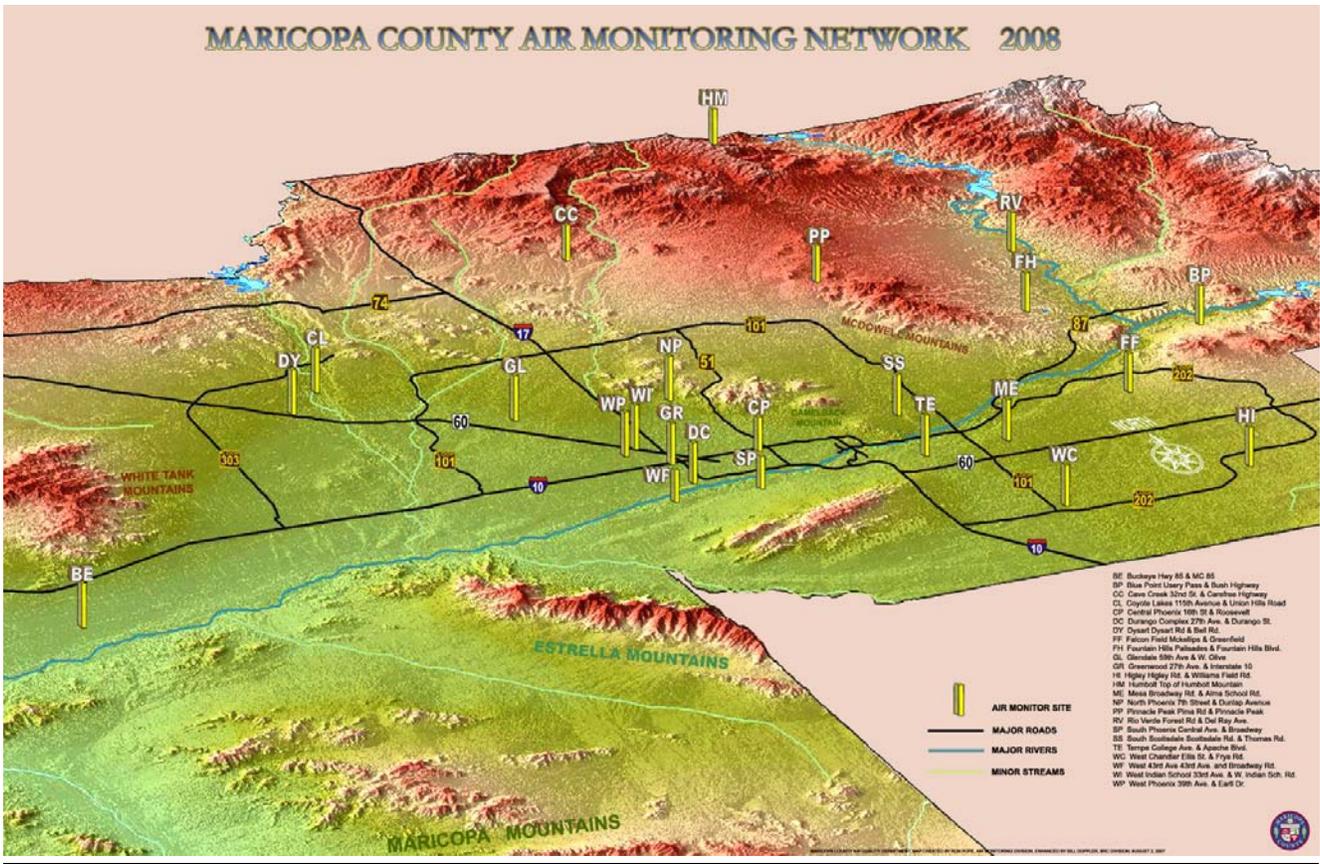




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ABSTRACT

This 2008 Annual Air Monitoring Network Review is respectfully submitted by the Maricopa County Air Quality Department¹ (MCAQD) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Region 9. The Air Monitoring Network Review evaluates the adequacy of the ambient air monitoring network with respect to the monitoring objectives and spatial scales. This annual assessment is required by 40 CFR Part 58, Subpart B. Network changes, special projects, and 3-year data summaries are included in the review. This network review is also preliminary to our annual data certification with the US EPA and helps us assess the quality of our data before submitting for data certification. This network review has the secondary purpose of informing the public of the criteria air pollutants that can affect their health, how the Air Quality Department monitors these criteria pollutants, and what the actual readings are so that our citizens can make informed decisions regarding their lifestyles.

¹ The functions of the former Air Quality Division of the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department (MCESD) were transferred to the newly-created Air Quality Department in November 2004.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

ADEQ:	Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.
AQS:	Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality System
Attainment:	This refers to the NAAQS used to comply with the federal Clean Air Act. After several years of no violations of the NAAQS, the EPA can classify the area as in attainment for that pollutant.
CFR:	Code of Federal Regulations.
Class I:	Federally designated park or wilderness area with mandated visibility protection.
CO:	Carbon monoxide.
Criteria	
Pollutants:	Six pollutants (CO, Lead, NO ₂ , O ₃ , Particulates, and SO ₂) that have NAAQS established by the US EPA.
Delta T:	Difference between two levels of temperature measurements. Delta T is measured in the MCAQD network at heights of 2 and 10 meters. A higher temperature at the upper level indicates a temperature inversion.
Design	
Value:	A design value is a statistic that describes the air quality status of a given area relative to the level of the NAAQS. For a concentration-based standard, the air quality design value is simply the standard-related test statistic. The design value of a pollutant monitoring network is the highest sample value in the network used to compare to the NAAQS; e.g. the 24-hour PM _{2.5} design value for the network is the monitor with the highest 3-year average of the 98 th percentile.
EPA:	U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.
Exceptional	
Events:	An uncontrollable event caused by natural sources of pollution or an event that is not expected to recur at a given location.
FDMS-	
TEOM:	Filter Dynamics Measurement System-Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance. A continuous particulate measuring instrument used by MCAQD to measure PM _{2.5} .
HAPs:	Hazardous air pollutants. An air-born chemical that has been listed in the federal Clean Air Act and has an associated standard or process requirement determined for it.
MCAQD:	Maricopa County Air Quality Department.
µg/m³:	Microgram per cubic meter.
MSA:	Metropolitan Statistical Area. A geographical area designated by the federal government based on the concept of a core area with a large population nucleus, plus adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with that core. The MCAQD operates within the Phoenix-Mesa MSA which includes portions of Maricopa and Pinal County.
NAAQS:	National Ambient Air Quality Standards. A health and welfare-based standard that is set by the US EPA to qualify allowable levels of criteria pollutants.
NCORE	National Core Multi-Pollutant Site. A national network of multi-pollutant monitoring sites used to represent the nation as a whole. There are currently ~75 NCORE sites (1-3 per state plus Washington DC, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico) located in both urban and rural areas.
NO₂:	Nitrogen dioxide.
NO_x:	Nitrogen oxides. Sum of nitric oxide (NO), NO ₂ , and other nitrogen-containing compounds.
O₃:	Ozone.
Pb:	Lead.
PM:	Particulate matter. Material suspended in the air in the form of minute solid particles or liquid droplets.
PM_{2.5}:	Particulate matter of 2.5 Microns in diameter or smaller
PM₁₀:	Particulate matter of 10 Microns in diameter or smaller.
PPM:	Parts per million.
Primary	
Standard:	One portion of the NAAQS. These standards are designed to protect the public health.

Secondary

- Standard:** The less stringent portion of the NAAQS designed to protect property and the environment.
- SIP:** State Implementation Plan. SIPs are a collection of state and local regulations and plans to achieve healthy air quality under the Clean Air Act.
- SLAMS:** State and Local Air Monitoring Station. The SLAMS consist of a network of approximately 5,000 monitoring stations nationwide whose size and distribution is largely determined by the needs of State and local air pollution control agencies to meet their respective State implementation plan (SIP) requirements. Other types of monitoring stations include NCORE (national core) and SPM (special purpose) monitors. Maricopa County does not currently operate any NCORE sites and only operates one SPM site.
- SO₂:** Sulfur dioxide.
- SPM:** Special purpose monitor. Special Purpose Monitoring Stations provide for special studies needed by the State and local agencies to support State implementation plans and other air program activities. The SPMs are not permanently established and can be adjusted easily to accommodate changing needs and priorities.
- SSI:** Size Selective Inlet. SSI High Volume Samplers are filter-based instruments used by MCAQD to measure PM₁₀.
- TEOM:** Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance. A continuous particulate measuring instrument used by MCAQD to measure PM₁₀.
- VOC:** Volatile organic compounds. VOCs are chemical compounds that can easily vaporize and enter the atmosphere. There are many natural and artificial sources of VOCs; solvents and gasoline make up some of the largest artificial sources. VOCs will react with NO_x in the presence of sunlight to create ground-level ozone pollution.

CRITERIA POLLUTANT INFORMATION

Abstract of Pollutants

Certain air pollutants, called “criteria air pollutants,” are common throughout the United States. These pollutants can cause health problems, harm the environment, and cause property damage. These criteria pollutants are so named since the US EPA has regulations, called the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), on allowable levels of these substances using health-based criteria. One set of limits, called “primary standards,” protect health, while another set of “secondary” standards, are designed to protect property and the environment. The US EPA names the following pollutants as criteria pollutants: carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), ozone (O₃), particulates (PM₁₀ & PM_{2.5}), and sulfur dioxide (SO₂). The MCAQD operates monitors for the following criteria pollutants: carbon monoxide, ozone, particulates, nitrogen dioxide, and sulfur dioxide. Since levels of lead have been consistently below national levels, the department has been allowed to stop monitoring for lead.

Causes and Characteristics of Pollutants

Carbon Monoxide:

CO is the most widely distributed and most commonly occurring air pollutant. Total emissions of CO to the atmosphere exceed all other pollutants combined, on a weight basis. Fortunately, CO does not persist in the atmosphere, but is quickly converted to carbon dioxide (CO₂). CO can reach dangerous levels in localized areas or hotspots such as heavily traveled intersections or city streets. In addition, CO has been implicated in ozone formation. Most people are familiar with CO and are aware that automobiles produce this deadly odorless and colorless gas. In Maricopa County, more than 70% of all anthropogenic CO comes from motor vehicle emissions. In fact, this gas is produced almost anytime something is burned. All substances that are living (plants, animals) or that were once living (wood, coal, oil, gasoline) are composed of carbon compounds. If these substances are burned in the presence of sufficient oxygen, the carbon is converted to CO₂ gas. If, as is often the case, not enough oxygen is present, carbon monoxide gas is produced.

