, if not turned on already, and Click **Continue**



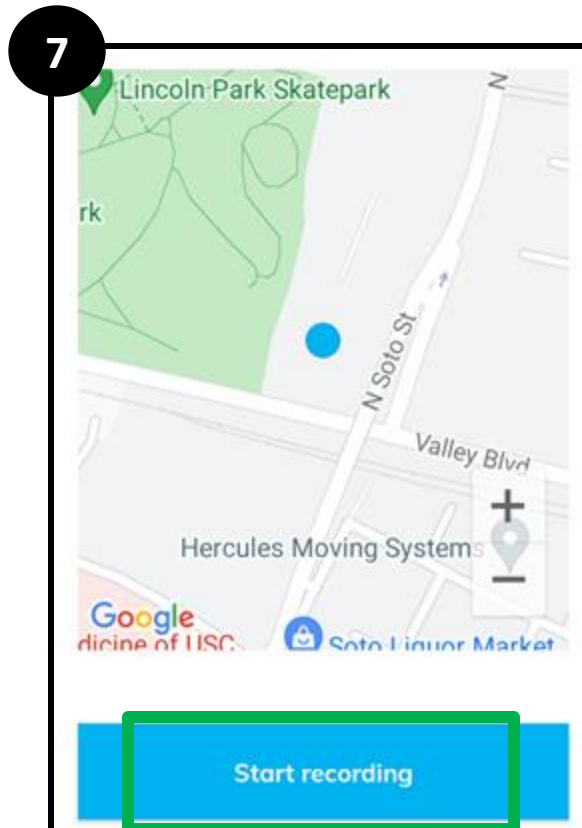
Click **Connect**



# AirCasting Session



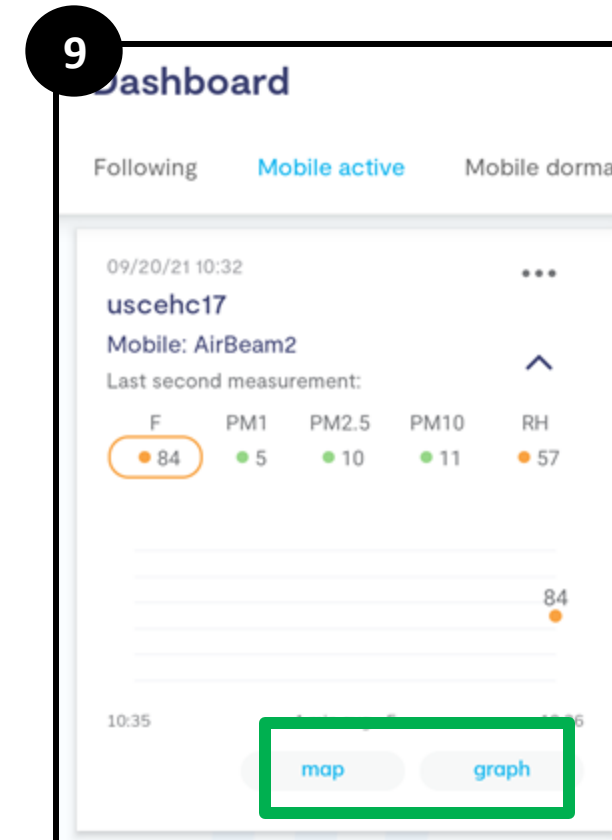
Name session using USCEHC\_\_. Click **Continue**



