

- Abstract-

**A Study on Exposure to Volatile Organic Compounds
at Gas Stations in Korea**

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Objectives : This study was performed to evaluate BTEX exposure to gas station service attendants and the critical affect of benzene and MtBE airborne concentration.

Methods : the degree of exposure to airborne BTEX and MtBE was examined in the service attendants at seven gas stations across the country during a summer season. The TWAs(time-weighted averages) of atmospheric concentration of substances in personal and area samples, were calculated. The component ratio of BTEX and MtBE in the samples of bulk gasoline from each station studied was also measured.

Results : The airborne concentrations of BTEX and MtBE showed a lognormal distribution and The TWA concentrations of benzene in personal samples from each station were 0.089 ppm - 0.18 ppm, and those of toluene were 0.097 ppm - 0.2

ppm. The average TWA concentrations of xylene and ethyl benzene was 0.03 ppm and 0.001 ppm, respectively. The TWA concentrations of MtBE were 0.4 ppm - 1.3 ppm. The volume concentrations of MtBE, toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene in the bulk gasoline samples were 3 - 7.4 %, 3 - 12 %, 0.64 % and 1.5 - 10 %, respectively.

Conclusions : The benzene concentration was detected to exceed the ACGIH threshold benzene level of 0.5 ppm, in one of 74 personal and area samples. MtBE, a substitute for aromatic compounds such as benzene in gasoline, was found to bring about a greater chance of exposure to carcinogen, due to its high vapor pressure and carcinogenicity.

Key Word : BTEX(Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl benzene, Xylene), MtBE, gas station

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(vapor recovery system)

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MtBE

Table 1. Characteristics of sampling sites

Gas Station	Location	No. of Refueling Pumps	No. of Attendants	Refueling Frequency*
A	Taejon(Downtown Area)	4	2	
B	Kumi(Downtown Area)	4	2	
C	Kumi(Downtown Area)	6	2	
D	Kihung(at Highway)	8	3	
E	Ansung(at Highway)	5	4	
F	Yongdong(at Highway)	5	6	
G	Ansung(at Highway)	8	4	

* Refueling Frequency = Number of Refueling Automatic per hour

: 3~4/hr, : 10~15/hr, : 18~22/hr, : 20~25/hr, : 25~27/hr, : 35~45/hr

GC-FID

vial (CS2) 1 ml 가

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GC/FID(Gas Chromatograph/Flame Ionizing Detector, Model HP 5890 Hewlett Packard , USA)

(NIOSH, 1994).

1) BTEX MtBE

가 MtBE

가 BTEX

GC 10 min 50 ,

250 15 min

(lognormal distribution)

GC/FID MtBE GC

figure 2 figure 3

가 가 BTEX MtBE

가 (30) TWA

(John et al., 1993). (Total Hydrocarbon)

