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1. Introduction

1.1 Scope

ARCADIS U.S., Inc. (ARCADIS) was contracted in late December 2010 to provide Continuous Air Monitoring Services to the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) at the Wando Welch Terminal in Charleston. 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 the data. This report begins the submittal of quarterly data reports and presents the data summaries requested by SCSPA and described in the work scope. 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 October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

1.2 Project Description

SCSPA asked for technical support that will 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 will maintain the monitoring instruments, stock consumables such as filters and calibration gases, and order spare parts such that downtime will be avoided. ARCADIS has established standard operating procedures to perform daily downloads and to provide Level 1 data validation for the resulting data. This monitoring project setup was relatively straightforward and has proven to be reliable and is generating valid high quality data suitable for use in dispersion modeling or other potential purposes.

As required, periodically the QAP and procedures are updated to reflect improvements to the basic operating procedures. 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. Excursions beyond these standards have not been seen, but a few daily spikes and rises have been noted and correlating local conditions are investigated in local media outlets and recorded when seen. These observations are tabulated and presented in the quarterly reports.

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 has proven to be very responsive to local equipment air emissions and the local meteorological

conditions. Although this is not a typical fence line site, it has shown high value in permitting the evaluation of port activities and related air quality effects. We have been able to remotely access the control computer and reliably interact with the instruments. We can see immediate reaction from the instruments in response 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 details in the archived data any time in the future if needed.

2. Quarterly Results

The 24-hr daily averages for PM, NO, NO_2, NO_X, and SO_2 and the maximum daily value (1-hr average) for NO_2 and SO_2 for this period are shown in Table 2-1. No exceedances were indicated this quarter. Quarterly statistics showing the averages, minimums and maximums for all parameters are summarized in Table 2-2. 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 2-3.

Table 2-1. 24-Hour Averages

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.	
Date	**PM ($\mu g/m^3$)**	**NO (ppb)**	**NO_2 (ppb)**	**NO_X (ppb)**	**SO_2 (ppb)**	**NO_2 ppb)**	**SO_2 (ppb)**
10/1/11	4.26	0.49	1.57	1.99	0.56	5.09	3.43
10/2/11	6.53	0.20	1.32	1.47	0.43	4.50	3.03
10/3/11	6.97	4.16	9.23	13.36	4.15	18.73	60.07
10/4/11	9.81	3.68	11.37	15.04	0.26	19.40	1.13
10/5/11	9.84	3.24	7.43	10.61	0.14	24.83	1.13
10/6/11	6.81	2.35	4.16	6.47	0.08	14.09	0.33
10/7/11	5.23	1.56	0.35	1.59	0.22	1.72	2.63
10/8/11	3.33	0.12	1.29	1.39	0.07	2.43	0.64
10/9/11	8.60	0.02	1.06	1.03	0.02	2.20	0.26
10/10/11	11.26	0.65	3.59	4.20	0.02	14.52	0.44
10/11/11	4.67	4.58	7.45	12.01	0.02	16.15	0.39
10/12/11	5.77	13.61	12.79	26.39	0.26	33.60	2.03
10/13/11	7.31	9.94	9.51	19.43	2.29	18.14	14.17
10/14/11	7.26	5.20	10.05	15.22	2.42	17.65	12.76
10/15/11	13.30	3.46	8.72	12.14	5.68	20.03	25.10
10/16/11	6.32	0.22	4.37	4.53	0.64	10.40	2.71
10/17/11	12.09	12.35	14.32	26.62	1.00	33.82	3.42
10/18/11	9.95	27.83	13.00	40.79	0.18	49.14	0.89
10/19/11	1.75	7.30	6.43	13.69	1.10	17.55	14.55
10/20/11	10.77	11.47	11.57	23.02	9.45	19.69	25.22

