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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Dakota Department of Health operated eight ambient and two special purpose air quality monitoring sites and industry operated eight source-specific air quality monitoring sites. There were no sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone or particulate matter exceedances of either the state or federal ambient air quality standards measured during 2006.

North Dakota is one of nine states that are in attainment for all criteria pollutants. North Dakota also has been designated attainment for both the fine particulates and the 8-hour ozone standards.

INTRODUCTION

The North Dakota Department of Health, Environmental Health Section, Division of Air Quality, henceforth known as "the department," has the primary responsibility for protecting the health and welfare of North Dakotans from the harmful effects of air pollution. The department ensures that the ambient air quality in North Dakota is better than the levels required by the state and federal Ambient Air Quality Standards and the "Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality Rules." To address this responsibility, the department operates a network of ambient air quality monitors.

In addition to the state-operated ambient air quality monitoring sites, three industrial sources operated air quality monitoring sites within their immediate spheres of influence. These site locations are selected based on computer dispersion modeling and prevailing wind directions.

This report provides an overview of air quality monitoring activities conducted by the department and industry during the 12-month period beginning Jan. 1, 2006, and ending Dec. 31, 2006. The report includes data summaries for the monitored pollutants and significant changes that occurred to the monitoring program. Also included are wind and pollution star charts and trend graphs. The pollution star charts (Appendix 3) indicate the percentage of time a pollutant is detected when the wind is from each direction. The trend graphs (Appendix 4) show the maximum concentration for each pollutant standard. Except for ozone, PM_{fine} and PM_{10} particulates, the trend graphs also include the percentage of time a concentration was above the minimum detectable concentration for the specific analysis method used.

NETWORK DESCRIPTION

Department Sites

During 2006, the department operated 7 air quality monitoring sites. Table 1 lists the department monitoring sites that were active during the year.

In general, department ambient air quality monitoring (AAQM) sites obtain air quality data to meet six monitoring objectives: (1) sites located to determine the highest concentrations expected to occur in the area covered by the network, (2) sites located to measure typical concentrations in area of high population density, (3) sites located to determine the impact of significant sources or source categories on air quality, (4) sites located to determine general background concentration levels, (5) sites located to determine the extent of regional pollutant transport among populated areas; and in support of secondary standards and, (6) sites located to measure air pollution impacts on visibility, vegetation damage, or other welfare-based impacts. The department has determined that three sites are required to satisfy these six monitoring objectives. They are identified in Table 1, in the "Station Type" column. The remaining four sites collect data used to support and/or supplement the department's dispersion modeling activities

The department's ambient air quality monitoring network normally does not include source-specific monitoring; i.e., monitoring a single, specific source. However, the department, in issuing Permits to Construct and Permits to Operate for major sources, may require those sources to operate ambient air quality monitoring programs to assess impacts on local air quality.

The ambient monitoring site at TRNP – SU is a part of the National Park Service's national network. However, the Park Service has asked the department to install and operate sulfur dioxide and ozone analyzers, and a PM_{fine} manual sampler on their behalf. Also installed at this site are a continuous PM_{fine} analyzer, and various meteorological parameters. These data are included in this report to present a better and more complete picture of the air quality in the State.

Industry Sites

Industry operated eight source-specific air quality monitoring sites during 2006. Table 1 also lists the industry networks and monitoring sites active during the year.

In general, industry air quality monitoring sites obtain data at locations expected to show high concentrations of pollution from a specific source or group of sources. These source-specific sites are selected using computer dispersion modeling programs and annual wind patterns. The distance a

monitoring site is located from a source is determined by the primary pollutant monitored, if the site is a multi-pollutant site..

Figure 1 displays department and industry monitoring sites. If an industry has more than one site, only the approximate location within the county is indicated.

TABLE 1

State AAQM Network Description

Site Name AQS Site #	Station Type	Parameter Monitored[1]	Operating Schedule	Monitoring Objective[2]
1 Beulah North 380570004	SLAMS Required	PM_{fine} SO_2, NO_2, O_3, MET NH_3 cont. PM_{fine} PM_{10}	6th Day cont. cont. cont. cont.	Population Exposure & Significant Source
2 Bismarck Residential 380150003	SLAMS	SO_2, NO_2, O_3, MET cont PM_{fine}, PM10 [5] PM_{fine} PM_{fine} Speciation PM_{10}[4]	cont. cont. 3rd Day 6th Day 6th Day	Population Exposure
3 Dunn Center 380250003	SLAMS Required	SO_2, NO_2, O_3, MET cont. PM_{fine}, PM_{10}	cont.	General Background
4 Fargo NW 380171004	SLAMS Required	SO_2[4],NO_2, O_3, MET cont. PM_{fine} PM_{fine} PM_{fine} Speciation	cont. cont. 3rd Day 3rd Day	Population Exposure
5 Hannover 380650002	SLAMS	SO_2, NO_2, O_3, MET cont PM_{fine}	cont. cont.	Significant Source
6 Lostwood 380130004	SLAMS	SO_2, NO_2, O_3, MET cont PM_{fine}, PM_{10}	cont.	General Background & Significant Source
8 TRNP - NU 380530002	SLAMS Required	SO_2, NO_2, O_3, MET cont. PM_{fine}, PM10 PM_{fine} PM_{fine} Speciation	cont. cont. 6th Day 6th Day	General Background, Long range Transport, Welfare-Related
Company	**Site Name** AQS Site #			
10 Amerada Hess Corporation	TIOGA #1 381050103 TIOGA #3 381050105	SO_2 SO_2	cont. cont.	Source Impact Source Impact
11 Bear Paw Energy, Inc.	MGP #3 380530104 MGP #5 380530111	SO_2, MET SO_2, MET	cont. cont.	Source Impact Source Impact
12 Dakota Gasification Company	DGC #12 380570102 DGC #14 380570118 DGC #16 380570123 DGC #17 380570124	SO_2, NO_2, MET SO_2 SO_2 SO_2, NO_2	cont. cont. cont. cont.	Source Impact Source Impact Source Impact Source Impact

1. MET refers to meteorological and indicates wind speed and wind direction monitoring equipment.
2. Not applicable to MET.
3. This analyzer will serves a dual role of population exposure and general background.
4. The analyzer was changed to a SO2 Trace Level affective January 1,2006

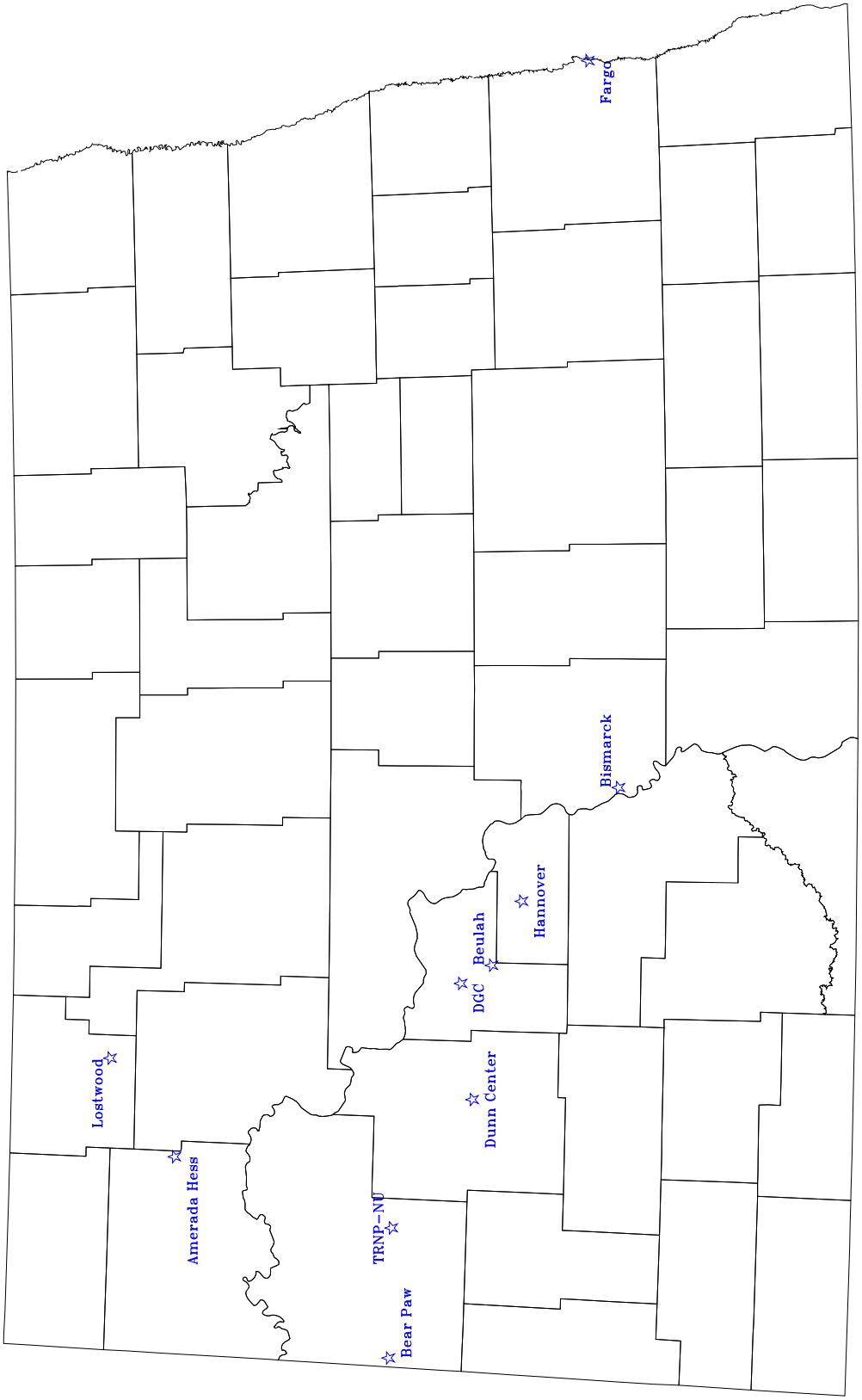

Figure 1 North Dakota Air Quality Monitoring Network

NETWORK CHANGES

Department Changes

The most significant change was at Fargo NW: the standard sulfur dioxide analyzer was replaced with a trace level analyzer. This change reduced the minimum detectable concentration from 2 parts per billion sown to 0.2 parts per billion. Another change was terminating support for the speciation samplers at Bismarck and TRNP – NU as well as the TRNP – NU PM_{fine} sampler on December 31, 2006.

Industry Changes

No changes were made to the industry networks.

MONITORING RESULTS

Introduction

Ambient and source-specific air quality data collected during the year at monitoring sites operated by the department and industry are summarized in tables for the following pollutants: sulfur dioxide (SO_2), nitrogen dioxide (NO_2), ozone (O_3), ammonia (NH_3), inhalable fine particulates (PM_{fine}) and inhalable particulates (PM_{10}). Each section contains a description of the physical characteristics and health effects, a comparison to the state standards and a data summary.

The data summaries for gaseous pollutants include maximum concentrations, arithmetic means and the percentage of readings greater than the minimum detectable value (MDV) for the analytical method used for each parameter. Where applicable, the number of times a state standard was exceeded is indicated. The concentrations for gaseous pollutants are reported in parts per billion (ppb).

The PM_{fine} data summaries contain the three highest 24-hour average concentrations; annual arithmetic mean; the number of times the 24-hour standard was exceeded, if applicable; and an asterisk (*) if the annual standard is exceeded, if applicable. The concentrations are reported in micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu g/m^3$).

Continuous PM_{fine} and PM_{10} data summaries contain the two highest 1-hour averages and the four highest 24-hour averages; the annual average; the number of times the 24-hour standard was exceeded, if applicable; and an asterisk (*) if the annual standard is exceeded, if applicable. The concentrations are reported in micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu g/m^3$). Since the PMfine data are not collected with a reference or equivalent method the data cannot be used for comparison for any regulatory purpose. If this data indicates an exceedance, then a reference or equivalent method sampler must be installed at the site of the possible air quality standard exceedance.

For statistical purposes, pollutant concentrations less than the minimum detectable value (MDV) for the analytical method used are assigned a value equal to one-half the MDV. The MDV for SO_2 is 2 ppb; SO_2 – TL is 0.2 ppb; NO_2 is 1 ppb; O_3 is 4 ppb; manual PM_{fine} is 2.0 $\mu g/m^3$; and manual PM_{10} is 4 $\mu g/m^3$. The MDV for the continuous PM_{fine} is -10.0 $\mu g/m^3$ and for continuous PM_{10} is -50.0 $\mu g/m^3$. Annual means are calculated for SO_2, NO_2, PM_{fine}, and PM_{10}. However, only those means with more than 75 percent of data greater than the MDV are unbiased calculations.

As part of the statistical evaluation, the data recovery (NUM OBS) is evaluated to determine if the data recovery complies with the state's required 80 percent data recovery rate. A continuous analyzer

operating fewer than 7,008 hours per year may achieve at least an 80 percent data recovery for the period operated; however, it does not meet the 80 percent data recovery for the full year. Each analyzer at a site not meeting the 80 percent data recovery for the year is flagged in the "NUM OBS" column by placing "***" underneath the number of observations. Particulate matter samplers must collect at least 48 samples per year for 1-in-6 day sampling and 96 samples per year for 1-in-3 day sampling to meet the 80 percent data recovery rate.

Sulfur Dioxide

Physical Characteristics and Sources

Sulfur dioxide is a colorless gas with a pungent odor detectable by the human nose at concentrations of 500 to 800 ppb. It is highly soluble in water where it forms sulfurous acid (H_2SO_3). In the atmosphere, sulfurous acid is easily converted to sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4), the major acidic component of "acid rain," which then may convert to a sulfate. On a worldwide basis, sulfur dioxide is considered to be a major pollutant. It is emitted mainly from stationary sources that burn coal and oil – such as utility boilers. Other sources of sulfur dioxide include refineries, natural gas processing plants, oil well heaters and flares.

Health Effects

Sulfur dioxide can be converted in the atmosphere to sulfuric acid aerosols and particulate sulfate compounds, which are corrosive and potentially carcinogenic (cancer-causing). The major health effects of sulfur dioxide appear when it is associated with high levels of other pollutants, such as particulate. Sulfur dioxide also may play an important role in the aggravation of chronic illnesses, such as asthma. The incidence and intensity of asthma attacks have increased when asthmatics are exposed to higher levels of sulfur dioxide and particulate matter sulfates, which are products of atmospheric sulfur dioxide reactions.[4]

Standards Comparison

Sulfur dioxide was monitored at 18 sites. Ten sites were run by the department and eight by industry. As a result of legislative action effective Aug. 1, 1997, coal conversion facilities and oil refineries were exempted from the state sulfur dioxide standards, leaving these two classes of sources subject only to the federal standards. Therefore, the Dakota Gasification Company (DGC) network, Mandan NW - SPM, and Mandan - SPM are compared only to the federal standards.

The 1-hour state standard (273 ppb) was exceeded once during the year by an applicable source. The maximum 1-hour concentration was 117 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3.

The 3-hour federal secondary standard (500 ppb) was not exceeded during the year. The maximum 3-hour average concentration was 65 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3.

The 24-hour state standard (99 ppb) was not exceeded during the year. The maximum 24-hour average concentration was 15 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3.

Among those sites that collected at least 80 percent of the possible data during the year, the maximum annual arithmetic mean was 2.2 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3.

The sulfur dioxide data are summarized in Table 2 and SO2 Trace Level in Table 3.

TABLE 2

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : SULFUR DIOXIDE (ppb)

				M A X I M A									
				1 - HOUR		3 - HOUR		24 - HOUR					
LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	1ST MM/DD:HH	2ND MM/DD:HH	1ST MM/DD:HH	2ND MM/DD:HH	1ST MM/DD	2ND MM/DD	ARITH MEAN	1HR #>273	24HR #>99	% >MDV
Bear Paw - MGP #3	2006	JAN-DEC	8660	33 06/29:16	33 09/29:06	12 06/29:17	12 09/29:08	3 09/29	3 12/02	1.1			3.0
Bear Paw - MGP #5	2006	JAN-DEC	8659	87 06/04:10	62 06/27:08	34 06/04:11	22 06/27:08	5 06/04	4 06/27	1.1			5.8
Beulah - North	2006	JAN-DEC	8654	35 08/23:11	34 12/11:04	23 07/15:11	19 12/11:05	8 12/11	6 02/26	1.6			14.9
Bismarck Residential	2006	JAN-DEC	8649	30 02/03:10	30 12/04:11	20 03/02:14	15 12/22:17	7 12/04	7 03/02	1.6			18.7
DGC #12	2006	JAN-DEC	8627	42 12/11:04	38 12/11:05	28 12/11:05	19 12/28:11	10 12/11	6 03/15	1.6			15.5
DGC #14	2006	JAN-DEC	8631	66 04/25:08	51 04/27:09	45 12/11:08	23 04/25:08	12 12/11	5 12/16	1.5			13.0
DGC #16	2006	JAN-DEC	8695	52 12/11:07	47 04/15:14	40 12/11:08	30 08/03:11	12 08/30	11 12/11	1.7			16.2
DGC #17	2006	JAN-DEC	8709	46 12/11:07	42 04/15:14	34 12/11:08	26 07/17:23	10 04/15	7 11/27	1.5			12.5
Dunn Center	2006	JAN-DEC	8632	18 02/26:10	18 12/11:05	16 12/11:05	15 12/11:02	6 12/11	4 02/26	1.1			5.6
Hannover	2006	JAN-DEC	8690	52 09/02:11	47 10/29:19	34 10/29:20	30 11/25:14	8 08/21	7 09/19	1.7			16.1
Hess - Tioga #1	2006	JAN-DEC	8577	39 10/01:02	25 11/20:06	15 12/18:20	14 10/01:02	5 12/29	5 12/06	1.3			9.8
Hess - Tioga #3	2006	JAN-DEC	7093	117 02/14:22	71 02/14:23	65 02/14:23	36 03/27:11	15 05/24	14 02/14	2.2			18.8
Lostwood NWR	2006	JAN-DEC	8680	63 12/31:07	53 12/31:06	41 12/31:08	25 12/31:05	10 12/31	10 12/02	1.5			14.0
TRNP - NU	2006	JAN-DEC	8674	21 09/20:09	12 04/27:10	9 12/10:14	7 02/26:17	4 02/26	2 06/14	1.1			5.3
TRNP - SU	2006	JAN-DEC	8674	10 06/07:07	9 07/28:13	8 12/10:20	7 07/28:14	3 06/13	2 12/10	1.0			1.2

The highest 1-hour concentration was 117 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3 on 02/14:22
The highest 3-hour concentration was 65 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3 on 02/14:23
The highest 24-hour concentration was 15 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3 on 05/24
The highest arithmetic mean was 2.2 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3

* The air quality standards are:
STATE Standards -
1) 273 ppb maximum 1-hour average concentration.
2) 99 ppb maximum 24-hour average concentration.
3) 23 ppb maximum annual arithmetic mean concentration.

FEDERAL Standards -
1) 500 ppb maximum 3-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year.
2) 140 ppb maximum 24-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year.
3) 30 ppb annual arithmetic mean.

