

Summary of Quarterly Operations (April – June)

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Introduction

This quarterly report summarizes results from the Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) program for data collected during second quarter 2013. The various QA/QC criteria and policies are documented in the CASTNET Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP; AMEC, 2012). The QAPP is comprehensive and includes standards and policies for all components of project operation from site selection through final data reporting. It is reviewed annually and updated as warranted.

Quarterly Summary

Comparison of fourth quarter 2012 trace-level gas concentrations and filter pack concentrations at the BEL116, MD and BVL130, IL sites indicated that weekly average trace-level gas sulfur dioxide (SO₂) concentrations from the Teledyne API (API) analyzer were about 25 percent lower than the corresponding filter pack concentrations. AMEC requested data from EPA for the same period from the Monitors for Aerosols and Gases in Ambient Air (MARGA), located at the BEL116, MD site, for further evaluation of the measured SO₂ concentrations. The filter pack and MARGA concentrations were comparable. AMEC is working with API to determine the cause of the disparity in concentration measurements.

AMEC continued to have problems with the adaptive signal filtering of the API trace-level gas analyzers. A fast response is needed for collecting QC data, but available options are not sufficient to engage this mode under current operational protocols. AMEC contacted API and provided plots of instrument responses and details of the problems encountered. AMEC also provided information about the problem to EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

While the zero/precision/span QC checks have remained within criteria, the API trace-level gas monitoring system at the BEL116, MD site has been only intermittently reporting an expected value. AMEC developed a data logger program to gather operational data to investigate the

problem. With information obtained through the program, a new program to correct the problem was developed. AMEC will test the new program before deploying it during third quarter 2013.

AMEC met with API representatives during June 2013 to discuss the problems encountered during operation of the API trace-level gas instruments. API's product group is reviewing AMEC's questions and comments and will provide feedback on testing and troubleshooting the analyzers during third quarter 2013.

The QA Manager performed two laboratory method audits during June in accordance with AMEC's analytical laboratory's International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 17025:2005 accreditation.

Table 1 lists the quarters of data that were validated to Level 3 during second quarter 2013 by site calibration group. Table 2 lists the sites in each calibration group along with the calibration schedule.

Table 3 presents the measurement criteria for continuous field measurements. These criteria apply to the instrument challenges performed during site calibrations. Table 4 presents the measurement criteria for laboratory filter pack measurements. These criteria apply to the QC samples listed in the following section of this report. Table 5 presents the critical criteria for ozone monitoring at sites that are configured to meet EPA's Air Quality System (AQS) criteria for QA/QC procedures and are operated in accordance with Part 58 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (EPA, 2010). Table 6 presents the critical criteria for AQS-protocol tracelevel gas monitoring.

Quality Control Analysis Count

The QC sample statistics presented in this report are for reference standards (RF) and continuing calibration verification spikes (CCV) used to assess accuracy and for replicate sample analyses (RP) used to assess "in-run" precision. In addition, laboratory method blanks (MB) containing reagents without a filter; laboratory blanks (LB) containing reagents and a new, unexposed filter; and field blanks (FB) containing reagents and an unexposed filter that was loaded into a filter pack assembly and shipped to and from the monitoring site while remaining in sealed packaging are also included. Table 7 presents the number of analyses in each category that were performed during second quarter 2013.

Sample Receipt Statistics

Ninety-five percent of field samples from EPA-sponsored sites must be received by the CASTNET laboratory in Gainesville, FL no later than 14 days after removal from the sampling tower. Table 8 presents the relevant sample receipt statistics for second quarter 2013.

Data Quality Indicator (DQI) Results

Figures 1 through 3 present the results of RF, CCV, and RP QC sample analyses for second quarter 2013. All results were within the criteria listed in Table 4.

Table 9 presents summary statistics of critical criteria measurements at AQS-protocol ozone sites collected during the quarter. All data associated with QC checks that fail to meet the criteria listed in Table 5 will be invalidated. Results in shaded cells either exceed documented criteria or are otherwise notable. Table 10 presents observations associated with the shaded cell results in Table 9.

