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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Arcadis was contracted in late December 2010 to provide continuous air monitoring services to the South Carolina Ports Authority (SCPA) at the Wando Welch Terminal in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Arcadis has followed through on the planned schedule and activities since that award. The major accomplishments were to complete the Quality Assurance Plan (QAP), purchase the instruments, complete the site setup, and then to begin acquiring data. This report is the 36th quarterly data report (fourth quarterly report in year nine of operations) and presents the data summaries requested by SCPA and described in the scope of work. The data acquisition was started on May 6, 2011 in line with the court mandated start date. This report encompasses a period corresponding to data taken during the period from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 and includes a summary of the ninth year of operations.

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SCPA requested a system to provide ambient air quality data including particulate matter less than 2.5 microns ($PM_{2.5}$), SO_2, and NO_2 for a period of 5 years at the Wando Welch Terminal of the port of Charleston. Arcadis maintains the monitoring instruments, stocks consumables such as filters and calibration gases, and orders spare parts such that downtime will be minimized. Arcadis has established standard operating procedures to perform daily downloads and to provide Level 1 data validation for the resulting data. The air monitoring project has proven to be reliable and is generating valid high-quality data suitable for use in dispersion modeling or other potential purposes.

The QAP is updated periodically to reflect improvements to the basic operating procedures or to document changes in the air quality standards. An update was performed on September 20, 2012, following the annual maintenance program and an on-site audit by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (conducted June 14-15, 2012) to reflect actual procedures at the end of the first year of operation. An update was also performed on October 17, 2013, to reflect changes to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for $PM_{2.5}$. This QAP is written consistent with the current ambient air quality standards for PM, NO_X and SO_2 as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The location selected for sampling and the sampling equipment has proven to be well-suited for the project as it is centrally located to the port activities and is influenced by local sources and meteorological conditions. Although this is not a typical fence line site, it has proven to be well suited for the evaluation of port activities and related air quality effects. Arcadis has been able to remotely access the control computer and reliably interact with the instruments. The instruments are very responsive to events such as container handling equipment and the morning openings of the front gates to entering truck traffic. These patterns can be reviewed in the archived data any time in the future.

2.1 Quarterly Results

The 24-hr daily averages for $PM_{2.5}$, NO, NO_2, NO_X, and SO_2 and the maximum daily values for NO_2 (1-hr average) and SO_2 (1-hr and 3-hr average) for this period are shown in Table 2-1. Quarterly statistics showing averages, minimums and maximums for all parameters are summarized in Table 2-2, with the corresponding NAAQS limits shown in Table 2-3. 24-hr averages for all constituents are also shown graphically in Figure 2-1. Maximum 1-hr averages for NO_2 and SO_2 are shown in Figure 2-2. Statistics are broken down by months and summarized in Table 2-4.

Statistics for the ninth monitoring year are broken down by month and summarized in Table 2-4. Annual summaries are graphed in Figures 2-3 and 2-4 showing the monthly averages for all constituents and the daily maximum 1-hr averages for NO_2 and SO_2 averaged across the respective month.