TABLE 3

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : TRACE LEVEL SULFUR DIOXIDE (ppb)

LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	MAXIMA 1 - HOUR 1ST MM/DD:HH	MAXIMA 1 - HOUR 2ND MM/DD:HH	MAXIMA 3 - HOUR 1ST MM/DD:HH	MAXIMA 3 - HOUR 2ND MM/DD:HH	24 - HOUR 1ST MM/DD	24 - HOUR 2ND MM/DD	ARITH MEAN	1HR #>273	24HR #>99	% >MDV
Fargo NW	2006	JAN-DEC	8658	5.7 06/02:07	5.5 02/28:01	3.7 11/03:11	3.4 04/26:11	1.6 02/06	1.6 02/28	0.4			69.2

The highest 1-hour concentration is 5.7 ppb at Fargo NW on 06/02:07
The highest 3-hour concentration is 3.7 ppb at Fargo NW on 11/03:11
The highest 24-hour concentration is 1.6 ppb at Fargo NW on 02/06
The highest arithmetic mean is 0.4 ppb at Fargo NW

* The air quality standards are:
STATE Standards -
1) 273 ppb maximum 1-hour average concentration.
2) 99 ppb maximum 24-hour average concentration.
3) 23 ppb maximum annual arithmetic mean concentration.

FEDERAL Standards -
1) 500 ppb maximum 3-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year.
2) 140 ppb maximum 24-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year.
3) 30 ppb annual arithmetic mean.

Sulfur Dioxide 5-Minute Average

Sulfur dioxide 5-minute averages were collected at state-operated sites and both the Hess and Bear Paw Energy networks. The maximum 5-minute average was 243 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3.

The sulfur dioxide 5-minute data are presented in Table 4 and Trace Level data in Table 5.

TABLE 4

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : SO2 5-Minute Averages (ppb)

LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	5 - M I N U T E M A X I M A 1ST	DATE MM/DD:HH	2ND	DATE MM/DD:HH	3RD	DATE MM/DD:HH	# HOURS >600	% >MDV
Bear Paw - MGP #3	2006	JAN-DEC	8660	214	06/29:16	172	06/15:10	130	09/29:12	0	7.6
Bear Paw - MGP #5	2006	JAN-DEC	8659	212	10/05:11	190	06/27:08	148	06/04:10	0	16.5
Beulah - North	2006	JAN-DEC	8654	70	08/23:11	60	07/24:08	58	03/16:09	0	24.3
Bismarck Residential	2006	JAN-DEC	8484	61	12/04:11	48	12/22:16	41	10/28:11	0	24.8
Dunn Center	2006	JAN-DEC	8632	26	12/10:11	24	02/26:10	22	11/23:02	0	11.8
Hannover	2006	JAN-DEC	8691	121	05/18:21	96	04/05:07	96	09/02:12	0	25.9
Hess - Tioga #1	2006	JAN-DEC	8577	99	08/11:18	93	10/01:02	93	11/20:06	0	15.5
Hess - Tioga #3	2006	JAN-DEC	7093	243	02/14:22	181	02/14:23	165	02/06:21	0	36.9
Lostwood NWR	2006	JAN-DEC	8593	120	08/14:08	79	08/13:09	78	12/31:07	0	21.0
TRNP - NU	2006	JAN-DEC	8674	86	05/17:10	18	04/27:10	16	10/07:09	0	9.3
TRNP - SU	2006	JAN-DEC	8674	25	11/21:08	24	12/30:04	16	06/07:07	0	4.8

The maximum 5-minute concentration was 243 ppb at Hess - Tioga #3 on 02/14:22

* No Standard is currently in effect

TABLE 5

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : Trace Level SO2 5-Minute Averages (ppb)

LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	5 - M I N U T E M A X I M A 1ST	DATE MM/DD:HH	2ND	DATE MM/DD:HH	3RD	DATE MM/DD:HH	# HOURS >600	% >MDV
Fargo NW	2006	JAN-DEC	8662	10.7	02/28:07	10.7	02/28:04	9.5	06/27:20	0	77.8

The maximum 5-minute concentration is 10.7 ppb at Fargo NW on 02/28:07

* No Standard is currently in effect:

Nitrogen Dioxide

Physical Characteristics and Sources

In its pure state, nitrogen dioxide is a reddish-orangish-brown gas with a characteristic pungent odor. It is corrosive and a strong oxidizing agent. As a pollutant in ambient air, however, it is virtually odorless, although it may be an irritant to the eyes and throat. Oxides of nitrogen, nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide are formed when the nitrogen and oxygen in the air are combined in high-temperature combustion. Nitric oxide released into ambient air combines with oxygen to form nitrogen dioxide. Major nitrogen dioxide sources in North Dakota are coal conversion processes, natural gas processing plants and natural gas compressor stations.

The dark orangish–brown colored plume frequently seen downwind from a major source is most likely the result of the conversion of nitric oxide to nitrogen dioxide. It is the nitrogen dioxide that causes the plume's dark appearance. The speed with which this conversion occurs is dependent on several factors, primarily the relative concentrations of nitric oxide and ozone, the amount of ultraviolet light available and meteorological conditions.

Health Effects

The negative effects of nitrogen dioxide on personal comfort, well-being and the environment include respiratory distress, as well as impacts on vegetation, materials, visibility and acid deposition.

Standards Comparison

Nitrogen dioxide was monitored at nine sites. Seven were operated by the department and two by industry.

The state annual standard (53 ppb) was not exceeded during the year. The maximum annual arithmetic mean of those sites collecting at least 80 percent of the possible data for the year was 6.8 ppb at Bismarck Residential.

The nitrogen dioxide data are summarized in Table 6.

TABLE 6

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : NITROGEN DIOXIDE (ppb)

LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	MAXIMA 1 - HOUR 1ST MM/DD:HH	MAXIMA 1 - HOUR 2ND MM/DD:HH	ARITH MEAN	% >MDV
Beulah - North	2006	JAN-DEC	8635	36 07/22:23	36 08/02:22	2.6	91.0
Bismarck Residential	2006	JAN-DEC	8401	41 02/20:21	39 02/25:05	6.8	100.0
DGC #12	2006	JAN-DEC	8548	43 07/22:23	31 08/02:22	2.7	90.9
DGC #17	2006	JAN-DEC	8651	35 04/10:09	33 09/19:18	2.1	76.0
Dunn Center	2006	JAN-DEC	7318	26 08/11:23	23 08/12:00	1.7	79.5
Fargo NW	2006	JAN-DEC	8662	47 02/08:18	46 02/21:04	5.8	97.3
Hannover	2006	JAN-DEC	8501	33 03/18:02	25 01/29:00	2.0	83.5
Lostwood NWR	2006	JAN-DEC	8664	25 12/31:07	21 12/31:06	1.3	59.9
TRNP - NU	2006	JAN-DEC	8611	41 10/18:12	14 07/20:22	1.2	71.9

The maximum 1-hour concentration was 50 ppb at Fargo NW on 02/22:20
The maximum annual average concentration was 6.8 ppb at Bismarck Residential

* The air quality standards are:
STATE - 53 ppb maximum annual arithmetic mean.

FEDERAL - 53 ppb annual arithmetic mean.

Ammonia

Physical Characteristics

Ammonia is a corrosive, colorless gas with a strong irritating odor. It is used in making fertilizer, plastics, dyes, textiles, detergents and pesticides. It reacts with acids and oxidizing materials (fluorine, chlorine, etc.). It is corrosive to copper, zinc and many metal surfaces. It reacts with hypochlorite and halogens to form explosive compounds that are pressure and temperature sensitive.

Health Effects

In mild concentrations (<25,000 ppb), ammonia will cause conjunctivitis and dermatitis. At higher concentrations, it will cause swelling, painful burns, lesions, and possible loss of vision. On contact with the skin, it will cause caustic-like burns and inflammation. Toxic level (300,000 ppb) skin exposure may cause skin lesions resulting in early necrosis and scarring. Inhalation is corrosive and irritating to the upper respiratory system and all mucus-type tissue. Depending on the concentration inhaled, it may cause burning sensations, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, headache and nausea, with eventual collapse and death.

Standards Comparison

There is no ambient air quality standard for ammonia. Because ammonia is important to the newer air quality dispersion models, the ammonia analyzer is maintained at the Beulah - North site. Long-term average ambient ammonia concentration is a required input to the dispersion modeling system. Chemistry governing the conversion of sulfur oxides to sulfate and the conversion of nitrogen oxides to nitrate in Calpuff is constrained by the availability of ambient ammonia. Therefore, the ambient level of ammonia affects dispersion modeling predictions for SO_2/NO_2 concentrations, general visibility and particulate deposition.

The ammonia data are summarized in Table 7.

TABLE 7

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : AMMONIA (PPB)

LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	MAXIMA 1-HOUR 1ST MM/DD:HH	2ND MM/DD:HH	3RD MM/DD:HH	4TH MM/DD:HH	5TH MM/DD:HH	6TH MM/DD:HH
Beulah - North	2006	JAN-DEC	8587	127.2 11/17:11	102.6 03/07:12	92.9 10/26:09	84.8 11/17:12	79.6 05/09:02	71.1 09/30:10

* No Standard is currently in effect:

Ozone

Physical Characteristics and Sources

Ozone is a highly reactive form of oxygen. At very high concentrations, it is a blue, unstable gas with a characteristic pungent odor. It often can be detected around an arcing electric motor, lightning storms or other electrical discharges. However, at ambient concentrations, ozone is colorless and odorless.

At ground level where it can be breathed, ozone is a pollutant. However, ground-level ozone should not be confused with the stratospheric ozone located between 12 and 30 miles above the earth's surface. The stratospheric ozone layer shields the earth from intense cancer-causing ultraviolet radiation. Concentrations of ozone in this layer are approximately 10,000 to 12,000 ppb or 100 times the state's ambient air quality standard for ozone. Occasionally, meteorological conditions can result in stratospheric ozone being brought to ground level. This can increase concentrations by 50 to 100 pbb.

Ozone is not emitted directly from a source like other pollutants, but forms as a secondary pollutant. Its precursors are certain hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides that react chemically in sunlight to form ozone. The sources for these reactive hydrocarbons are automobile exhaust; gasoline and oil storage and transfer; industrial paint solvents; degreasing agents; cleaning fluids; and ink solvents. Nitrogen oxides are created when nitrogen and oxygen in the air combine during high-temperature combustion. Also, vegetation gives off some reactive hydrocarbons; for example, pine trees give off terpene.

Ozone production is a year-round phenomenon. However, the highest ozone levels generally occur during the summer season when sunlight is stronger and stagnant meteorological conditions can cause reactive pollutants to remain in an area for several days. Ozone produced under these conditions can be transported many miles.

Health Effects

Short-term exposure to ozone in the range of 150 to 250 ppb may impair mechanical functions of the lungs and may induce respiratory difficulties and related symptoms in sensitive individuals (those who have asthma, emphysema or reduced lung function). Symptoms and effects of ozone exposure are more readily induced in people who are exercising.

Ozone is the major component of photochemical "smog," although the haziness and odors of the smog are caused by other components. The deterioration and degradation of material, especially the splitting and cracking of rubber tires and windshield wiper blades, is

associated with ozone. Many plants, such as soybeans and alfalfa, are sensitive to ozone and can be damaged by extended exposure to low levels of ozone.

Standards Comparison

Ozone was monitored at seven state-run sites and the National Park Service's TRNP - SU site. These data are used in computer dispersion models as part of both the primary and secondary chemical transformation equations.

The 1-hour state standard (120 ppb) was not exceeded during the year. The maximum 1-hour concentration was 92 ppb at Bismarck Residential.

The 8-hour standard uses the fourth-highest daily maximum for comparison to the standard. The highest fourth-highest 8-hour concentration was 66 ppb at TRNP - SU.

The ozone data are summarized in Table 8.

TABLE 8

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : Ozone (ppb)

LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	MAXIMA 1 - HOUR 1ST MM/DD	2ND MM/DD	MAXIMA 8 - HOUR 1ST MM/DD	2ND MM/DD	3RD MM/DD	4TH MM/DD	1HR #>120	8HR #>80
Beulah - North	2006	JAN-DEC	8659	83 06/27	76 08/04	75 06/27	72 08/04	67 07/18	62 08/03		
Bismarck Residential	2006	JAN-DEC	7793	92 07/06	72 07/27	67 07/06	64 06/29	63 06/03	58 05/23		
Dunn Center	2006	JAN-DEC	8683	72 06/27	71 08/04	66 08/04	66 06/27	64 08/16	59 07/06		
Fargo NW	2006	JAN-DEC	8687	71 07/15	71 06/15	67 06/15	66 07/07	65 07/15	65 06/03		
Hannover	2006	JAN-DEC	8570	84 08/24	75 07/18	66 08/04	66 06/27	65 07/18	65 08/11		
Lostwood NWR	2006	JAN-DEC	8688	72 08/11	72 06/03	68 08/11	60 08/15	59 08/29	59 09/13		
TRNP - NU	2006	JAN-DEC	8685	72 08/23	72 08/11	69 08/04	67 08/11	66 06/27	66 08/23		
TRNP - SU	2006	JAN-DEC	8677	74 06/14	73 08/16	71 08/16	68 06/02	66 08/19	60 05/05		

The highest 1-hour concentration was 92 ppb at Bismarck Residential on 07/06
The 4th highest 8-hour concentration was 66 ppb at TRNP - NU on 08/23

* The air quality standards for ozone are:
STATE - 120 ppb not to be exceeded more than once per year.

FEDERAL Standards -
1) 120 ppb maximum 1-hour concentration with no more than one expected exceedance per year.
2) Fourth highest daily maximum 8-hour averages for a 3-year period not to exceed 80 ppb.

Particulate Matter (PM_{fine} & PM_{10})

Physical Characteristics and Sources

Particulate matter is the term given to the tiny particles of solid or semi-solid material found in the atmosphere. Particulates ranging in size from less than 0.1 micrometer to 50 micrometers are called Total Suspended Particulate (*TSP*). Particles larger than 50 micrometers tend to settle out of the air quickly and are not considered to have a health impact. Particulate matter 10 micrometers (microns) in diameter and smaller is considered inhalable. This particulate matter is called PM_{10}.

The majority of anthropogenic (man-made) particulate are in the 0.1 to 10 micrometer diameter range. Particles larger than 10 micrometers usually are due to "fugitive dust" (windblown sand and dirt from roadways, fields and construction sites) and contain large amounts of silica (sand-like) materials. PM_{10} particulate, on the other hand, generally is created during a burning process and includes fly ash (from power plants), carbon black (from automobiles and diesel engines) and soot (from fireplaces and wood-burning stoves). PM_{10} particulates from these sources contain a large percentage of elemental and organic carbon, which play a role in both visual haze and health issues.

In addition, particles less than 2.5 micrometers (PM_{fine}) are major contributors to visibility degradation because of their ability to "scatter" light.

Health Effects

The health risk from an inhaled dose of particulate matter depends on the size and concentration of the particulate. Size determines how deeply the inhaled particulate will penetrate into the respiratory tract, where it can persist and cause respiratory damage. Particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter are easily inhaled deeply into the lungs.

Fine particulate (PM_{fine}) pollution affects the health of certain subgroups. Such groups can be identified as potentially "at risk" of adverse health effects from airborne pollutants. There is very strong evidence that asthmatics are much more sensitive (i.e., respond with symptoms at relatively low concentrations) to the effects of particulates than is the general healthy population.

The effects of particulate exposure may be the most widespread of all pollutants. Because of the potential for extremely long-range transport of fine particles and because of the chemical reactions that occur, no place on earth has been spared from the particulate generated by urban and rural sources. The effects of particulate range from visibility degradation to climate changes to vegetation damage. General soiling, commonly thought to be just a nuisance, can

have long-term effects on paint and other materials. Acid deposition can be detected in the most remote areas of the world.

Inhalable PM_{fine} Particulates

Inhalable PM_{fine} particulates were monitored at five sites using manual samplers. The sites at Beulah, TRNP - NU and TRNP - SU collect a sample once every six days. Sites at Bismarck and Fargo collect a sample once every three days.

Standards Comparison

The 24-hour federal standard (65 $\mu g/m^3$) was not exceeded during the year. The maximum 24-hour average concentration was 22.5 $\mu g/m^3$ at Beulah - North.

The federal annual standard (15 $\mu g/m^3$) was not exceeded for the year. The maximum annual average was 8.1 $\mu g/m^3$ at Fargo NW.

The inhalable PM_{fine} data are summarized in Table 9.

TABLE 9

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : Inhalable PM_{fine} Particulates ($\mu g/m^3$)

LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	MIN	MAXIMA 1ST MM/DD	MAXIMA 2ND MM/DD	MAXIMA 3RD MM/DD	ARITH MEAN	#>150	AM>50	% >MDV
Beulah - North	2006	JAN-DEC	60	1.1	22.5 02/28	18.9 07/04	17.6 06/28	6.2			91.7
Bismarck Residential	2006	JAN-DEC	117	1.5	24.5 07/01	21.9 02/28	21.3 06/28	6.8			97.4
Fargo NW	2006	JAN-DEC	121	1.0	24.2 03/30	20.2 11/22	18.9 07/04	8.1			96.7
TRNP - NU	2006	JAN-DEC	47 ***	1.3	17.9 06/28	17.3 02/28	15.5 07/04	5.4			89.4
TRNP - SU	2006	JAN-DEC	61	1.1	18.8 06/28	17.8 07/04	13.3 09/14	4.7			83.6

The highest 24-hour concentration was 24.5 $\mu g/m3$ at Bismarck Residential on 07/01
The highest Annual Mean concentration was 8.1 $\mu g/m3$ at Fargo NW

* The ambient air quality standards are:
FEDERAL Standards -
1) 24-hour: 3-year average of 98th percentiles not to exceed 65 $\mu g/m^3$.
2) Annual: 3-year average not to exceed 15 $\mu g/m^3$.

*** Less than 80% of the possible samples (data) were collected.

Inhalable Continuous PM_{fine} Particulates

Inhalable particulates are monitored continuously at eight sites. Since these data are not collected by an EPA reference or equivalent method, the data can not be used for regulatory purposes. However, if these data were to indicate an exceedance of a standard, then a reference or equivalent method sampler must be installed to verify the data collected by these analyzers.

The maximum 1-hour average concentration was 129.6 $\mu g/m^3$ at Beulah - North. The maximum 24-hour average concentration was 54.2 $\mu g/m^3$ at Beulah - North. The maximum annual average for the year was 6.7 $\mu g/m^3$ at Hannover.

The inhalable continuous PM_{fine} data are summarized in Table 10.