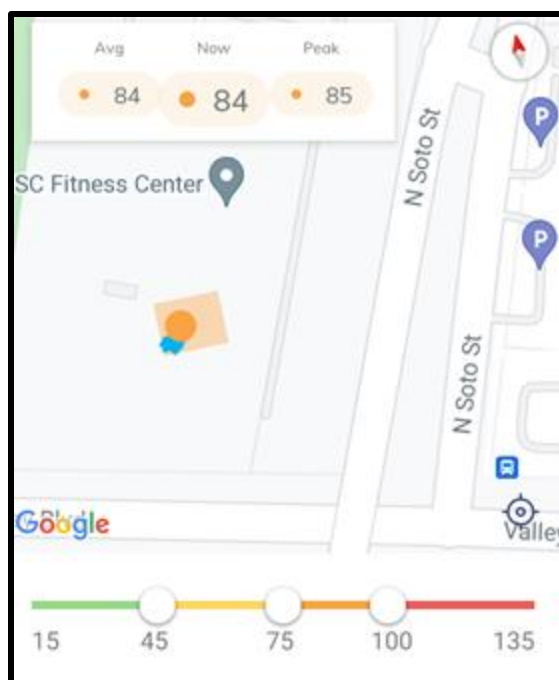
Click **Start Recording**



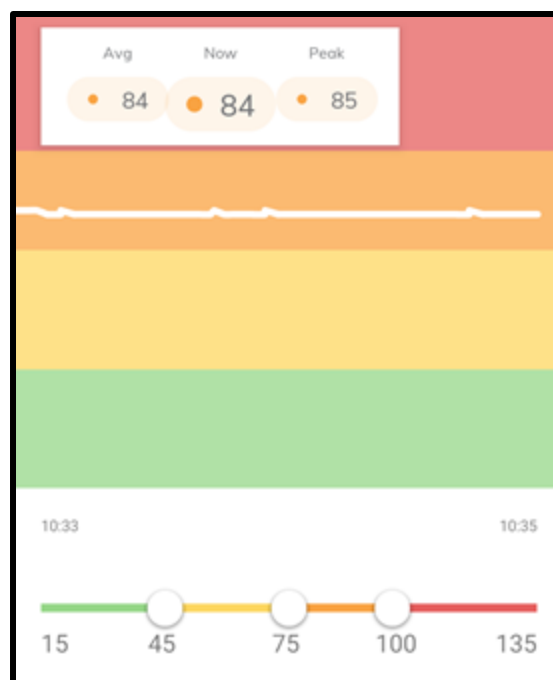
Click **Mobile active**, then click the down arrow



Click **map** or **graph**



map



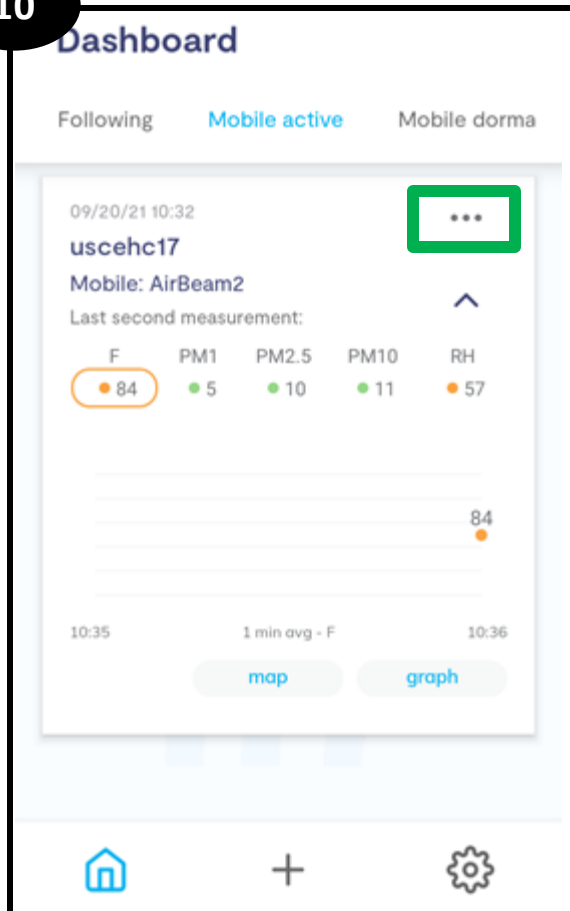
graph



Click on measurement you want to see (F, PM1, PM2.5, PM10, RH)