Table 2-1. 24-Hour Averages and daily maximums

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.		Daily Max 3-hr Avg.
Date	$PM_{2.5}$ ($\mu g/m^3$)	NO (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	NO_X (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)
1/1/20	6.56	10.28	14.93	25.21	0.55	27.49	1.29	0.90
1/2/20	11.03	60.88	21.31	82.12	0.57	41.26	1.80	1.15
1/3/20	5.32	6.33	8.62	14.95	0.06	17.68	0.09	0.08
1/4/20	13.09	6.26	11.34	17.60	0.18	27.79	0.59	0.34
1/5/20	6.75	6.15	10.02	16.18	0.38	24.03	1.31	0.86
1/6/20	7.88	18.28	18.33	36.61	0.35	25.22	1.50	0.95
1/7/20	11.45	19.08	21.39	40.47	0.46	32.55	1.45	1.13
1/8/20	9.02	24.44	23.80	48.24	0.67	36.90	4.21	2.20
1/9/20	11.71	15.82	14.25	29.94	0.32	33.63	0.78	0.64
1/10/20	7.69	16.36	11.42	27.76	0.16	31.82	0.51	0.44
1/11/20	7.54	5.76	5.93	11.68	0.06	18.50	0.17	0.11
1/12/20	5.30	0.43	2.13	2.55	0.04	3.51	0.09	0.05
1/13/20	5.45	21.08	12.50	33.57	0.08	28.49	0.26	0.18
1/14/20	7.70	26.03	17.48	43.50	0.12	28.08	0.32	0.26
1/15/20	13.36	38.27	14.64	52.86	0.34	22.92	1.10	0.74
1/16/20	16.64	16.35	9.50	25.66	0.20	17.50	0.39	0.30
1/17/20	5.70	5.52	7.93	13.29	0.19	16.88	0.38	0.31
1/18/20	3.22	1.65	4.81	6.43	0.13	9.45	0.27	0.22
1/19/20	11.20	3.54	7.81	11.33	0.13	17.22	0.43	0.28
1/20/20	5.34	5.95	7.18	13.12	0.23	13.97	0.49	0.35
1/21/20	6.15	4.57	6.37	10.93	0.37	13.59	0.90	0.70
1/22/20	6.56	4.44	7.58	11.97	0.36	13.42	0.57	0.53
1/23/20	5.44	6.07	8.02	13.91	0.24	17.25	0.44	0.34
1/24/20	3.64	13.22	11.09	24.27	0.14	27.47	0.33	0.26
1/25/20	9.17	10.51	13.72	24.22	0.22	22.17	0.55	0.39
1/26/20	7.02	12.46	15.28	27.73	0.48	29.51	1.02	0.80
1/27/20	7.27	24.06	20.45	44.48	0.32	31.74	0.70	0.43
1/28/20	8.07	15.11	12.30	27.35	0.28	20.19	0.66	0.61
1/29/20	14.51	94.22	18.22	112.30	0.36	45.14	2.64	0.97
1/30/20	8.08	5.92	9.70	15.58	0.00	26.16	0.00	0.00
1/31/20	6.60	4.27	7.88	12.11	0.00	18.68	0.00	0.00
2/1/20	5.92	9.63	11.63	21.26	0.00	19.07	0.00	0.00
2/2/20	5.79	15.50	14.59	30.09	0.01	30.23	0.06	0.02
2/3/20	8.01	20.36	17.10	37.45	0.50	28.68	4.49	2.37