Table 10

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : Inhalable Continuous PM_{fine} ($\mu g/m^3$)

				M A X I M A								
				1 - HOUR		24 - HOUR						
LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	1ST MM/DD:HH	2ND MM/DD:HH	1ST MM/DD	2ND MM/DD	3RD MM/DD	4TH MM/DD	MEAN	24HR #>65	AM>15
Beulah - North	2006	JAN-DEC	8593	129.6 02/03:12	103.1 02/03:13	54.2 06/27	21.9 02/03	21.4 07/04	20.9 07/01	6.5		
Bismarck Residential	2006	JAN-DEC	8687	68.4 06/27:07	67.4 06/27:06	46.3 06/27	21.6 07/04	19.2 07/01	15.5 06/29	4.5		
Dunn Center	2006	JAN-DEC	8656	57.5 06/27:18	55.1 08/06:21	38.8 06/27	19.6 07/04	16.5 07/30	16.3 07/01	3.6		
Fargo NW	2006	JAN-DEC	8677	116.6 04/25:07	113.6 07/04:23	26.2 06/27	21.0 07/05	17.5 07/03	16.9 08/12	5.0		
Hannover	2006	JAN-DEC	8664	65.9 06/27:06	65.8 06/27:09	53.4 06/27	24.8 07/04	20.1 07/01	19.0 06/28	6.7		
Lostwood NWR	2006	JAN-DEC	8658	62.8 06/27:08	57.5 06/27:07	47.5 06/27	23.3 06/28	18.0 06/30	16.8 07/04	3.5		
TRNP - NU	2006	JAN-DEC	8661	90.7 08/11:19	69.1 07/01:06	30.5 06/27	18.1 07/01	18.0 06/28	15.3 06/30	3.1		
TRNP - SU	2006	JAN-DEC	8585	100.6 09/08:08	67.6 08/15:23	33.6 06/27	23.7 06/28	23.4 06/30	21.3 07/21	6.3		

The highest 24-hour concentration was 54.2 $\mu g/m3$ at Beulah - North on 06/27
The highest Annual Mean concentration was 6.7 $\mu g/m3$ at Hannover

* The ambient air quality standards are:
FEDERAL Standards -
1) 24-hour: 3-year average of 98th percentiles not to exceed 65 $\mu g/m^3$.
2) Annual: 3-year average not to exceed 15 $\mu g/m^3$.

Inhalable Continuous PM_{10} Particulates

Inhalable continuous PM_{10} particulate concentrations were monitored at five sites.

Standards Comparison

The 24-hour state standard (150 µg/m^3) was not exceeded during the year. The maximum 24-hour concentration was 75.1 μg/m^3 at Fargo NW.

The annual state standard (50 µg/m^3) was not exceeded. The maximum annual mean for the year was 16.4 μg/m^3 at Fargo NW.

The inhalable continuous particulate (PM_{10}) data are summarized in Table 11.

TABLE 11

COMPARISON OF AIR QUALITY DATA WITH
THE NORTH DAKOTA AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS *

POLLUTANT : Inhalable Continuous PM_{10} (µg/m^3)

				M A X I M A							
				1 - HOUR		24 - HOUR					
LOCATION	YEAR	SAMPLING PERIOD	NUM OBS	1ST MM/DD:HH	2ND MM/DD:HH	1ST MM/DD	2ND MM/DD	3RD MM/DD	4TH MM/DD	MEAN	24HR #>150	AM>50
Beulah - North	2006	JUL-DEC	3969 ***	120.0 07/23:18	111.0 07/19:20	40.1 08/30	36.0 09/14	33.9 08/01	30.1 09/07	13.6		
Bismarck Residential	2006	JAN-DEC	8683	215.0 03/26:14	190.0 04/06:16	56.0 06/27	51.4 04/06	48.6 08/15	48.4 03/26	14.9		
Dunn Center	2006	JAN-DEC	8658	403.0 08/06:21	390.0 04/11:20	53.0 08/05	50.3 08/06	46.9 06/27	43.8 07/31	12.5		
Fargo NW	2006	JAN-DEC	8662	267.0 11/22:19	261.0 07/17:22	75.1 08/09	55.2 10/02	53.8 05/23	52.2 11/22	16.4		
Lostwood NWR	2006	JAN-DEC	8657	163.0 06/01:14	110.0 09/05:19	52.3 06/27	39.1 06/28	37.3 09/14	37.2 09/13	10.8		
TRNP - NU	2006	JAN-DEC	8662	113.0 08/11:18	93.0 08/31:03	37.1 09/14	35.5 06/27	29.5 09/13	27.6 07/18	10.0		

The highest 24-hour concentration was 75.1 μg/m3 at Fargo NW on 08/09
The highest Annual Mean concentration was 16.4 μg/m3 at Fargo NW

* The STATE and FEDERAL air quality standards are:
1) 150 µg/m^3 maximum averaged over a 24-hour period with no more than one expected exceedance per year.
2) 50 µg/m^3 expected annual arithmetic mean.

*** Less than 80% of the possible samples (data) were collected.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The state of North Dakota has relatively clean air. North Dakota is one of only 14 states to comply with all federal ambient air quality standards. The air quality in North Dakota also meets all state ambient air quality standards. Site and pollutant combinations that do not meet the 80 percent data recovery for the full year are reported as a partial year. A summary for each pollutant is provided below.

Sulfur Dioxide

Neither the state nor federal standards were exceeded at any monitoring site. The maximum concentrations and the maximum concentrations expressed as a percentage of the applicable standard were as follows: 1-hour – 117 ppb (42.9%); 3-hour – 65 ppb (13.0%); 24-hour – 15 ppb (15.2%); annual – 2.2 ppb (9.6%).

Sulfur Dioxide 5-Minute Averages

There is no SO_2 5-minute standard currently in effect. The maximum 5-minute average was 243 ppb.

Nitrogen Dioxide

Neither the state nor federal standards were exceeded at any of the monitoring sites. The maximum concentrations and the maximum concentrations expressed as a percentage of the applicable standard were as follows: annual – 6.8 ppb (12.8%).

Ammonia

No standard is currently in effect. The maximum 1-hour average was 127.2 ppb.

Ozone

Neither the state nor federal standard was exceeded during the year. The 1-hour maximum and highest fourth-highest 8-hour concentrations and the concentrations expressed as a percentage of the applicable standard are were follows: 1-hour – 92 ppb (76.7%); highest fourth-highest 8-hour – 66 ppb (82.5%).

Inhalable PM_{fine} Particulates

The federal PM_{fine} standards were not exceeded during the year. The maximum concentrations and maximum concentrations expressed as a percentage of the standard were as follows: 24-hour – 24.5 $\mu g/m^3$ (37.7%); annual – 8.1 $\mu g/m^3$ (54.0%).

Inhalable Continuous PM_{fine} Particulates

The federal standards were not applicable for this analytical method. The maximum concentrations were as follows: 24-hour – 54.2 $\mu g/m^3$ (83.4%); annual – 6.7 $\mu g/m^3$ (44.7%).

Inhalable Continuous PM_{10} Particulates

Neither the state nor federal PM_{10} standards were exceeded during the year. The maximum concentrations and the maximum concentrations expressed as a percentage of the applicable PM_{10} standard were as follows: 24-hour – 75.1 $\mu g/m^3$ (50.1%); annual – 16.4 $\mu g/m^3$ (32.8%).

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

North Dakota and Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards

STANDARDS

In general, air pollutants are divided into two classes: primary pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, particulate matter (<2.5 microns) particulate matter (<10 microns); secondary pollutants, which are formed as the result of a chemical reaction. Sources of primary pollutants include power plants, natural gas processing plants, oil wells, oil refineries, asphalt plants, factories, wind-blown dirt, automobiles, fireplaces and incinerators. Secondary pollutants result from a primary pollutant undergoing a chemical reaction; for example, ozone is formed as a result of a photochemical reaction between hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen.

The North Dakota Ambient Air Quality Standards are established to protect public health and welfare. Effective Aug. 1, 1997, coal conversion and oil refineries were exempted from the state sulfur dioxide standards.

Table A1-1 presents the current North Dakota Ambient Air Quality Standards. Table A1-2 presents the federal Ambient Air Quality Standards. State standards must be as stringent as (but may be more stringent than) federal standards.

TABLE A1-1
North Dakota
Ambient Air Quality Standards

Air Contaminants		Standards (Maximum Permissible Concentrations)
Inhalable Particulate (PM_{10})	50	micrograms per cubic meter of air, expected annual arithmetic mean micrograms per cubic meter of air maximum
	150	24-hour average concentration with no more than one expected exceedance per year
Sulfur Dioxide*	0.023	parts per million (60 micrograms per cubic meter of air), maximum annual arithmetic mean concentration
	0.099	parts per million (260 micrograms per cubic meter of air), maximum 24-hour average concentration
	0.273	parts per million (715 micrograms per cubic meter of air), maximum 1-hour average concentration
Hydrogen Sulfide	10.0	parts per million (14 milligrams per cubic meter of air), maximum instantaneous (ceiling) concentration not to be exceeded
	0.20	parts per million (280 micrograms per cubic meter of air), maximum 1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once per month
	0.10	parts per million (140 micrograms per cubic meter of air), maximum 24-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year
	0.02	parts per million (28 micrograms per cubic meter of air), maximum arithmetic mean concentration averaged over three consecutive months
Carbon Monoxide	9	parts per million (10 milligrams per cubic meter of air), maximum 8-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year
	35	parts per million (40 milligrams per cubic meter of air), maximum 1-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year
Ozone	0.12	parts per million (235 micrograms per cubic meter of air), maximum 1-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year
Nitrogen Dioxide	0.053	parts per million (100 micrograms per cubic meter of air), maximum annual arithmetic mean
Lead	1.5	micrograms per cubic meter of air, maximum arithmetic mean averaged over a calendar quarter

* After Aug. 1, 1997, coal conversion facilities and oil refineries are subject only to the federal SO_2 standards.

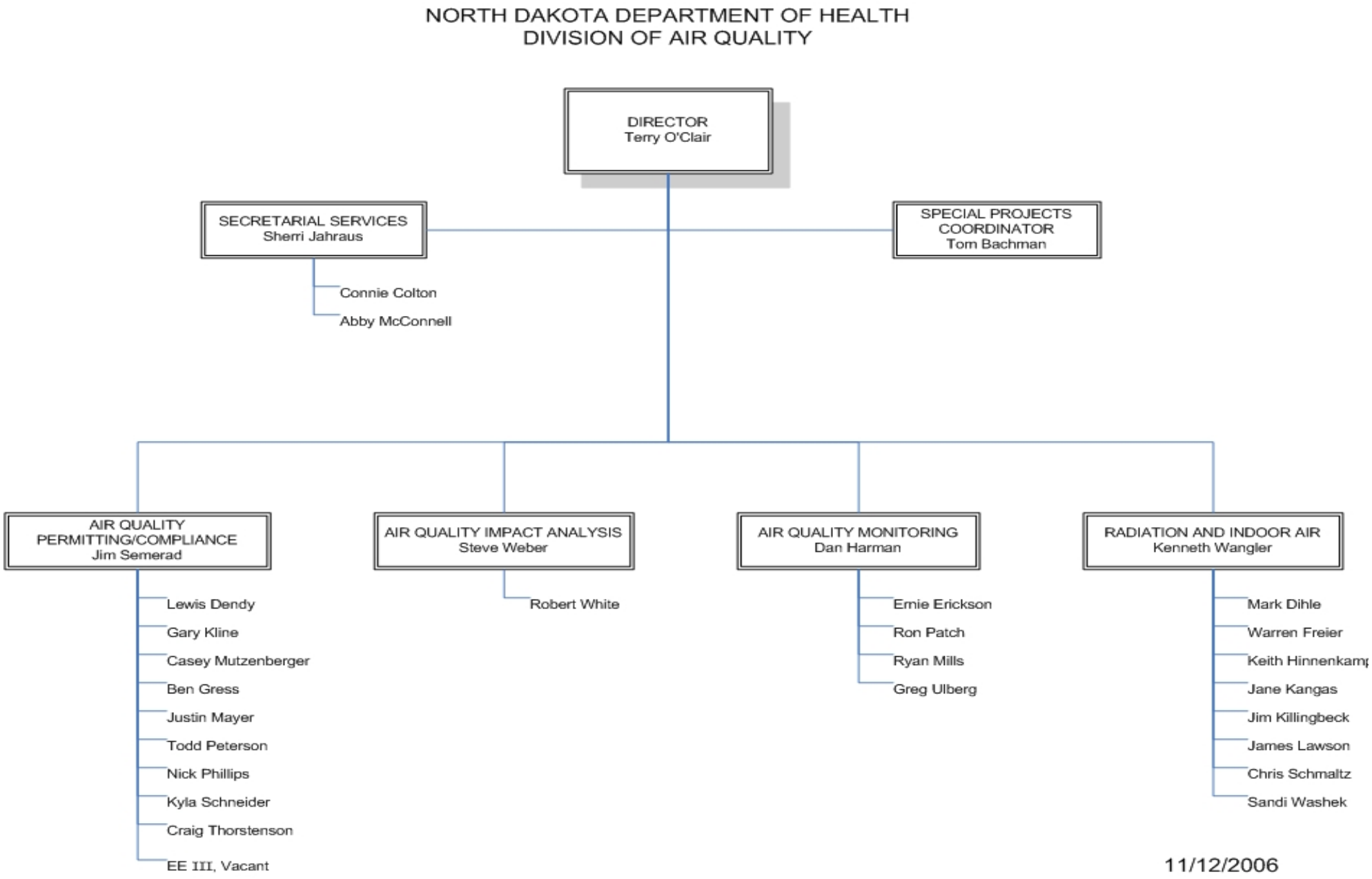
TABLE A1-2
Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards

Pollutant	Description	Primary	Secondary
Inhalable Particulate (<2.5 microns)	3-year average of annual arithmetic mean concentrations	15 $\mu g/m^3$	15 $\mu g/m^3$
	3-year average of the 98th percentile of the 24-hour concentrations	65 $\mu g/m^3$	65 $\mu g/m^3$
Inhalable Particulates (<10 microns)	Expected annual arithmetic mean	50 $\mu g/m^3$	50 $\mu g/m^3$
	99th percentile of the 24-hour concentrations averaged over 3 years	150 $\mu g/m^3$	150 $\mu g/m^3$
Sulfur Dioxide	Annual arithmetic mean	0.03 ppm (80 $\mu g/m^3$)	-
	Maximum 24-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year	0.14 ppm (365 $\mu g/m^3$)	-
	Maximum 3-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year	-	0.5 ppm (1300 $\mu g/m^3$)
Carbon Monoxide	8-hour concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year	9 ppm (10 $\mu g/m^3$)	-
	1-hour average concentration not to be exceeded more than once per year	35 ppm (40 $\mu g/m^3$)	-
Ozone	3-year average of the annual highest 4th highest daily maximum 8- hour concentrations, not to be exceeded	0.08 ppm	0.08 ppm
Nitrogen Dioxide	Annual arithmetic mean	0.053 ppm (100 $\mu g/m^3$)	0.053 ppm (100 $\mu g/m^3$)
Lead	Maximum arithmetic mean averaged over a calendar quarter	1.5 $\mu g/m^3$	1.5 $\mu g/m^3$

APPENDIX 2

Air Quality Personnel
Organizational Chart

The following Division of Air Quality organizational chart includes the Air Pollution Control Program.



A2-1 Air Quality Organizational Chart

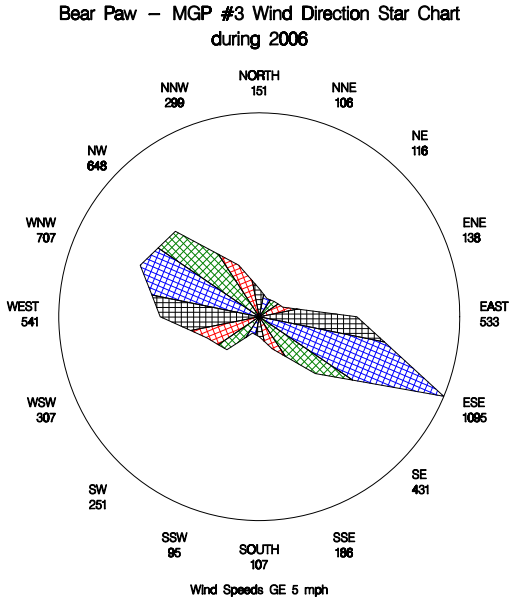
APPENDIX 3

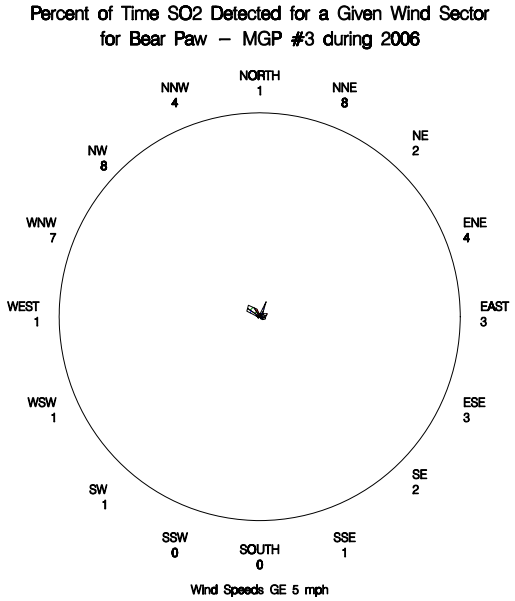
Wind and Pollution Star Charts

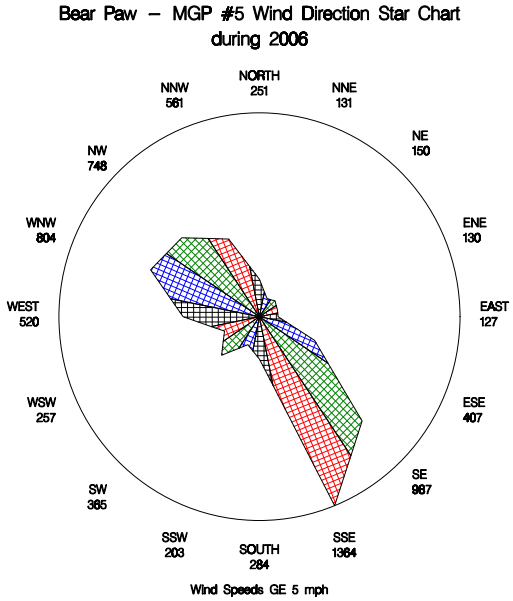
The figures in this appendix are arranged with the site's wind star chart in the upper left-hand position. To remove most of the wind direction bias caused by low wind speeds, wind speeds less than 5 mph were removed from the data. For department-operated sites, the pollution star charts are arranged with sulfur dioxide in the upper right-hand position. Next is either hydrogen sulfide or nitrogen dioxide. For industry networks, the wind star chart is presented first, followed by the parameters monitored at each site. There is only one MET station for each network except for the Bear Paw - McKenzie Gas Plant network, which has wind direction at each site.

The pollution star charts present the percentage of time a pollutant is detected when the wind is from a given direction. For example, a wind star chart shows a frequency of 122, and a pollution star chart shows a 66 for the same direction. This means that 66 percent of the time (80 of the possible 122 hours) the wind was greater than 5 mph from that direction and an hourly average for that pollutant had a detectable concentration.

Ozone pollution star charts are not presented because the percentage of time would be essentially 100 percent for each wind sector. Also, the Bismarck Residential star charts were not included since there was less than three months of data.