Table 11 presents summary statistics of critical criteria measurements collected during the quarter for the AQS-protocol trace-level gas monitoring sites. All data associated with QC checks that fail to meet the criteria listed in Table 6 will be invalidated. Results in shaded cells either exceed documented criteria or are otherwise notable. Table 12 presents observations associated with the shaded cell results in Table 11.

Laboratory Control Sample Analysis

The laboratory control sample (LCS) is a reagent blank spiked with the target analytes from the established analytical methods and carried through the same extraction process that field samples must undergo. The LCS is not required by the CASTNET QA/QC program. LCS analyses are performed by the laboratory to monitor for potential sample handling artifacts and provide a means to identify possible analyte loss from extraction to extraction. The current action limits for LCS recovery are 80 percent and 120 percent. Figure 4 presents LCS analysis results for second quarter 2013. All recovery values were between 90 percent and 105 percent.

Blank Results

Figures 5 through 7 present the results of MB, LB, and FB QC sample analyses for second quarter 2013. All results were within criteria (two times the reporting limit) listed in Table 4.

Suspect/Invalid Filter Pack Samples

Filter pack samples that were flagged as suspect or invalid during second quarter 2013 are listed in Table 13. This table includes associated site identification and a brief description of the reason the sample was flagged. During second quarter, 14 filter pack samples were invalidated for one or more of the measured parameters.

Field Problem Count

Table 14 presents counts of field problems affecting continuous data collection for more than one day during second quarter 2013. The problem counts are sorted by a 30-, 60-, or 90- day time period to resolution. A category for unresolved problems is also included. Time to resolution indicates the period taken to implement corrective action.

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Table 1 Data Validated to Level 3 during Second Quarter 2013

| Calibration Group* | Months Available | Number of Months | Complete Quarters | Number of Quarters |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| E-1/SE-5 | August 2012 – January 2013 | 6 | Quarter 4 2012 | 1 |
| MW-7/W-9 | September 2012 – February 2013 | 6 | Quarter 4 2012 | 1 |
| E-2/MW-8 | October 2012 – March 2013 | 6 | Quarter 4 2012 – Quarter 1 2013 | 2 |

Note: * The sites contained in each calibration group are listed in Table 2.

Table 2 Field Calibration Schedule

| Calibration Group | Months Calibrated | | Si Calib | tes rated | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|------------|
| 3334 | | Eastern Site | | | |
| E-1 | February/August | BEL116, MD | WSP144, NJ | ARE 128, PA | PED108, VA |
| (8 Sites) | | BWR139, MD | CTH110, NY | PSU106, PA | VPI120, VA |
| E-2 | April/October | ABT147, CT | WST109, NH | WFM105, NY | UND002, VT |
| (10 Sites) | | ASH135, ME | CAT175, NY | NIC001, NY | |
| | | HOW191, ME | HWF187, NY | EGB181 ON | |
| E-3 | May/November | KEF112, PA | LRL117, PA | CDR119, WV | |
| (5 Sites) | | MKG113, PA | PAR107, WV | | |
| | | Southeastern S | Sites (10 Total) | | |
| SE-4 | January/July | SND152, AL | BFT142, NC | COW137, NC | |
| (6 Sites) | | GAS153, GA | CND125, NC | PNF126, NC | |
| SE-5 | February/August | CAD150, AR | IRL141, FL | | |
| (4 Sites) | | CVL151, MS | SUM156, FL | | |
| | | Midwestern S | ites (18 Total) | | |
| MW-6 | January/July | CDZ171, KY | MCK131, KY | ESP127, TN | |
| (6 Sites) | | CKT136, KY | MCK231, KY | SPD111, TN | |
| MW-7 | March/September | ALH157, IL | STK138, IL | DCP114, OH | QAK172, OH |
| (8 Sites) | | BVL130, IL | VIN140, IN | OXF122, OH | PRK134, WI |
| MW-8 | April/October | SAL133, IN | ANA115, MI | | |
| (4 Sites) | | HOX148, MI | UVL124, MI | | |
| | | Western Sit | tes (9 Total) | | |
| W-9 | March/September | KNZ184, KS | SAN189, NE | | |
| (4 Sites) | | CHE185, OK | ALC188, TX | | |
| W-10 | May/November | GTH161, CO | CNT169, WY | PAL190, TX | |
| (5 Sites) | | ROM206, CO | PND165, WY | | |