Carbon monoxide’s danger lies in the extremely strong affinity that hemoglobin has for it. Hemoglobin, the special oxygen-transporting material in the red blood cell, has approximately 200 times stronger affinity for CO than for oxygen. Therefore, if both CO and O₂ are present the bonding between the CO and hemoglobin will prevent the O₂ from exchanging within a person’s body. This puts a heavy burden on people with heart disease and can aggravate angina, but even healthy people can suffer from harmful side effects from CO.

In 2008 Maricopa County achieved its 12th consecutive year of compliance with the eight-hour CO standard.

Lead:

Lead is a metal found naturally in the environment as well as in manufactured products. The major sources of lead emissions have historically been motor vehicles (such as cars and trucks) and industrial sources. Due to the phase out of leaded gasoline, metals processing is the major source of lead emissions to the air today. The highest levels of lead in air are generally found near lead smelters. Other stationary sources are waste incinerators, utilities, and lead-acid battery manufacturers. In the early 1970s, EPA set national regulations to gradually reduce the lead content in gasoline. In 1975, unleaded gasoline was introduced for motor vehicles equipped with catalytic converters. EPA banned the use of leaded gasoline in highway vehicles in December 1995. Primarily as a result of EPA's regulatory efforts to remove lead from gasoline, levels of lead in the air have decreased by 94 percent between 1980 and 1999.

Since levels of lead have been consistently below national levels, Maricopa County was allowed to discontinue ambient air monitoring for lead in 1997.

Nitrogen Dioxide:

NO₂ belongs to a family of highly reactive gases called nitrogen oxides. These gases are formed when fuel is burned at high temperatures, and are emitted primarily from automobile exhaust and power plants. Exposure to nitrogen dioxide can irritate the lungs and lower resistance to respiratory infections, particularly in people with existing respiratory illness such as asthma. Maricopa County is currently in attainment status for NO₂.

Ozone:

O₃ is a naturally occurring compound in which three oxygen atoms combine together. This is an unstable combination, and ozone is continually going through a natural cycle of being formed and then converting back to the more stable "normal" double oxygen compound (O₂). The cycle occurs fairly rapidly. In the stratosphere (six miles and more above the earth), naturally occurring ozone has a beneficial effect of screening out harmful ultraviolet light from the sun. However, ground-level ozone is a pollutant and is a component of the regional smog that affects the valley. Ozone is not directly emitted into the air, but rather forms in a complex reaction that involves heat, sunlight, and a "soup" of toxic pollutants, especially volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Some of the most common sources of VOCs are gasoline vapors, chemical solvents, and combustion products of fuels and consumer products. Ozone is created by sunlight acting on nitrates (NO_x) and VOCs from motor vehicles and stationary sources, and can be carried hundreds of miles from their origins. Ozone affects the respiratory system in people and animals, and also affects the growth of plants.

Maricopa County is currently in non-attainment for Ozone pollution, although the number of violations of the standard has been decreasing in recent years. However, in February 2008, the EPA lowered the NAAQS for ozone from 0.08 ppm to 0.075 ppm. Many of the ozone monitoring sites were in borderline compliance with the older standard and now are exceeding the new standard. Strategies will have to be developed to lower ambient ozone levels into compliance with the new standard, improving air quality for all.

Particulate Matter:

Particulate matter is the term for solid or liquid particles found in the air. Particle pollution is made up of a number of components, including acids (such as nitrates and sulfates), organic chemicals, metals, and soil or dust particles. While some particles are large or dark enough to be seen as soot or smoke, others can only be seen through an electron microscope. In 1987 the EPA replaced the Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) air quality standard with a standard for PM₁₀ (particles measuring ten microns or less). Health research studies have found that PM₁₀ has the ability to reach the lower regions of the respiratory tract, and thus can affect the respiratory system in both humans and animals. Particulates with high acid levels can cause damage to man-made materials and reduce visibility.

The size of particles is directly linked to their potential for causing health problems. EPA is concerned about particles that are 10 micrometers in diameter or smaller because those are the particles that generally pass through the throat and nose and enter the lungs. Once inhaled, these particles can affect the heart and lungs and cause serious health effects. EPA groups particle pollution into two categories:

- "Coarse particles," such as those found near roadways and dusty industries, range in size from 2.5 to 10 microns in diameter.
- "Fine particles," such as those found in smoke and haze, have diameters smaller than 2.5 microns. These particles can be directly emitted from sources such as forest fires, or they can form when gases emitted from power plants, industries and automobiles react in the air.

Maricopa County is currently in non-attainment for PM₁₀ (although we are in attainment for PM_{2.5}), nor have we met the requirements set forth in our State Implementation Plan (SIP). As a result of this, the EPA is implementing a 5% reduction of emissions plan, including the possibility of sanctions. This plan, which is required by the Clean Air Act, will continue until Maricopa County can bring the particulate matter pollution into compliance.

Sulfur Dioxide:

SO₂ is emitted (in gaseous form) largely from burning high-sulfur coal, oil, and diesel fuel. Because this gas is usually found in association with particulate pollution, as SO₂ is the precursor for fine sulfate particles, separating the health effects of these two pollutants is difficult. Together SO₂ and PM_{2.5} make up a major portion of the pollutant load in many cities, acting separately and in concert to threaten public health. SO₂ contributes to respiratory illness, particularly in children and the elderly, and aggravates existing heart and lung diseases. SO₂ contributes to the formation of acid rain, and it contributes to the formation of atmospheric particles that cause visibility impairment, most noticeably in national parks. SO₂ and the pollutants formed from SO₂, such as sulfate particles, can be transported over long distances and deposited far from the point of origin. This means that problems with SO₂ are not confined to areas where it is emitted.

Maricopa County is in attainment for Sulfur Dioxide.

National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) manages programs to improve air quality in areas where the current quality is unacceptable and to prevent deterioration in areas where the air is relatively free of contamination. To accomplish this task, OAQPS establishes the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for each of the criteria pollutants (see Table 1).

There are two types of standards. Primary standards protect against adverse health effects; secondary standards protect against welfare effects, such as damage to farm crops and vegetation and/or damage to buildings. Because different pollutants have different effects, the NAAQS are also different. Some pollutants have standards for both long-term and short-term averaging times. The short-term standards are designed to protect against acute, or short-term, health effects, while the long-term standards are established to protect against chronic health effects. Table 1 lists the NAAQS for the six criteria pollutants.

Table 1 National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Pollutant	Primary Standards	Averaging Times	Secondary Standard
Carbon Monoxide	9 ppm	8-hour ^a	None
	35 ppm	1-hour ^a	None
Lead	1.5 µg/m ³	Quarterly Average	Same as Primary
Nitrogen Dioxide	0.053 ppm	Annual (Arithmetic Mean)	Same as Primary
PM ₁₀	150 µg /m ³	24-hour ^a	Same as Primary
PM _{2.5}	15 µg/m ³	Annual ^b (Arithmetic Mean)	Same as Primary
	35 µg/m ³	24-hour ^c	Same as Primary
Ozone	0.075 ppm	8-hour ^d	Same as Primary
Sulfur Oxides	0.03 ppm	Annual (Arithmetic Mean)	-----
	0.14 ppm	24-hour ^a	-----
	-----	3-hour ^a	0.5 ppm

^a Not to be exceeded more than once per year.

^b To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the annual arithmetic mean PM_{2.5} concentrations from single or multiple community-oriented monitors must not exceed 15 µg/m³.

^c To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the 98th percentile of 24-hour concentrations at each population-oriented monitor within an area must not exceed 35 µg/m³.

^d To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentrations measured at each monitor within an area over each year must not exceed 0.075 ppm.

Abstract of Maricopa County Air Quality Department's Pollution Monitoring Strategies

The MCAQD monitors for these criteria pollutants by maintaining twenty-four ambient air-monitoring sites throughout Maricopa County. The dates that the sites were established range from 1961 (Central Phoenix) to 2007 (Coyote Lakes). Land use patterns around these sites vary from heavy populated urban areas to sparsely populated rural settings. Site elevations range from 845 feet above sea level (Buckeye) to 5190 feet above sea level at the top of Humboldt Mountain. Not all pollutants are measured at all sites; some sites measure most of the pollutants, while others only measure one or two pollutants.

The following section will detail how the department designs its air monitoring network to obtain representative samples of these air pollutants. Following this will be details of the results obtained from our 2008 sampling season.

NETWORK DESIGN

Purpose and Objective of the Network

The purpose of the ambient air monitoring network is to assess the extent of air pollution, ensure compliance with national legislation, evaluate control options, and provide data for air quality modeling. In general, six basic monitoring objectives and five measuring scales are used to determine the network design (see Table 2 and Table 3). Additional considerations such as availability of power, accessibility to site, security, geographic location, and fiscal and personnel resources are also addressed in determining the feasibility of the network design.

Table 2 Site Monitoring Objectives

1. Determine highest concentrations expected to occur in the area covered by the network.
2. Determine representative concentrations in areas of high population density.
3. Determine the impact on ambient pollution levels of significant sources or source categories.
4. Determine general background concentration levels.
5. Determine the extent of regional pollutant transport from populated areas, with regards to the secondary standards (such as visibility impairment and effects on vegetation).
6. Determine the welfare-related impacts in more rural and remote areas.

To establish or evaluate a site, one must link its monitoring objectives to the physical location of the site. This can be done by matching the spatial scale, which represents the sample of air around the monitor where pollutant concentrations are reasonably uniform, with the most appropriate monitoring objective. Thus, spatial scale represents the physical dimensions of the air parcel around the monitor, and monitoring objective represents the overall purpose of the monitor. Combining the proper spatial scale with the monitoring objective explains why air monitoring sites are located in particular areas.

Table 3 Spatial Measurement Scales

Scale	Defined parameter (radius)
Micro Scale	0 to 100 meters
Middle Scale	100 to 500 meters
Neighborhood Scale	0.5 to 4 kilometers
Urban Scale	4 to 50 kilometers
Regional Scale	10 to 100s of kilometers

Since it is physically and fiscally impossible to monitor air quality in every location, representative samples must be obtained. The optimal locations for obtaining these samples are determined by using the monitoring objectives and the spatial measurement scales described above. For example, there might be numerous locations where the highest concentration of carbon monoxide may occur. Using these principles, only one or two sites will be established to represent all of the high-concentration areas. The same reasoning can be used for different types of pollutants. This does not mean that the number of monitoring sites is fixed. To the contrary, the network must be dynamic enough to maintain a current representative sample of the air quality.

