

Annual Air Monitoring Data Certification

Data Certification – The Basics



- Formal statement attesting to ambient data completeness and accuracy
- Submitted by monitoring agencies to EPA on annual basis
- Process that combines a required action followed by a discretionary EPA review

The Actual Requirement in CFR Language



- § 58.15 Annual air monitoring data certification.
- (a) The State, or where appropriate local, agency shall submit to the EPA Regional Administrator an annual air monitoring data certification letter to certify data collected by FRM, FEM, and ARM monitors at SLAMS and SPM sites that meet criteria in appendix A to this part from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year. ... The annual data certification letter is due by May 1 of each year."
- (b) Along with each certification letter, the state shall submit to the Regional Administrator an annual summary report of all the ambient air quality data collected by FRM, FEM, and ARM monitors at SLAMS and SPM sites. ..."
- (c) Along with each certification letter, the State shall submit to the Regional Administrator a summary of the precision and accuracy data for all ambient air quality data collected by FRM, FEM, and ARM monitors at SLAMS and SPM sites. ..."

URL for AMTIC Cert & Validation: https://www3.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qacert.html

Data Certification Information On AMTIC (Ambient Monitoring Technology Information Center)



The AMTIC website is located at https://www3.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/



Quality Assurance/Quality Control

- · Quality Assurance Guidance Documents
- · National Performance Evaluation Program
- · Quality Indicator Assessment Reports
- QA/QC Workgroup Activities (national meeting)
- Newsletters
- Pollutant/Network Specific QA
- · OC of Filters for PM2.5, PM10 and Low Volume Pb
- · Data Certification/Validation
- · Training and Announcements

Data Certification/Validation

- Ambient Air Monitoring Data Certification Q&A for CY2015 (PDF) (4pp, 258k)
- · Data Certification Flag Values (PDF) (1pg, 59k)
- Additional Information Related to the 2014 AMP600 Data Certification Process (PDF) (11pp, 1.2 MB)

Data Certification Qualifier Values



Flag	Application
Value	
Х	Certification is not required by 40 CFR 58.15 and no conditions apply to be the basis for
	assigning another flag value
U	Uncertified. The certifying agency did not submit a required certification letter and
	summary reports for this monitor even though the due date has passed, or the state's
	certification letter specifically did not apply the certification to this monitor.
S	The certifying agency has submitted the certification letter and required summary
	reports. A value of "S" conveys no Regional assessment regarding data quality per se.
	This flag will remain until the Region provides an "N" or "Y" concurrence flag.
N	The certifying agency has submitted the certification letter and required summary
	reports, but the certifying agency and/or EPA has determined that issues regarding the
	quality of the ambient concentration data cannot be resolved due to data
	completeness, the lack of performed quality assurance checks or the results of
	uncertainty statistics shown in the AMP256 report or the certification and quality
	assurance report.
Υ	The certifying agency has submitted a certification letter, and EPA has no unresolved
	reservations about data quality (after reviewing the letter, the attached summary
	reports, the amount of quality assurance data submitted to AQS, the quality statistics,
	and the highest reported concentrations).
M	The monitoring organization has revised data from this monitor since the most recent
	certification letter received from the state.

Criteria that Generate Green (Acceptable) Warning (Yellow) and "N" Qualifiers (Red)