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.	
Date	**PM ($\mu g/m^3$)**	**NO (ppb)**	**NO_2 (ppb)**	**NO_X (ppb)**	**SO_2 (ppb)**	**NO_2 ppb)**	**SO_2 (ppb)**
10/21/11	9.43	11.49	12.31	23.79	7.89	20.25	33.08
10/22/11	11.11	0.78	6.11	6.85	0.32	25.96	1.04
10/23/11	9.87	0.07	1.98	1.99	0.09	4.86	0.84
10/24/11	13.38	3.12	10.05	13.14	0.34	34.21	1.23
10/25/11	15.74	2.18	14.09	16.26	0.69	34.48	4.15
10/26/11	16.51	33.71	20.01	53.71	0.69	45.65	4.90
10/27/11	10.87	9.47	15.61	25.07	2.42	43.22	8.37
10/28/11	11.65	7.22	8.52	15.73	0.18	35.67	0.83
10/29/11	4.01	0.16	2.39	2.50	0.04	3.87	0.33
10/30/11	8.17	0.12	2.69	2.76	0.32	10.45	1.62
10/31/11	7.26	3.33	5.91	9.20	0.19	14.29	0.69
11/1/11	6.18	2.11	5.73	7.80	0.10	10.08	0.27
11/2/11	8.33	1.91	6.97	8.84	0.29	13.54	1.64
11/3/11	11.60	2.80	6.52	9.29	0.03	21.91	0.18
11/4/11	6.08	5.77	7.09	12.85	3.61	14.98	14.66
11/5/11	7.12	0.11	2.03	2.09	0.04	4.38	0.33
11/6/11	7.52	0.01	1.17	1.13	0.06	2.64	0.37
11/7/11	5.75	1.73	4.67	6.36	0.15	9.86	0.88
11/8/11	4.58	2.22	6.28	8.47	0.01	14.83	0.11
11/9/11	10.53	4.13	10.68	14.79	0.27	24.04	2.02
11/10/11	13.14	9.58	15.84	25.42	4.53	32.31	17.51
11/11/11	7.66	4.18	11.94	16.11	0.98	21.94	4.51
11/12/11	21.99	10.07	10.50	20.56	0.67	30.99	7.18
11/13/11	17.80	1.47	7.19	8.64	0.07	33.17	0.31
11/14/11	9.50	24.65	14.61	39.26	0.60	45.22	6.34
11/15/11	7.83	8.65	9.98	18.62	1.14	23.66	6.53
11/16/11	7.35	6.89	6.51	13.40	0.56	14.16	10.89
11/17/11	6.56	4.09	6.00	10.07	0.91	14.01	5.99
11/18/11	5.15	2.93	6.46	9.36	0.73	16.55	5.70

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.	
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11/19/11	8.78	0.12	2.27	2.36	0.20	3.38	1.00
11/20/11	6.91	0.40	2.83	3.21	0.02	7.74	0.41
11/21/11	6.44	19.56	13.86	33.41	0.60	31.08	5.10
11/22/11	6.43	26.64	14.48	41.11	0.73	40.16	9.43
11/23/11	2.53	7.27	9.19	16.44	2.28	21.80	10.50
11/24/11	6.52	1.62	6.27	7.86	0.02	30.00	0.14
11/25/11	10.50	4.84	9.63	14.46	0.05	20.89	0.25
11/26/11	5.93	0.14	3.99	4.10	0.01	12.92	0.28
11/27/11	4.68	0.05	0.99	1.00	0.02	2.92	0.28
11/28/11	3.70	5.47	6.20	11.64	0.25	21.10	4.40
11/29/11	7.24	26.74	13.71	40.43	10.75	25.50	28.07
11/30/11	9.78	22.10	13.77	35.86	6.36	22.48	17.58
12/1/11	8.71	4.66	9.92	14.58	0.64	16.74	1.64
12/2/11	9.37	9.09	14.94	24.02	0.58	33.90	4.05
12/3/11	10.78	1.59	4.83	6.37	0.52	16.30	1.34
12/4/11	8.15	0.03	1.63	1.54	0.16	2.74	0.60
12/5/11	6.68	11.20	12.00	23.11	0.10	29.15	0.84
12/6/11	4.28	22.77	13.93	36.62	0.17	28.33	1.24
12/7/11	4.12	8.10	7.24	15.31	3.80	13.26	20.45
12/8/11	4.14	5.69	9.65	15.31	2.46	23.58	25.60
12/9/11	7.82	3.49	7.50	10.92	0.57	17.90	2.30
12/10/11	10.67	0.11	4.48	4.48	0.37	9.45	1.64
12/11/11	9.60	0.05	2.77	2.68	1.29	4.64	2.81
12/12/11	8.02	2.90	5.98	8.78	0.18	11.90	1.12
12/13/11	13.67	27.60	17.93	45.48	0.27	38.52	0.53
12/14/11	13.66	19.84	13.47	33.29	0.24	27.16	1.24
12/15/11	11.33	50.35	18.41	68.74	0.43	31.88	1.47
12/16/11	8.51	11.38	14.40	25.75	2.79	26.63	19.11
12/17/11	9.42	1.78	5.67	7.39	1.24	12.62	7.60