 Table 3
 Data Quality Indicators for CASTNET Continuous Measurements

| Measu | rement | Criteria ¹ | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--|
| Parameter ² | Method | Precision | Accuracy | |
| Filter pack flow | Mass flow controller | ± 10% | ± 5% | |
| Ozone ³ | UV absorbance | straig | of full scale of best fit ht line | |
| | | Linearity 6 | error < 5% | |
| Wind speed | Anemometer | ± 0.5 m/s | The greater of \pm 0.5 m/s for winds < 5 m/s or \pm 5% for winds \geq 5 m/s | |
| Wind direction | Wind vane | ± 5° | ± 5° | |
| Sigma theta | Wind vane | Undefined | Undefined | |
| Ambient temperature | Platinum RTD | ± 1.0°C | ± 0.5°C | |
| Delta temperature | Platinum RTD | ± 0.5°C | ± 0.5°C | |
| Relative humidity | Thin film capacitor | ± 10% (of full scale) | ± 10% | |
| Precipitation | Tipping bucket rain gauge | ± 10% (of reading) | ± 0.05 inch ⁴ | |
| Solar radiation | Pyranometer | ± 10% (of reading taken at local noon) | ± 10% | |
| Surface wetness | Conductivity bridge | Undefined | Undefined | |

Notes: ${}^{\circ}C$ = degrees Celsius m/s = meters per third

RTD = resistance-temperature device

UV = ultraviolet

Precision criteria apply to collocated instruments, and accuracy criteria apply to calibration of instruments. Collocated precision criteria do not apply to AQS-protocol ozone measurements.

² As of the end of second quarter 2013, meteorological parameters were only measured at four of the EPA-sponsored CASTNET sites: PAL190, TX; CHE185, OK; BVL130, IL; and BEL116, MD

³ Ozone is not measured at six EPA-sponsored CASTNET sites: EGB181, ON; CAT175, NY; KNZ184, KS; NIC001, NY; WFM105, NY; and UND002, VT.

⁴ For target value of 0.50 inch

Table 4 Data Quality Indicators for CASTNET Laboratory Measurements

| | | | | Nominal | |
|--|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | Precision ¹ | Accuracy ² | Reporting 1 | Limits |
| Analyte | Method | (MARPD) | (%) | mg/L | μg/Filter |
| Ammonium (NH ₄ ⁺) | AC | 20 | 90 - 110 | 0.020^{*} | 0.5 |
| Sodium (Na ⁺) | ICP-AES | 20 | 95 - 105 | 0.005 | 0.125 |
| Potassium (K ⁺) | ICP-AES | 20 | 95 - 105 | 0.006 | 0.15 |
| Magnesium (Mg ²⁺) | ICP-AES | 20 | 95 - 105 | 0.003 | 0.075 |
| Calcium (Ca ²⁺) | ICP-AES | 20 | 95 - 105 | 0.006 | 0.15 |
| Chloride (Cl ⁻) | IC | 20 | 95 - 105 | 0.020 | 0.5 |
| Nitrate (NO ₃) | IC | 20 | 95 - 105 | 0.008^{*} | 0.2 |
| Sulfate (SO ₄ ² -) | IC | 20 | 95 - 105 | 0.040 | 1.0 |

Notes: ¹ This column lists precision goals for both network precision calculated from collocated filter samples and laboratory precision based on replicate samples.

AC = automated colorimetry IC = ion chromatography

ICP-AES = inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry

MARPD = mean absolute relative percent difference

mg/L = milligrams per liter $\mu g/F$ ilter = micrograms per filter * = as nitrogen

Values are rounded according to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) E29-08, Standard Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications (ASTM, 2008).