BTEX

bulk 1ml CS2 6 ul MtBE 가

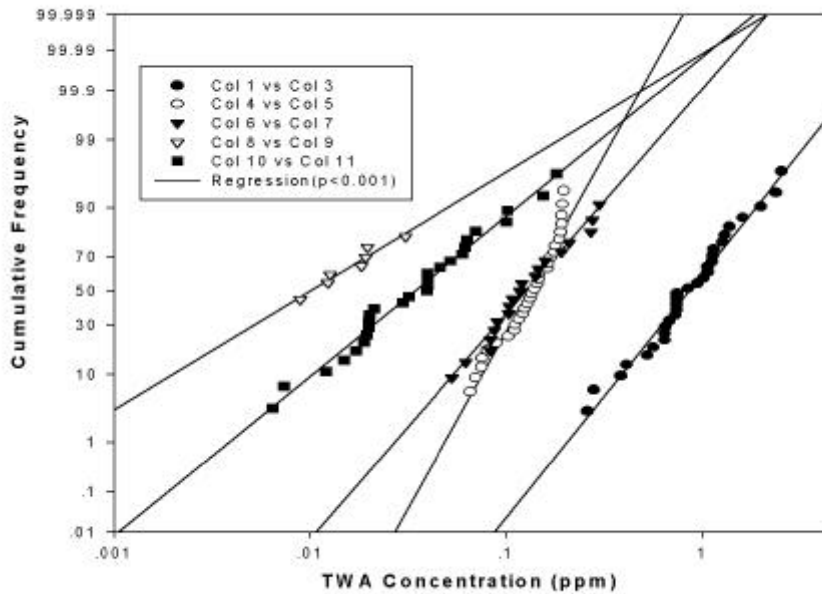


Figure 1. Cumulative distribution of BTEX & MtBE concentrations in personal samples.

Table 2. Time weighted average(TWA) concentrations of BTEX, MtBE in personal samples from different service stations

Sampling Site	N*	TWA (ppm)					
		MtBE	Benzene	Toluene	Xylene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Hydrocarbon †
Station A	7	0.74 (0.38- 1.12)	0.089 (0.003- 0.20)	0.10 (0.01- 0.76)	0.019 (0.005- 0.15)	0.031	2.4 (1.7- 5.7)
Station B	3	0.41 (0.26- 0.65)	0.075 (0.07- 0.08)	0.09 (0.08- 0.09)	0.020 (0.018- 0.021)	<0.0001	6.1 (5.8- 6.4)
Station C	6	1.06 (0.78- 2.55)	0.18 (0.14- 0.19)	0.11 (0.05- 0.27)	0.046 (0.019- 0.18)	0.007 (0.001- 0.033)	8.5 (5.6- 19.4)
Station D	1	0.64	0.16	0.14	0.039	0.0012	5.7
Station E	5	0.74 (0.06- 1.06)	0.12 (0.10- 0.14)	0.11 (0.08- 0.19)	0.020 (0.012- 0.052)	-	4.4 (3.0- 7.9)
Station F	5	1.3 (1.0- 1.6)	0.13 (0.07- 0.19)	0.19 (0.12- 0.30)	0.050 (0.030- 0.10)	0.007 (0.001- 0.39)	3.7 (3.2- 4.4)
Station G	3	1.1 (0.53- 2.4)	0.15 (0.11- 0.19)	0.20 (0.15- 0.28)	0.063 (0.039- 0.10)	-	15.5 (15.2- 15.7)
Total		30	0.86	0.07	0.13	0.03	0.001
ACGIH TLVs		40	0.5	50	100	100	300

* : Number of samples

† : Reported as n- hexane

Table 3. TWA concentrations of BTEX, MtBE in area samples from different service stations

Sampling Site	N	TWA (ppm)					
		MtBE	Benzene	Toluene	Xylene	Ethyl Benzene	Total Hydrocarbon
Station A	7	0.050 (0.005- 0.26)	0.023 (0.004- 0.068)	0.049 (0.014- 0.11)	0.017 (0.005- 0.044)	0.0006 (0.0001- 0.005)	0.3 (0.1- 0.8)
Station B	4	0.28 (0.17- 0.60)	0.012 (0.006- 0.022)	0.028 (0.019- 1.87)	0.020 (0.004- 0.07)	0.0004 (0.0001- 0.004)	1.8 (1.4- 2.4)
Station C	10	0.76 (0.17- 3.0)	0.19 (0.084- 0.57)	0.13 (0.036- 0.33)	0.087 (0.01- 0.16)	0.021 (0.006- 0.06)	5.2 (1.2- 20.0)
Station D	5	0.95 (0.55- 1.75)	0.19 (0.14- 0.31)	0.39 (0.16- 0.25)	0.16 (0.055- 0.096)	0.028 (0.011- 0.25)	12.5 (6.8- 40.2)
Station E	5	0.45 (0.30- 0.60)	0.097 (0.085- 0.12)	0.13 (0.12- 0.15)	0.020 (0.02- 0.021)	0.0007 (0.0001- 0.0042)	5.6 (3.2- 7.9)
Station F	7	0.53 (0.06- 1.12)	0.07 (0.035- 0.15)	0.21 (0.07- 0.52)	0.085 (0.035- 0.19)	0.016 (0.007- 0.043)	4.0 (3.07- 4.89)
Station G	6	0.68 (0.29- 1.42)	0.065 (0.036- 0.11)	0.123 (0.059- 0.23)	0.070 (0.014- 0.15)	-	6.3 (2.4- 12.0)
Total	44	0.86	0.12	0.12	0.054	0.008	3.4
ACGIH TLVs		40	0.5	50	100	100	300