Assessment	Current CFR Requirement or Guidance	Green (Acceptable)	Yellow (Warning)	Red (Recommend N Flag)	Comments	
Technical Systems Audit	PQAO every 3 years	TSA within 3 years	TSA within 4 years	TSA > 5 years	Not a monitoring Org responsibility. Will be reported on summary page not by pollutant	
		Gaseou	s Criteria Poll	utants		
Routine Data Completeness	75%	<u>></u> 80%	80-70%	<70%	Based on CFR criteria for data use 100* Number of hourly obs/number of hours in monitor sample period	
QAPP Approval	Approval date within 5 years of current date	Approval date within 5 years of current date	Approval date between 5-10 years	Not approved and/or approval date greater than 10 years	Could be sole reason for "N" flag if QAPP not approved.	
1-Point QC Completeness	75%	<u>></u> 75%	65-75%	<65%	Based on 26, 1-point QC for a year. Calculated based on the number of days the monitor operated.	
1-Point QC Precision	100/		8-20% O3 > 20% O3 11-25% others > 25% others		Based on all valid 1-point QC chec in AQS for the year. Value shoul reflect AMP-256 value	
1-Point QC Bias	±7% O3, ±10% others	<+7% 03, <+10% others	<u>+</u> 8-20% O3 <u>+</u> 11-25% others	> <u>+</u> 20% O3 > <u>+</u> 25% others	Based on all valid 1-point QC checks in AQS. Value should reflect AMP-256 value	
Annual PE Completeness	1 PE/year 3 audit levels	1 PE/year 3 audit levels	1 PE/year 2 audit levels	No PE or 1 audit level	Will not count more than one actua value in an audit level. For example two audit in one level count as 1 audit level.	
Annual PE Bias O3 , SO2 , NO2	<+1.5 ppb / +15%	< <u>+</u> 1.5 ppb / <u>+</u> 15%	<pre> ≤± 1.6-3.0 ppb / ± 16-25%</pre>	> <u>+</u> 3.0 ppb / <u>+</u> 25%	Average PD of all PE values for the monitor	
со	<pre>< ±0.03 ppm/ ± 15%</pre>	< ±0.03 ppm/ ± 15%	<pre> < + 0.04-0.06 ppm/ + 16-25%</pre>	> <u>+</u> 0.06 ppm/ <u>+</u> 25%		
NPAP Audit Completeness -PQAO	20% of sites in PQAO	20% of sites in PQAO	10-19% of sites in PQAO	<10% of sites in PQAO	Not a monitoring Org responsibility. Will be marked as "Y"	
NPAP Bias	<hi>+10% 03</hi> <hi>+15% others</hi>	<hi>+10% O3</hi> <hr/> <h15% hr="" others<=""></h15%>	<u>+</u> 11-20% O3 <u>+</u> 16-25% others	> <u>+</u> 20% O3 > <u>+</u> 25% others	median PD for all values at a site and median PD for PQAO level estimate	
NPAP Audit Completeness -Site	4 levels	4 levels	2-3 levels	≤1 level	Not a monitoring Org responsibility	
Outliers					Not implemented in 2014	

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- 1. Blue shaded rows are evaluations that will be reported (when data is available) but not used in certification flag settings
- 2. One Red for any monitor will elicit an AQS recommended "N" flag
- 3. Three warnings for any monitor will elicit an AQS recommended "N" flag



Preliminaries: What should a certifying agency do?

- 1. Review the Certifying Agency role assignments:
 - a) Run the AQS Monitor Description Report (AMP390)
 - Will show all Agency Roles for each monitor.
 - b) Compare against Monitoring Network Plan
- 2. Use AQS (Batch MD transaction or Maintain Monitor) to correct any discrepancies.

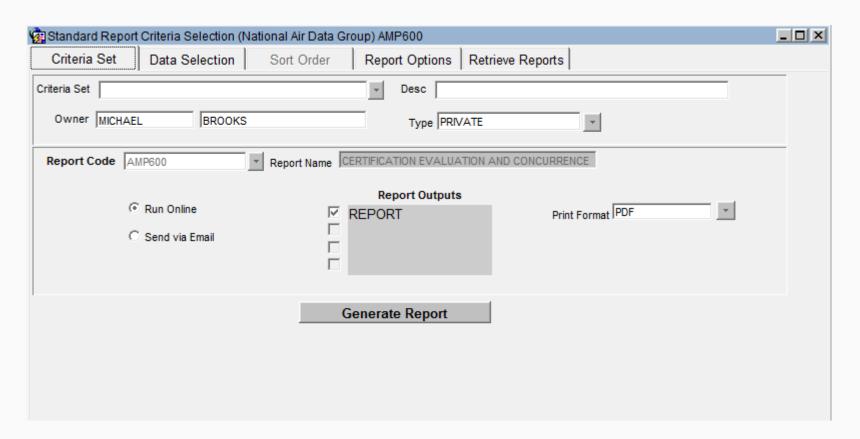


The Procedure: What does an agency do?

- Conduct and complete ambient air quality monitoring and QA as per 40 CFR Part 58 and submit all relevant data to AQS.
- Run the Data Certification Report (AMP600) for your Certifying Agency.
 - a) This will calculate a recommended certification flag for each monitor-year based on Part 58 criteria and display the results for all monitors and PQAOs associated with the Certifying Agency.