For more information on analytical methods and associated precision and accuracy criteria, see the CASTNET QAPP, Revision 8.0 (AMEC, 2012)

 Table 5
 AQS-Protocol Ozone Critical Criteria*

| Type of Check | Analyzer Response |
|-----------------|--|
| Zero | Less than ± 10 parts per billion (ppb) |
| Span | Less than or equal to \pm 7 percent between supplied and observed concentrations |
| Single Point QC | Less than or equal to \pm 7 percent between supplied and observed concentrations |

Note: * Applies to CASTNET sites that are configured and operated in accordance with Part 58 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (EPA, 2010). The minimum frequency for these checks is once every two weeks.

Values are rounded according to ASTM E29-08, Standard Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications (ASTM, 2008).

² This column lists laboratory accuracy goals based on reference standards and continuing calibration verification spikes. The criterion is 90–110 percent for ICP-AES reference standards.

Table 6 AQS-Protocol Trace-level Gas Monitoring Critical Criteria*

| | | Analyzer Response | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Parameter | Zero Check | Span Check | Single Point QC Check | | | | | |
| SO_2 | Less than ± 3 parts per billion (ppb) | Less than or equal to ± 10 percent between supplied and observed concentrations | Less than or equal to ± 10 percent between supplied and observed concentrations | | | | | |
| NO _y | Less than ± 3 ppb | Less than or equal to ± 10 percent between supplied and observed concentrations | Less than or equal to ± 10 percent between supplied and observed concentrations | | | | | |
| СО | Less than ± 40 ppb | Less than or equal to ± 10 percent between supplied and observed concentrations | Less than or equal to ± 10 percent between supplied and observed concentrations | | | | | |

Note: *Applies to CASTNET sites that are configured and operated in accordance with Part 58 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (EPA, 2010). The minimum frequency for these checks is once every two weeks.

Values are rounded according to ASTM E29-08, Standard Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications E29 (ASTM, 2008).

 SO_2 = sulfur dioxide

NO_y = total reactive oxides of nitrogen

CO = carbon monoxide

Table 7 QC Analysis Count for Second Quarter 2013

| Filter Type | Parameter | RF Sample Count | CCV Sample Count | RP Sample Count | MB Sample Count | LB Sample Count | FB Sample Count |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Teflon | SO_4^{2} | 34 | 161 | 72 | 16 | 24 | 45 |
| | NO ₃ | 34 | 161 | 72 | 16 | 24 | 45 |
| | $\mathrm{NH}_{\scriptscriptstyle{4}}^{\scriptscriptstyle{+}}$ | 32 | 159 | 74 | 16 | 24 | 45 |
| | Cl | 32 | 161 | 72 | 16 | 24 | 45 |
| | Ca ²⁺ | 32 | 166 | 72 | 16 | 24 | 45 |
| | $\mathrm{Mg}^{^{2+}}$ | 32 | 166 | 72 | 16 | 24 | 45 |
| | $\mathbf{Na}^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ | 32 | 166 | 72 | 16 | 24 | 45 |
| | $\mathbf{K}^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ | 32 | 166 | 72 | 16 | 24 | 45 |
| Nylon | SO ₄ ²⁻ | 31 | 150 | 68 | 15 | 24 | 45 |
| | NO ₃ | 31 | 150 | 68 | 15 | 24 | 45 |
| Cellulose | SO ₄ ²⁻ | 38 | 182 | 82 | 19 | 24 | 45 |

Table 8 Filter Pack Receipt Summary for Second Quarter 2013

| Count of samples received more than 14 days | |
|--|------------|
| after removal from tower: | 12 |
| Count of all samples received: | 847 |
| Fraction of samples received within 14 days: | 0.986 |
| Average interval in days: | 3.965 |
| First receipt date: | 04/01/2013 |
| Last receipt date: | 06/28/2013 |