가 ACGIH OSHA
 40 ppm TWA
 TWA 가
 0.089 ppm 0.18 ppm 가
 0.004 ppn 0.57 ppm
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 (Occupational Safety and Health Administration,
 OSHA)
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 (3.2 - 4.9 %).

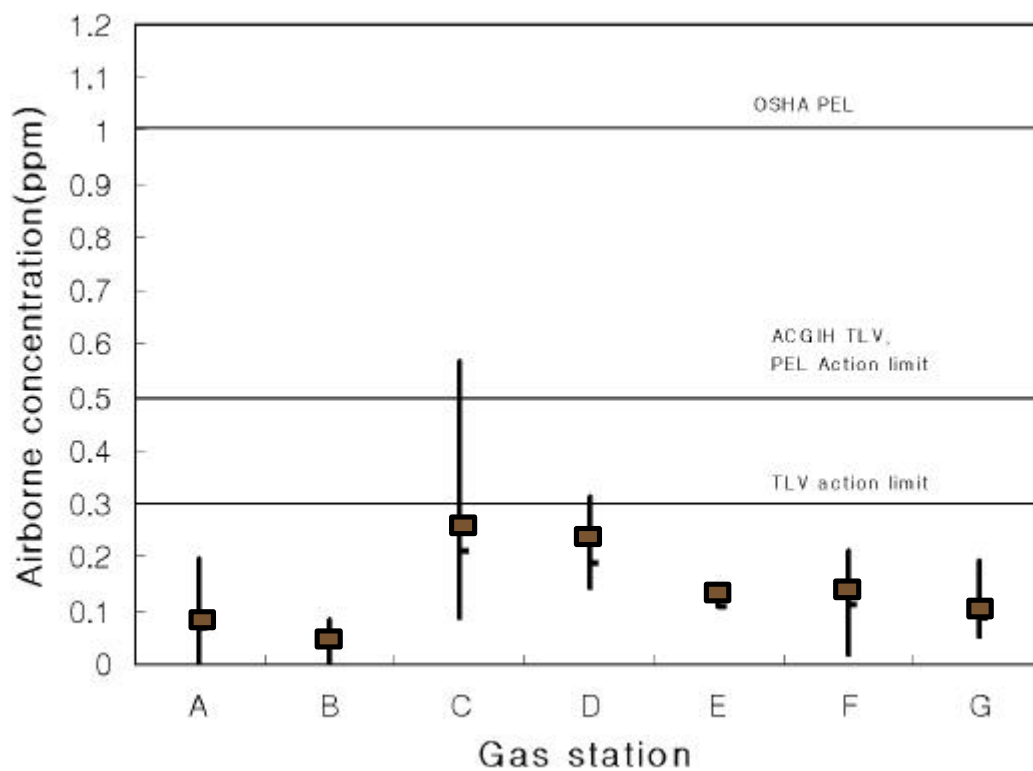


Figure 3. Airborne benzene concentration in each gas station.