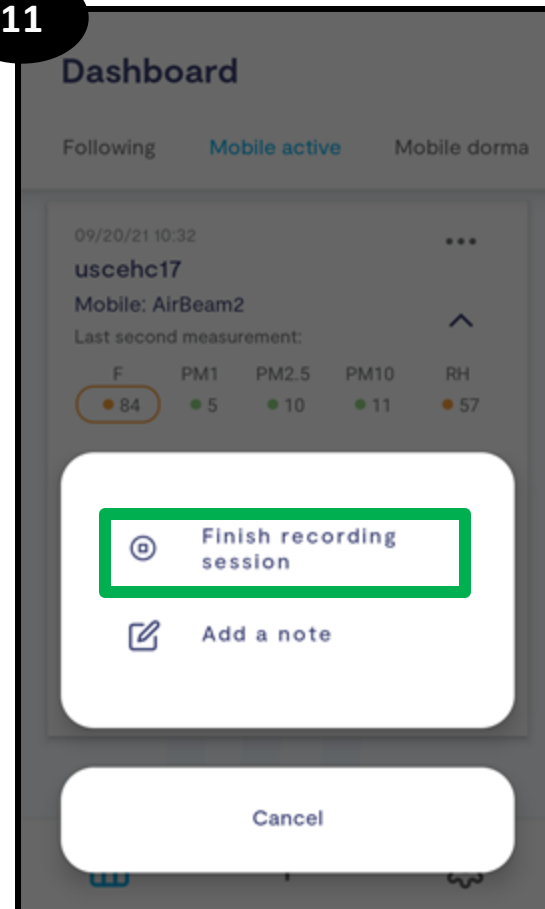
# End AirCasting Session

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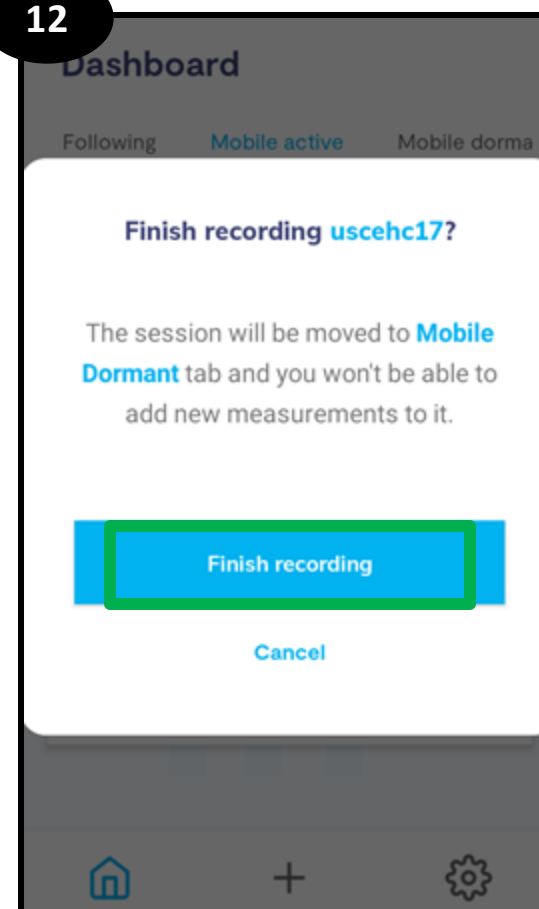
Click on the three dots

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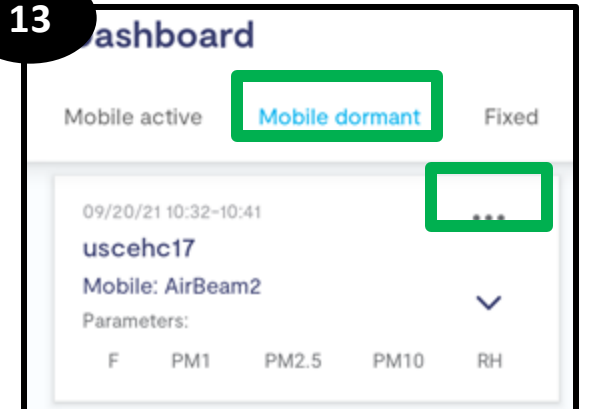
Click **Finish recording session**