Overview of the Maricopa County Air Quality Department's Air Monitoring Network

The Phoenix Metropolitan Area has a population of over 3 million people (2000 US Census). The EPA has mandated a minimum number of monitors required to properly represent this population. The MCAQD has designed its network, using the concepts of scale and objective mentioned previously, to meet and in most cases exceed these EPA requirements (see "Required General Information on Monitoring Network" in Appendix II).

Altogether, the department operated a network of 24 monitoring sites in 2008. The following image details the location of these sites and gives the abbreviation symbols used by Maricopa County. Table 4 and Table 5, which follows, gives the AQS code assigned to each site and details which criteria pollutant is monitored at which site along with the monitor designation, respectively. Table 6 and Table 7 give more specific information about the location of the sites and the types and numbers of monitors at each site, respectively.

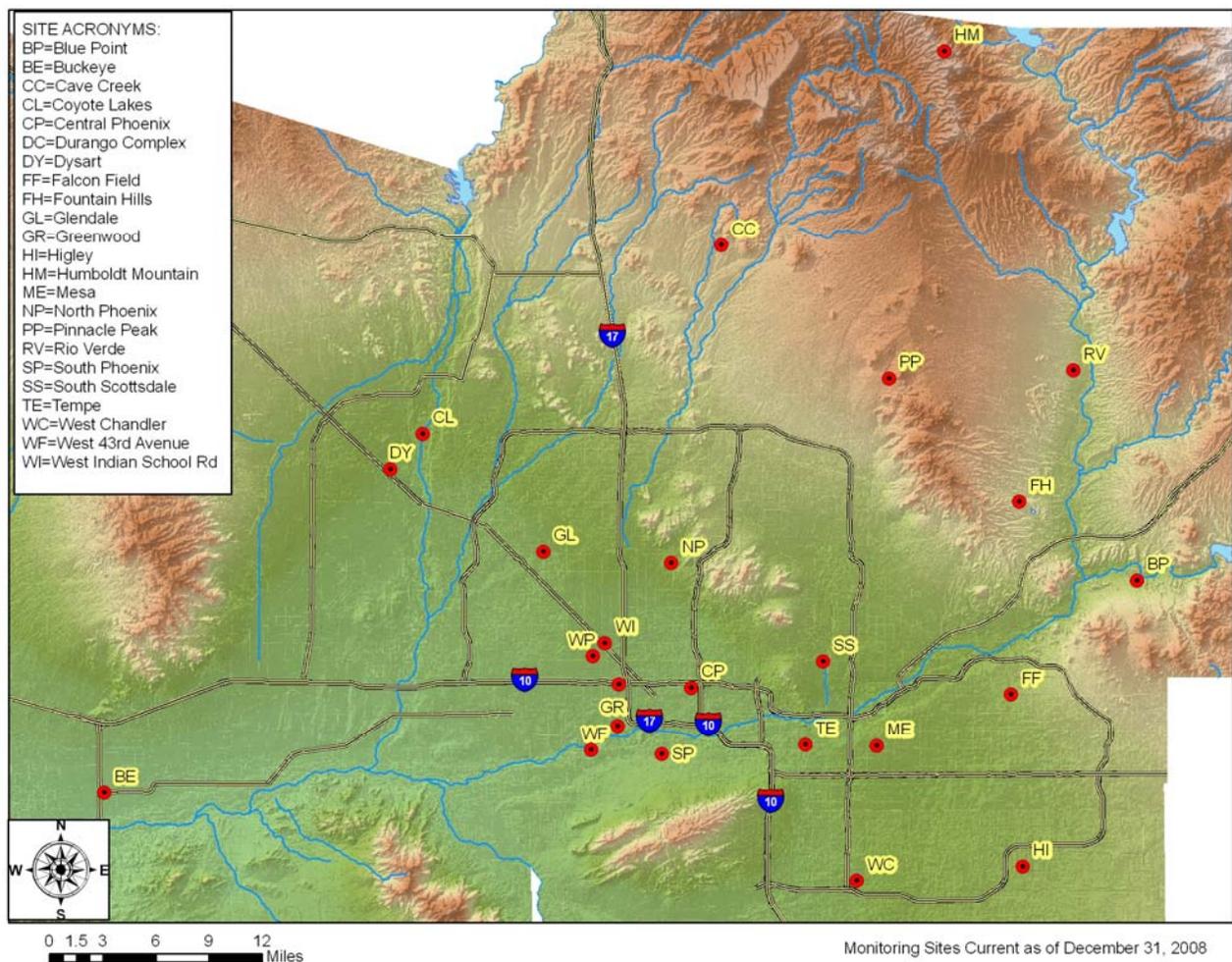


Figure 1 Maricopa County Air Monitoring Sites for 2008

Table 4 Maricopa County Ambient Air Monitoring Sites for 2008

Site Name	Site Abbr.	AQS Code
Blue Point	BP	04-013-9702
Buckeye	BE	04-013-4011
Cave Creek	CC	04-013-4008
Central Phoenix	CP	04-013-3002
Coyote Lakes	CL	04-013-4014
Durango Complex	DC	04-013-9812
Dysart	DY	04-013-4010
Falcon Field	FF	04-013-1010
Fountain Hills	FH	04-013-9704
Glendale	GL	04-013-2001
Greenwood	GR	04-013-3010
Higley	HI	04-013-4006

Site Name	Site Abbr.	AQS Code
Humboldt Mountain	HM	04-013-9508
Mesa	ME	04-013-1003
North Phoenix	NP	04-013-1004
Pinnacle Peak	PP	04-013-2005
Rio Verde	RV	04-013-9706
South Phoenix	SP	04-013-4003
South Scottsdale	SS	04-013-3003
Tempe	TE	04-013-4005
West Chandler	WC	04-013-4004
West 43 rd Ave.	WF	04-013-4009
W. Indian School Rd.	WI	04-013-0016
West Phoenix	WP	04-013-0019

Table 5 Criteria Pollutants Monitored, by Site and Network

Site	O ₃	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	NO ₂	SO ₂
Blue Point	SLAMS					
Buckeye	SLAMS	SLAMS		SLAMS	SLAMS	
Cave Creek	SLAMS					
Central Phoenix	SLAMS	SLAMS		SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS
Coyote Lakes				SP		
Durango Complex			SLAMS	SLAMS		
Dysart	SLAMS	SLAMS		SLAMS		
Falcon Field	SLAMS					
Fountain Hills	SLAMS					
Glendale	SLAMS	SLAMS		SLAMS		
Greenwood		SLAMS		SLAMS	SLAMS	
Higley				SLAMS		
Humboldt Mountain	SLAMS					
Mesa		SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS		
North Phoenix	SLAMS	SLAMS		SLAMS		
Pinnacle Peak	SLAMS					
Rio Verde	SLAMS					
South Phoenix	SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS		
South Scottsdale	SLAMS	SLAMS		SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS
Tempe	SLAMS	SLAMS				
West Chandler	SLAMS	SLAMS		SLAMS		
West 43 rd Ave.				SLAMS		
W. Indian School Rd.		SLAMS				
West Phoenix	SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS	

Table 6 Site Location

Site	Latitude	Longitude	Site Location	AQS Code
BP	33.54549	-111.60925	Usery Pass & Bush Highway	04-013-9702
BE	33.37005	-112.62070	MC85 & HWY 85	04-013-4001
CC	33.82169	-112.01739	32nd St. & Carefree Highway	04-013-4008
CP	33.45793	-112.04601	19th St & Roosevelt	04-013-3002
CL	33.66628	-112.31042	Beardsley Road and 115 th Ave.	04-013-4014
DC	33.42650	-112.11814	27th Ave. & Durango St.	04-013-9812
DY	33.63713	-112.34184	Bell Rd. & Dysart Rd.	04-013-4010
FF	33.45223	-111.73331	McKellips & Greenfield	04-013-1010
FH	33.61103	-111.72529	Palisades & Fountain Hills Blvd.	04-013-9704
GL	33.56936	-112.19153	59th Ave & W. Olive	04-013-2001
GR	33.46093	-112.11748	27th Ave. & Interstate 10	04-013-3010
HI	33.31074	-111.72255	Higley Rd. & Chandler Blvd	04-013-4006
HM	33.98280	-111.79870	Top of Humboldt Mountain	04-013-9508
ME	33.41045	-111.86507	Broadway Rd. & Alma School Rd.	04-013-1003
NP	33.56033	-112.06626	7th Street & Dunlap Avenue	04-013-1004
PP	33.71231	-111.85272	Pima Rd & Pinnacle Peak	04-013-2005
RV	33.71881	-111.67183	Forest Rd & Del Ray Ave.	04-013-9706
SP	33.40316	-112.07533	Central Ave. & Broadway	04-013-4003
SS	33.47968	-111.91721	Scottsdale Rd. & Thomas Rd.	04-013-3003
TE	33.4124	-111.93473	College Ave. & Apache Blvd.	04-013-4005
WC	33.29898	-111.88431	Ellis St. & Frye Rd.	04-013-4004
WF	33.40642	-112.14434	43 rd Ave. & Broadway Rd.	04-013-4009
WI	33.49462	-112.13098	33rd Ave. & Indian School Rd.	04-013-0016
WP	33.48385	-112.14257	39th Ave. & Earll Dr.	04-013-0019

Table 7 Site Instrument Setup

AIR MONITORING NETWORK OPERATIONS																	
Sites	Wind Speed & Direction	O3	CO	NOX	SO2	Press	Delta Temp	Temp	Relative Humidity	Room Temp	Rain	Contin-uous PM-2.5	Contin-uous PM-10	PM-2.5 Filter	PM-10 Filter	#Active Instruments	
BP	1	1						1		1						4	
BE	1	1 *	1 *	1		1		1	1	1			1			9	
CC	1	1 *						1	1	1	1					6	
CL	1 #					1		1		1			1			5	
CP	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1			1			9	
DC	1					1		1		1		1	1			6	
DY	1	1 *	1 *			1		1	1	1					1	8	
FF	1	1 *						1	1	1						5	
FH	1	1				1		1	1	1						6	
GL	1	1 *	1 *			1		1	1	1					1	8	
GR	1		1	1		1		1		1			1			7	
HI	1					1	1	1		1			1			6	
HM		1 *						1	1	1						4	
ME	1		1 *			1		1	1	1				1	2	9	
NP	1	1	1 *			1	1	1		1					1	8	
PP	1	1								1						3	
RV		1 *								1						2	
SP	1	1	1 *			1		1		1		1	1	1		9	
SS	1	1	1 *	1	1	1		1	1	1					2	11	
TE	1	1	1 *				1	1		1	1					7	
WC	1	1 *	1 *			1		1	1	1					1	8	
WF	1					1	1	1		1			1			6	
WI	1		1							1						3	
WP	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1		1	1	2		12	
Active Instr.	22	17	13	5	2	16	5	21	10	24	2	2	9	4	8	161	

* = Instruments operate seasonally. # = Coyote Lakes Wind monitors are not applicable for official standards, they are for reference only.

