# ASPECT

# Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology

Nation's only 24/7 Airborne Stand-off Chemical and Radiological Detection, Infrared and Photographic Imagery Platform





#### AIRCRAFT

Industria

Utilitatas

- Cessna 208B Super Cargo Master Platform based in Addison, Texas
- Aircraft Crew: Two Pilots, One Operator, All Commercial/ATP Rated
- Speeds: Data Collection at 100 kts; Cruise at 170 kts

Probitas

Velocitatem

- Range/Aloft Time: Range 1,200 NM; Aloft Time 4 6 hours
- Range: Can be anywhere CONUS collecting data within 9 hours
- Coverage: 4-hour coverage within a 800 mile radius
- Service Altitude: Data Collection at 300 to 5.000 ft AGL
- Ground Needs: Standard FBO, ISP with high speed internet

# ASPECT TEAM

- Scientists and engineers all with advanced degrees with over 75 years of collective airborne remote chemical and radiological detection experience
- Derived from collaborative research, development, testing and implementation with the interagency, academia, states, and the private sector
- Provides onsite support to first responders, performs data analyses, and makes adjustments and repairs to the system and/or data products per the customer needs
- Provides time critical information while maintaining a budget conscious response
- Designs the chemical detection hardware and develops software applications; commercially available hardware is used for the radiological applications

## ASPECT PROGRAM

- 24/7/365 Readiness with 1 hour wheels up capability
- Provides secure information to the First Responder / Incident Commander that is **timely, useful, and compatible** with numerous software applications
- Promotes coordination and communication with all stakeholders regarding operational data and products
- Multi-role responses (homeland security, emergency response, and ٠ environmental characterization)
- Provides infrared & photographic images with geospatial chemical ٠ (including oil) and radiological information
- Products and data formats are **customer driven and** can be **provided to the** ٠ customer within minutes to hours depending on the mission



# ASPECT MULTI-HAZARD CONCEPT

**Technologies:** 

- An Infrared Line Scanner to image chemical plumes
- A High Speed Infrared Spectrometer to identify and quantify the composition of the chemical plume in the ppb to ppm range
- Gamma-Ray Spectrometer for radiation detection and isotope identification ٠
- Neutron Detection System for enhanced radiological detection
- High resolution digital cameras (aerial & oblique) with ability to rectify for ٠ inclusion into GIS
- ٠ Broadband Satellite Data System (SatCom)



Methane Plume IR image

#### **CHEMICAL CAPABILITIES**

• ASPECT uses the principles of remote passive infrared detection via a Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer

(FTS) to detect and quantify gaseous constituents present in the air column between the aircraft and the ground

- Chemical detection software is designed to filter out common atmospheric constituents as it automatically searches for 78 chemical compounds in near real-time (5 in the air column below the aircraft
- Hundreds of other chemicals can be processed by the team post survey

#### **DEPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- Over 170 responses and deployments since 2001
- National Special Security Events (NSSE) and Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) level events (e.g., DNC, RNC, Inauguration, Super Bowl)
- Natural Disasters (e.g., Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Sandy)
- Environmental Emergencies (e.g., Deepwater Horizon/BP Oil, West Fertilizer, Gold King Mine, site characterizations for Superfund sites)

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# Radiation Exposure Contour Map

#### **RADIOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES**

- The only airborne remote sensing system in the country that provides Nal & LaBr and neutron detectors
- Improves the US EPA airborne *gamma-screening and mapping* capability of ground-based commercially available state-of-the-art hardware
- Applies IAEA, DOE, and EPA processing algorithms
- Near real-time product development based on customer input
- Possess NRC licensed gamma and neutron sources for use in exercises and training activities

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

- High resolution geo/orthorectified visible digital aerial images
- Geo/orthrectified infrared images
- Georeferenced oblique images
- Customizable display engines (ESRI, Google)

### **PRIMARY CONTACTS - ASPECT TEAM - CALL FOR COSTS**



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