Table 9 AQS-Protocol Ozone QC Summary (1 of 2)

| | % Span | Span | % Single Point QC | Single Point QC | Single Point | % Zero | Zero Average |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Site ID | Pass ¹ | $ \%\mathbf{D} ^2$ | Pass ¹ | $ \%\mathbf{D} ^{2}$ | QC CL ³ | Pass ¹ | (ppb) ² |
| ABT147, CT | 97.8 | 2.8 | 97.8 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 0.4 |
| ALC188, TX | 100.0 | 2.0 | 96.8 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 91.5 | 5.2 |
| ALH157, IL | 100.0 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1.3 |
| ANA115, MI | 100.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.5 |
| ARE128, PA | 100.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1.9 |
| ASH135, ME | 100.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 98.8 | 1.0 |
| BEL116, MD | 100.0 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 97.6 | 2.2 |
| BFT142, NC | 100.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 98.8 | 1.2 |
| BVL130, IL | 100.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 97.9 | 3.8 |
| BWR139, MD | 100.0 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.8 |
| CAD150, AR | 97.9 | 3.0 | 96.8 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 96.8 | 1.8 |
| CDR119, WV | 91.6 | 2.0 | 89.5 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2.8 |
| CDZ171, KY | 100.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.9 |
| CKT136, KY | 97.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.9 |
| CND125, NC | 100.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1.4 |
| CNT169, WY | 100.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 0.2 |
| COW137, NC | 95.6 | 6.6 | 94.5 | 8.1 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 1.1 |
| CTH110, NY | 100.0 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.7 |
| CVL151, MS | 100.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.5 |
| DCP114, OH | 100.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.9 |
| ESP127, TN | 100.0 | 0.5 | 99.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 94.8 | 4.2 |
| GAS153, GA | 100.0 | 0.7 | 98.9 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 97.9 | 4.4 |
| GTH161, CO | 100.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.2 |
| HOX148, MI | 92.2 | 6.8 | 92.2 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 92.2 | 3.0 |

Table 9 AQS-Protocol Ozone QC Summary (2 of 2)

| Site ID | % Span Pass ¹ | Span % D ² | % Single Point QC Pass ¹ | Single Point QC %D ² | Single Point QC CL ³ | % Zero Pass ¹ | Zero Average (ppb) ² |
|------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| HWF187, NY | 96.0 | 16.4 | 86.9 | 18.7 | 13.6 | 80.0 | 8.9 |
| IRL141, FL | 99.0 | 1.3 | 99.0 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 93.8 | 6.2 |
| KEF112, PA | 100.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.8 |
| LRL117, PA | 100.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.4 |
| MCK131, KY | 100.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1.2 |
| MCK231, KY | 100.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 98.9 | 2.7 |
| MKG113, PA | 100.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.6 |
| OXF122, OH | 100.0 | 1.3 | 98.9 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.7 |
| PAL190, TX | 100.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1.6 |
| PAR107, WV | 100.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.5 |
| PED108, VA | 100.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.5 |
| PND165, WY | 100.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1.6 |
| PNF126, NC | 100.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.6 |
| PRK134, WI | 100.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.8 |
| PSU106, PA | 100.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.6 |
| QAK172, OH | 92.9 | 1.4 | 92.9 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 99.0 | 4.4 |
| ROM206, CO | 100.0 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.4 |
| SAL133, IN | 98.9 | 0.8 | 98.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1.4 |
| SAN189, NE | 100.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.3 |
| SND152, AL | 100.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1.3 |
| SPD111, TN | 100.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 97.9 | 1.8 |
| STK138, IL | 100.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.7 |
| SUM156, FL | 100.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 96.5 | 1.8 |
| UVL124, MI | 100.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.3 |
| VIN140, IN | 100.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.6 |
| VPI120, VA | 100.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.7 |
| WSP144, NJ | 100.0 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.5 |
| WST109, NH | 100.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.4 |

Notes: ¹ Percentage of comparisons that pass the criteria listed in Table 5. Values falling below 90 percent are addressed in Table 10.

%D = percent difference CL = confidence limit ppb = parts per billion

² Absolute value of the average percent differences between the on-site transfer standard and the site monitor. Values exceeding the criteria listed in Table 5 are addressed in Table 10.

³ 90 percent confidence limit of the coefficient of variation. This should be less than or equal to the 7 percent single point QC check critical criterion. Values exceeding this criterion are addressed in Table 10.