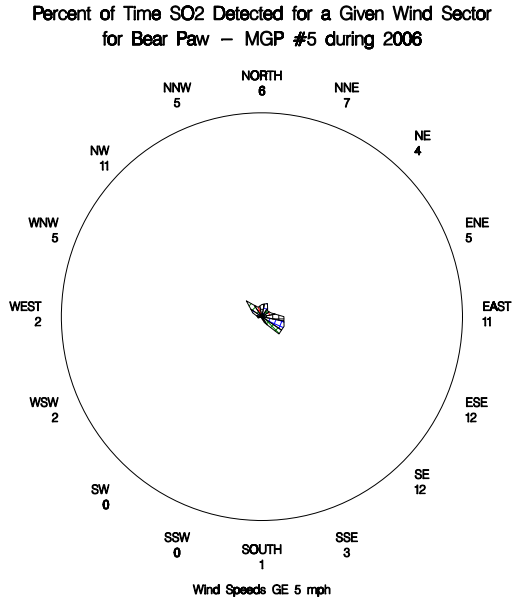
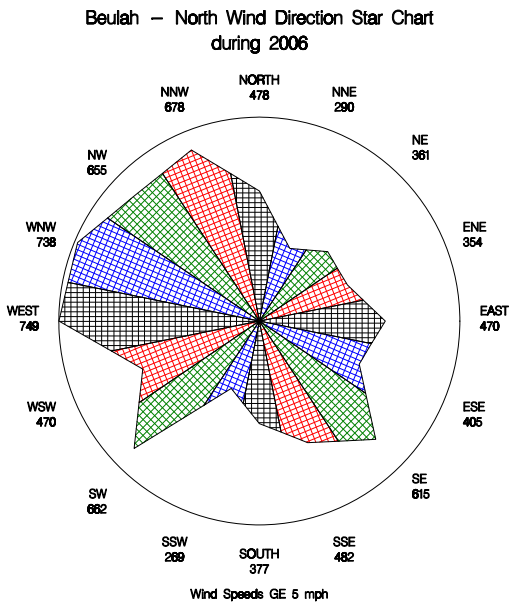
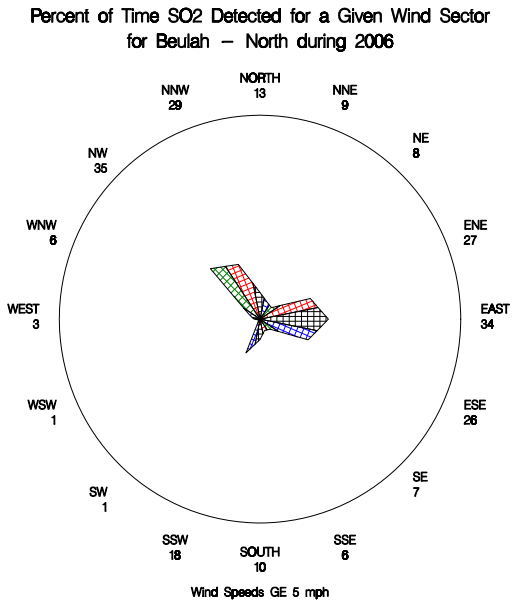
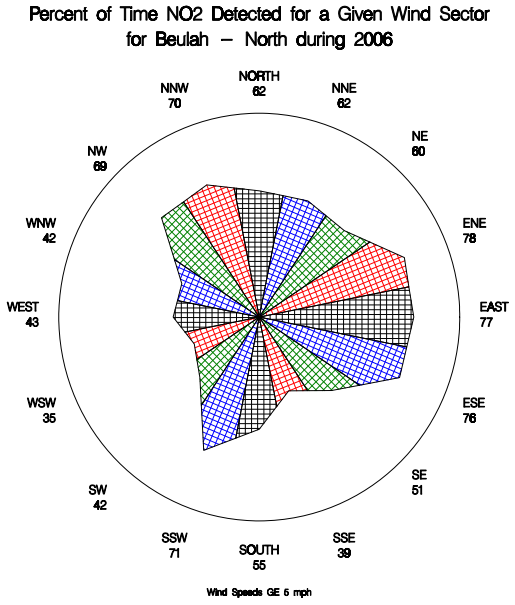
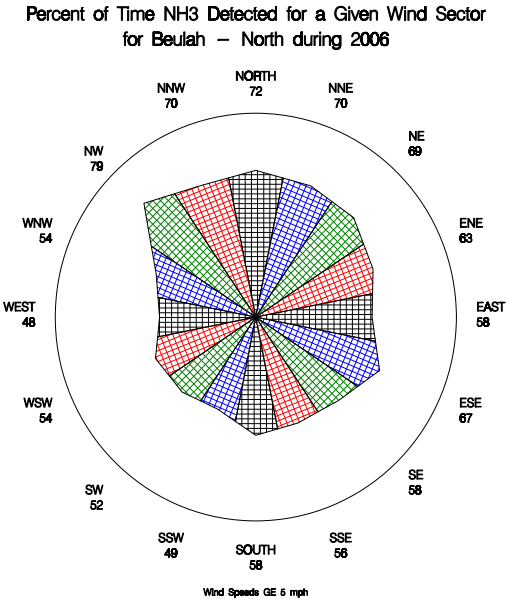


Figure A3-1 Bear Paw - MGP









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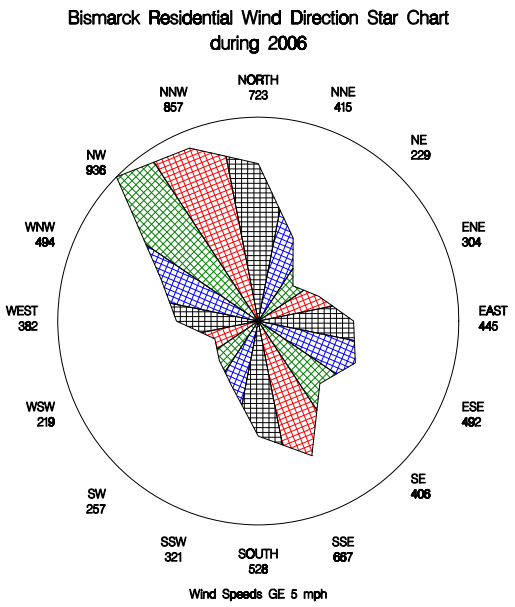

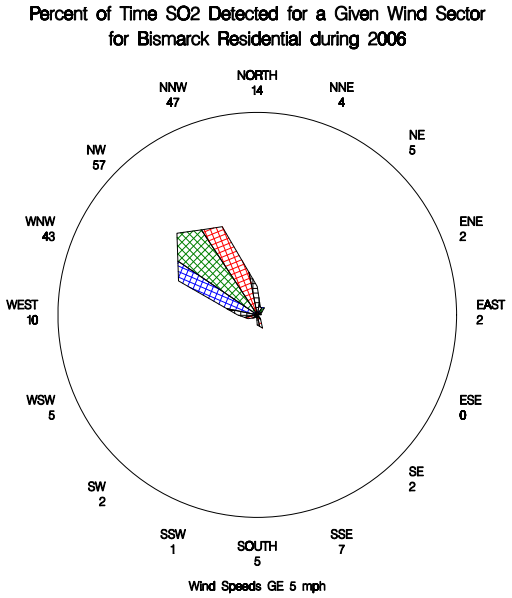

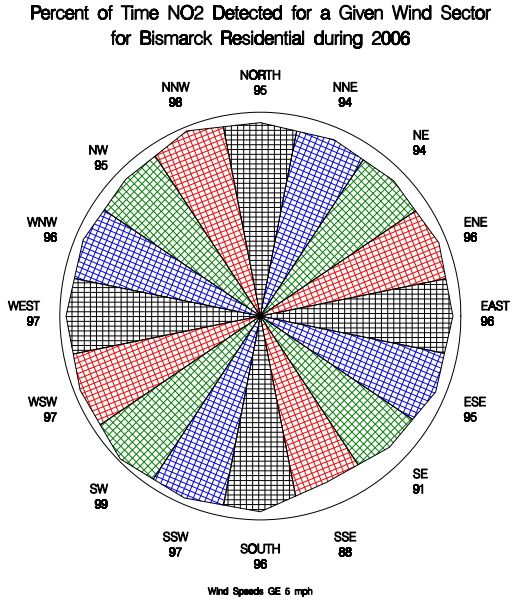

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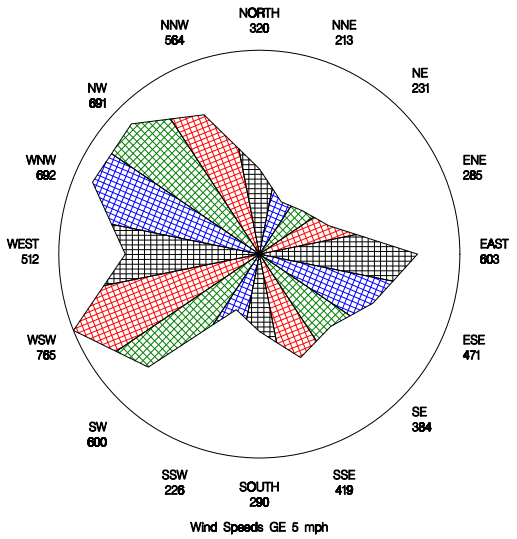

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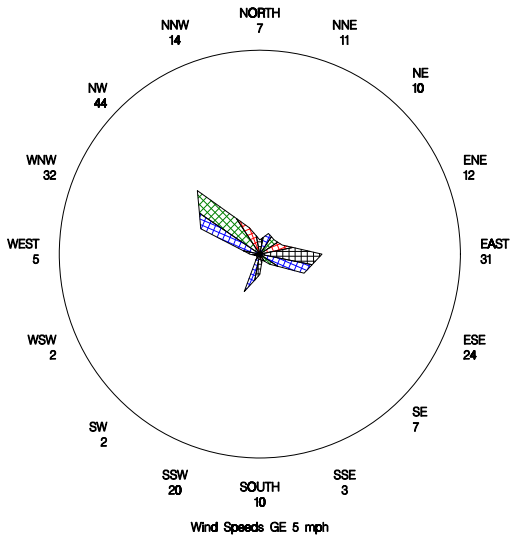

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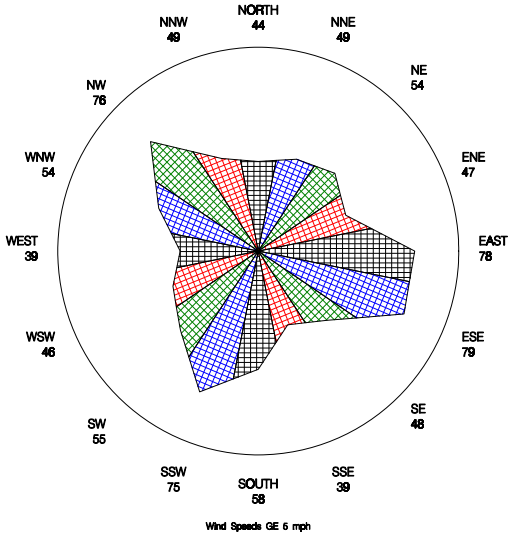

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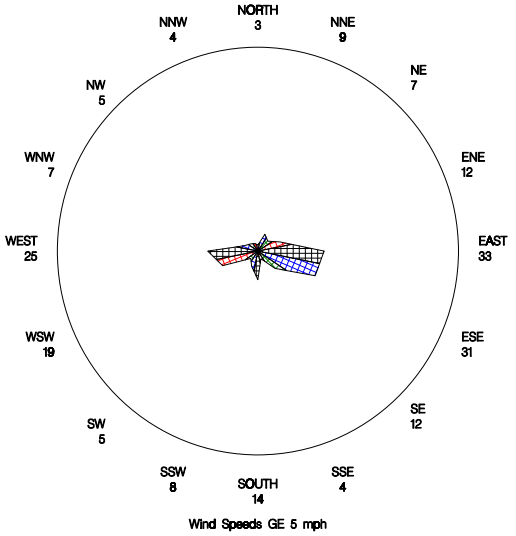

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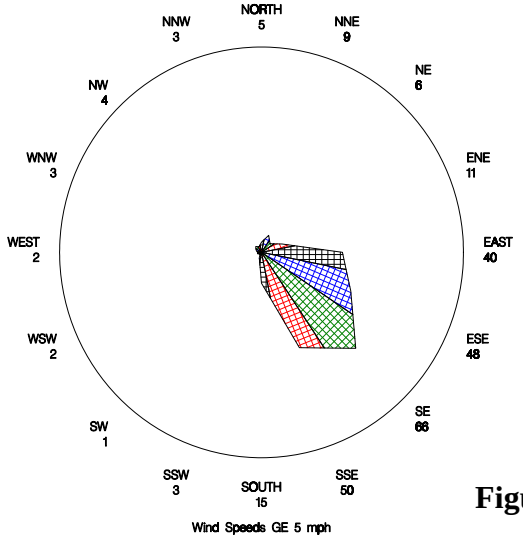

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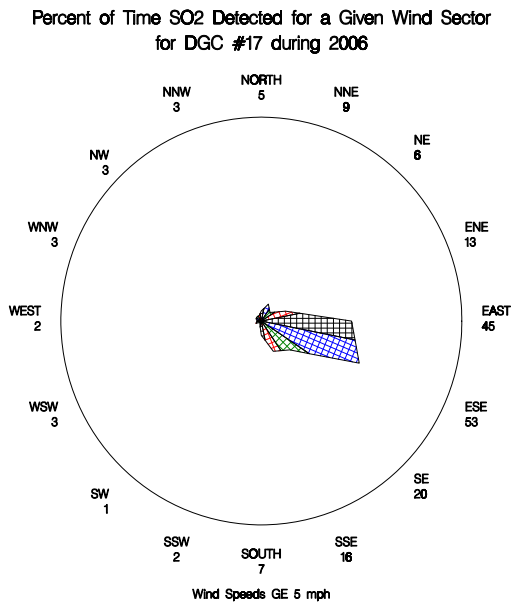

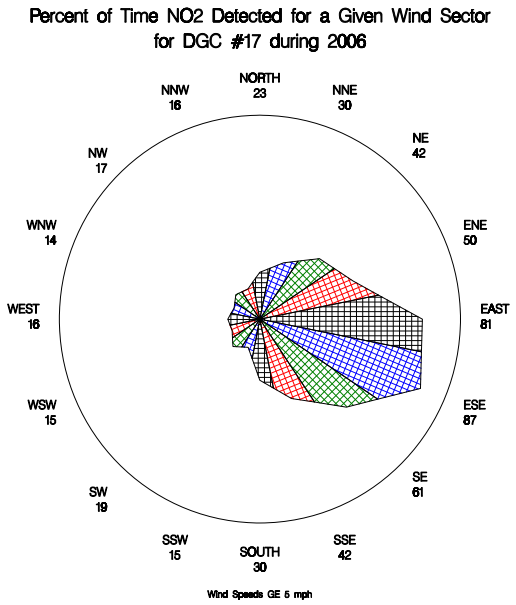

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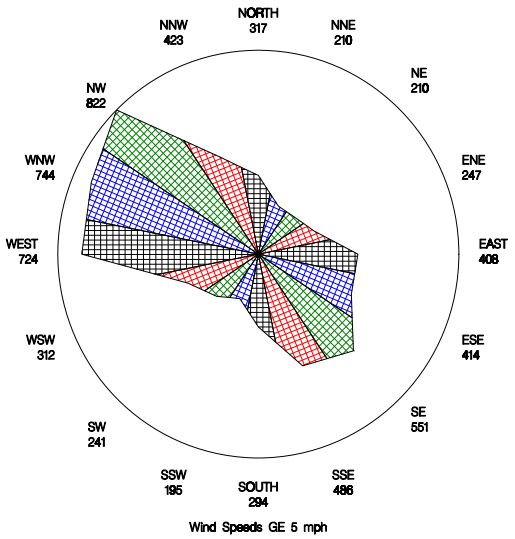

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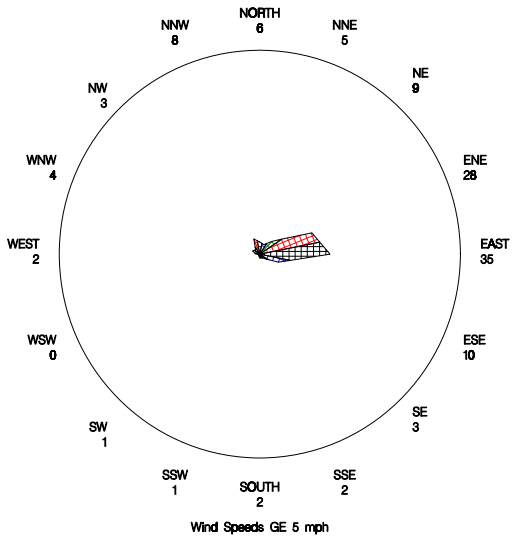

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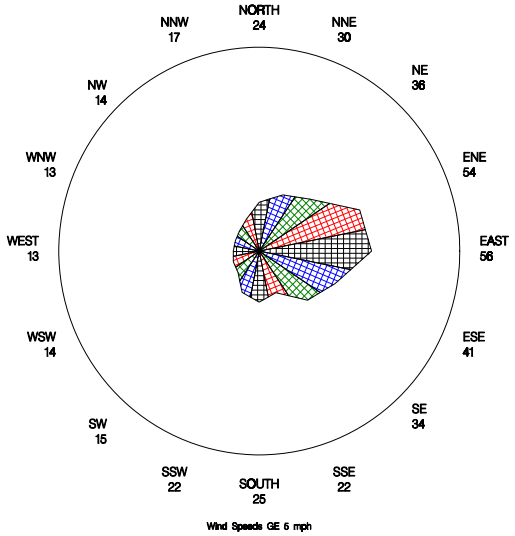

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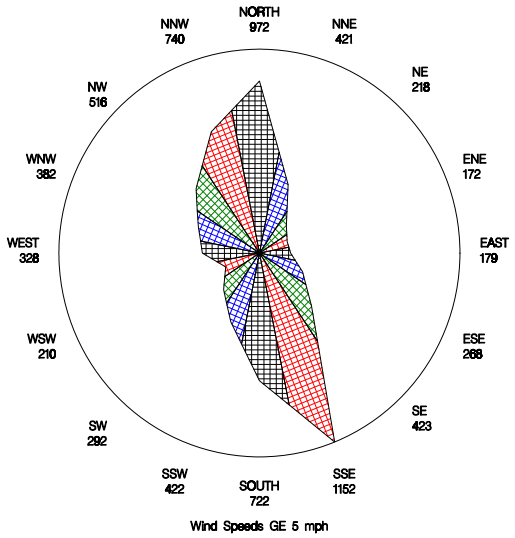

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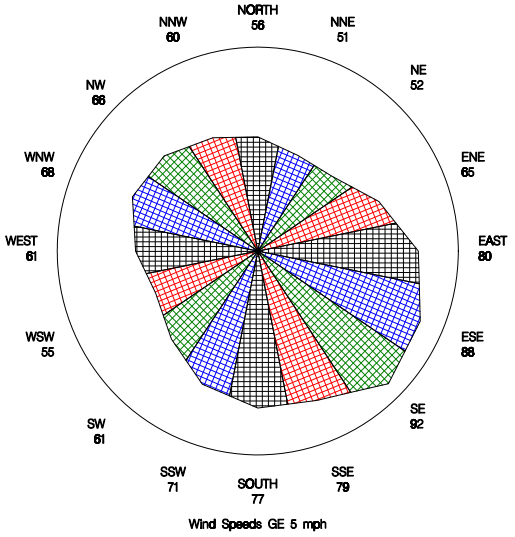

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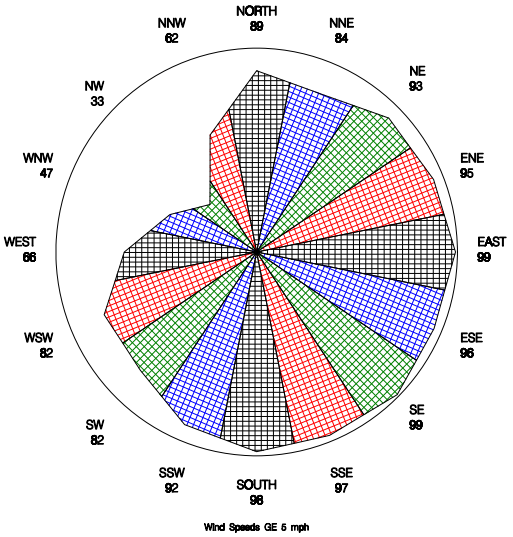