2008 SUMMARY OF NETWORK RESULTS AND REQUIRED INFORMATION

Data Completeness

Before any data set can be considered valid it must first pass a data recovery test that consists of determining the ratio of actual samples to scheduled samples by quarter. This ratio must be greater than 75% for a data set to pass the first validity test. After all validation tests have been passed, the data can be used to determine compliance with the NAAQS.

The following is a summary of the annual data completeness for all criteria pollutants (Table 8). Note that CO, O₃, NO₂, and SO₂ samples are all from continuous monitors and are therefore hourly-averaged samples. PM monitors are either continuous, and therefore hourly-averaged, or filter-based and daily-averaged. Filters are sampled for 24 hours every 3rd day (PM_{2.5}) or every 6th day (PM₁₀).

Table 8 2008 Criteria Pollutant Data Completeness

	Number of Actual Samples	Number of Scheduled Samples	Data Completeness (Actual/Schedule)
Carbon Monoxide	78736	80832	97.4%
Ozone	113452	116496	97.4%
PM _{2.5} (1 in 3 day)	380	396	96.0%
PM _{2.5} (continuous)	17156	18312	93.7%
PM ₁₀ (1 in 6 day)	357	366	97.5%
PM ₁₀ (continuous)	77864	79032	98.5%
Nitrogen Dioxide	41329	43920	94.1%
Sulfur Dioxide	16963	17568	96.6%
Total	346237	356922	97.0%

Criteria Pollutant Summary

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

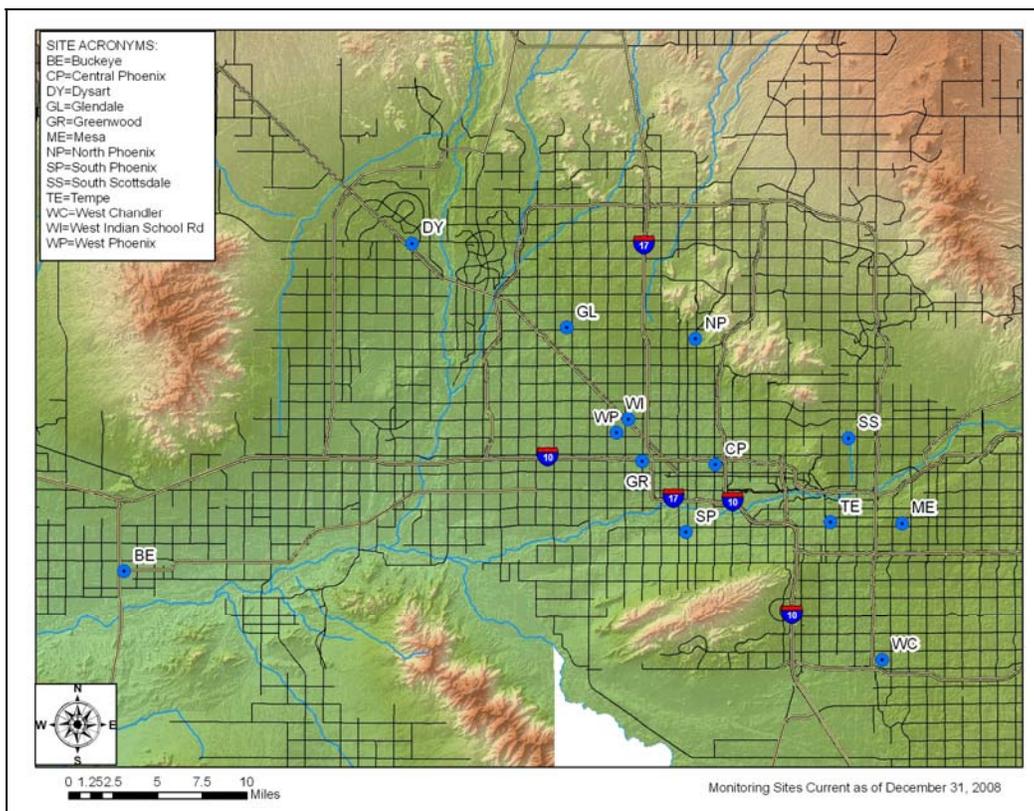


Figure 2 2008 Carbon Monoxide Monitoring Sites

During 2008, thirteen CO monitors were reported as operational to the US EPA Air Quality System (AQS) (Figure 2). All CO monitors are classified as SLAMS (Table 5).

There are two primary standards for CO, the 8-hour average and the 1-hour average. The 8-hour primary standard is 9 ppm and the 1-hour primary standard is 35 ppm. A violation of the standard is any two exceedances in a calendar year. For calendar year 2008, no exceedances of the CO 1-hour or 8-hour standards were recorded at any MCAQD monitoring sites (see Table 9).

Table 9 2008 1-hour and 8-hour Average Carbon Monoxide Summary

Site	CO 1-hour Average Max. (PPM); Date: Hour	CO 1-hour Average 2nd High (PPM); Date: Hour	Number of Samples	CO 8-hour Average Max. (PPM); Date: Hour	CO 8-hour Average 2nd High (PPM); Date: Hour	Number of Exceedances of 1/8-Hour average
Buckeye	0.7; 01/10:18	0.7; 01/11:09	4584	0.5; 02/08:12	0.5; 03/28:13	0
C. Phoenix	3.6; 01/20:00	3.5; 02/09:23	8397	2.6; 01/20:04	2.2; 11/20:01	0
Dysart	1.5; 01/03:07	1.4; 01/03:08	5049	1.0; 01/03:11	1.0; 01/09:11	0
Glendale	2.1; 11/24:19	2.0; 12/31:23	5060	1.6; 02/03:04	1.5; 12/21:04	0
Greenwood	3.0; 01/08:07	3.0; 01/20:00	8654	2.7; 01/20:05	2.4; 02/10:03	0
Mesa	1.7; 02/08:22	1.7; 02/08:23	5012	1.4; 02/09:02	1.3; 01/12:03	0
N. Phoenix	2.1; 12/12:07	2.0; 01/22:07	5038	1.3; 02/09:02	1.3; 12/31:23	0
S. Phoenix	3.7; 01/01:02	3.2; 12/31:21	5057	2.2; 01/01:05	2.0; 11/23:01	0
South Scottsdale	2.0; 01/20:07	2.0; 02/12:08	4933	1.5; 01/20:07	1.4; 01/20:09	0
Tempe	2.4; 02/09:01	2.3; 02/09:00	5027	1.8; 02/09:02	1.4; 01/12:02	0
West Chandler	1.8; 12/06:22	1.7; 01/03:08	5043	1.4; 10/30:02	1.4; 10/31:02	0
W. Indian School	3.9; 02/12:07	3.6; 01/23:08	8307	2.8; 02/10:02	2.8; 12/07:01	0
W. Phoenix	4.7; 01/23:06	4.5; 12/31:23	8575	3.1; 12/07:01	3.0; 11/23:01	0

Note: this table is read as the bold number representing the data followed by the date and time, e.g. the maximum 1-hour averaged CO reading at the Buckeye site was 0.7 PPM on January 10 in the 6 o'clock PM (18:00) hour.

Ozone (O₃)

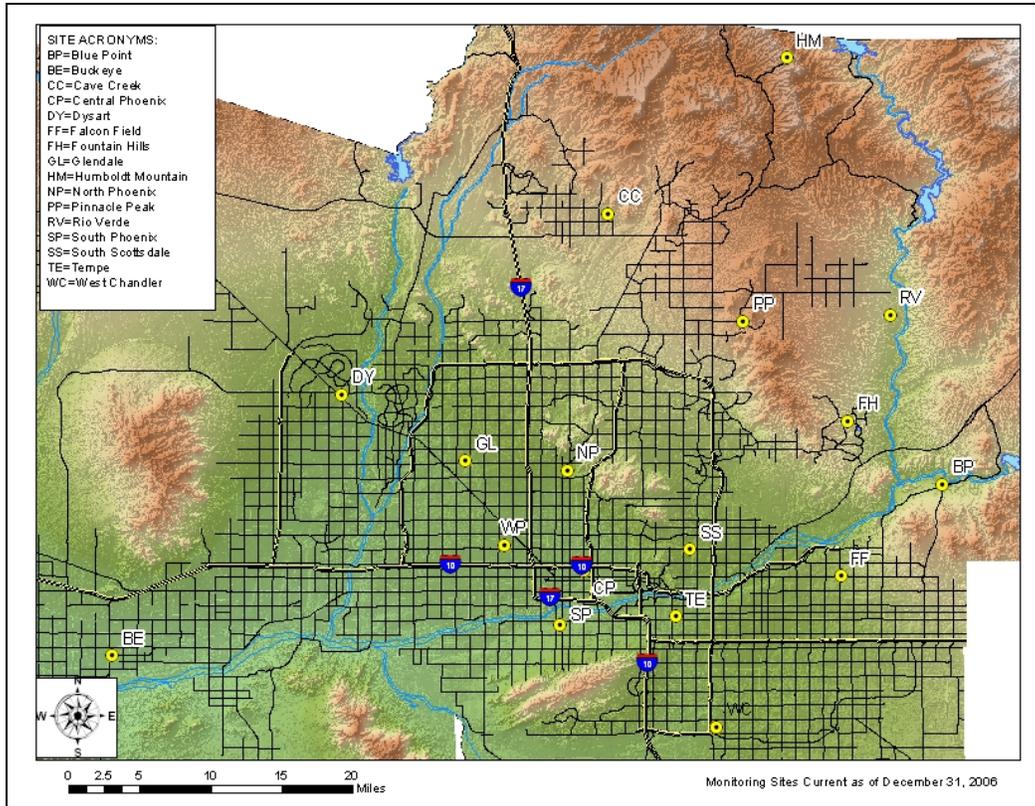


Figure 3 2008 Ozone Monitoring Sites

During 2008, seventeen ozone monitors were reported as operational in AQS (Figure 3). All of the ozone monitors are classified as SLAMS (Table 5). The 1-hour average ozone standard was revoked by the EPA on June 15, 2005, and has been replaced by the 8-hour average standard for compliance purposes.