Table 10 AQS-Protocol Ozone QC Observations

| Site ID | QC Criterion | Comments |
|------------|------------------------|---|
| COW137, NC | Single Point QC %D | The sampling pump in the site analyzer failed. |
| | | Associated data were invalidated. |
| HWF187, NY | Span %D | The site analyzer's pressure transducer malfunctioned. |
| | % Single Point QC Pass | Associated data were invalidated through 5/31/13. June |
| | Single Point QC %D | data were not fully validated at the time of publication. |
| | Single Point QC CL | The associated data will be invalidated prior to |
| | % Zero Pass | submission to the EPA Air Quality System. |

Notes: %D = percent difference CL = confidence limit

Table 11 AQS-Protocol Trace-level Gas QC Summary

| Parameter | % Span Pass ¹ | Span % D ² | % Single Point QC Pass ¹ | Single Point QC %D ² | Single Point QC CL ³ | % Zero Pass ¹ | Zero Average (ppb) ² |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | BEL116 | , MD | | | |
| SO_2 | 97.4 | 2.9 | 94.9 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 0.4 |
| NO _y | 93.2 | 6.1 | 93.2 | 10.1 | 7.4 | 90.9 | 2.9 |
| | | | BVL13 | 0, IL | | | |
| SO_2 | 97.9 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 0.6 |
| NO_y | 95.7 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 68.1 | 2.3 |
| CO | 100.0 | 0.6 | 91.5 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 95.7 | 10.1 |
| | HWF187, NY | | | | | | |
| NO _y | 100.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 0.7 |

Notes: ¹ Percentage of comparisons that pass the criteria listed in Table 6. Values falling below 90 percent are addressed in Table 12.

%D = percent difference CL = confidence limit ppb = parts per billion

² Absolute value of the average percent differences between the supplied and observed concentrations. Values exceeding the criteria listed in Table 6 are addressed in Table 12.

³ 90 percent confidence limit of the coefficient of variation. This should be less than or equal to the 10 percent single point QC check critical criterion. Values exceeding this criterion are addressed in Table 12.

Table 12 AQS-Protocol Trace-level Gas QC Observations

| Site ID | Parameter | QC Criterion | Comments |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|---|
| BVL130, IL | NO _y | % Zero Pass | Zero failures occurred due to the non-responsive |
| | | | adaptive signal filter discussed in the quarterly |
| | | | summary. Ambient data were not affected. |

Table 13 Filter Packs Flagged as Suspect or Invalid

| Site ID | Sample No. | Reason |
|------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| CHA467, AZ | 1318001-19 | Insufficient flow volume |
| CHE185, OK | 1323001-20 | Insufficient flow volume |
| COW137, NC | 1318001-24 | Insufficient flow volume |
| GLR468, MT | 1318001-33 | Insufficient flow volume |
| GRC474, AZ | 1319001-35 | Insufficient flow volume |
| JOT403, CA | 1318001-43 | Insufficient flow volume |
| MAC426, KY | 1317001-48 | Potassium data invalidated as suspect |
| NIC001, NY | 1316001-55 | Insufficient flow volume |
| | 1317001-55 | Insufficient flow volume |
| PIN414, CA | 1318001-61 | Insufficient flow volume |
| SUM156, FL | 1321001-76 | Insufficient flow volume |
| UND002, VT | 1317001-78 | Insufficient flow volume |
| | 1321001-78 | Insufficient flow volume |
| VPI120, VA | 1317001-82 | Insufficient flow volume |

 Table 14 Field Problems Affecting Data Collection

| Days to Resolution | Problem Count |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| 30 | 206 |
| 60 | 9 |
| 90 | 1 |
| Unresolved by End of Quarter | 14 |

RF - Teflon ICP-AES o Na 110.0 o 92.5 90.0 5/1/2013 RF - Teflon IC & AC 110.0 97.5 95.0 92.5 90.0 4/17/2013 RF - Nylon IC 105.0 0 100.0 97.5 92.5 5/8/2013 4/25/2013 102.5 100.0 97.5 95.0 4/17/2013 5/31/2013 6/12/2013