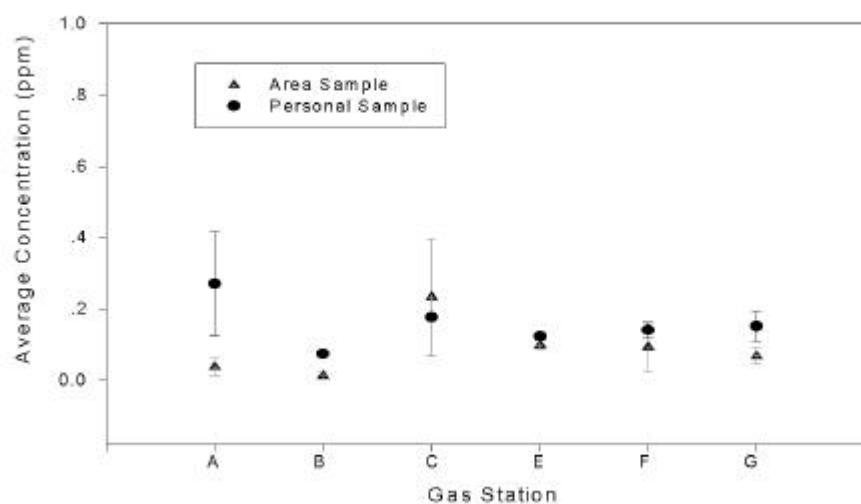


Figure 4. Comparison of airborne benzene concentration in personal and area samples.

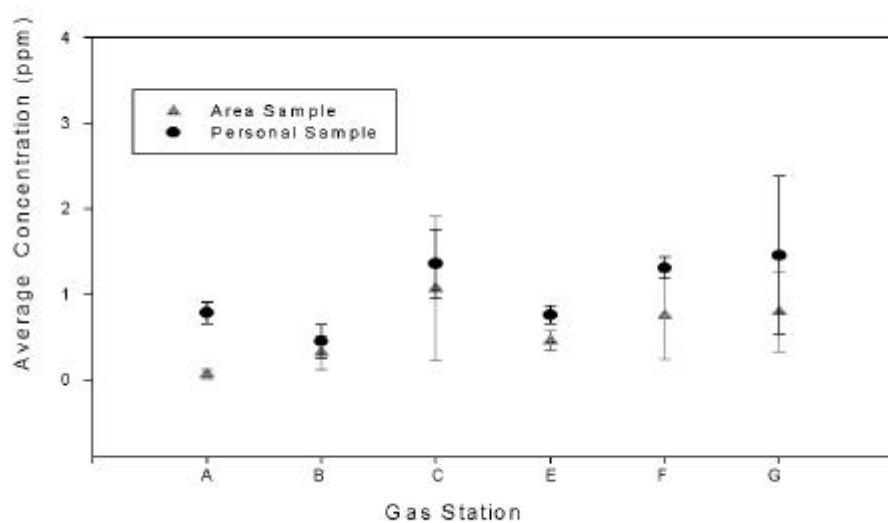


Figure 5. Comparison of airborne MtBE concentration in personal and area samples.

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BTEX

MtBE 가

가 가 2) BTEX MtBE

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BTEX MtBE 가

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BTEX MtBE 가

table 4 가 bulk BTEX , 가

MtBE (vol/vol %) bulk

MtBE 3~7.4 %, 1.8~5 %, 3~12

%, 0.6~4 %, 1.5~10 %

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D MtBE BTEX

가 (1) 가

가 가 2 가 가

1998 가 가

50 % 가

5 % , 0.75

% (, 1999) 가

가 가

Table 4. Volume percentage of MtBE and BTEX in bulk gasoline samples

Sampling Site	Volume content, % (Weight, %)				
	MtBE	Benzene	Toluene	Xylene	Ethyl Benzene
Station A	3.0(3.0)	3.2(3.9)	8.2(9.9)	1.5(1.7)	0.7(0.7)
Station B	5.8(5.8)	2.4(2.9)	13.8(9.1)	5.0(5.8)	1.7(1.9)
Station C	5.6(5.6)	3.2(3.9)	3.7(4.4)	6.1(7.2)	1.8(2.1)
Station D	7.1(7.1)	4.9(5.9)	7.6(15.4)	16.7(19.6)	3.9(4.6)
Station E	6.3(6.3)	1.8(2.1)	12.8(8.3)	1.5(1.8)	0.8(0.9)
Station F	5.0(5.0)	3.6(4.4)	6.9(16.6)	10.4(12.2)	2.5(2.9)
Station G	7.4(7.4)	2.1(2.5)	3.0(3.7)	4.7(5.5)	1.4(1.6)