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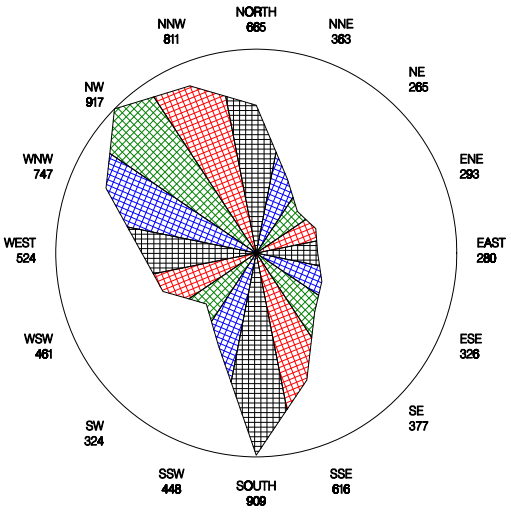

Wind Speeds GE 5 mph

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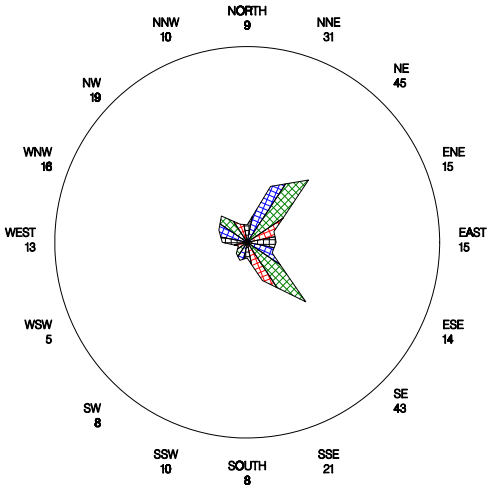

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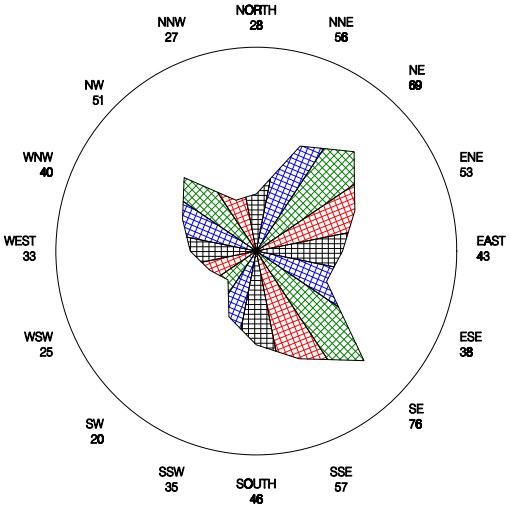

Wind Speeds GE 5 mph

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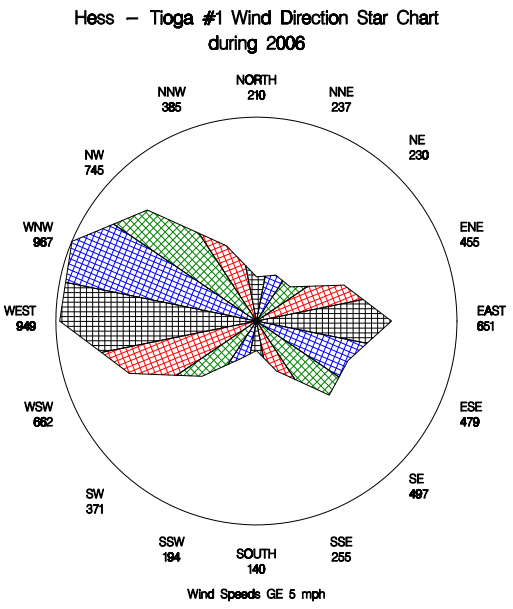

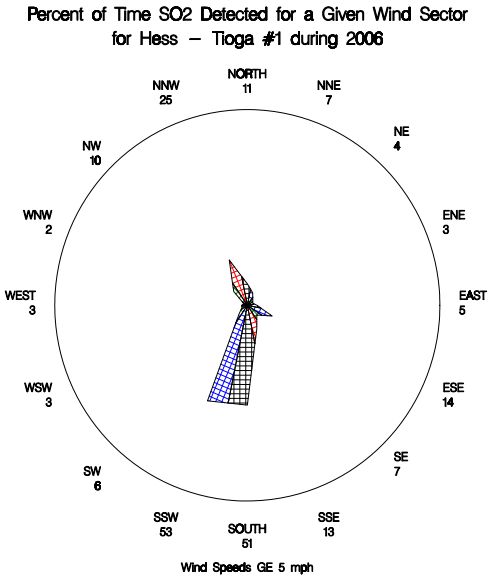

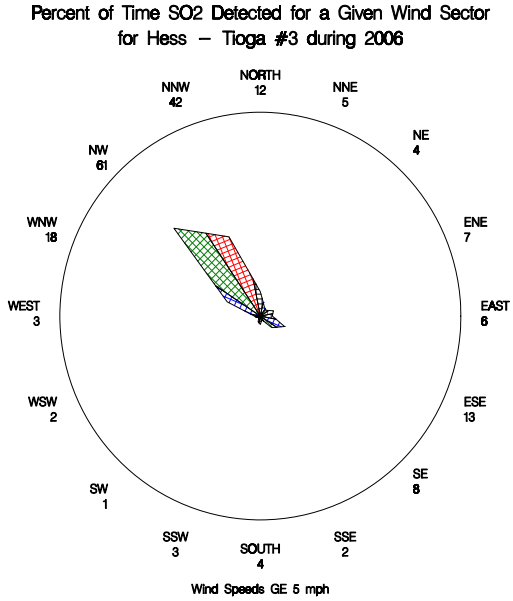

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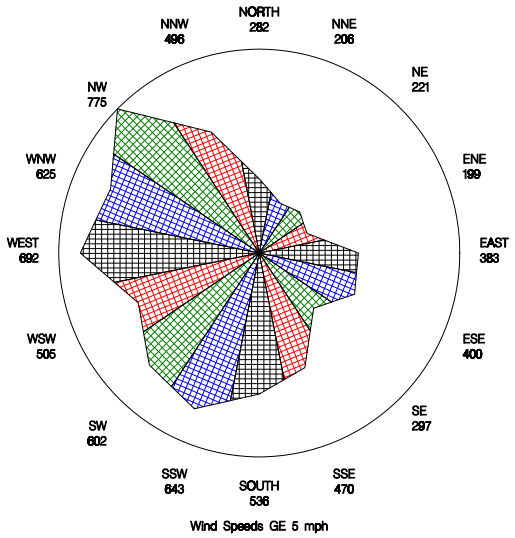

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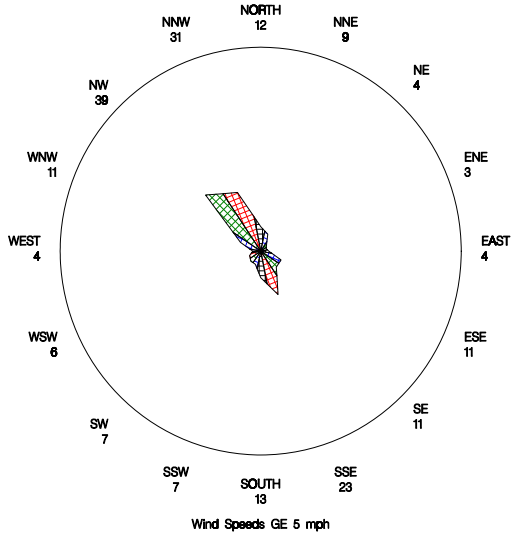

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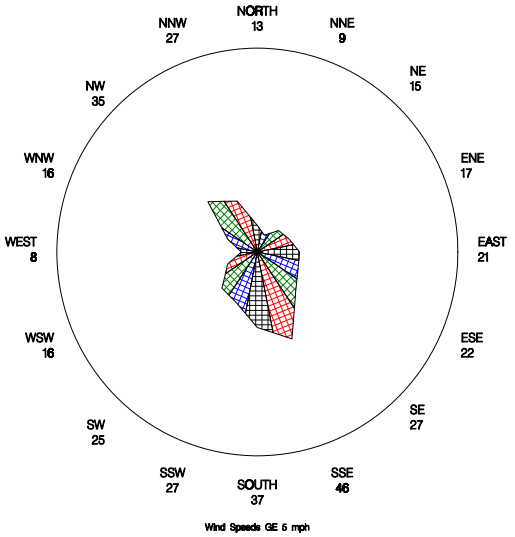

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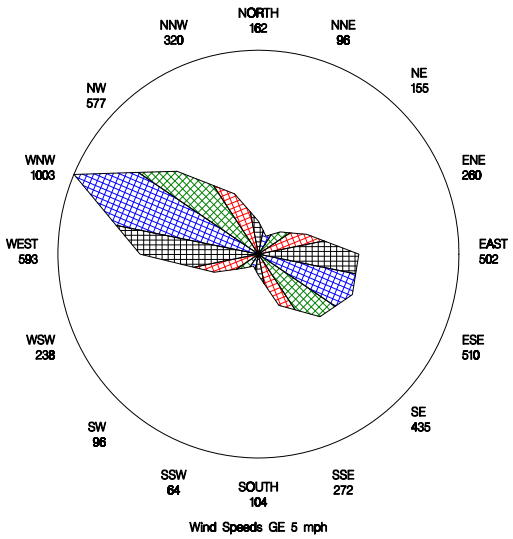

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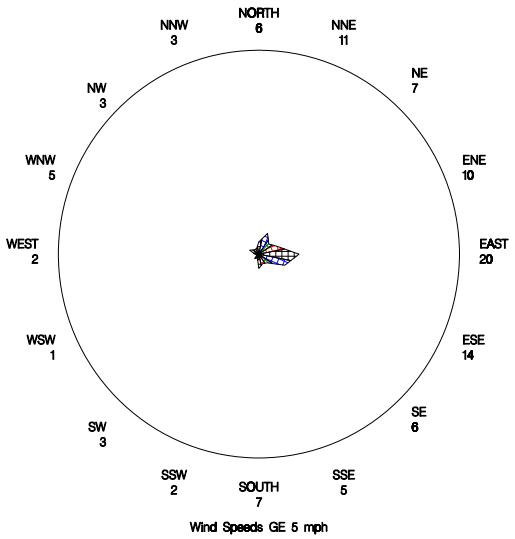

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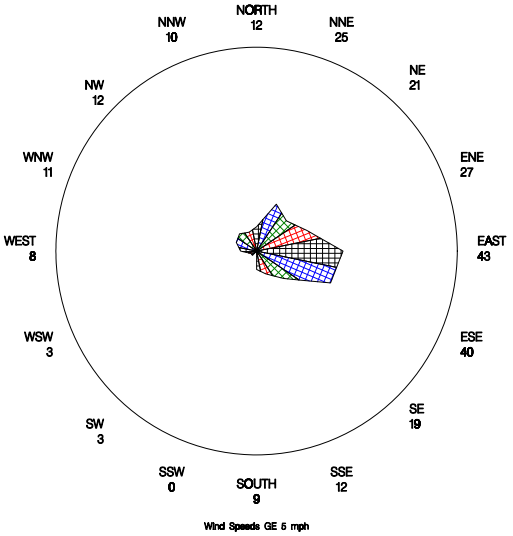

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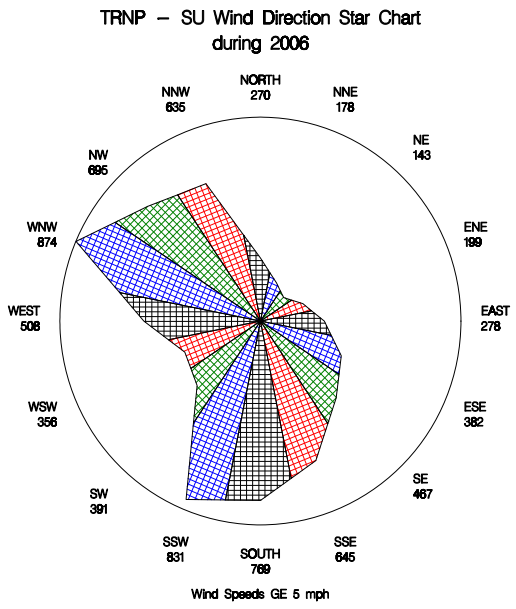

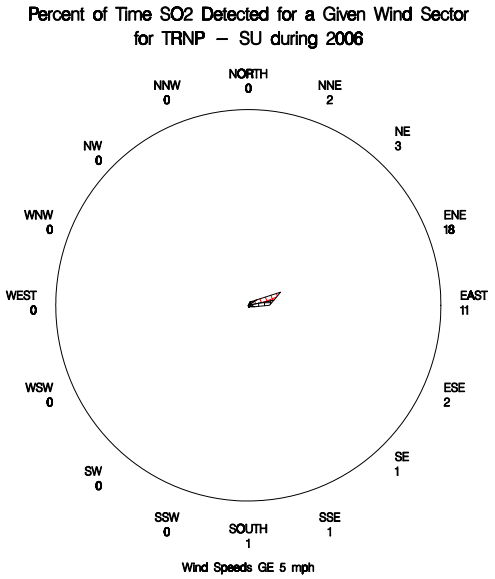

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APPENDIX 4

1997-2006 Trends

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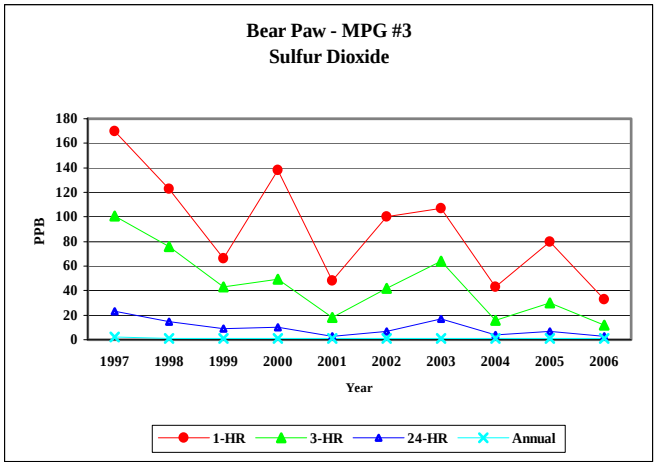

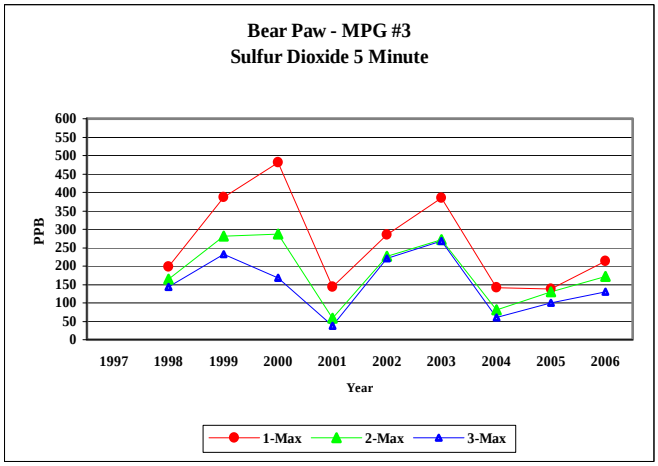

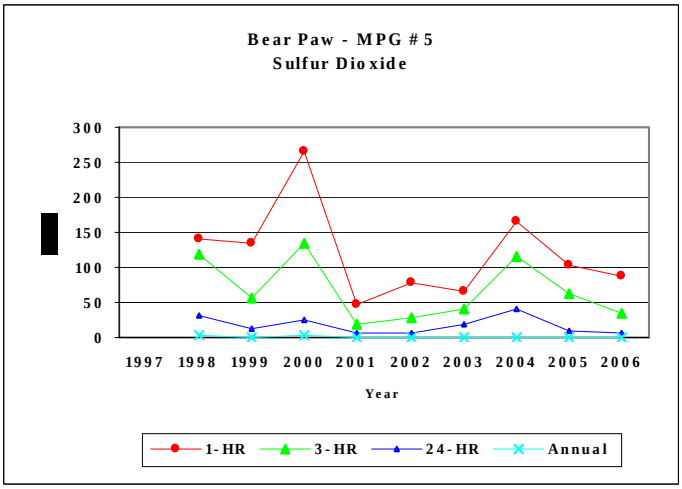

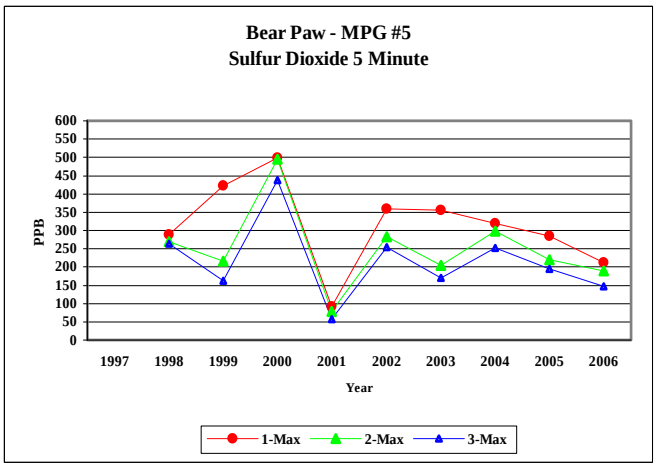

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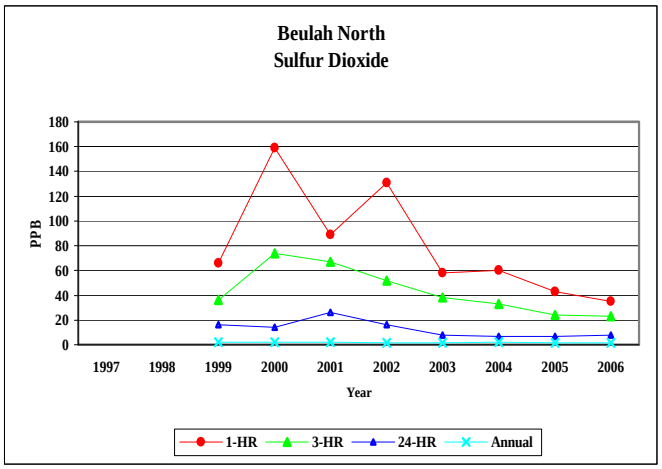