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.	
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12/18/11	12.70	0.16	5.96	6.04	0.15	19.11	0.88
12/19/11	14.15	34.90	23.41	58.30	0.34	34.11	0.76
12/20/11	18.70	52.68	24.82	77.49	0.36	43.94	2.07
12/21/11	9.39	7.75	10.92	18.66	0.24	25.44	1.67
12/22/11	6.93	10.57	11.47	22.00	0.39	28.29	2.52
12/23/11	7.12	7.06	9.56	16.58	0.58	19.56	3.69
12/24/11	6.07	0.22	4.24	4.38	0.07	13.32	0.29
12/25/11	7.72	0.19	3.37	3.46	0.40	9.68	4.56
12/26/11	5.93	0.12	2.65	2.66	0.29	6.68	1.56
12/27/11	5.43	5.90	7.17	13.01	1.73	12.61	19.24
12/28/11	8.34	8.62	12.12	20.68	3.36	21.51	7.86
12/29/11	12.30	34.44	16.86	51.28	4.98	35.38	16.51
12/30/11	12.02	21.57	13.95	35.44	0.62	34.75	1.99
12/31/11	9.01	0.70	6.61	7.25	0.72	19.08	2.55

Table 2-2. Quarterly Statistics

24-hour Averages						Daily Max 1-hr Avg.	
Date	**PM ($\mu g/m^3$)**	**NO (ppb)**	**NO_2 (ppb)**	**NO_X (ppb)**	**SO_2 (ppb)**	**NO_2 (ppb)**	**SO_2 (ppb)**
Average	8.68	8.24	8.64	16.83	1.18	20.36	6.02
Minimum	1.75	0.01	0.35	1.00	0.01	1.72	0.11
Maximum	21.99	52.68	24.82	77.49	10.75	49.14	60.07