On March 12, 2008, the EPA lowered the eight-hour ozone NAAQS from 0.080 to 0.075 ppm. Compliance with the standard is determined by averaging the 4th highest eight-hour average over a three-year period. This three-year average must be less than or equal to 0.075 ppm.

There were 72 exceedances of the eight hour primary standard for ozone in 2008. This drastic increase in exceedances from 2007 (there were no exceedances in 2007) is directly related to the lowering of the NAAQS. When 2008 ozone averages are compared with the older standard there would have been no exceedances, so the new standards are effective at showing ozone pollution problems. Table 10 presents the 2008 data summary for eight-hour ozone at department monitoring sites. Also in 2008, there were nine violations of the eight-hour primary standard (the 8-hour average NAAQS for ozone is violated when the three-year average of the fourth high is greater than 0.075 ppm (Table 11).

Table 10 2008 8-hour Average Ozone Summary

Site	8-hour max. (PPM); Date: Hour	2nd High (PPM); Date: Hour	3rd High (PPM); Date: Hour	4th High (PPM); Date: Hour	Number of Days ≥ 0.075
Blue Point	0.076 ; 6/09:13	0.075 ; 5/31:11	0.075 ; 6/13:12	0.074 ; 6/12:12	1
Buckeye	0.071 ; 4/27:10	0.071 ; 7/08:11	0.070 ; 5/31:10	0.068 ; 5/03:10	0
Cave Creek	0.080 ; 4/22:11	0.080 ; 5/03:11	0.080 ; 5/31:11	0.078 ; 6/09:12	8
Central Phoenix	0.078 ; 7/07:11	0.075 ; 8/06:11	0.072 ; 6/09:12	0.072 ; 6/13:11	1
Dysart	0.074 ; 7/08:11	0.067 ; 4/28:10	0.066 ; 4/27:10	0.066 ; 5/31:11	0
Falcon Field	0.079 ; 6/09:13	0.077 ; 5/31:12	0.077 ; 6/13:11	0.075 ; 6/20:11	3
Fountain Hills	0.080 ; 5/31:12	0.080 ; 6/09:12	0.080 ; 6/13:12	0.079 ; 8/28:13	7
Glendale	0.079 ; 7/08:11	0.077 ; 5/31:11	0.077 ; 7/07:10	0.074 ; 6/09:11	3
Humboldt Mt.	0.080 ; 5/31:12	0.078 ; 6/03:13	0.078 ; 6/06:14	0.077 ; 6/09:14	6
North Phoenix	0.083 ; 6/20:10	0.081 ; 5/31:11	0.081 ; 6/13:11	0.080 ; 7/08:11	9
Pinnacle Peak	0.080 ; 6/09:14	0.076 ; 6/13:11	0.073 ; 5/31:12	0.073 ; 6/03:12	2
Rio Verde	0.081 ; 6/09:13	0.081 ; 6/13:12	0.079 ; 5/31:11	0.079 ; 6/10:10	7
South Phoenix	0.079 ; 5/31:11	0.077 ; 7/07:11	0.076 ; 5/03:10	0.076 ; 8/06:11	4
South Scottsdale	0.079 ; 5/31:11	0.078 ; 6/13:11	0.077 ; 7/24:11	0.076 ; 6/09:11	6
Tempe	0.082 ; 5/31:11	0.082 ; 8/06:11	0.078 ; 5/03:10	0.078 ; 6/13:10	6
West Chandler	0.079 ; 5/31:11	0.079 ; 8/06:11	0.077 ; 6/13:10	0.077 ; 6/20:11	5
West Phoenix	0.081 ; 7/07:10	0.081 ; 7/08:11	0.080 ; 8/06:10	0.078 ; 5/31:11	4

Note: this table is read as the bold number representing the data followed by the date and time, e.g. the maximum 8-hour averaged ozone reading at the Blue Point site was .076 PPM on June 9 during the 1300 (1 PM) hour.

Table 11 3 Year Average of 8-Hour Ozone

Site	2006 4th High (PPM)	2007 4th High (PPM)	2008 4th High (PPM)	3 Yr. Avg. of 4th High (PPM)*
Blue Point	0.079	0.058	0.074	0.070
Buckeye	0.067	0.064	0.068	0.066
Cave Creek	0.080	0.077	0.078	0.078
Central Phoenix	0.080	0.07	0.072	0.074
Dysart	0.072	0.065	0.066	0.067
Falcon Field	0.079	0.073	0.075	0.075
Fountain Hills	0.084	0.074	0.079	0.079
Glendale	0.078	0.071	0.074	0.074
Humboldt Mt.	0.079	0.078	0.077	0.078
North Phoenix	0.085	0.078	0.080	0.081
Pinnacle Peak	0.076	0.075	0.073	0.074
Rio Verde	0.083	0.079	0.079	0.080
South Phoenix	0.069	0.072	0.076	0.072
South Scottsdale	0.080	0.077	0.076	0.077
Tempe	0.079	0.076	0.078	0.077
West Chandler	0.081	0.072	0.077	0.076
West Phoenix	0.082	0.074	0.078	0.078

*Note that this average value has been truncated (not rounded) to the third significant digit.

Particulate Matter ≤ 10 Microns (PM_{10})

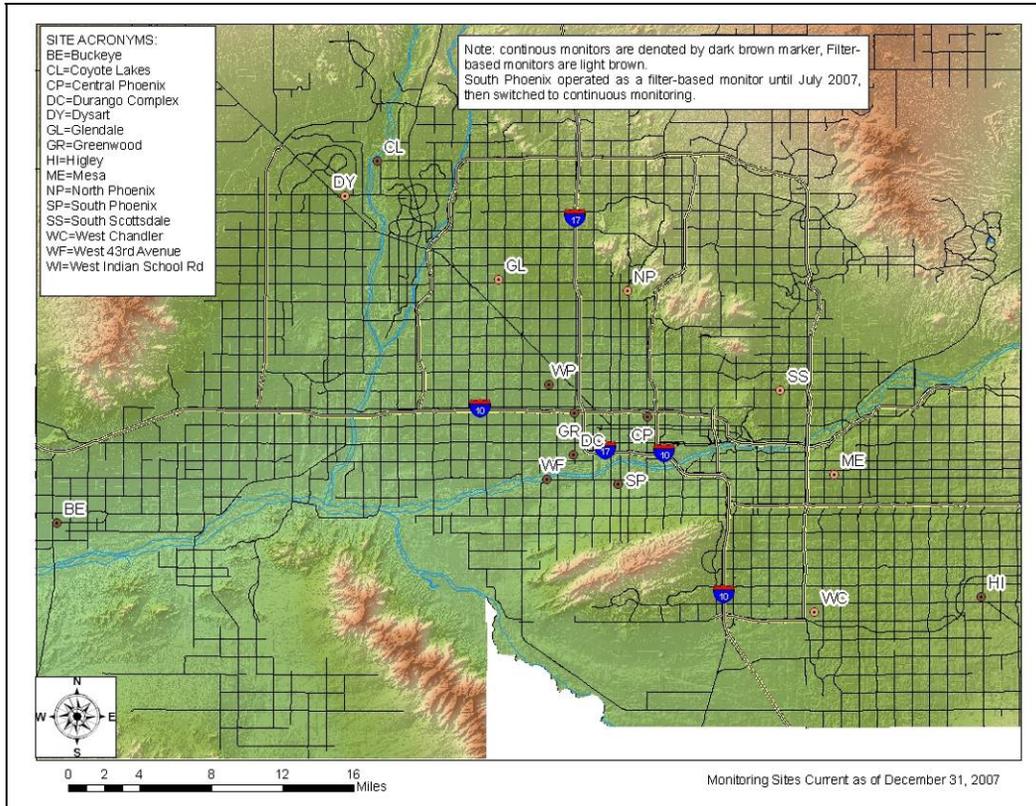


Figure 4 2008 PM_{10} Monitoring Sites (includes continuous and non-continuous sites)

During 2008, fifteen PM_{10} monitors were reported as operational in AQS (Figure 4). All PM_{10} monitors are classified as SLAMS; except for Coyote Lakes which is classified as a Special Purpose (SP) monitor (Table 5). Note that nine of these PM_{10} sites operate continuous monitors which collect hourly-averaged data; the other six are non-continuous filter-based monitors which collect 24-hour averaged data on a 1-in-6 day schedule.

The 24-hour Primary standard for PM_{10} is $150 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ($155 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with mathematical rounding). This standard is violated when the expected number of exceedance for the calendar year is more than one. A formula, as detailed in 40 CFR 50, is used to determine the expected number of exceedances. The formula takes into account the number of days sampling occurred and the number of valid samples collected. A 3-year average of these estimated days is then used to determine compliance. On December 18, 2006 new monitoring rules from the EPA revoked the PM_{10} annual primary standard, although the annual average is still displayed below for informational purposes (Table 12).

For calendar year 2008, there were five sites that exceeded the PM_{10} 24-hour standard, and there were five sites that violated the PM_{10} 24-hour standard (described in Table 20 and Table 21).

Table 12 2008 PM₁₀ Summary

Site Name	24-hr Average Max (µg/m³)	24-hr Average 2nd High (µg/m³)	Number of 24-hour NAAQS Exceedances	Expected Exceedances	Annual Average (µg/m³)	#Exceptional Events	Number of Samples
Buckeye (continuous)	223*	204*	4	4	43.2	1	8693
Central Phoenix (continuous)	133	116	0	0	35.3	0	8590
Coyote Lakes (continuous)	187*	167*	2	2	35.4	0	8684
Durango Complex (continuous)	248*	169*	2	2	48.2	0	8634
Dysart	75	66	0	0	25.1	0	61
Glendale	80	49	0	0	26.5	0	60
Greenwood (continuous)	133	123	0	0	42.6	0	8699
Higley (continuous)	133	118	0	0	40.2	0	8625
Mesa	71	50	0	0	22.4	0	59
North Phoenix	88	49	0	0	25.1	0	59
South Phoenix (continuous)	230*	161*	2	2	45.2	0	8703
South Scottsdale	92	51	0	0	25.1	0	60
West Chandler	67	49	0	0	22.9	0	58
West 43 rd Ave (continuous)	279*	251*	6	6	57.0	4	8661
West Phoenix (continuous)	113	106	0	0	37.8	0	8675

*Indicates an exceedance of the standard.