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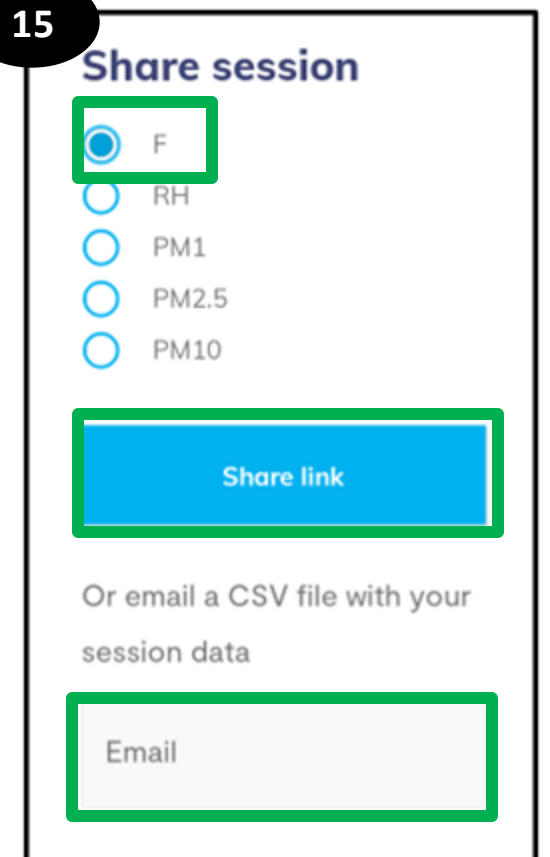
Click **Finish recording**

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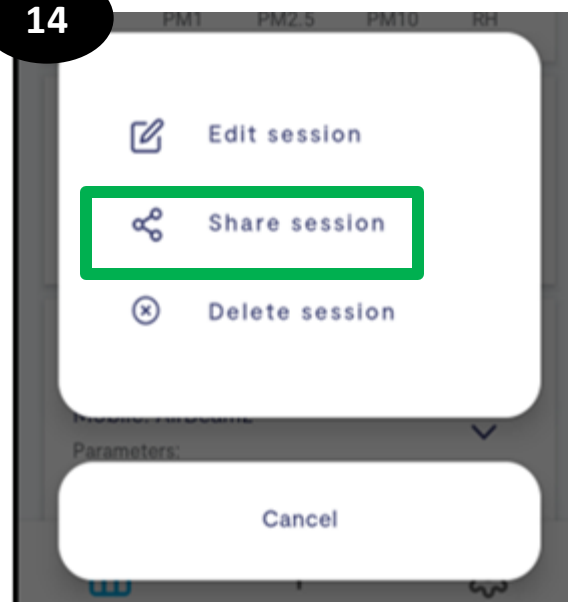
To view recorded sessions click **Mobile dormant** and click the three dots

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Choose desired measurement. Export data through **Share link** or **Email**