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.		Daily Max 3-hr Avg.
Date	$PM_{2.5}$ ($\mu g/m^3$)	NO (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	NO_X (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)
2/4/20	9.15	12.00	16.25	28.22	0.31	38.33	1.30	0.65
2/5/20	6.30	16.82	20.07	36.82	0.24	38.58	0.47	0.41
2/6/20	9.02	5.29	6.10	11.29	0.09	14.18	0.22	0.14
2/7/20	7.21	9.70	8.58	18.22	0.38	18.83	0.80	0.42
2/8/20	6.99	6.36	8.13	14.15	0.00	14.64	0.00	0.00
2/9/20	7.20	0.46	3.23	3.51	0.00	8.70	0.00	0.00
2/10/20	4.62	27.62	13.45	40.49	0.00	33.48	0.01	0.01
2/11/20	6.17	7.82	9.58	17.27	^	17.47	^	^
2/12/20	10.40	19.39	11.13	30.35	^	22.53	^	^
2/13/20	9.22	7.06	9.47	16.48	^	16.14	^	^
2/14/20	7.65	3.63	6.96	10.41	^	11.36	^	^
2/15/20	5.69	1.99	4.38	6.20	^	9.25	^	^
2/16/20	5.42	0.25	2.27	2.43	^	5.47	^	^
2/17/20	7.66	8.50	8.79	17.21	^	21.68	^	^
2/18/20	4.93	21.06	15.23	36.19	^	29.49	^	^
2/19/20	7.37	23.57	12.55	36.08	^	31.02	^	^
2/20/20	5.45	6.22	8.56	14.77	^	17.26	^	^
2/21/20	5.01	2.91	4.37	7.25	^	7.82	^	^
2/22/20	4.68	2.36	5.79	8.08	^	10.25	^	^
2/23/20	6.90	2.53	7.78	10.25	^	19.29	^	^
2/24/20	11.53	57.28	25.44	82.35	^	39.86	^	^
2/25/20	5.80	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2/26/20	7.90	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2/27/20	10.07	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2/28/20	6.73	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2/29/20	8.12	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/1/20	10.12	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/2/20	8.11	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/3/20	6.66	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/4/20	14.28	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/5/20	8.20	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/6/20	7.74	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/7/20	5.85	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/8/20	5.55	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/9/20	4.65	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.		Daily Max 3-hr Avg.
Date	$PM_{2.5}$ ($\mu g/m^3$)	NO (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	NO_X (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)
3/10/20	5.28	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/11/20	7.46	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/12/20	14.34	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/13/20	9.72	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/14/20	9.01	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/15/20	11.92	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/16/20	6.79	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/17/20	4.95	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/18/20	10.96	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/19/20	6.77	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/20/20	6.13	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/21/20	12.41	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/22/20	13.78	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/23/20	6.51	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/24/20	9.73	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/25/20	10.43	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/26/20	6.56	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/27/20	7.45	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/28/20	11.91	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/29/20	12.95	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/30/20	18.54	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3/31/20	13.92	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

^ 43i flash intensity assembly failure.

* 1160 zero-air generator failure.

Table 2-2. Quarterly Statistics

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.		Daily Max 3-hr Avg.
Date	$PM_{2.5}$ ($\mu g/m^3$)	NO (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	NO_X (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)
Average	8.24	14.39	11.41	25.72	0.23	22.61	0.79	0.50
Minimum	3.22	0.25	2.13	2.43	0.00	3.51	0.00	0.00
Maximum	18.54	94.22	25.44	112.30	0.67	45.14	4.49	2.37

Table 2-3. National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Pollutant	Primary/ Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form
NO_2	Primary	1-hour	100 ppb	98th Percentile, averaged over 3 years
	Primary and Secondary	Annual	53 ppb (1)	Annual Mean
SO_2	Primary	1-hour	75 ppb (2)	99th Percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations, averaged over 3 years
	Secondary	3-hour	0.5 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year
$PM_{2.5}$	Primary	Annual	12 µg/m^3	Annual mean, averaged over 3 years
	Secondary	Annual	15 µg/m^3	Annual mean, averaged over 3 years
	Primary and Secondary	24-hour	35 µg/m^3	98th Percentile, averaged over 3 years

(1) The level of the annual NO2 standard is 0.053 ppm. It is shown here in terms of ppb for the purposes of clearer comparison to the 1-hour standard level.

(2) The previous SO2 standards (0.14 ppm 24-hour and 0.03 ppm annual) will additionally remain in effect in certain areas: (1) any area for which it is not yet 1 year since the effective date of designation under the current (2010) standards, and (2)any area for which an implementation plan providing for attainment of the current (2010) standard has not been submitted and approved and which is designated nonattainment under the previous SO2 standards or is not meeting the requirements of a SIP call under the previous SO2 standards (40 CFR 50.4(3)). A SIP call is an EPA action requiring a state to resubmit all or part of its State Implementation Plan to demonstrate attainment of the required NAAQS.