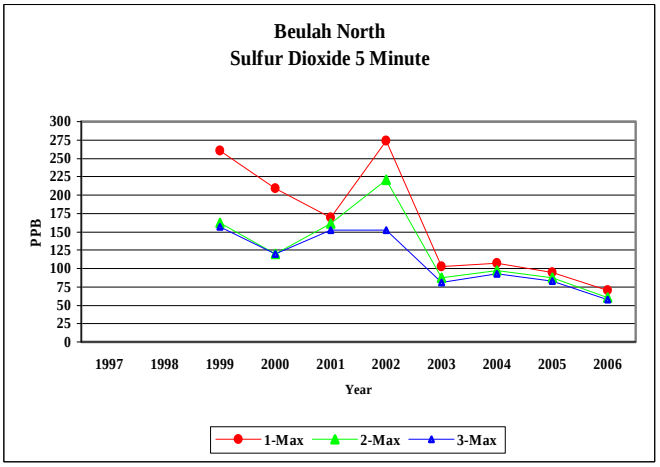

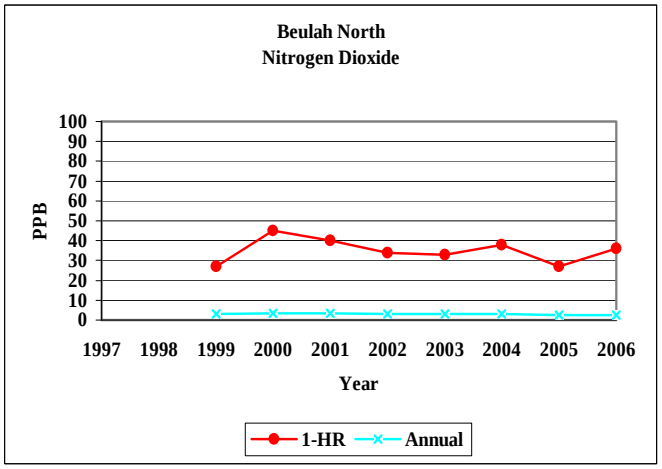

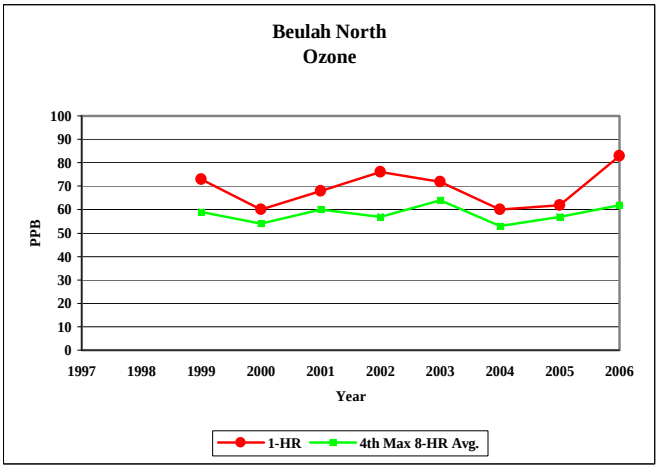

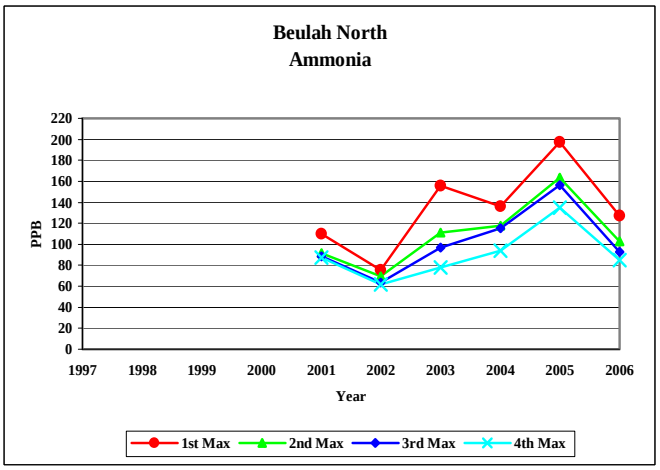

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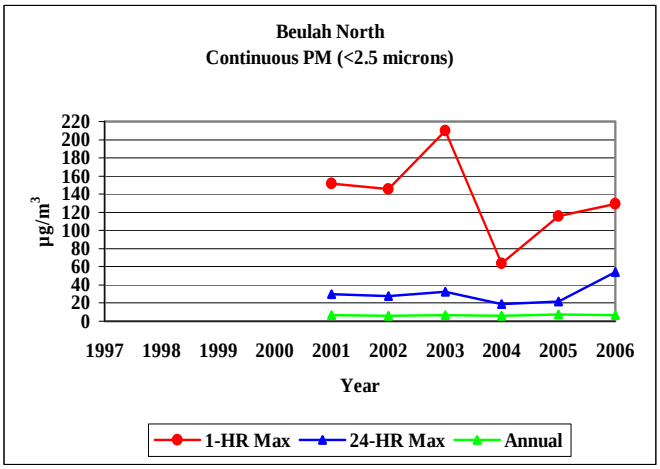

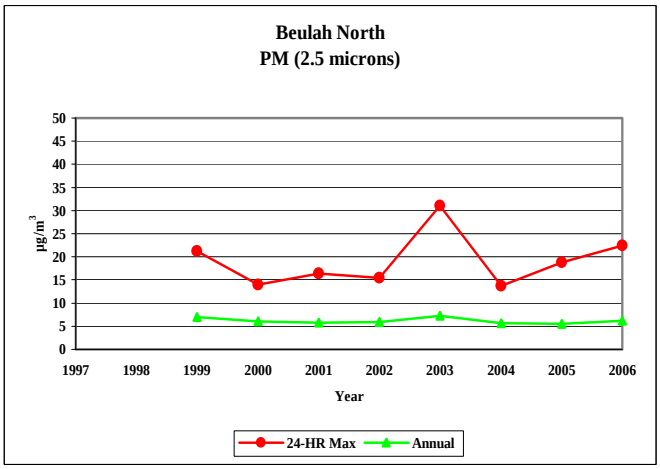

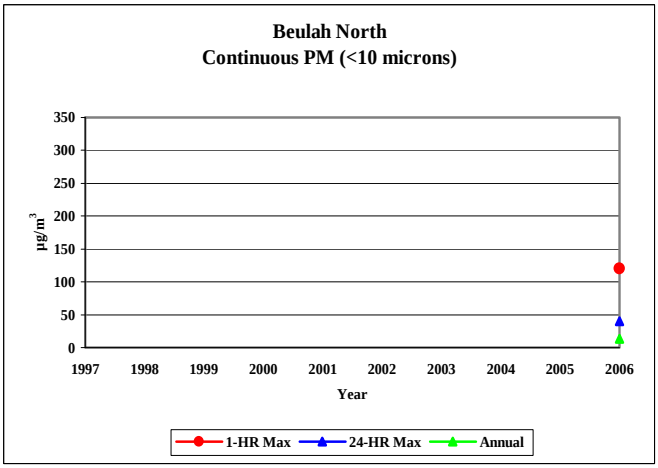

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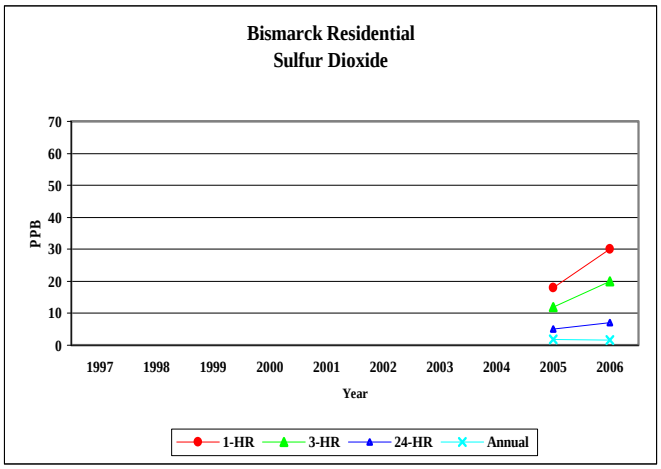

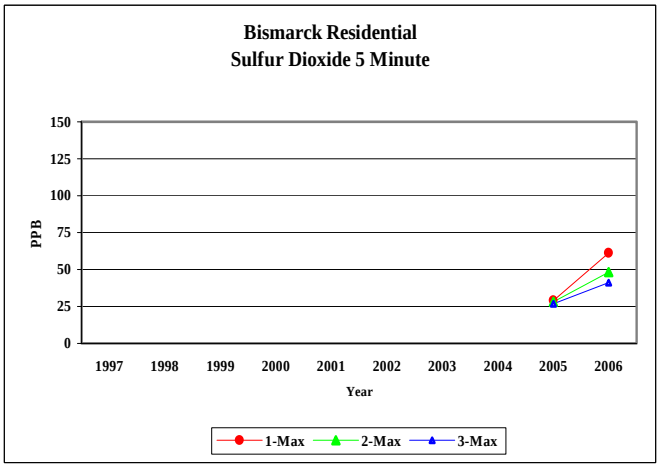

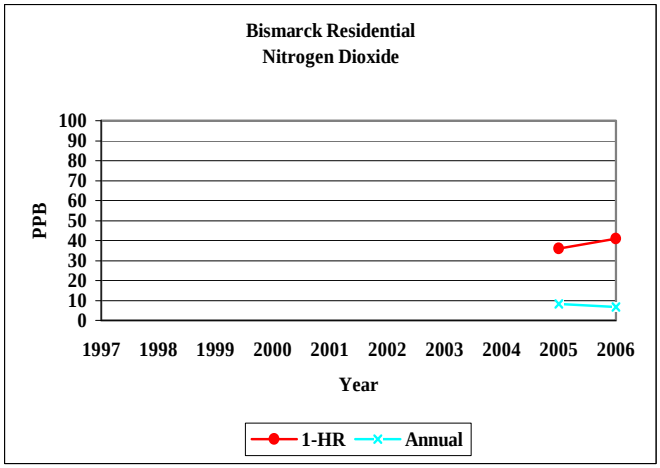

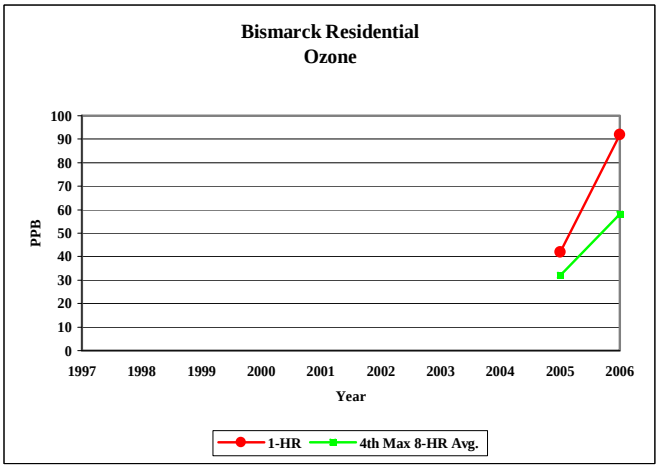

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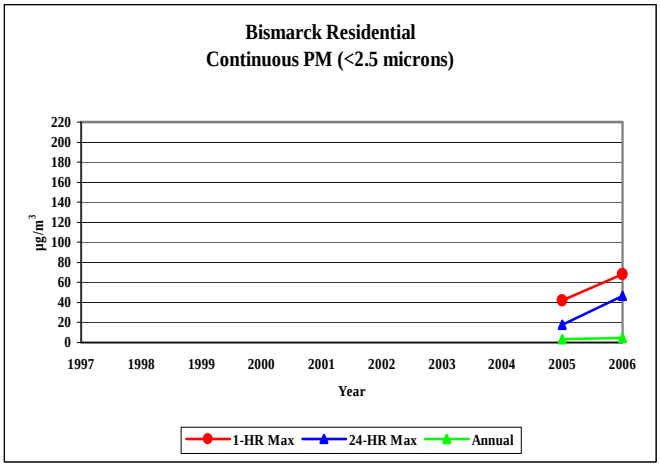

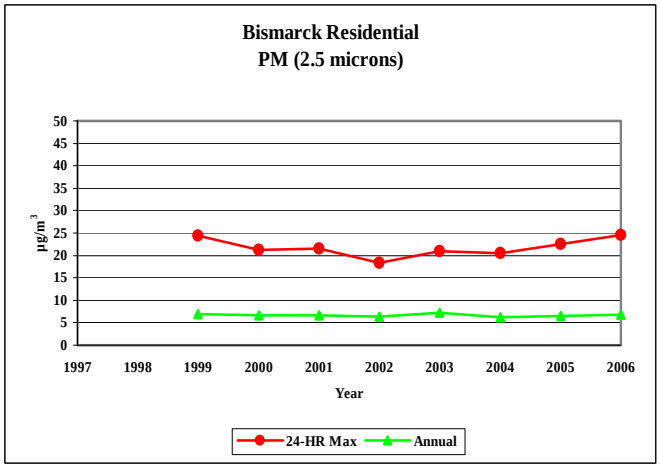

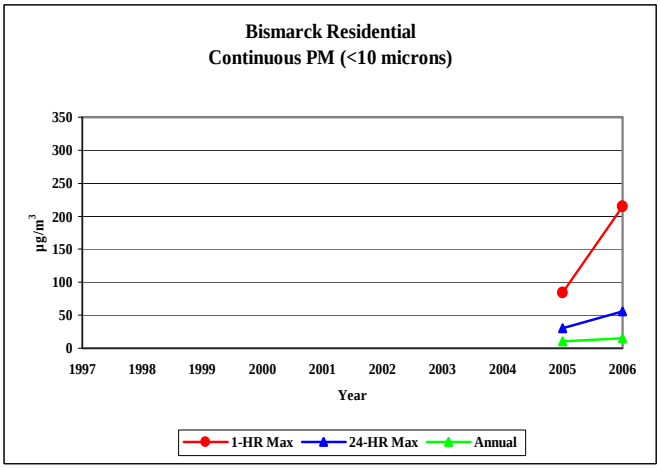

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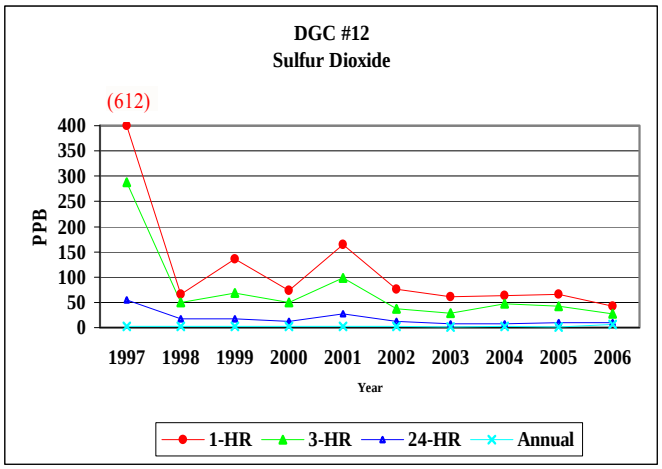

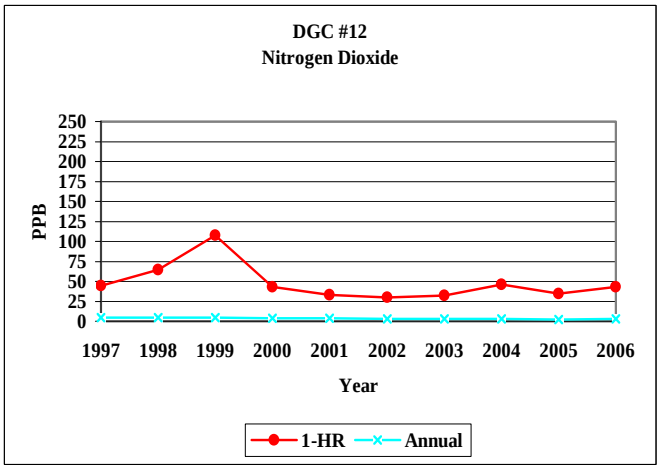

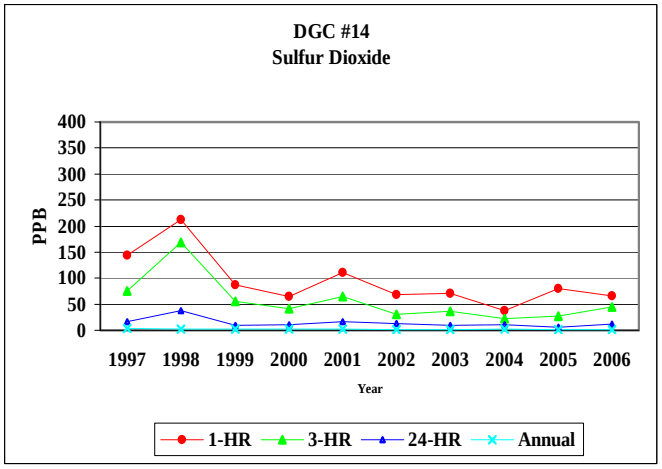

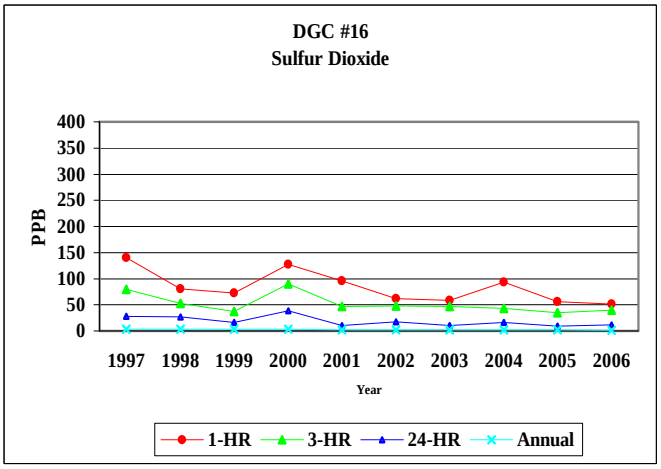

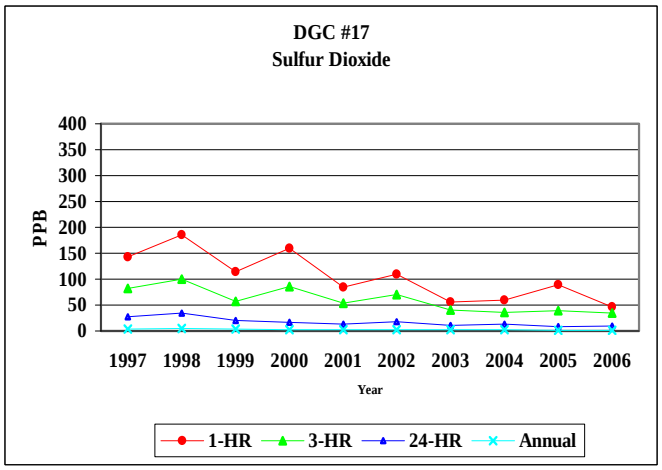

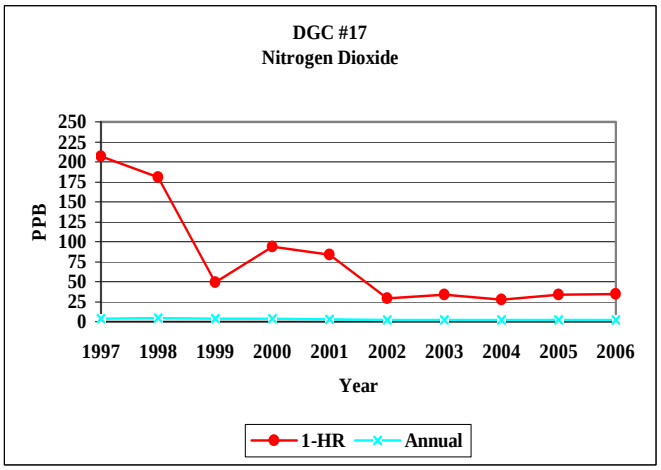

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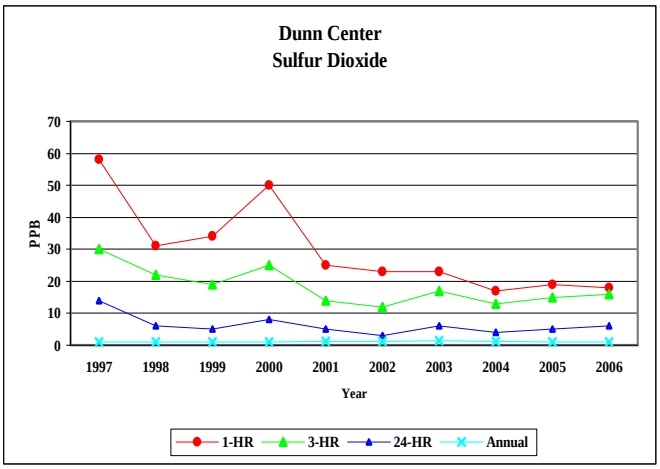