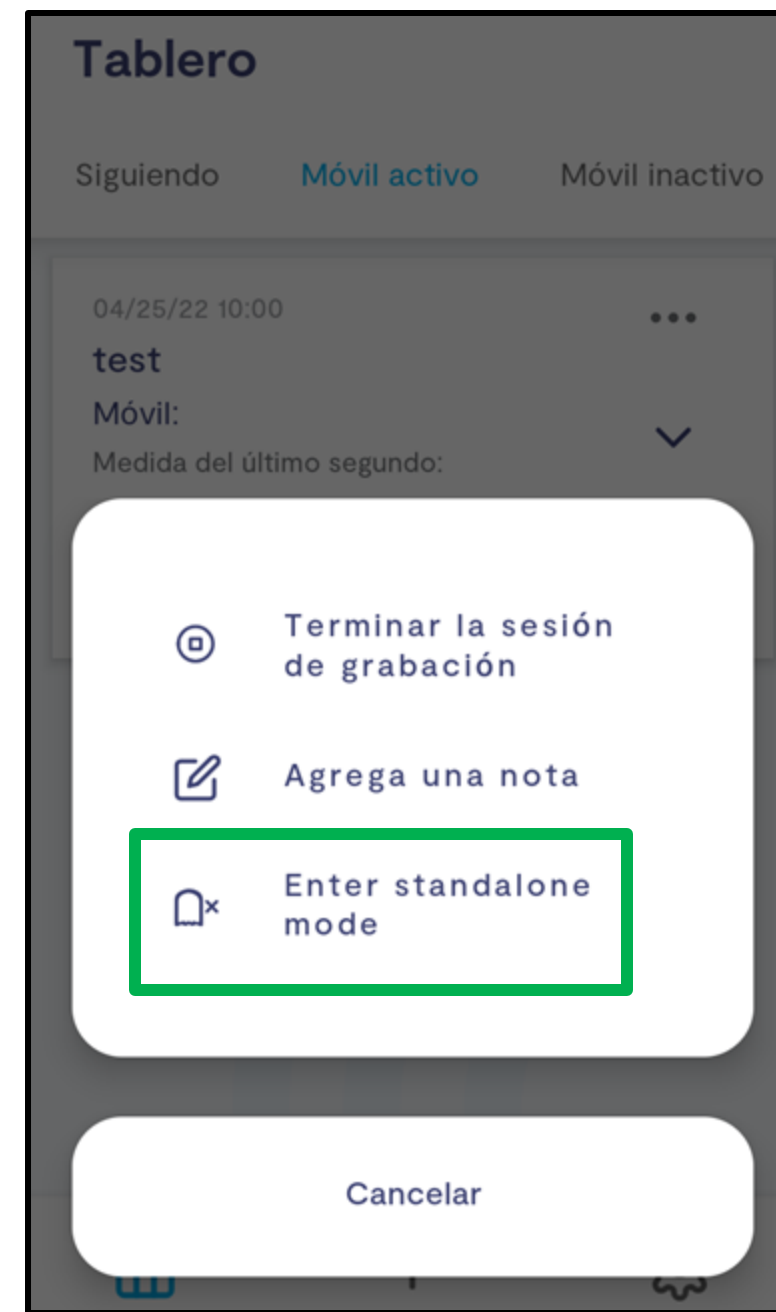
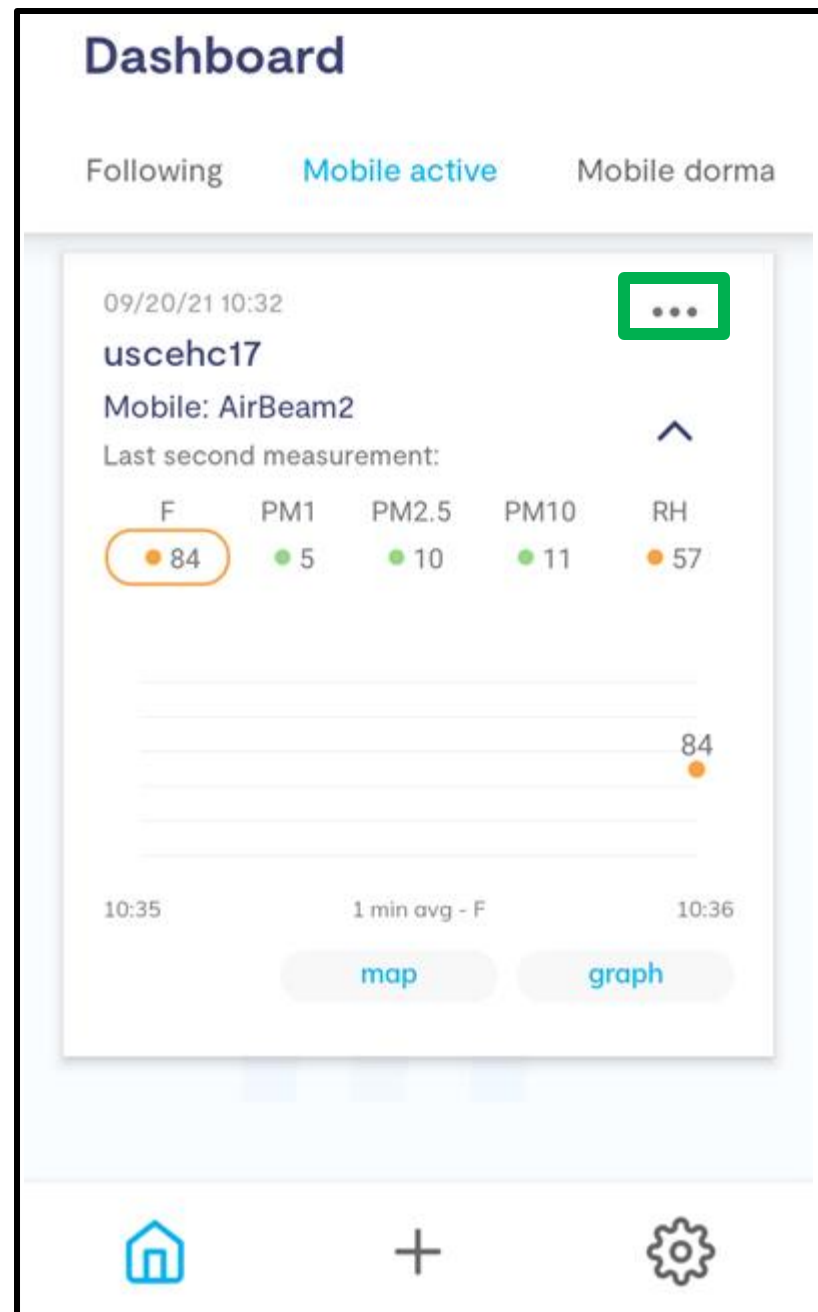
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Click **Share session**