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figure 6

table 5 가

BTEX MtBE

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figure 6

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MtBE

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3 %

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BTEX, MtBE

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figure 7

figure 8

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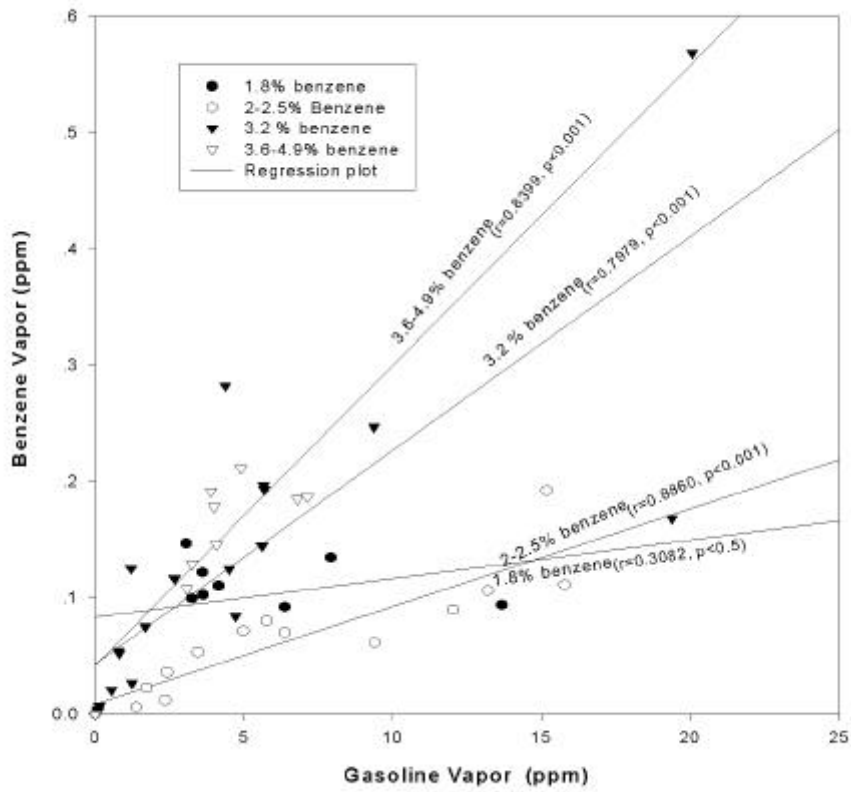


Figure 6. Regression in each benzene concentration in benzene vapor and gasoline vapor

Table 5. Vapor pressure of MtBE and BTEX

Components	Vapor pressure (mmHg, 20)
MtBE	250
Benzene	75
Toluene	22
Ethyl Benzene	7
Xylene	6

(NIOSH, 1997)