Figure 1 Reference Standard Results for Second Quarter 2013 (percent recovery)

o Na × K **♦** Ca 110.0 107.5 95.0 92.5 90.0 CCV - Teflon IC & AC CI 105.0 95.0 92.5 Analysis Date -6/7/2013 4/24/2013 5/22/2013 5/31/2013 CCV - Nylon IC NHNO3 110.0 107.5 105.0 102.5 100.0 97.5 5/8/2013 6/10/2013 4/10/2013 5/28/2013 6/13/2013 4/18/2013 CCV - Cellulose IC 110.0 107.5 105.0 102.5 92.5 90.0 5/1/2013 5/8/2013 4/17/2013 4/24/2013 5/31/2013 4/5/2013

Figure 2 Continuing Calibration Spike Results for Second Quarter 2013 (percent recovery)

× K Ca o Na 20.0 10.0 Differ 5.0 2.5 0.0 6/12/2013 1/26/2013 RP - Teflon IC & AC CI 12.5 0 Difference 10.0 О 7.5 О 0 5.0 2.5 5/1/2013 RP - Nylon IC 20.0 17.5 15.0 12.5 Difference 10.0 ĕ 8 8 6/13/2013 8/10/2013 Analysis Date RP - Cellulose IC 20.0 17.5 15.0 12.5 Difference 10.0 5.0 5/9/20 13 Analysis Date 4/24/2013 5/23/2013 5/2/2013 5/20/2013 5/5/2013 5/13/2013

Figure 3 Replicate Sample Analysis Results for Second Quarter 2013 (percent difference)

LCS - Teflon ICP-AES ▲ Mg 120 115 110 105 100 85 80 4/8/2013 5/13/2013 6/17/2013 4/1/2013 5/20/2013 LCS - Teflon IC & AC ×TSO4 ○TNO3 ▲ TNH4 120 115 110 Recovery 100 0 🙎 00 95 A 4/8/2013 4/29/2013 4/1/2013 LCS - Nylon IC ×NSO4 O NHNO3 120 115 105 100 00 ô ŏ 00 95 90 85 80 6/10/2013 6/17/2013 4/1/2013 4/29/2013 5/13/2013 5/20/2013 6/24/2013 Analysis Date LCS - Cellulose IC 120 115 110 $\times\!\!\times$ 100 90 85 80 4/1/2013 5/13/2013 6/17/2013 6/24/2013 Analysis Date

Figure 4 Laboratory Control Sample Results for Second Quarter 2013 (percent recovery)

Mg o Na 0.14 0.13 ig 0.12 0.11 O 0.10 0.09 0.08 5/1/2013 5/15/2013 6/12/2013 4/26/2013 MB - Teflon IC & AC 0.9 0.0 entration 0.5 0.4 0.3 5/6/2013 nalysis Date 4/8/2013 MB - Nylon IC 0.9 0.8 Concentration 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 5/1/2013 5/28/2013 6/10/2013 6/19/2013 1/10/2013 Analysis Date MB - Cellulose IC 2.20 2.10 2.05 2.00 1.95 1.85 1.80 -5/1/2013 5/17/2013 5/20/2013 6/5/2013 6/13/2013 6/19/2013 4/18/2013 4/24/2013

Figure 5 Method Blank Analysis Results for Second Quarter 2013 (total micrograms)

♦ Ca o Na 0.17 0.16 0.15 0.14 e 0.13 o 0 О o o О О О О О 0.12 0.11 0.10 0.09 0.08 -6/12/2013 LB - Teflon IC & AC 0.9 0.0 entration 0.0 0.5 0.4 0.3 5/22/2013 5/23/2013 LB - Nylon IC 0.9 0.8 Concentration 0.0 0.5 0.3 0.2 5/1/2013 6/10/2013 6/12/2013 6/19/2013 4/3/2013 4/10/2013 4/24/2013 Analysis Date LB - Cellulose IC WSO2 2.20 2.10 2.05 1.95 1.85 1.80 - 5/18/2013 - 5/9/2013 Analysis Date -6/6/2013 -6/13/2013 5/31/2013 4/4/2013

Figure 6 Laboratory Blank Analysis Results for Second Quarter 2013 (total micrograms)

Figure 7 Field Blank Analysis Results for Second Quarter 2013 (total micrograms)