# Standalone Mode

Note that an iPhone 8 or higher or an Android 8 or higher plus Bluetooth 5 device is required to utilize the Standalone Mode and Sync SD Card features





# End Session and Sync Data

**1**

## Dashboard

Following   **Mobile active**   Mobile dorma

04/25/22 12:15  
**test**  
Mobile: AirBeam3


**Your AirBeam3 is now in stand-alone mode**

AirBeam3 is now recording using its SD card. The measurements will be displayed here after syncing.

**Finish recording & sync**

Finish recording & don't sync

**2**



## Success

Sessions were updated successfully.

**Continue**

**3**

## Select the device you'd like to sync

AirBeams


- AIRBEAM2:00189600038C
- AIRBEAM2:001896000032

[Don't see a device? Refresh scanning.](#)

**Connect**

Select your AirBeam

**4**




## Restart your AirBeam

Turn your AirBeam off and then back on.

**Continue**

**5**



## Sync complete

The data from your AirBeam3 was synchronized successfully to the app. The SD card was cleared.

**Continue**

# Sync Data Whenever

**1** **Let's begin**  
How would you like to add your session?

Record a new session sync data


**Fixed session**  
for measuring in one place

**Mobile session**  
for moving around

or

**Sync data from AirBeam3**  
if you recorded with AirBeam3

**2**



**Success**  
Sessions were updated successfully

Continue

**3** **Select the device you'd like to sync**

AirBeams

AIRBEAM2:00189600038C


AIRBEAM2:001896000032

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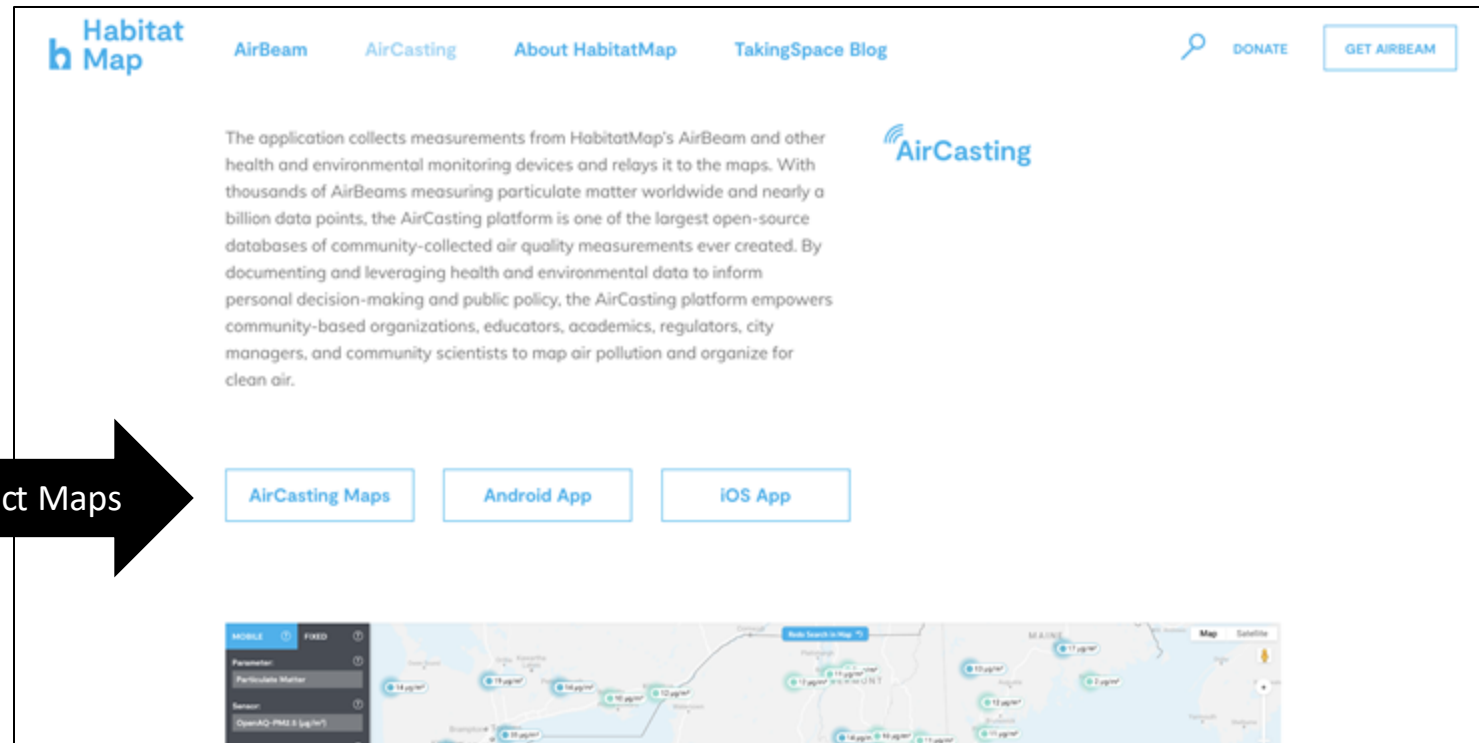
**Sync complete**  
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Continue