Requesting a Data Certification Report





Request Criteria

🔁 Standard Report Criteria Selection (National Air 🛭	ata Group) AMP600	. □ ×
Criteria Set Data Selection Sort Ord	der Report Options Retrieve Reports	
State County Site Code Id V V V V V V V V V	Monitor / Geographic Criteria	
Protocol Criteria Parameter Code CRITERIA	Start Date End Date YYYY THE PROPERTY OF TH	
	Agency Role CERTIFYING Agency Generate Report	

AMP600 Summary Report Before Certifying Agency Certification



Data Evaluation and Concurrence Report Summary

Jul. 22, 2014

Certification Year:	2012		
Certifying Agency (CA):			

a	nts in Report:		Monitors	Monitors Recommended for	Wonitors NOT Recommended	
	Parameter Name	Code	Evaluated	Concurrence by AQS	for Concurrence by AQS	
	Carbon monoxide	42101	3	3	0	
	Nitrogen dioxide (NO2)	42602	2	2	0	
	Ozone	44201	16	14	2	
	PM10 Total 0-10um STP	81102	8	7	1	
	PM2.5 - Local Conditions	88101	12	9	3	
	Sulfur dioxide	42401	4	4	0	

PQAOs in Report:

 PQAO Name
 PQAO Code
 TSA Date

 09/27/12

Summary of 'N' flags for all pollutants: AQS Cert. Agency
Parameter Recommended Recommended

	Paramet	er			Re	commended	Recommended	
PQAC	Code	Α	QS Site-ID	POC	Fla	g	Flag	Reason for AQS Recommendation
	44201		-019-1100	1	N	1		Annual Performance Evaluation Audit Missing or 1 Level.
	44201		-029-0032	1	N			Annual Performance Evaluation Audit Missing or 1 Level.
	88101		-011-0016	2	N			Annual Summary completeness < 70%.
	88101		-003-0014	1	N			Annual Summary completeness < 70%.
	88101		-009-0103	1	N			PQAO-Level Collocation criteria not met.
	81102		-003-0014	1	N			Flow Rate Audit completeness < 65%.

Signature of Monitoring Organization Representative:

AMP600- Ozone Before Certification



Certifying Year 2012

Certifying Agency Code

Parameter Ozone (44201) (ppm)

PQAO Name

QAPP Approval Date 06/23/2009

NPAP Audit Summary: Number of Valid Audits NPAP Bias Criteria Met

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QS ite ID	PO	C Monitor Type	Mean	Min	Max	Exceed. Count	Outlier Count		Precision	Bias Co	mplete	Bias	Complet	Bias	PQAO Level Criteria	QAPP Appr.	Aqs Rec Flag	CA Re Flag	c Epa Concur
001-00	014 2	SPM	0.042	0.016	0.085	0	0	93	2.95	+/-2.39	100	- 3.54	100		Y	Υ	Y		
003-11	100 1	TRIBAL	0.038	0.014	0.059	0	0	91	1.87	+/-1.36	100	- 0.43	100		Υ	Υ	Y	N	
005-20	003 1	SLAMS	0.046	0.014	0.094	0	0	99	1.52	+3.35	100	0.90	100	0.00	Υ Υ	Υ	Y	0	
009-01	102 1	SLAMS	0.047	0.024	0.080	0	0	98	2.64	+/-1.99	100	- 3.74	100	1.01	Υ	Υ	Y		
009-01	103 1	SLAMS	0.044	0.017	0.078	0	0	95	1.43	-2.56	100	- 1.35	100	1.22	Y	Υ	Y		
011-20	005 1	SLAMS	0.042	0.014	0.082	0	0	99	1.40	+/-1.28	100	- 2.02	100		Υ	Υ	Y	V	
013-00	004 2	SLAMS	0.043	0.021	0.087	0	0	96	4.69	+/-3.63	100	0.41	100		Υ	Υ	Y	V	
017-30	001 1	SPM	0.038	0.010	0.081	0	0	99	0.93	+/-1.13	100	- 1.41	100		Υ	Υ	Υ	a	
019-11	100 1	TRIBAL	0.040	0.019	0.071	0	0	89	1.53	+/-1.04	100		0	3.70	Υ Υ	Υ	N		
019-40	008 1	SLAMS	0.041	0.018	0.069	0	0	99	2.27	+/-1.96	100	0.67	100		Υ	Υ	Υ	'	
023-00	006 1	SPM	0.043	0.014	0.108	0	0	99	8.98	+/-5.88	100	0.07	100	1.00	Υ	Υ	Υ	u	
029-00	019 1	SPM	0.040	0.021	0.075	0	0	98	3.91	+/-3.60	100	0.72	100		Υ	Υ	Υ	е	
029-00	032 1	TRIBAL	0.038	0.011	0.062	0	0	99	1.27	+/-1.46	100		0		Υ	Υ	N		
031-00	038 1	SPM	0.044	0.011	0.094	0	0	99	1.89	+3.68	100	3.43	100		Υ	Υ	Υ	S	
031-00	040 1	SPM	0.044	0.017	0.088	0	0	98	1.13	+2.30	100	2.61	100		Υ	Υ	Υ		
031-20	002 1	SLAMS	0.047	0.016	0.096	0	0	99	1.59	+/-1.82	100	0.30	100	1.89	Y	Υ	Υ		-