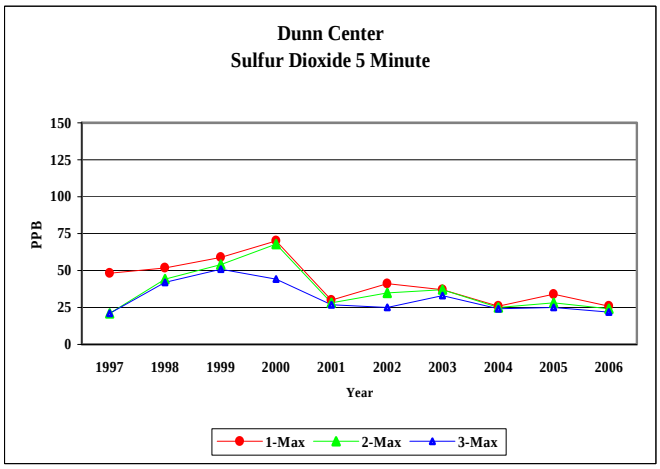

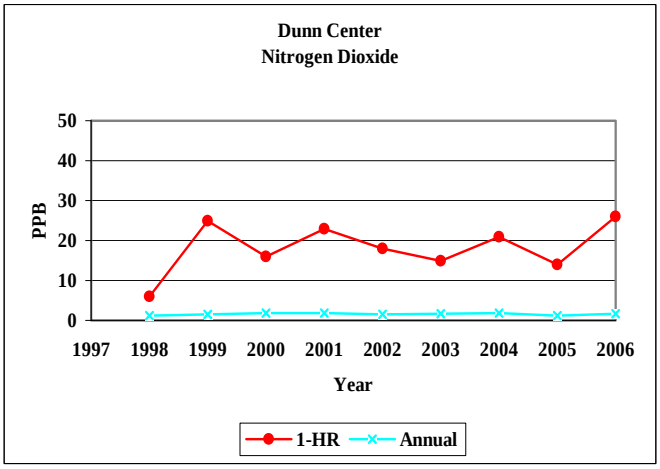

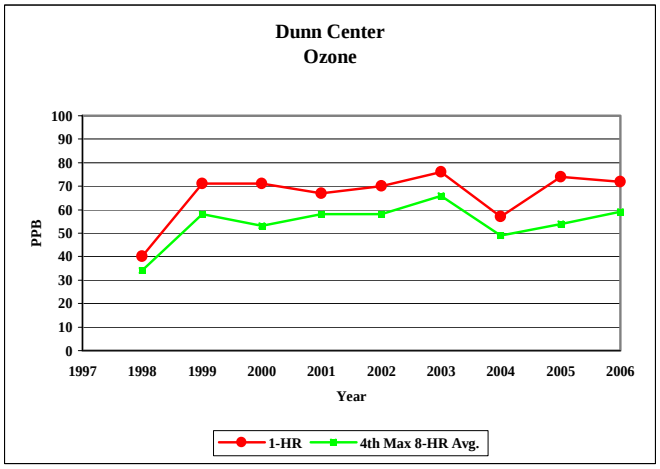

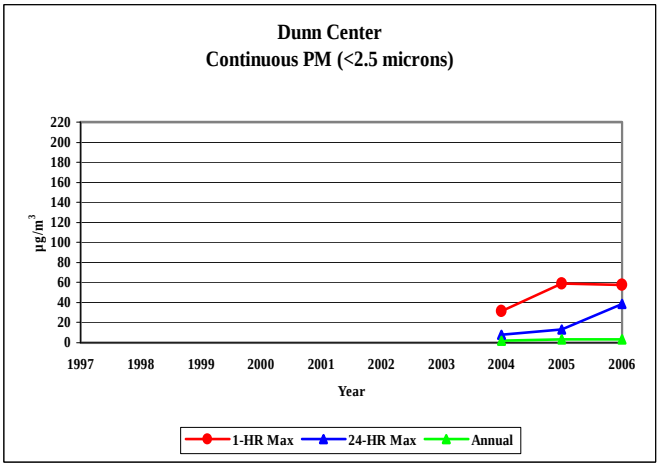

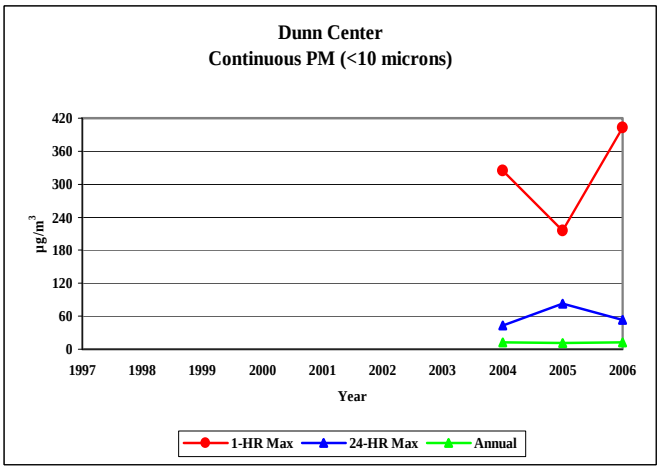

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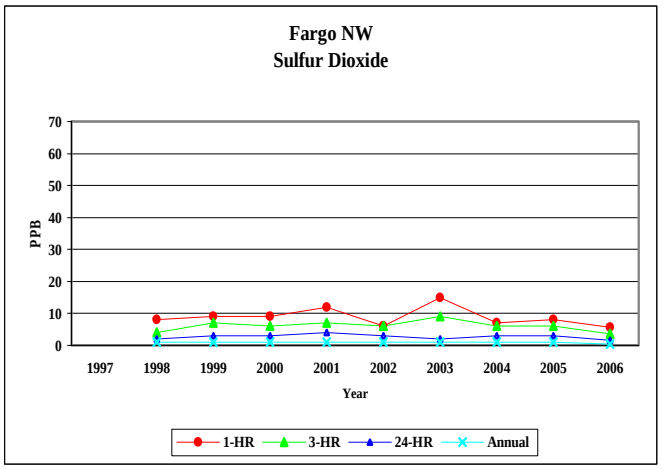

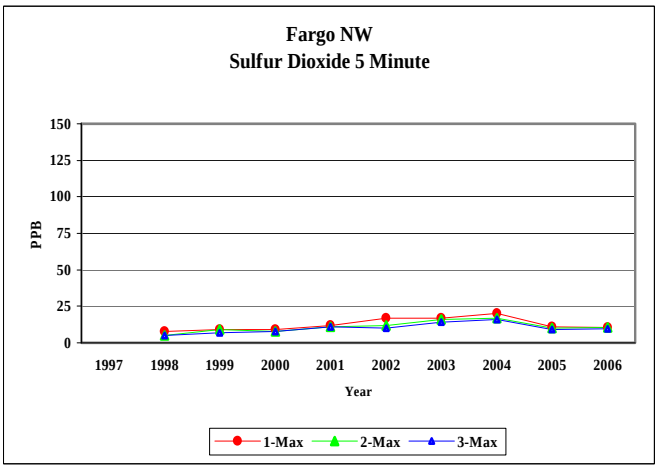

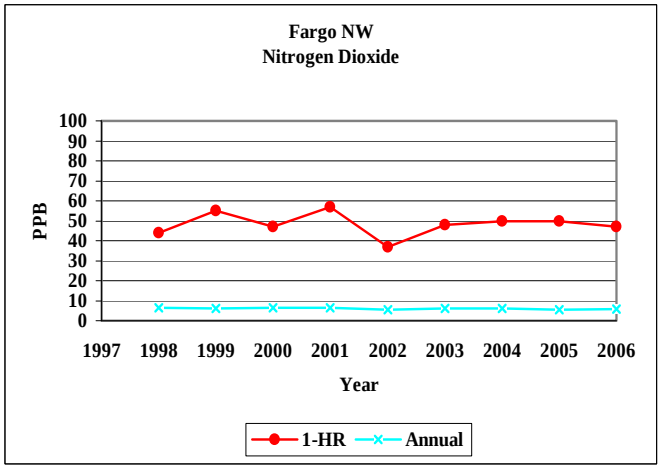

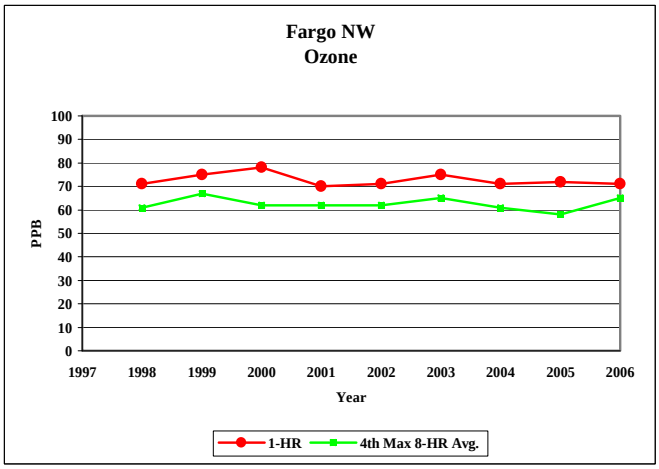

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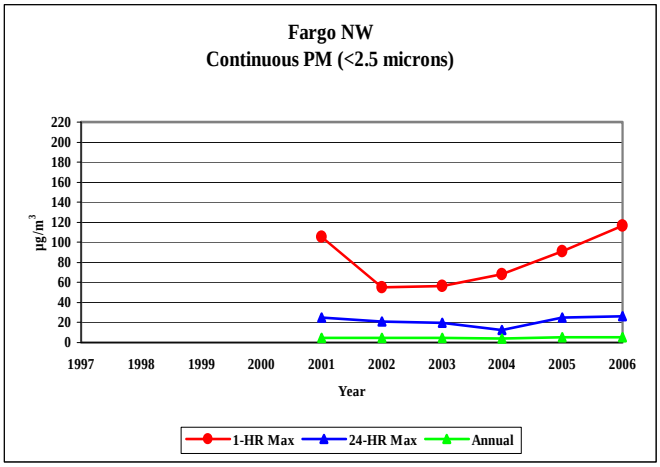

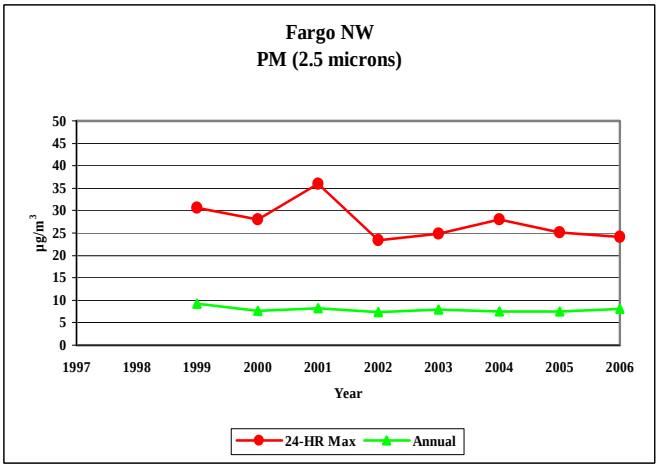

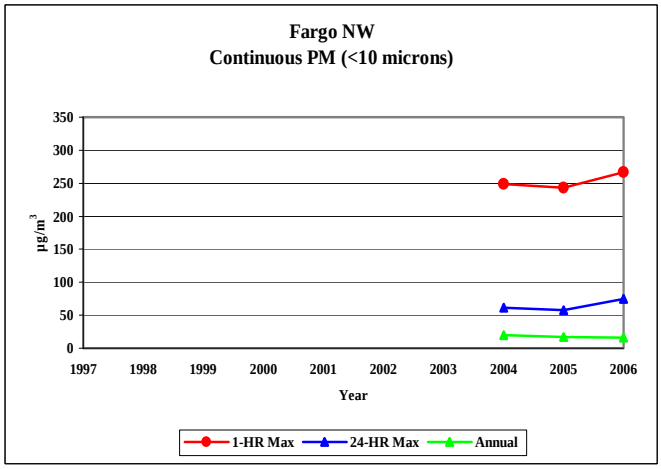

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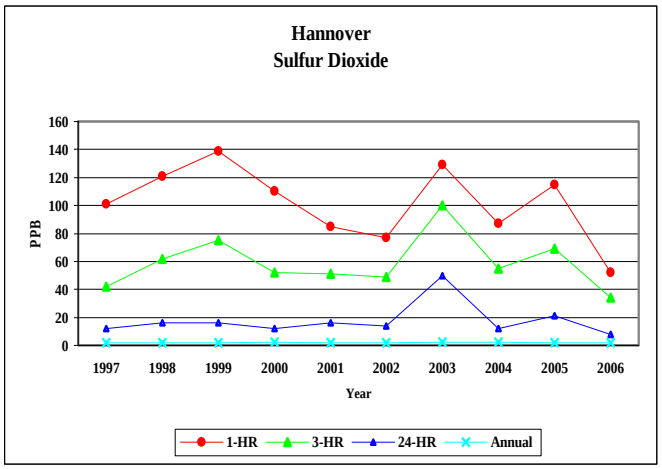

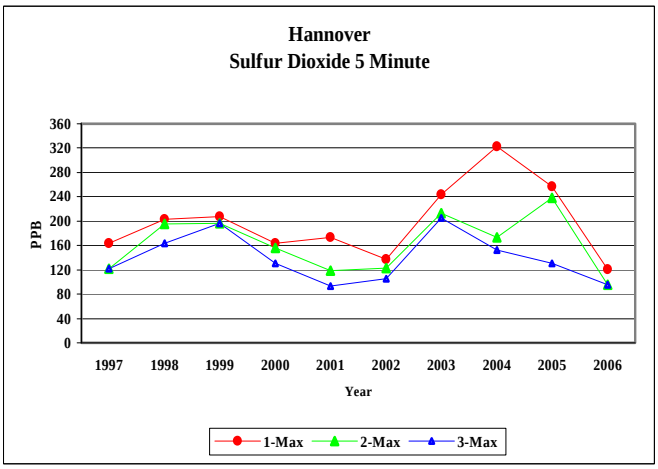

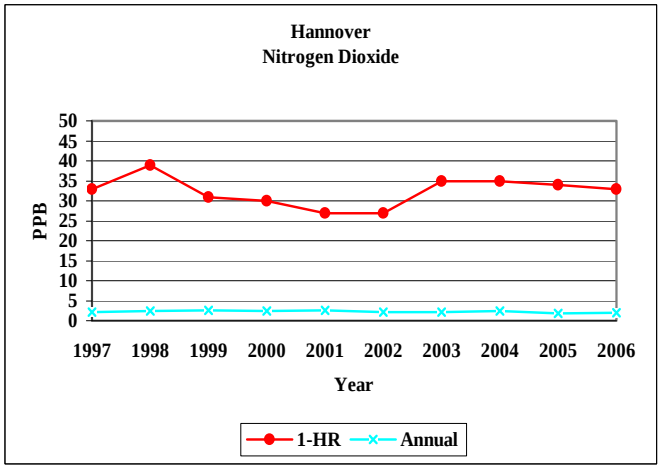

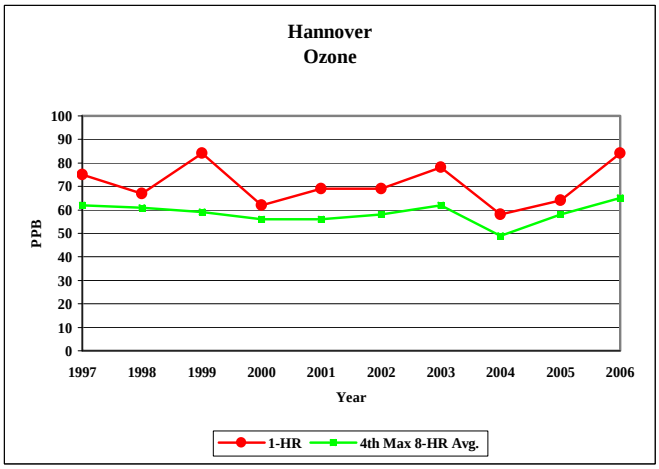

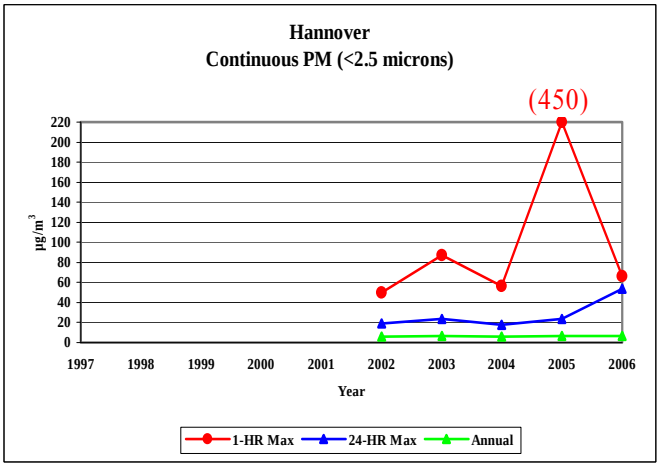

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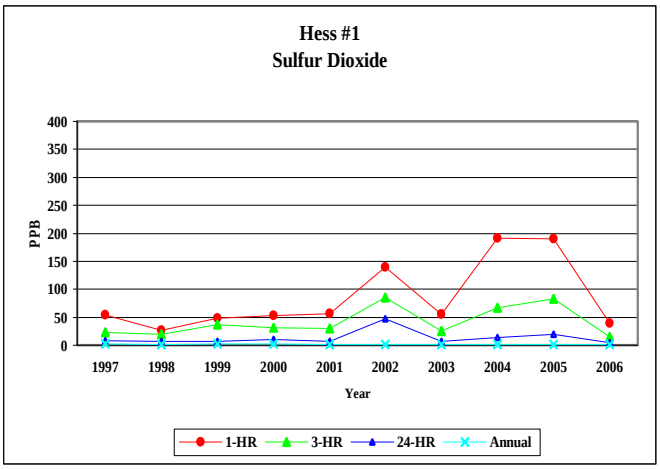