Indicates <75% data recovery.

Note that some data have either been, or are in the process of being, classified as exceptional events (see Definition of Terms for explanation of exceptional events). In accordance with the EPA's exceptional events policy, once approved these data are not used in determining compliance with the NAAQS. Values in Table 12 are from official AQS reports as of the date of publishing this review; exceptional events that have not yet been approved by the EPA will not affect these values until they are approved. The process of approving exceptional events can take over a year after the exceedance day, so some values in Table 12 will change upon EPA approval.

On July 2, 2002 (67 FR 44369), EPA found the state implementation plan (SIP) for the Metropolitan Phoenix (Maricopa County), Arizona serious PM₁₀ non-attainment area to be inadequate to attain the 24-hour particulate (PM₁₀) air quality standard at the Salt River monitoring site. Under authority from the Clean Air Act, EPA has required a SIP revision to be submitted by the State of Arizona to correct the inadequacy. In 2004 the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality submitted a SIP addressing the inadequacies in the Salt River Area to the EPA. As of December 31, 2008, Maricopa County has not come into compliance with the NAAQS for PM₁₀. As a result of this, the EPA is requiring a 5% plan to begin in 2008. This required Maricopa County to submit an approved plan to reduce the annual PM₁₀ emissions of Maricopa County by 5% until the standard is met. Failure to comply with this plan or to meet the NAAQS for PM₁₀ will result in further 5% reductions annually, and could result in sanctions from the EPA.

Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 Microns ($PM_{2.5}$)

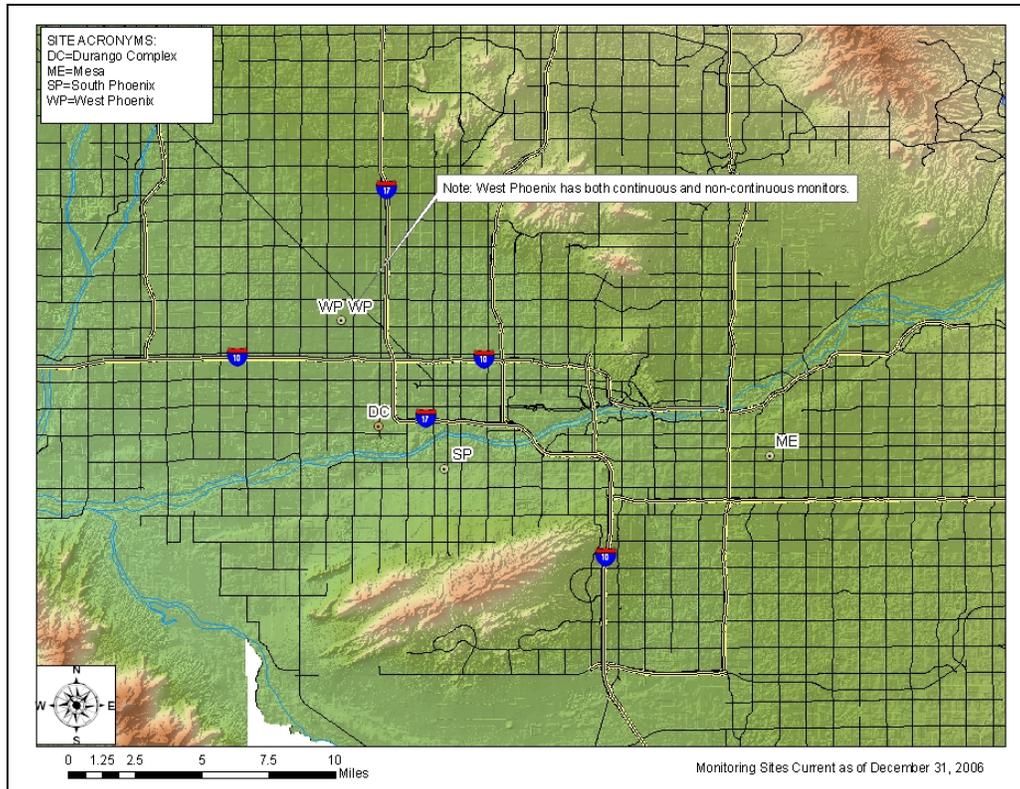


Figure 5 2008 $PM_{2.5}$ Monitoring Sites (continuous and non-continuous)

Currently, the MCAQD operates collocated compliance $PM_{2.5}$ monitors at the West Phoenix site (04-013-0019) and single monitors at the Mesa site (04-013-1003) and the South Phoenix site (04-013-4003) (Figure 5). These compliance $PM_{2.5}$ monitors all use sample filters and are non-continuous in nature. On July 1, 2007, the department took over weighing the sample filters, a process that was previously done by the ADEQ. All filters are processed and weighed in our internal laboratory. In addition to the filter-based monitors, the department operates three continuous $PM_{2.5}$ monitors at the Durango (04-013-9812), South Phoenix (04-013-4003) and West Phoenix (04-013-0019) sites. The South Phoenix continuous monitor is new and only began operation in December 2008. The continuous monitors are not federal reference or equivalent methods; therefore the data collected from them is not used for compliance purposes. All monitors are identified as SLAMS (Table 5).

Note that the $PM_{2.5}$ network is much smaller than the PM_{10} network. The reason for this is that historically more concern and resources have been given to PM_{10} since Maricopa County is not in attainment for this pollutant (Maricopa County is currently in attainment for $PM_{2.5}$). According to federal regulations, Maricopa County operates the required minimum number of $PM_{2.5}$ monitors for the MSA. The Air Monitoring Division continually assesses if the existing network adequately represents the air quality ($PM_{2.5}$) in Maricopa County. One result from these ongoing assessments has been the addition of the continuous $PM_{2.5}$ monitor at South Phoenix. We've also purchased several other continuous $PM_{2.5}$ monitors which are now in the testing phase.

On December 18, 2006, the EPA implemented new primary standards for $PM_{2.5}$. These new rules changed the 24-hour average standard from $65 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to $35 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The annual average standard of $15 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ remains unchanged. Compliance with the 24-hour standard is determined by taking the 3-year average of the 98th percentile at each monitoring site. Compliance with the Annual standard is determined by taking the 3-year average of the spatially averaged annual means. There were no exceedances or violations of the 24-hour or Annual $PM_{2.5}$ standards in

2008. Data is summarized in Table 13 and Table 14 (note that continuous data in Table 14 is not used for compliance purposes, it is only shown here for comparison purposes). Averages used for determining compliance with the NAAQS are shown in Table 15 and Table 16.

Table 13 2008 PM_{2.5} Summary (FRM Monitors)

Site Name	24-hr Avg. Max (µg/m ³)	24-hr Avg. 2 nd High (µg/m ³)	98 th Percentile Value	Annual Avg. (µg/m ³)	Number of Samples
Mesa	24.0	16.4	14.5	8.5	115
South Phoenix	24.4	23.5	22.7	10.9	116
West Phoenix	29.1	26.0	24.3	10.6	120

Table 14 2008 PM_{2.5} Data Summary (Continuous Monitors)

Site Name	24-hr Avg. Max (µg/m ³)	24-hr Avg. 2 nd High (µg/m ³)	98 th Percentile Value	Annual Avg. (µg/m ³)	Number of Samples
Durango Complex (continuous)	121.5	111.0	38.4	13.4	7929
South Phoenix (continuous)	187.0*	169.3*	N/A*	N/A*	720
West Phoenix (continuous)	201.6	101.7	36.1	12.0	8507

Note that data from our continuous monitors are not accepted for compliance purposes. This data is displayed here for comparison purposes only.

*The South Phoenix continuous monitor began operation on December 1, 2008 and does not constitute a 75% data completeness rate.

Table 15 2008 PM_{2.5} 3-Year Averages of 98th Percentile (FRM Monitors)

Site Name	2006 98 th Percentile Value	2007 98 th Percentile Value	2008 98 th Percentile Value	98 th Percentile 3-Year Average
Mesa	20.1	18.3	14.5	17.6
South Phoenix	28.8	29.2	10.9	23.0
West Phoenix	28.8	27.2	10.6	22.2

Table 16 2008 PM_{2.5} 3-Year Averages of Annual Means (FRM Monitors)

Site Name	2006 Annual Mean	2007 Annual Mean	2008 Annual Mean	3-Year Average of the Annual Mean
Mesa	9.7	9.7	8.5	9.3
South Phoenix	12.7	12.3	10.9	12.0
West Phoenix	13.5	10.9	10.6	11.7

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

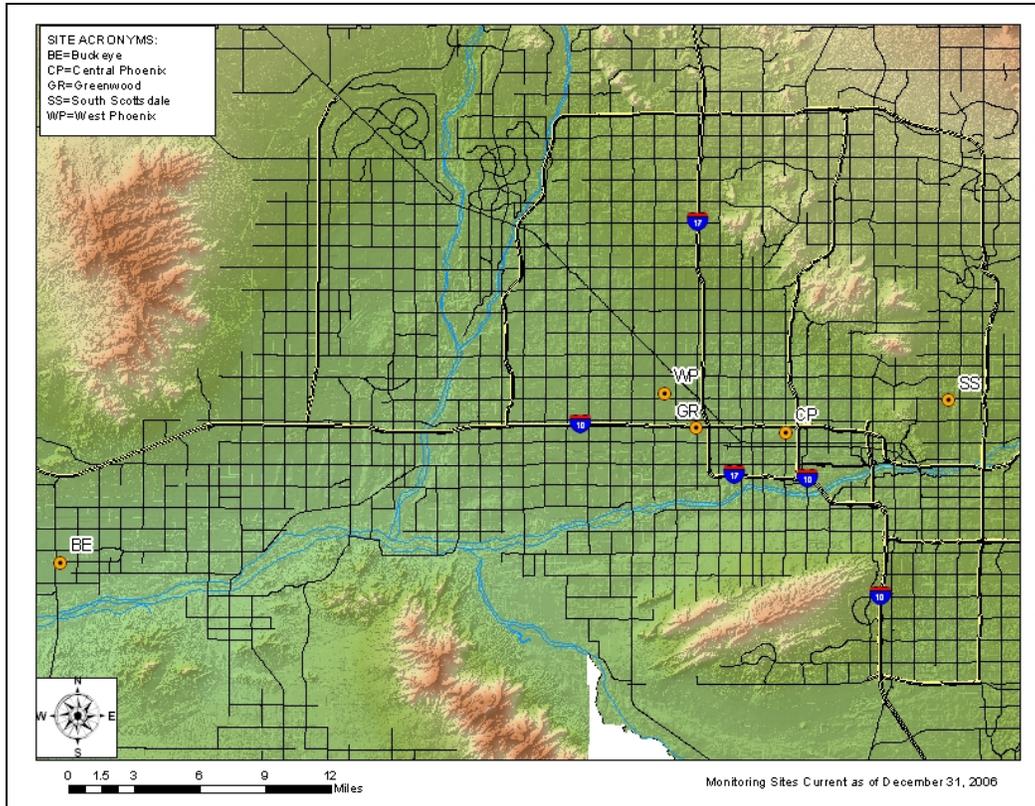


Figure 6 2008 Nitrogen Dioxide Monitoring Sites

All parts of Maricopa County are in attainment for nitrogen dioxide. During 2008, five NO₂ monitors were operational and were reported in AQS (Figure 6). All NO₂ monitors are designated as SLAMS (see Table 5).