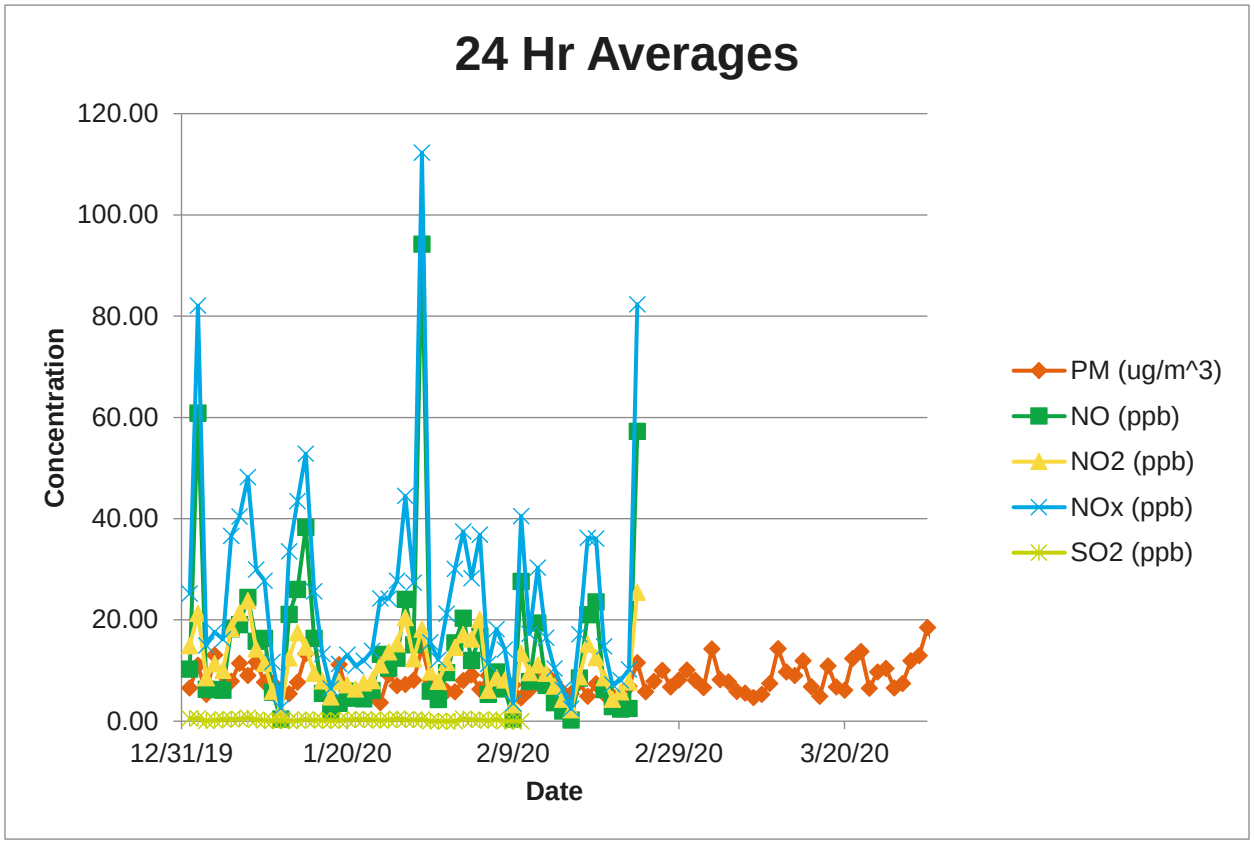

Figure 2-1. 24-hour Averages

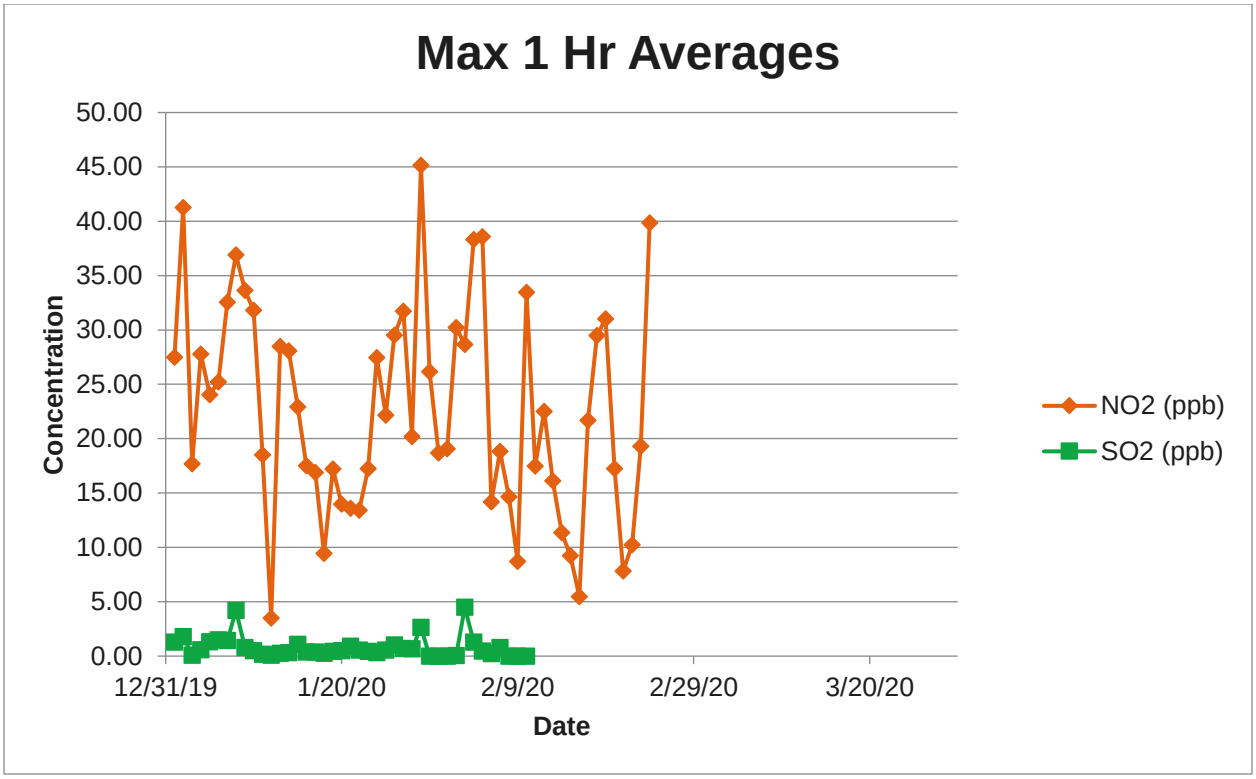

Figure 2-2. Max 1-hour Averages

Table 2-4. Monthly Statistics

Monthly Averages						Monthly Daily Max 1-hr Avg.		Daily Max 3-hr Avg.
Month	$PM_{2.5}$ ($\mu g/m^3$)	NO (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	NO_X (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	NO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)	SO_2 (ppb)
4/19	8.83	15.01	10.47	25.45	0.09	27.68	0.63	0.37
5/19	10.53	10.93	8.52	19.42	0.41	26.32	1.26	0.91
6/19	10.37	7.32	8.48	15.66	0.24	21.85	0.66	0.45
7/19	11.71	7.66	8.27	15.65	0.09	20.52	0.43	0.27
8/19	8.54	9.30	6.72	15.87	0.09	17.67	0.79	0.32
9/19	8.40	6.51	5.00	11.44	0.10	15.09	0.37	0.23
10/19	8.47	8.60	6.13	14.66	0.16	17.49	0.43	0.32
11/19	9.98	20.17	8.86	28.96	0.23	20.02	0.97	0.65
12/19	8.35	12.28	9.04	21.25	0.07	19.33	0.39	0.23
1/20	8.21	16.24	12.13	28.32	0.26	23.88	0.81	0.53
2/20	7.13	12.01	10.48	22.37	0.15	20.98	0.73	0.40
3/20	9.31	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

* 1160 zero-air generator failure.