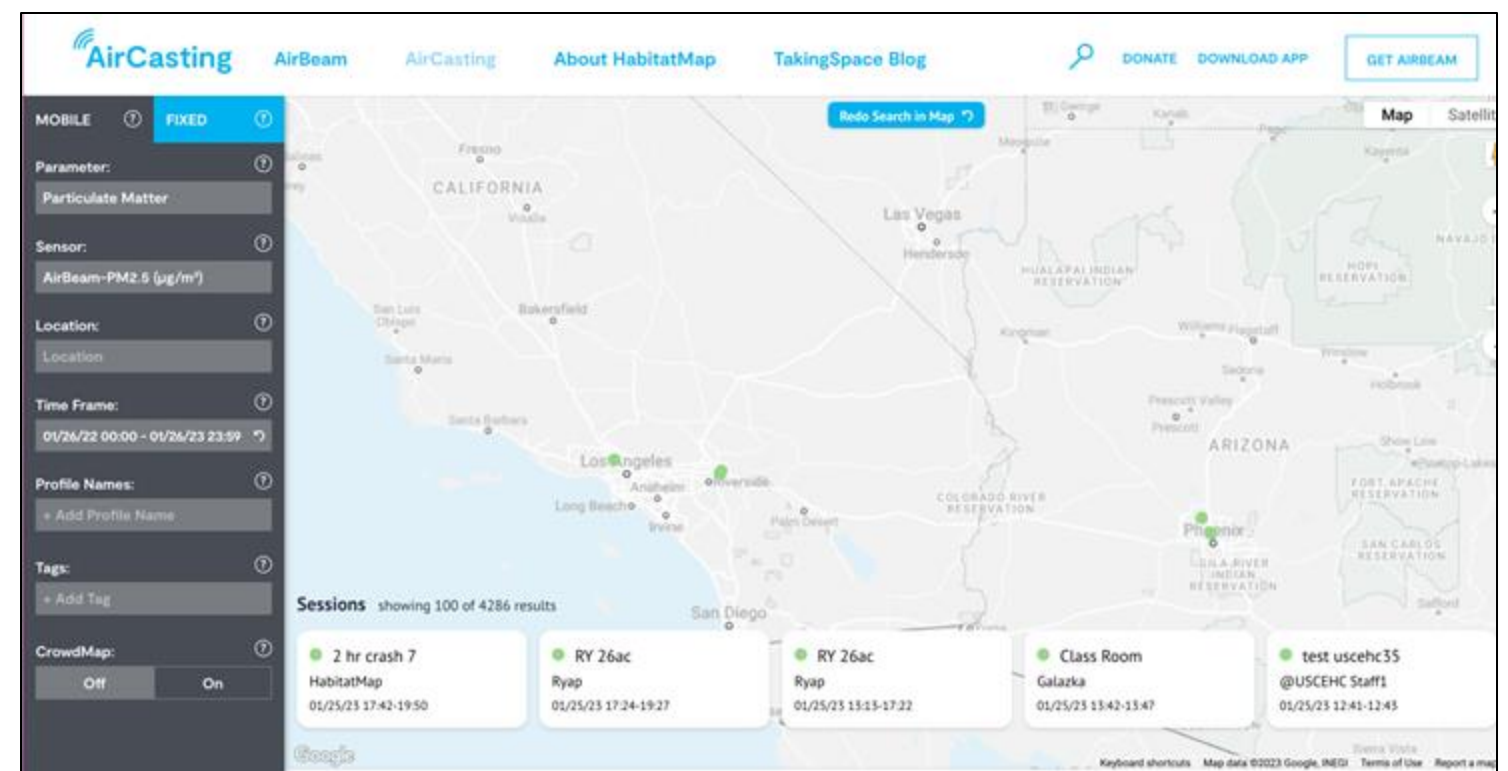
# View Sessions on Air Casting Website

1 Go to: [habitatmap.org/aircasting](https://habitatmap.org/aircasting)



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Use the panel to search for your sessions by tags, profile name, location, etc.





# Truck counting and monitoring

- Log sheets
- Roles of each person
- Supplies: monitors, clipboards, pens, masks, personal items like water, hat, sunscreen, etc.
- 2 p-trak transporters
- 1 airbeam carrier
- 1 truck counter
- 2 people to write on log sheets (Ptrak and AirBeam)



TRAFFIC COUNTING			
Record the number of vehicles traveling in one direction of traffic (not both sides of the street).			
Date: _____			
Time: _____			
Group: _____			
Location: _____			
LARGE TRUCKS	BUSES	SMALL TRUCKS	CARS / SUVs
tractor trailers and freight trucks	transportation buses	delivery trucks, stop vans, box trucks	cars, SUVs, pick-up trucks

WEATHER & LOCATION
Describe the weather conditions during your activity: (use a smart phone weather app for this information if needed)
Temperature: _____
Humidity: _____
Wind (speed, direction, etc.): _____
List sensitive receptors near your monitoring location: Examples: childcare centers, schools, services for pregnant women, older adults, community centers, hospitals, clinics
Draw map and label the area where you are recording data Label the points where your group is standing to take traffic counting data and draw which direction of traffic they're measuring. Locate sensitive receptors if possible.

AirBeam 3 Log Sheet		
Date: _____		
Location: _____		
Name of AirBeam: _____		
During the walk, record observations about the particle count and what is going on around you that might contribute to a higher or lower number		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the number (#) of particles,</li> <li>• the time you observed the particle count</li> <li>• observations on anything you notice about the surroundings at the time of the particle count</li> </ul>		
# of particles:	Time:	Notes on traffic and conditions:
EXAMPLE: 17	2:33pm	Toxic Tour Stop #1: we got out of the bus and stood on the street corner, traffic was driving by, there were several large trucks

P-TRAK LOG		
Date: _____		
Location: _____		
When particles spike to higher numbers record the following:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the number (#) of particles,</li> <li>• the time the spike occurred</li> <li>• observations on anything you notice about the traffic and conditions at the time of the peak</li> </ul>		
# of particles:	Time:	Notes on traffic and conditions:
EXAMPLE: 71,200	1:25pm	big rig truck went by OR a bus was idling at the bus stop and pulled away from the curb



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## Environmental Health Centers



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