UTC Project Information		
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Brief Description of Research Project	Increased fracking since 2011 has resulted in the transport of crude oil by rail (CBR) to refineries and ports across the US. Previous derailments of trains transporting CBR has resulted in dozens of deaths and polluted air, soil and waterways. A derailment of a train carrying crude oil in Baltimore, could adversely impacted roughly 165,000 residents. This project will deliver evidence-based characterization of CBR within Baltimore City. Specifically, we will: (1) characterize the periodicity and regulatory compliance of CBR train transit; (2) determine the temporal relation between CBR train traffic and volatile organic compound emissions at residential sites proximal to CBR corridors; and (3) develop lessons-learned and best practices suitable for other U.S. communities affected by CBR. This affordable, efficient, and adaptable protocol to understand CBR patterns will supplement the efforts of Baltimore City activists and promote community health and self-determination across the US.	

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