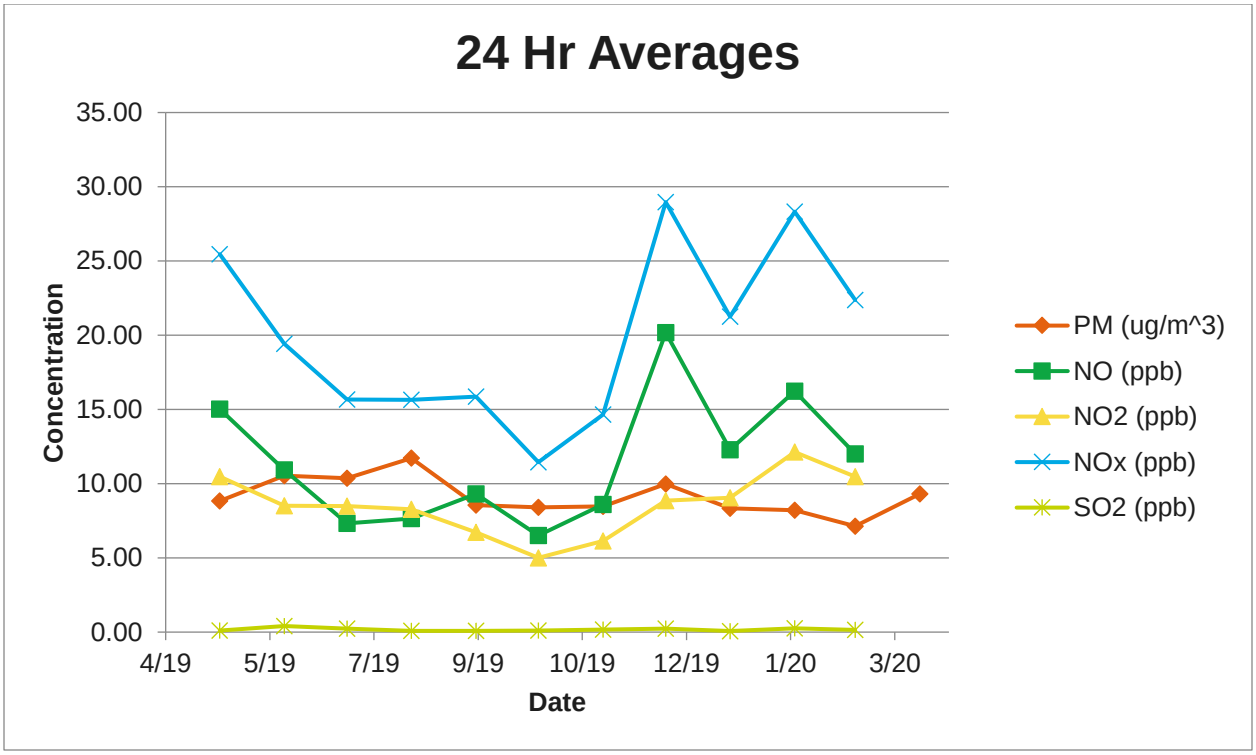

Figure 2-3. Monthly Averages

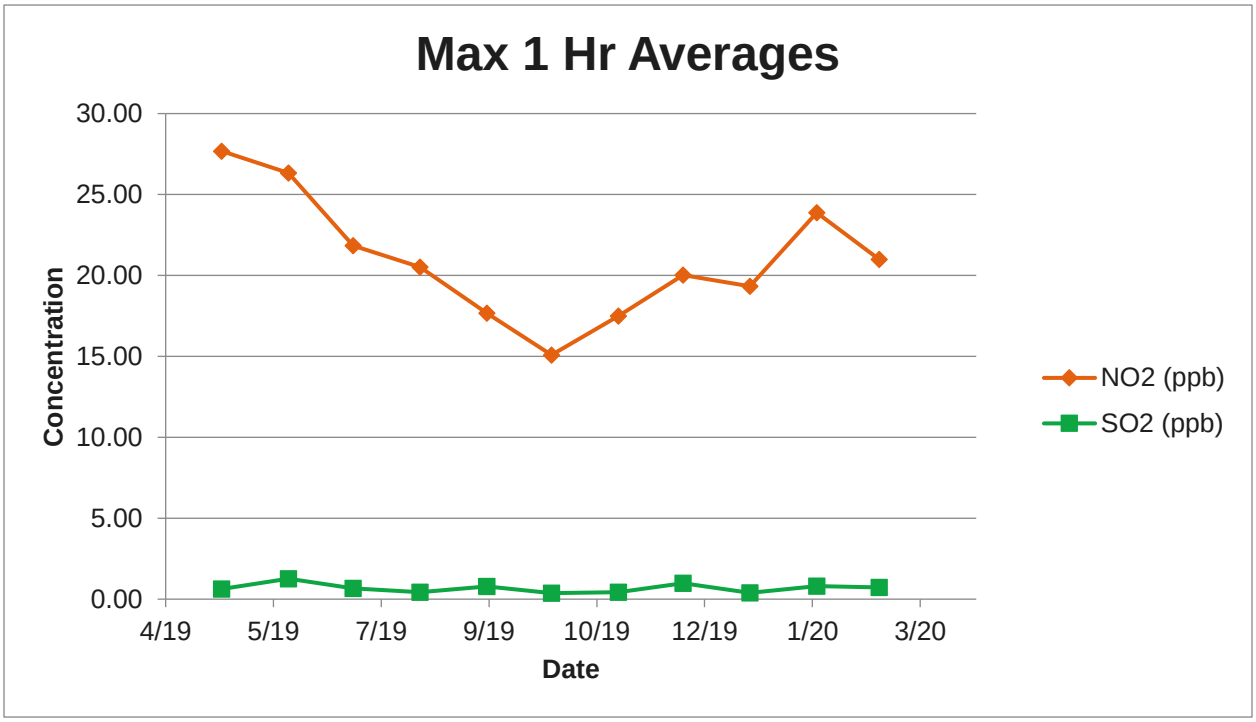

Figure 2-4. Monthly Max 1-hour Averages

3 COMPARISON TO NAAQS

Pollutant levels for all measured components at the Wando Welch ambient air monitoring station are below the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This report marks the nine-year anniversary of the Wando monitoring station. Many of the NAAQS levels are based on three-year averages. These values have been calculated from the Wando data for comparison to the standard.

3.1 NO_2

The primary standard for NO2 is 53 ppb (annual arithmetic average) or 100 ppb (3-year average of the 98th percentile of the daily maximum 1-hour average must not exceed 100 ppb). Table 2-4 and Figures 2-3 and 2-4 show that the monthly averages and monthly daily maximum 1-hr averages were below 53 ppb for this ninth year of monitoring (as they were for all previous years of monitoring). Table 2-5 presents the NO2 NAAQS calculations for each standard.

Table 2-5. NO_2 NAAQS Calculations for Wando Welch Terminal

Pollutant	Primary/ Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form	Wando Welch