Compliance with the NO₂ standard is achieved when the annual arithmetic mean concentration in a calendar year is less than or equal to 0.053 ppm, rounded to three decimal places. For calendar year 2008, no exceedances of the NO₂ annual standard were recorded at Maricopa County monitoring sites (Table 17).

Table 17 2008 Nitrogen Dioxide Summary

Site	NO ₂ Avg. 1-hour Max. (PPM); Date: Hour	NO ₂ Avg. 1-hour 2nd High (PPM); Date: Hour	Number of 1-hour Samples	Annual Average (PPM)
Buckeye	0.059 ; 4/23:06	0.057 ; 2/21:07	8253	0.0094
Central Phoenix	0.076 ; 4/22:20	0.074 ; 10/01:19	8443	0.0215
Greenwood	0.138 ; 12/30:08	0.126 ; 12/30:09	8332	0.0260
South Scottsdale	0.063 ; 10/15:18	0.062 ; 4/18:20	8323	0.0146
West Phoenix	0.065 ; 3/13:20	0.065 ; 4/22:21	7978	0.0186

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)

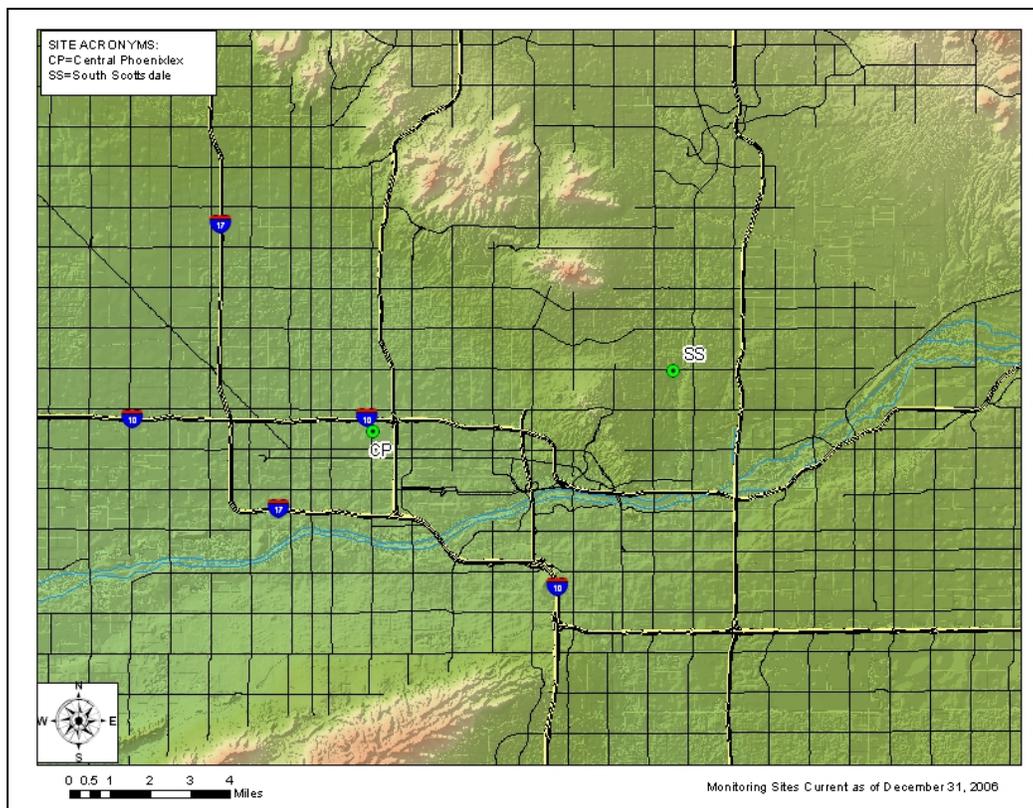


Figure 7 2008 Sulfur Dioxide Monitoring Sites

Maricopa County is in attainment for SO₂. During 2008, two SO₂ monitors were operational and were reported in AQS (Figure 7). Both of these monitors were designated SLAMS (see Table 5).

Sulfur Dioxide has an Annual and 24-hour average primary standard and a 3-hour average secondary standard. A violation of the primary standard occurs when the annual mean exceeds 0.030 ppm or when a 24-hour average of 0.14 ppm is exceeded more than once per calendar year. A violation of the 3-hour average secondary standard occurs when a 3-hour average of 0.5 ppm is exceeded more than once per year. For calendar year 2008, no exceedances of the SO₂ Annual, 24-hour, or 3-hour standard were recorded at Maricopa County monitoring sites (see Table 18).

Table 18 2008 Sulfur Dioxide Summary

Site	1-hour Max. (PPM); Date: Hour	1-hour 2nd High (PPM); Date: Hour	3-hour Max. (PPM); Date: Hour	3-hour 2nd High (PPM); Date: Hour	24-hour Max. (PPM); Date: Hour	24-hour 2nd High (PPM); Date: Hour	Annual Avg. (PPM)	Number of Samples
Central Phoenix	0.008; 2/09:23	0.008; 2/13:11	0.007; 2/13:11	0.006; 1/19:23	0.004; 2/01:23	0.004; 2/13:23	.0017	8467
South Scottsdale	0.009; 9/27:08	0.009; 9/27:09	0.006; 9/27:08	0.005; 4/29:11	0.005; 4/30:23	0.004; 4/29:23	.0013	8496

2008 NAAQS Exceedance and Violation Summary

The following is a summary of the number, types and dates of exceedances and violations of the NAAQS for 2008 (Table 19).

Table 19 2008 NAAQS Exceedances and Violations Summary

Carbon Monoxide	No exceedances or violations of the 1-hr or 8-hr NAAQS standard were logged.
Nitrogen Dioxide	No exceedances or violations of NAAQS were logged.
Ozone	There were 18 unique days when at least one monitor exceeded the standard. There were 72 individual exceedances of the 8-hour standard which occurred at 15 different sites. There were 9 violations of the 8-hour standard.
PM₁₀	There were 12 unique days when at least one monitor exceeded the standard. There were 16 individual exceedances of the 24-hour standard which occurred at 5 different sites. There were 5 violations of the 24-hour standard.
PM_{2.5}	No exceedances or violations of the NAAQS were logged.
Sulfur Dioxide	No exceedances or violations of NAAQS were logged.

Table 20 details all of the site and dates of the 24-hour PM₁₀ standard. Note that this table includes all exceedances, even those that have been or are in the process of being classified as exceptional events. Exceptional events are not used in calculating compliance with the NAAQS.

Table 20 2008 PM₁₀ 24-hour Average Exceedance Details

Site	Date	Value (µg/m ³)
Buckeye	3/2/08	160.1*
	6/4/08	204.0*
	7/1/08	172.8*
	7/4/08	223.8*
Coyote Lakes	6/4/08	186.9*
	10/22/08	167.5*
Durango Complex	11/7/08	248.4
	11/9/08	169.8*
South Phoenix	10/11/08	161.7*
	11/9/08	230.6*
West 43 rd Avenue	3/14/08	251.2*
	4/16/08	155.2*
	4/30/08	172.5*
	5/21/08	279.0*
	6/4/08	194.1*
	11/9/08	248.0*

*This value has been entered as an exceptional event. EPA concurrence with the exceptional event is pending.
Note: Exceedance is any 24-hour average with value ≥ 155 µg/m³.

2008 Violations of the 24-Hour PM₁₀ Standard

The 24hr NAAQS for particulates is violated when the rate of expected occurrence of exceedances (samples greater than or equal to 155 µg/m³) is greater than one over three consecutive years (Table 21) (40 CFR Part 50.6 (a)).

Table 21 Violations of the 24-hr PM₁₀ Standard

Site	2006		2007		2008		Rate of Expected Exceedances
	24-hr Max. (µg/m ³)	Expected Exceedances	24-hr Max. (µg/m ³)	Expected Exceedances	24-hr Max. (µg/m ³)	Expected Exceedances	
Buckeye	272*	3	195*	2	223*	4	3.0
Central Phoenix	134*	0	267*	1	133	0	0.3
Coyote Lakes	N/A	N/A	313#*	2#	187*	2	N/A#
Durango Complex	240*	9	155*	1	248*	2	4.0
Dysart	67	0	111	0	75	0	0.0
Glendale	60	0	92	0	80	0	0.0
Greenwood	166*	1	124	0	133	0	0.3
Higley	170*	2.1	230*	5.1	133	0	2.4
Mesa	75	0	110	0	71	0	0.0
North Phoenix	79	0	78	0	88	0	0.0
South Phoenix	132	0	171*	7.5	230*	2	3.2
South Scottsdale	76	0	73	0	92	0	0.0
West Chandler	77	0	104	0	67	0	0.0
West 43rd Avenue	260*	18.7	227*	6	279*	6	10.2
West Phoenix	147*	0	124	0	119	0	0.0

■ Indicates violation of the standard.

Indicates <75% data available.

* Indicates Exceptional Events occurred at this site. The listed value is the highest official AQS reading at time of publication.