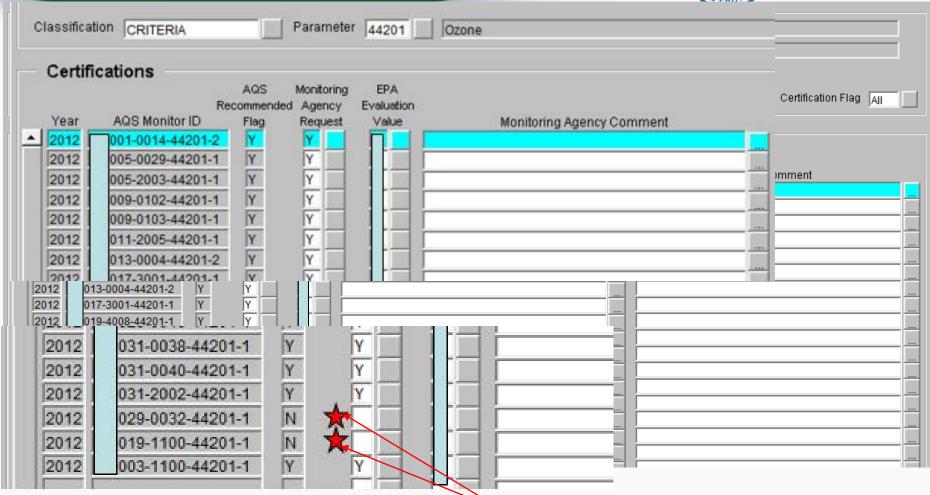


The Procedure – Part 2: Data Review

- Review the certification report. For 'N' recommendations:
 - 1. Has any ambient monitoring data not yet been submitted?
 - 2. Has any QA/QC data (e.g. Precision and Accuracy transactions) not been submitted?
 - 3. Should any ambient monitoring data be invalidated and removed from AQS based on QA/QC results?
- 2. Make corrections to AQS data as needed.
- 3. Rerun certification report and verify results are final.
- 4. Use the AQS certification form to accept or override the AQS recommended value.

Certification Form for Certifying Agency





If certifying this data, we'd really like a Certifying Agency comment

AMP600 After Certifying Agency Certification



Certifying Year 2012

Certifying Agency Code Parameter

Ozone (44201) (ppm)

PQAO Name

QAPP Approval Date 06/23/2009

NPAP Audit Summary: Number of Vali

Number of Valid Audits NPAP Bias Criteria Met

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001-0	014 2	2 SPM	0.042	0.016	0.085	0	0	93	2.95	+/-2.39	100	- 3.54	П	100		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
003-1	100 1	1 TRIBAL	0.038	0.014	0.059	0	0	91	1.87	+/-1.36	100	- 0.43		100		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
005-20	003 1	1 SLAMS	0.046	0.014	0.094	0	0	99	1.52	+3.35	100	0.90		100	0.00	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
009-0	102 1	1 SLAMS	0.047	0.024	0.080	0	0	98	2.64	+/-1.99	100	- 3.74		100	1.01	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
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019-1	100 1	1 TRIBAL	0.040	0.019	0.071	0	0	89	1.53	+/-1.04	100			0	3.70	Υ	Υ	N	7	₹
019-40	008 1	1 SLAMS	0.041	0.018	0.069	0	0	99	2.27	+/-1.96	100	0.67	П	100		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
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AMP600 Summary After Certifying Agency Certification



Data Evaluation and Concurrence Report Summary

Jul. 22, 2014

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P	arameter Name	Code	Evaluated	Concurrence by AQS	for Concurrence by AQS
C	arbon monoxide	42101	3	3	0
Ni	trogen dioxide (NO2)	42602	2	2	0
O	zone	44201	16	14	2
PI	M10 Total 0-10um STP	81102	8	7	1
PI	M2.5 - Local Conditions	88101	12	9	3
Su	ulfur dioxide	42401	4	4	0