NO_2	Primary	1-hour	100 ppb	98th Percentile, averaged over 3 years	51.1 ppb
NO_2	Primary and Secondary	Annual	53 ppb	Annual Mean	Year 7: 9 ppb Year 8: 10 ppb Year 9: 9 ppb

3.2 SO_2

The primary standard for SO_2 is 75 ppb (3-year average of the 99th percentile of the daily maximum 1-hour average must not exceed 75 ppb). The secondary standard for SO_2 is 0.5 ppm (500 ppb; 3-hour average not to be exceeded more than once per year). Table 2-4 and Figures 2-3 and 2-4 show that the monthly averages and monthly daily maximum 1-hr averages were below 75 ppb for this ninth year of monitoring (as they were for all previous years of monitoring), and that the secondary standard was never exceeded. Table 2-6 presents the SO_2 NAAQS calculations for each standard.

Table 2-6. SO_2 NAAQS Calculations for Wando Welch Terminal

Pollutant	Primary/ Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form	Wando Welch
SO_2	Primary	1-hour	75 ppb	99th Percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations, averaged over 3 years	4.4 ppb
SO_2	Secondary	3-hour	0.5 ppm (500 ppb)	Not to be exceeded more than once per year	4.18 ppb*

* Maximum from 4/1/2019 to 3/31/2020.