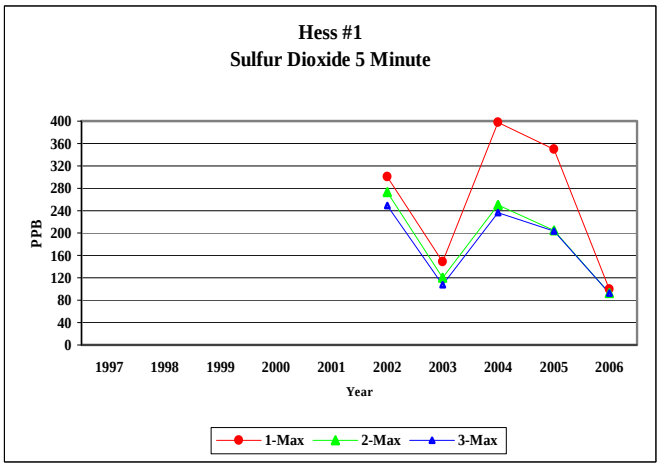

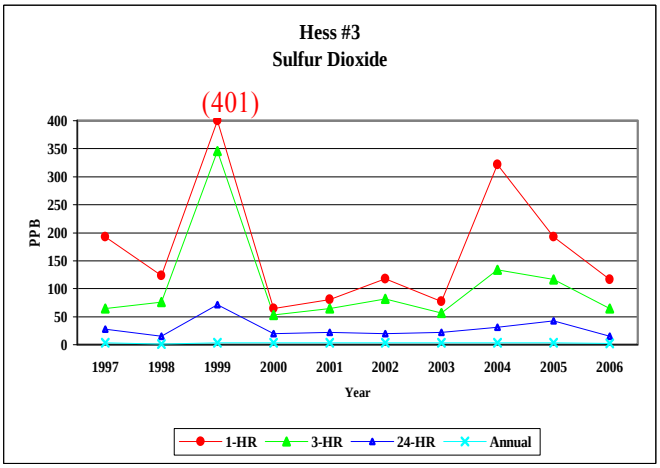

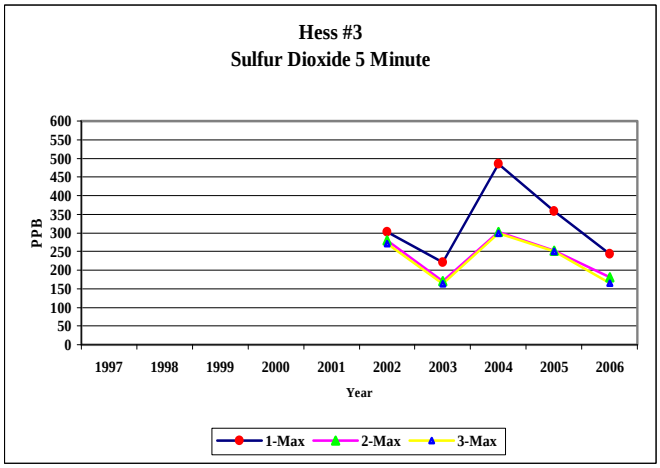

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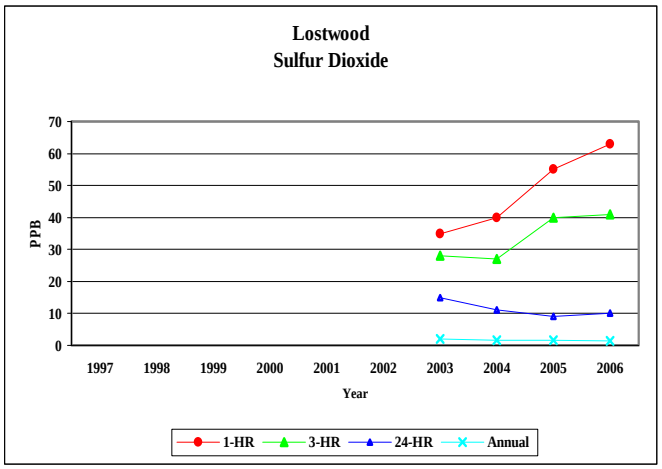

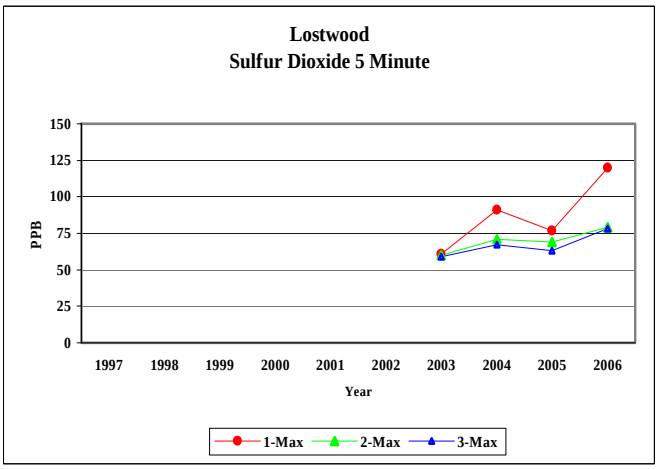

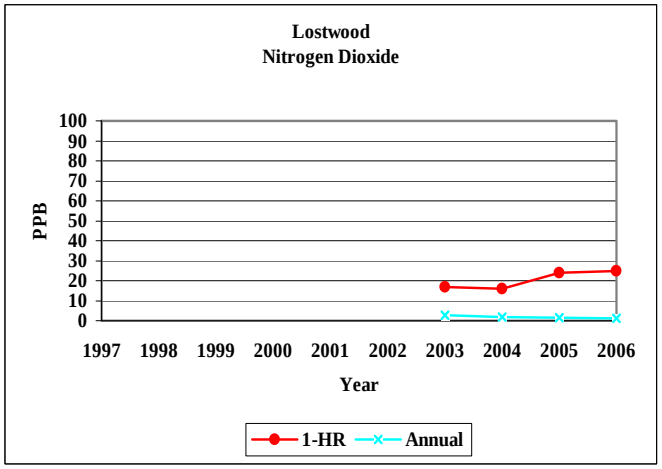

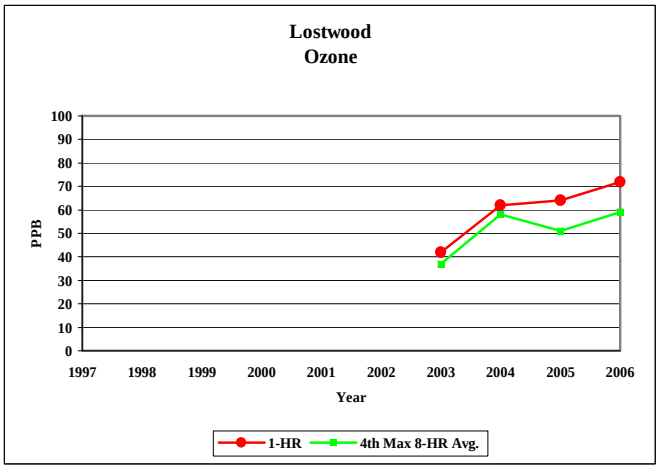

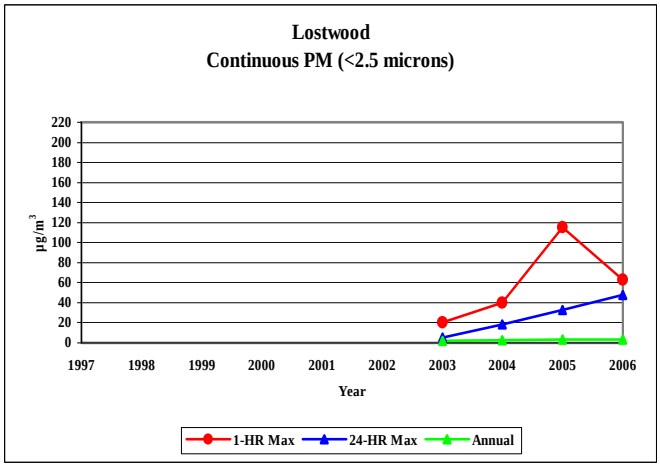

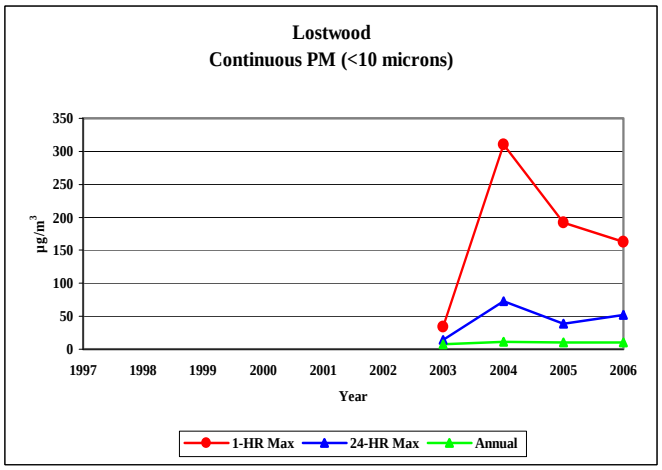

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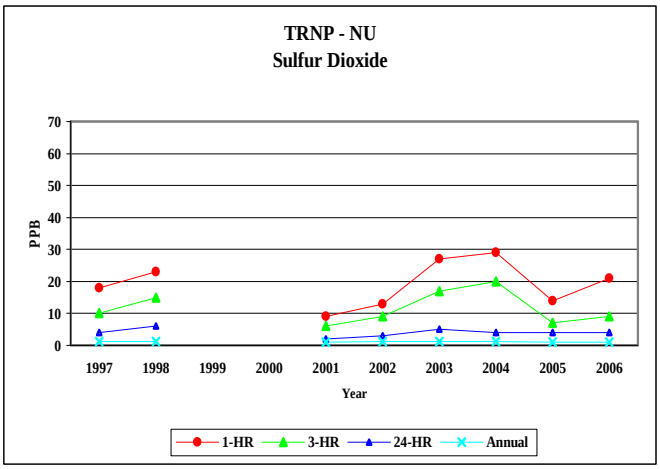

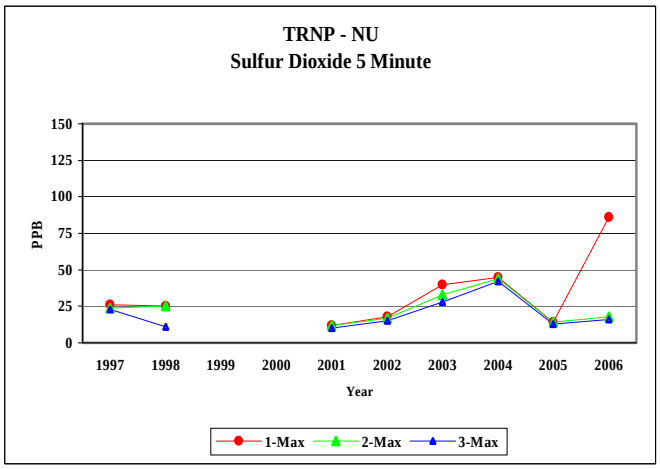

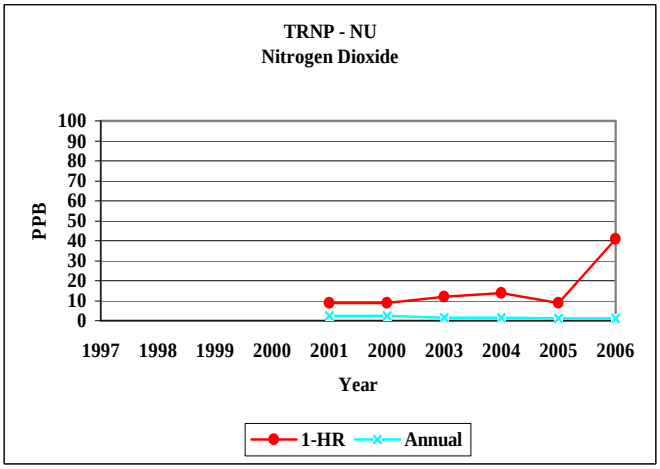

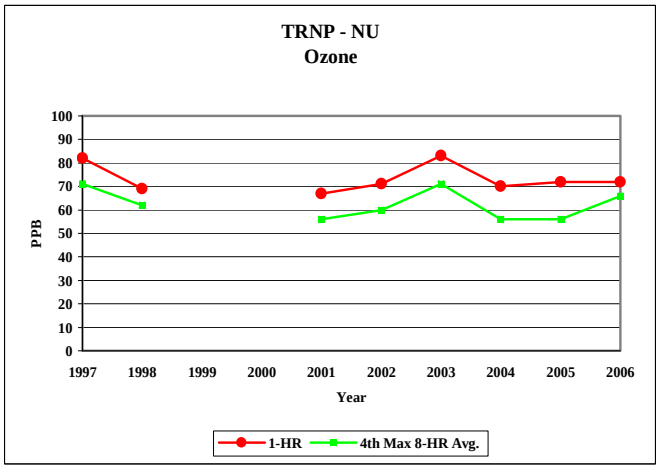

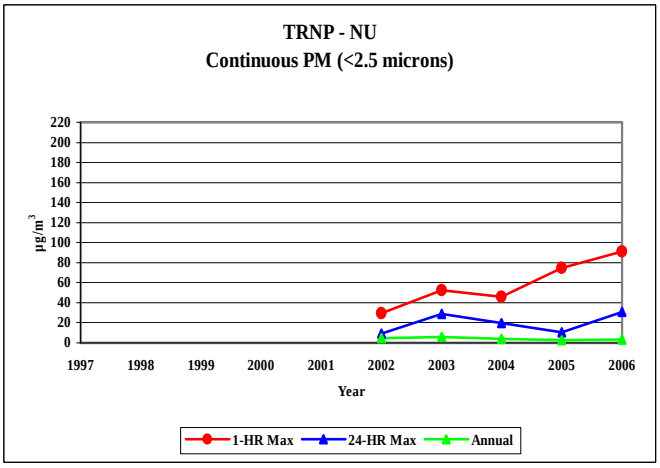

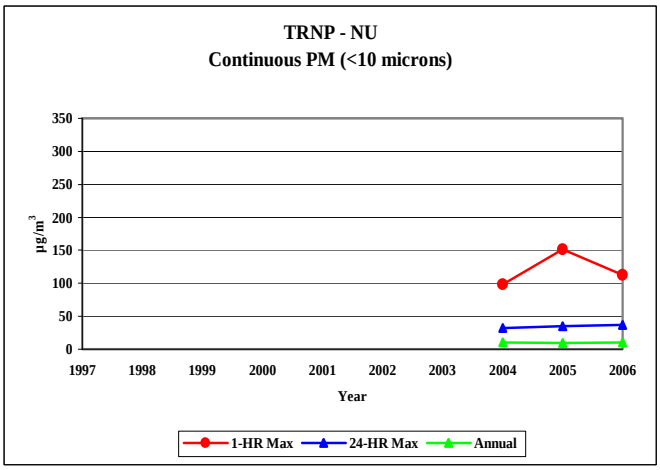

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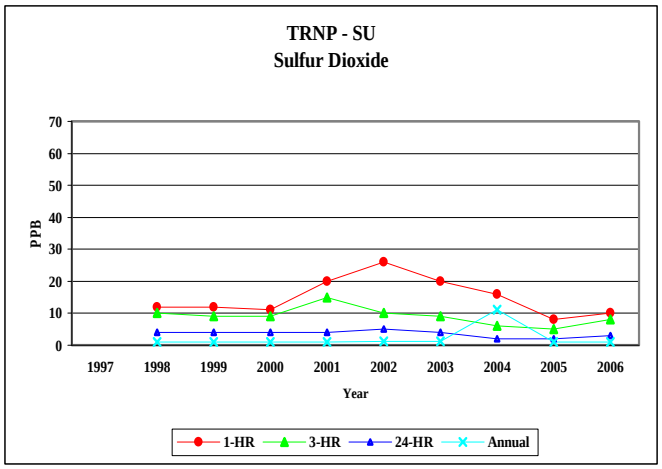

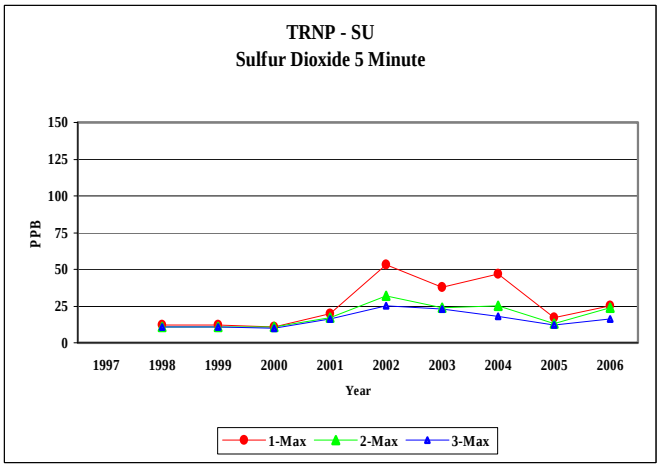

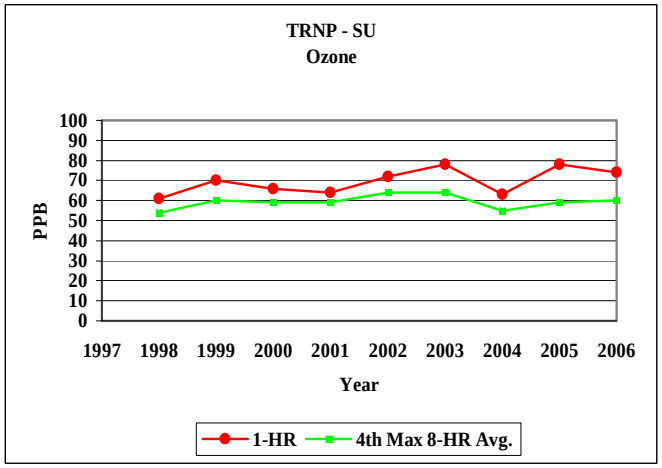

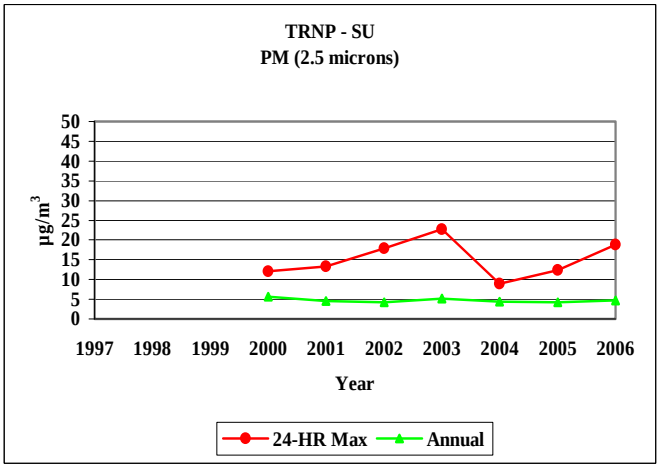

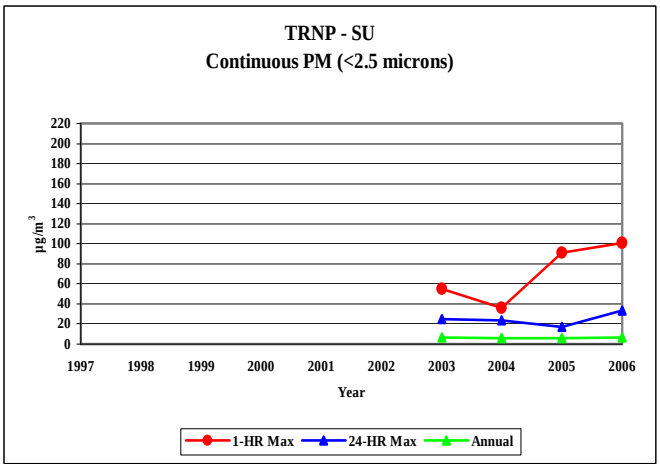

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