bulk 3~7 % MtBE가 11.2~33.2 %
BTEX MtBE
가 BTEX
6~7 mmHg
가 bulk 가 1.5 ~ 4)
16.7 %

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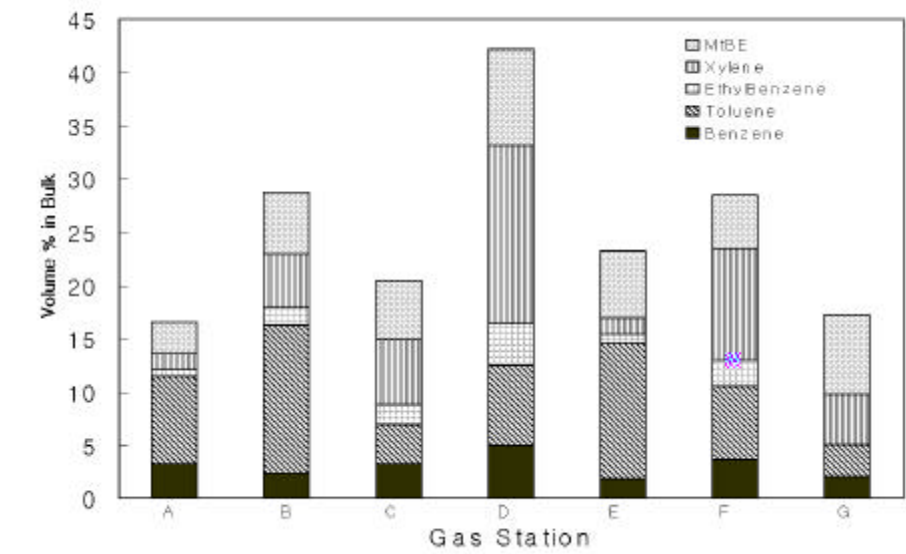


Figure 7. Volume percentage of MtBE and BTEX in each gas station.

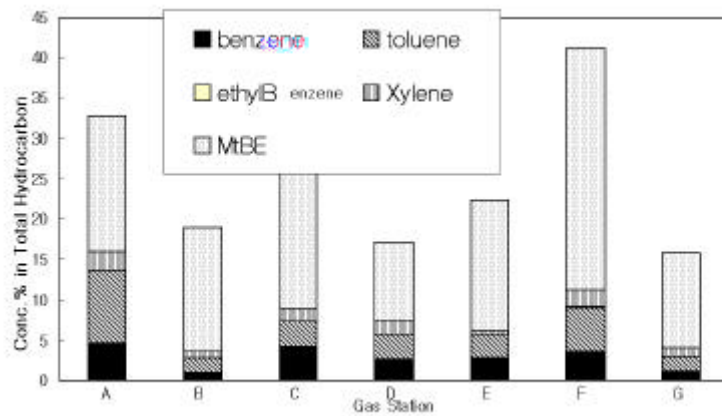


Figure 8. Airborne concentration percentage of MtBE and BTEX in each gas station.

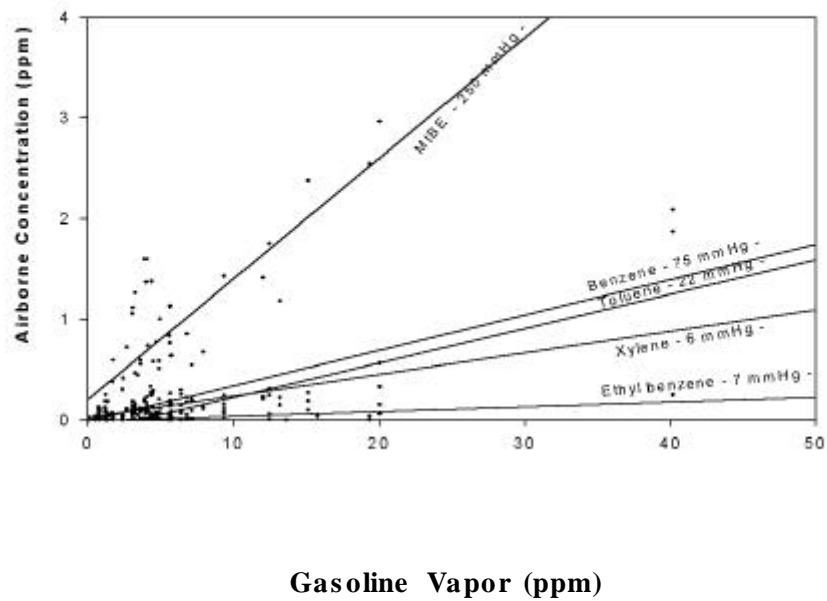


Figure 9. Impact of vapor pressure on the relationship of gasoline vapor concentration and airborne concentration.