3.3 $PM_{2.5}$

The primary standard for $PM_{2.5}$ is 12.0 µg/m^3 (annual arithmetic average; 3-year average of the weighted annual mean $PM_{2.5}$ concentration must not exceed 12.0 µg/m^3) or 35.0 µg/m^3 (24-hour average; 3-year average of the 98th percentile of the 24-hour concentrations must not exceed 35.0 µg/m^3). The secondary standard for $PM_{2.5}$ is 15.0 µg/m^3 (annual arithmetic average; 3-year average of the weighted annual mean $PM_{2.5}$ concentration must not exceed 15.0 µg/m^3). Table 2-7 presents the $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS calculations for each standard, which shows that the Wando Welch Terminal had no exceedances.

Table 2-7. $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS Calculations for Wando Welch Terminal

Pollutant	Primary/ Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form	Wando Welch
$PM_{2.5}$	Primary	Annual	12 µg/m^3	Annual mean, averaged over 3 years	10.8 µg/m^3
$PM_{2.5}$	Secondary	Annual	15 µg/m^3	Annual mean, averaged over 3 years	10.8 µg/m^3
$PM_{2.5}$	Primary and Secondary	24-hour	35 µg/m^3	98th Percentile, averaged over 3 years	31.1 µg/m^3

4 QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL

QA/QC procedures applied to this project are described in a Quality Assurance Plan titled Continuous Air Monitoring Station for the Wando Welch Terminal (October 17, 2013, Revision 3).

4.1 Daily and Quarterly QC/Validation

According to the QAP prepared for this work, results are reviewed for anomalies and validated daily. These validations are recorded on QA/QC Daily Comment Sheets. The occurrence and duration of normal calibration and maintenance activities are also recorded.

Daily QC checks were performed in accordance with section 5.1 of the QAPP. The PAC Display data logging software is remotely accessed from the ARCADIS office in Durham, NC where the instrumentation is monitored for alarms and the data trends are reviewed for irregularities. NOx and SO2 zero and calibration values displayed on the PAC Display screen from the previous calibration event are recorded in the QC Log Book. After checking the PAC Display system for any anomalies, the H05 raw data file from the previous day is downloaded to Arcadis' Durham, NC server. The data file is saved to the project folder on the server and then processed by a Microsoft Excel macro. The resulting Excel file provides values for daily averages and maxima as well as alarm and calibration information. This information is recorded on the daily QC log sheet. Comments and observations regarding data quality are noted on the QC log sheet and are also entered on the SCSPA QA/QC Daily Comment Sheet. The Project Manager is notified of any issues immediately.

Percent completeness for Quarter 1 was calculated by dividing both the number of hours flagged by the macro as "Insufficient Data" as well as hours for which no data was obtained by the total number of hours in the quarter. Each of the three instruments (5014i, 42i, and 43i) typically produces 24 hours of data each day, for a total of 72 hours per day of recorded data. One daily Excel file per week was validated by verifying the formulas and inputs used in the Microsoft Excel macro calculations are correct. The ranges used to calculate the PM 2.5 24-hour average, NO2 Daily Max 1-hour average, SO2 Daily Max 1-hour average, and the 24-hour averages for PM, NO, NO2, NOx, and SO2 were checked during each validation. Four random hourly average ranges for PM, NO, NO2, NOx, and SO2 were also checked during each validation.

The data for this quarter were assessed as follows:

- Percent completeness was 67.25%.
- 100% of the validated data were flagged as "good".

The QAP states a target completeness goal of 75% for $PM_{2.5}$, SO_2 and NO_X. The data collected from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 fell short of this goal. SO2 data was impacted beginning on February 10, 2020 due to a flash intensity assembly failure in the SO2 instrument. On February 25, 2020, the zero-air generator (ZAG) failed, impacting both NOx and SO2 data quality. According to the

manufacturer, ThermoFisher Scientific, the instrument was not repairable, and a new ZAG was ordered. Delivery of the new ZAG was delayed multiple times due to COVID-19 pandemic supply chain problems. NOx and SO2 instruments were back online in mid-July 2020.

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