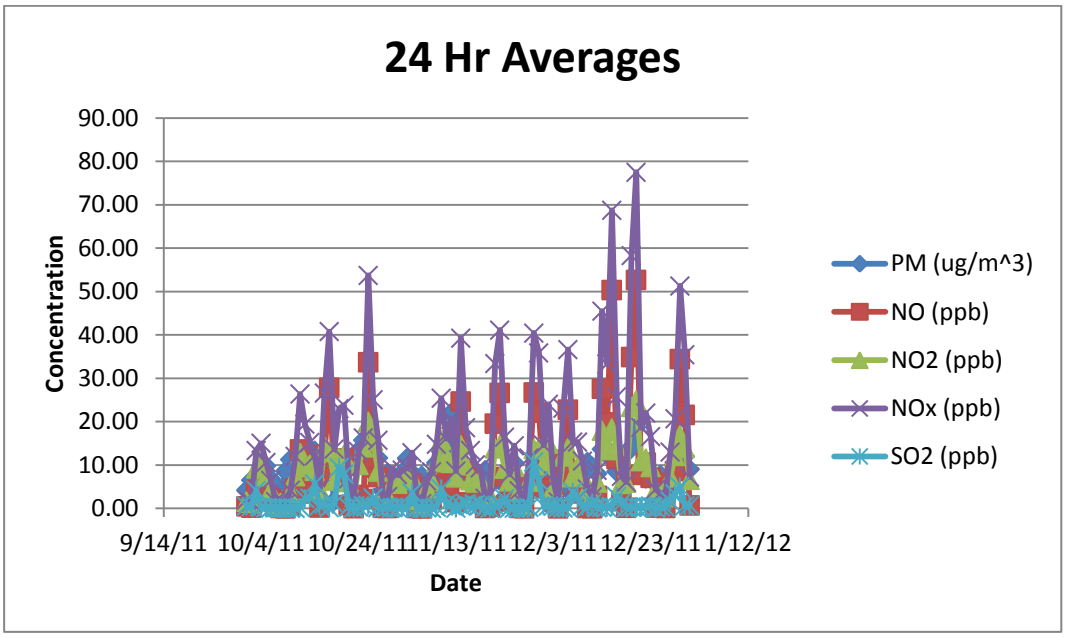

Figure 2-1. 24-hour Averages

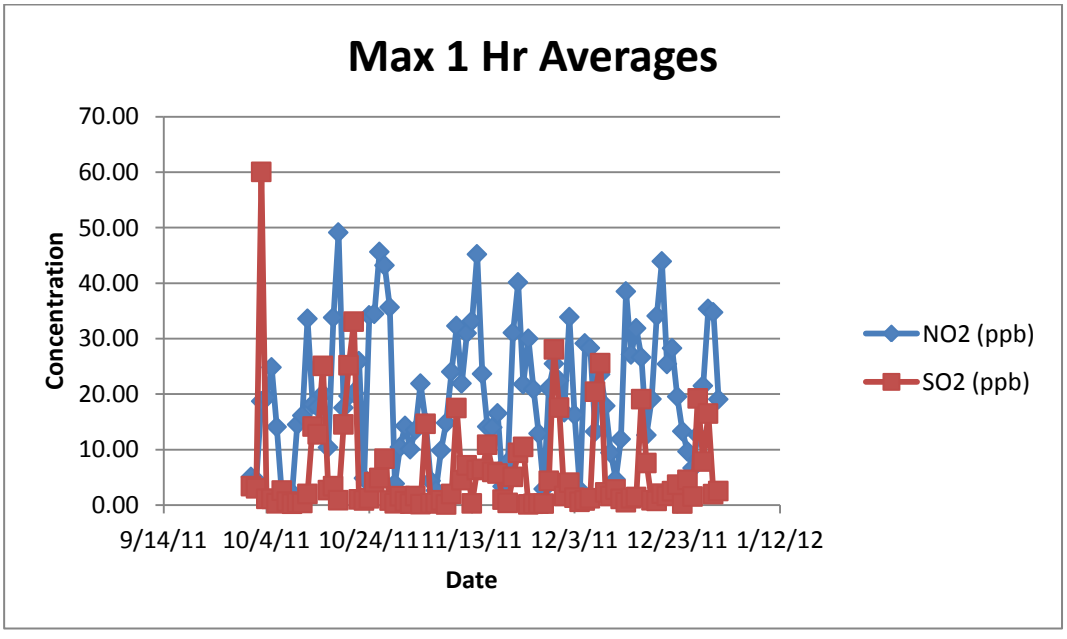

Figure 2-2. Max 1-hour Averages

Table 2-3. Monthly Statistics

Monthly Averages						Monthly Daily Max 1-hr Avg.	
Month	**PM ($\mu g/m^3$)**	**NO (ppb)**	**NO_2 (ppb)**	**NO_X (ppb)**	**SO_2 (ppb)**	**NO_2 (ppb)**	**SO_2 (ppb)**
October 2011	8.70	5.94	7.72	13.61	1.36	19.89	7.46
November 2011	8.14	6.94	7.91	14.83	1.20	19.61	5.43
December 2011	9.19	11.79	10.25	21.99	0.97	21.55	5.15

2.1 Specific Data Notes

System maintenance steps were implemented at several periods within this quarter, but no unexpected events were seen. During early November there were anomalies due to the one-hour daylight savings time shift. The errors in time were recorded in the notes and rectified by the end of November 7.

3. Quality Assurance/Quality Control

QA/QC procedures applied to this project are described in a Quality Assurance Project Plan titled *Continuous Air Monitoring Station for the Wando Welch Terminal* (July 8, 2011)

3.1 Daily QC/Validation

According to the QAP prepared for this work, results were reviewed for anomalies and validated on a daily basis. These validations were recorded on QA/QC Daily Comment Sheets. Exceedances of the EPA Ambient Air Quality guidelines found in the daily validations were logged and are summarized in Table 3-1. The table contains the date the anomaly occurred and the reason/comment.

Table 3-1. QA/QC Daily Comment Sheet

Date	Comment
10/06/2011	System maintenance from 14:00 to 18:55. Charcoal and Purafil in zero air generator changed.
10/7/2011	System Maintenance from 10:11 to 10:50
11/06/2011	Time errors recorded due to daylight savings time. System time reset.

3.2 Quarterly Data Validation

The quarterly data were assessed as follows: 100% of the validated Quarter 4 data were flagged as “good”. Percent completeness for Quarter 4 was calculated by dividing the number of hours flagged by the macro as “Insufficient Data” for any parameter by the total number of hours in the quarter. Percent completeness for Quarter 4 was 99.23%.