PQAOs in Report:

Summary of 'M' flage for all pollutante:

PQAO Name PQAO Code TSA Date

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	Paramete	r			Recommended	Re	commended	
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	44201		-019-1100	1	N		*	Annual Performance Evaluation Audit Missing or 1 Level.
	44201		-029-0032	1	N		***	Annual Performance Evaluation Audit Missing or 1 Level.
	88101		-011-0016	2	N	Υ		Annual Summary completeness < 70%.
	88101		-003-0014	1	N	Υ		Annual Summary completeness < 70%.
	88101		-009-0103	1	N	Υ		PQAO-Level Collocation criteria not met.
	81102		-003-0014	1	N	Υ		Flow Rate Audit completeness < 65%.

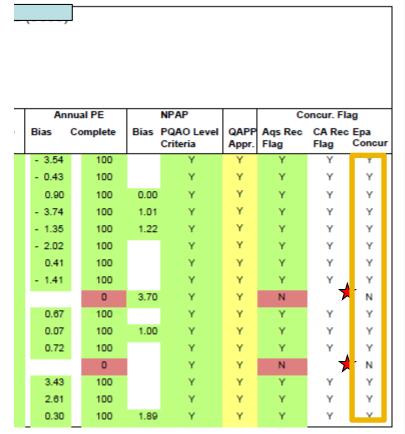
Cert Agency

Signature of Monitoring Organization Representative:

AMP600 After EPA Regional Concurrence



Certifying Year		2012		_			
Certifying Agency	v Code				Co	oncur. F	lag
Parameter	y code	Ozon	e (442	01 ^P	Aqs Rec	CA Re	с Ера
PQAO Name		Ozone (44201			Flag	Flag	Concur
QAPP Approval D	ate	06/23/2009			Υ	Υ	Y
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AQS POC Monitor Site ID Type	Mean	Min	Max	Ex Co	Υ	Υ	Υ
001-0014 2 SPM	0.042	0.016	0.085		Y	Y	Y
003-1100 1 TRIBAL	0.038	0.014	0.059		Y	Υ	Y
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009-0103 1 SLAMS	0.044	0.017	0.078		N)	N
011-2005 1 SLAMS	0.042	0.014	0.082		Y	Υ	Y
013-0004 2 SLAMS	0.043	0.021	0.087		v	v	No.
017-3001 1 SPM	0.038	0.010	0.081		Υ	Υ	Υ
019-1100 1 TRIBAL	0.040	0.019	0.071		Y	Y	Y
019-4008 1 SLAMS 023-0006 1 SPM	0.041	0.018	0.069		N	7	N I
023-0006 1 SPM 029-0019 1 SPM	0.043	0.014	0.108				•
029-0019 1 SPM	0.040	0.021	0.075		Y	Y	Υ
031-0038 1 SPM	0.044	0.011	0.002		Y	Y	Υ
031-0040 1 SPM	0.044	0.017	0.088		v	v	v
031-2002 1 SLAMS	0.047	0.016	0.096				•



AMP600 After EPA Regional Concurrence



Data changed after certification

Monitors Summaries																
		F				Routine Data (ug/m3)				Flow Rate Verification		Flow Rate Audit		Coll 6oatbun rence Flag		
		Monito	-			Exceed.				%					ec CA Rec EPA	
AQS Site ID F	POC	Type	<u>Mean</u>	<u>Min</u>	Max	Count	Count	Complete	Bias	Complete	Bias	Complete	Appr.	Flag	Flag Concur	
-003-1011	2	SLAMS	16.62	.0	491.0		0	97	+0.19	75	-0.22	100	Υ	Υ	Y M	
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Parameter: PM10 Total 0-10um STP (81102) INTERMITTENT

PQAO Name:

Quality Assurance Project Plan Approval Date: 10/15/2011

Collocation Summary

Sites # Sites % CV Criteria

Sites Req Collocated Collocated Est CV UB Met?

