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Dear CARES participants and interested colleagues,

We are pleased to welcome you to the DOE field campaign CARES. Preparations are currently in full swing at the two ground sites: American River College in Sacramento and Northside School in Cool, CA. The CARES science team includes more than 70 researchers, post-docs, and graduate students from ~20 institutions. Many participants have already arrived in Sacramento and more will be arriving shortly. The NASA B-200 aircraft arrived at the McClellan Airport in Sacramento May 25, the DOE G-1 aircraft will arrive May 30 (Sunday), and the campaign is scheduled to begin June 2 (Wednesday). Visit the CARES website for more information: http://campaign.arm.gov/cares.

The CalNex field campaign is already underway and will have a good overlap with CARES. While CARES and CalNex are independent studies, we will coordinate our sampling with the NOAA WP-3 and Twin Otter aircraft and R/V Atlantis, as opportunities arise.

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The CARES media day is scheduled on June 4 (Friday), and I am also writing the campaign blog as part of the PNNL outreach program: http://www.pnnl.gov/atmospheric/programs/CAReS_campaign.stm. I will try to post short reports on our daily activities, talk about the science issues we are trying to address, and introduce the different participating groups (esp. students) and try to capture their enthusiasm. Hope you will enjoy it, and feel free to forward the link to anyone who might be interested in following our activities.
Looking forward to an exciting month ahead!

Best wishes,
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