Response to the comments of the anonymous referee #1

We are very grateful to the Reviewer for the positive evaluation of our paper. Regarding the mentioned difficulties of comparing inverse modeling results with ground based measurements, we would like to emphasize that these difficulties are mainly due to a very limited amount of available multi-annual and continuous monitoring data. We hope that our paper, along with other papers making use of long-term air pollution monitoring data, will stimulate not only development but also stability of existing monitoring networks.

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