5 1 1 100 8.87 10.93 Y

Monitors Summaries

			Routine Data (ug/m3)								Rate Audit	Collocation			Concurrence Flag			
A	QS Site ID	POC	Monito Type	r <u>Mean</u>	<u>Min</u>		Exceed. Count		% Complete	Bias	% Complete	<u>cv</u>	% Complete			AQS R Flag	ec CA Re Flag	c EPA Concur
	-001-0011	2	SLAMS	15.25	2.0	54.0	0	0	96	+0.66	100			Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
	-005-0015	2	SPM	21.32	8.0	60.0	0	0	86	+0.36	100	10.93	86	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
	-005-0015	3	SPM	19.96	8.0	62.0	0	0	93	+0.78	100			Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
	-009-0103	2	SPM	6.15	2.0	19.0	0	0	95	-1.20	100			Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
	-011-0016	2	SLAMS	13.84	2.0	61.0	0	0	91	-0.93	100			Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
	-019-0002	3	SLAMS	17.66	2.0	89.0	0	0	96	+0.03	100			Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
	-003-0014	1	SLAMS	19.22	2.0	80.0	0	0	91	+/-	0			Y	Υ	N	Y	N
Submitter Comment: Flow Rate Audit Completeness 75% according to AMP250 EPA Comment:																		

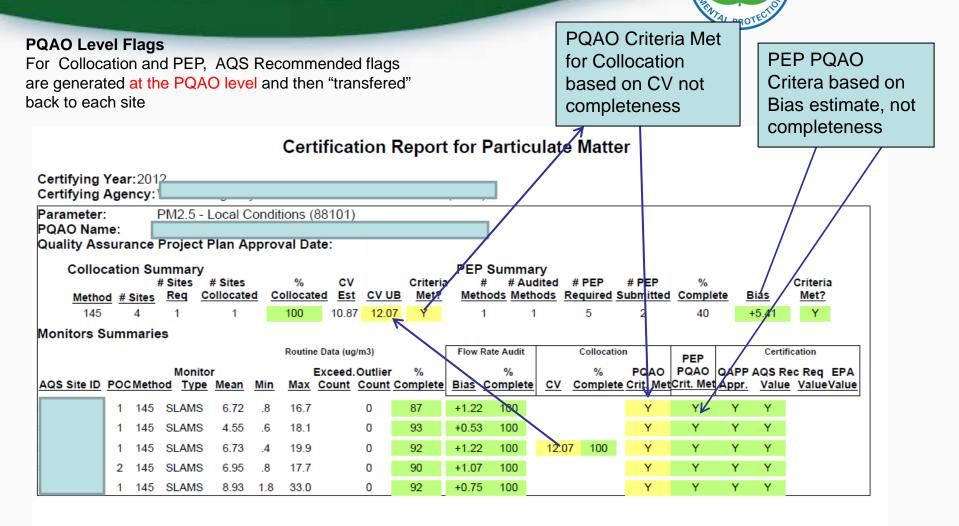
Certification Form



Query Criteria Year 2012 Agency State			County Code CBSA Code
Classification CRITERIA	Paramet	er 81102	PM10 Total 0-10um STP
- Certifications	AQS Monitoring		
Re Year AQS Monitor ID	commended Agency Flag Request	Evaluation Value	Monitoring Agency Comment
△ 2012 → 001-0011-81102-2	Y Y	Yalde	Monitoring Agency Comment
2012 -003-0014-81102-1	N Y	N	Flow Rate Audit Completeness 75% according to AMP2
2012 -003-1011-81102-2	Y	M	
2012 -005-0015-81102-2	Y	Y	
2012 -005-0015-81102-3	Y	Y	
2012 -009-0103-81102-2	Y	Y	
2012 -011-0016-81102-2	Y	Y	
2012 019-0002-81102-3	Y	Y	

Since the only qualifier that shows up in AQS is the EPA concurrence qualifier, any change in data by the Monitoring Organization will show up as "M" for modified

How the AMP600 Works Found On AMTIC



See "additional Information Related to AMP600 Certification Process" at http://www.epa.gov/ttnamti1/qacert.html



What Monitoring Data must have Monitoring Agencies Certified on May 1, 2016?

Only data collected by FRM, FEM, and ARM monitors at SLAMS and SPM monitoring stations that meet Appendix A must be certified¹. In practice this refers to monitoring data for CO, NO₂, SO₂ (hourly and 5-minute average data), Ozone, Lead, PM₁₀, PM_{10-2.5}, and PM_{2.5}.

¹ Data certification requirements may also be included in auxiliary agreements such as MOA's between states and operators of industrial networks, for example, SO₂ monitors being installed to comply with the Data Requirements Rule.

Certification Process: Thoughts and Steps Forward



- Use it often
 - Don't wait till May to run the report
 - It can run on a partial year based on the date the report is run. This may not be perfect but can help.
- By the time data is in AQS it may be to late
 - Internal QC is critical
- Will eventually add outlier statistics.