



Characteristic distributions and Source Identification of PM_{2.5} and Black carbon at Socheongcho Ocean Research Station in the Yellow Sea

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Socheongcho Ocean Research Station (SORS) has been established in northern Yellow Sea by the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST). At SORS, PM_{2.5} and Black carbon (BC) were measured every 10 minutes during October 2014 ~ June 2017 using beta-ray absorption method (FH62C14, Thermo. Inc, USA) and Multi Angle Absorption Photometer (MAAP; Model 5012, Thermo. Inc, USA), respectively. In addition, CO, CO₂ and CH₄ were determined by Cavity Ring Down Spectroscopy (CRDS; Model G2401, Picarro. Inc, USA). Measurements were intermittently interrupted for SORS maintenance reasons. For PM_{2.5} and BC, the mean, 90th %tile and maximum concentrations were 25, 48, and 177 ug/m³ and 1.16, 2.29, and 20.07 ug/m³, respectively. There was no clear diurnal variation observed for both species. PM_{2.5} and BC concentrations were higher in cold seasons than in warm seasons. The highest PM_{2.5} and BC concentrations (>99th %tile) were more frequently observed in winter. The possible sources of PM_{2.5} and BC were examined using Conditional Probability Function (CPF), Potential Source Contribution Function (PSCF), and Concentration Weighted Trajectory (CWT) analysis. PM and BC were highly elevated (>90th %tile) as an influence of air mass from Shandong Province in China. Chinese outflow mainly contributed to entire PM distribution as much as 72.9% and the contributions were also calculated to be 20.4% and 6.7% as an influence of South Korean and North Korean outflow.