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(Pulhala et al., 1997). NIOSH
MtBE
0.38 ppm MtBE
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MtBE 가
(Tharr, 1997).
가 MtBE
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1999).
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VOCs 가
76.3 % 4 3 70 ton .
8 가 1.0 76.5 % 가
- 5.7 ppm ,
0.2 ppm 1 ppm 13.3 % , 5.2 %
. Carolyn Robert(1978) 가 BTEX
3 % 가 , 0.05~0.136 ppm, 0.237
1 % 가 ~0.101 ppm, 0.107 ppm, 0.1 ppm
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(, 1995).
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(2) 가 , , 가 , MtBE (Ronald et al., 1994). , MtBE 가가 5가 , 가 bulk MtBE , MtBE 가 .

가 linear 가 가 BTEX MtBE . MtBE 3 % figure 12 가 bulk 가 2-3 MtBE가 10 2 min.

(3) 가 MtBE 가 , . 가 가 (, 1997). MtBE (250mmHg) bulk 3 20 2 % 가 2.3 % . 가 가 . MtBE 가가 . 가 MtBE . Elsebeth et al.(1997) 1970 가 (self-refueling) 가 가 가 . MtBE 가 8 hr TWA 0.5- 1 mg/m3 가 가(SIR=1.3) 3.5 가 . MtBE (SIR- 3.5 CI 1.8- 6.1). , Alaska , MtBE CO , MtBE 가 가 가 . MtBE 15 % 가 가 . MtBE , 1.8 $\mu\text{g}/$, 0.24 $\mu\text{g}/$ 가 . MtBE 가

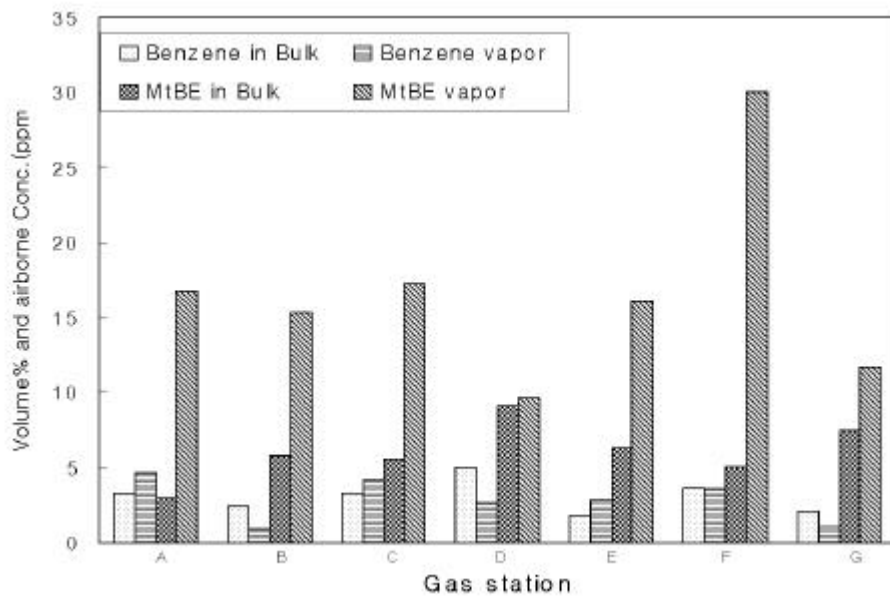


Figure 10. Comparison of MtBE and benzene airborne concentrations affected vapor pressure.

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 가 ACGIH 0.5 ppm

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BTEX MtBE 0.6~4 %, 1.5~10 %

3) MtBE bulk 가 BTEX 2~
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가 (TWA)
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 (lognormal distribution) , TWA
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 ppm 0.176 ppm, 0.097 ppm 0.2
 ppm . MtBE TWA 0.4 ppm
 1.3 ppm 가 가

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