Exceptional Events

Table 21 lists the official records in AQS (at time of publication) for exceedances and violations. However, as has been previously noted, some of these 2008 exceedance days have been requested to be classified as exceptional events and a request has been sent to the EPA to remove them from official consideration as compliance data. EPA approval of these requests can take over a year; as of the time of this writing none of the requests (even those in 2006 and 2007) have yet been approved. The following table (Table 22) lists the exceedance and violation summary for PM-10 sites provided that all exceptional event requests are approved.

Table 22 2008 PM-10 Violations Following Expected Approval of Exceptional Events

Site	Current AQS 2008 24-hr max ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Projected 2008 24-hr max if events approved ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Current AQS 2008 Expected Exceedances	Projected 2008 Expected Exceedances (Approx.)	Projected Rate of Exceedances (2006-2008)
Buckeye	223	223‡	4	0	1.7
Central Phoenix	133	133	0	0	0.3
Coyote Lakes	187	187	2	0	2.0
Durango Complex	248	248	2	1	3.7
Dysart	75	75	0	0	0.0
Glendale	80	80	0	0	0.0
Greenwood	133	133	0	0	0.3
Higley	133	133	0	0	2.4
Mesa	71	71	0	0	0.0
North Phoenix	88	88	0	0	0.0
South Phoenix	230	230	2	0	2.5
South Scottsdale	92	92	0	0	0.0
West Chandler	67	67	0	0	0.0
West 43rd Avenue	279	248	6	0	8.2
West Phoenix	119	119‡	0	0	0.0

■ Indicates violation of the standard.

Indicates <75% data available.

‡ Indicates Exceptional Events occurred at this site.

Pollution Trends

The following charts depict the most recent three-year trends (2006–2008) for each criteria pollutant. See Table 4 for explanations of site abbreviations.

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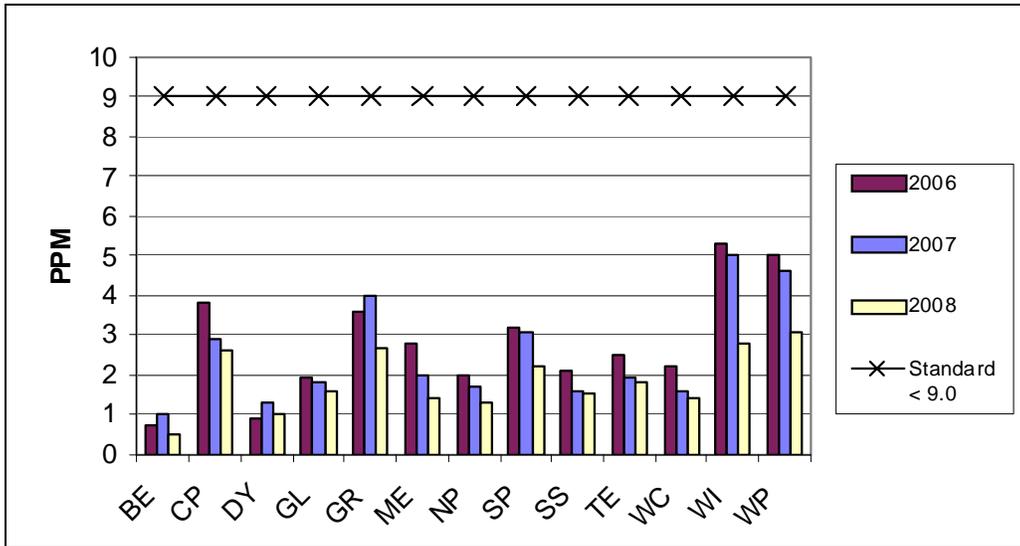


Chart 1 2006-2008 8-hr Avg. Carbon Monoxide Maximum Values

Nitrogen Dioxide

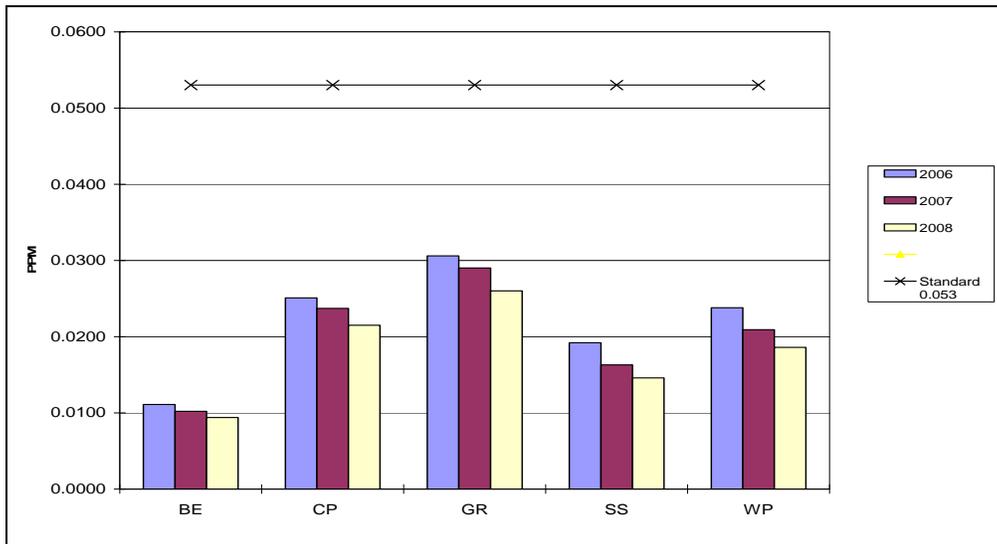


Chart 2 2006-2008 Nitrogen Dioxide Annual Average Readings

Ozone

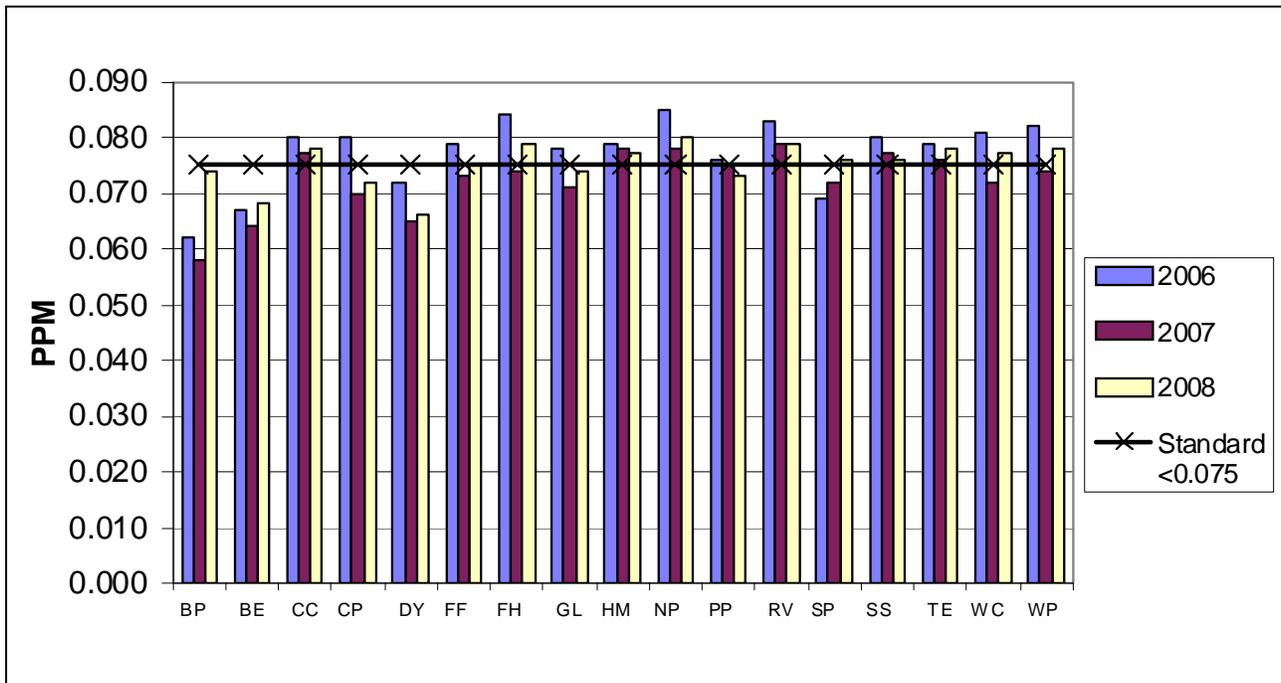


Chart 3 2006-2008 Ozone 4th high 8-hr Average

Particulates

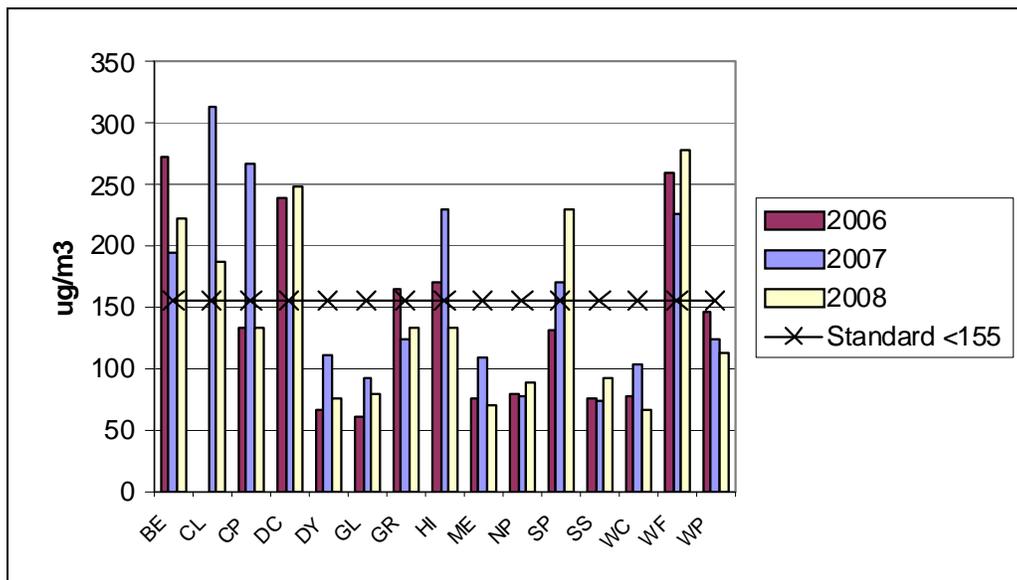


Chart 4 2006-2008 PM₁₀ 24-hr Average Maximum Values

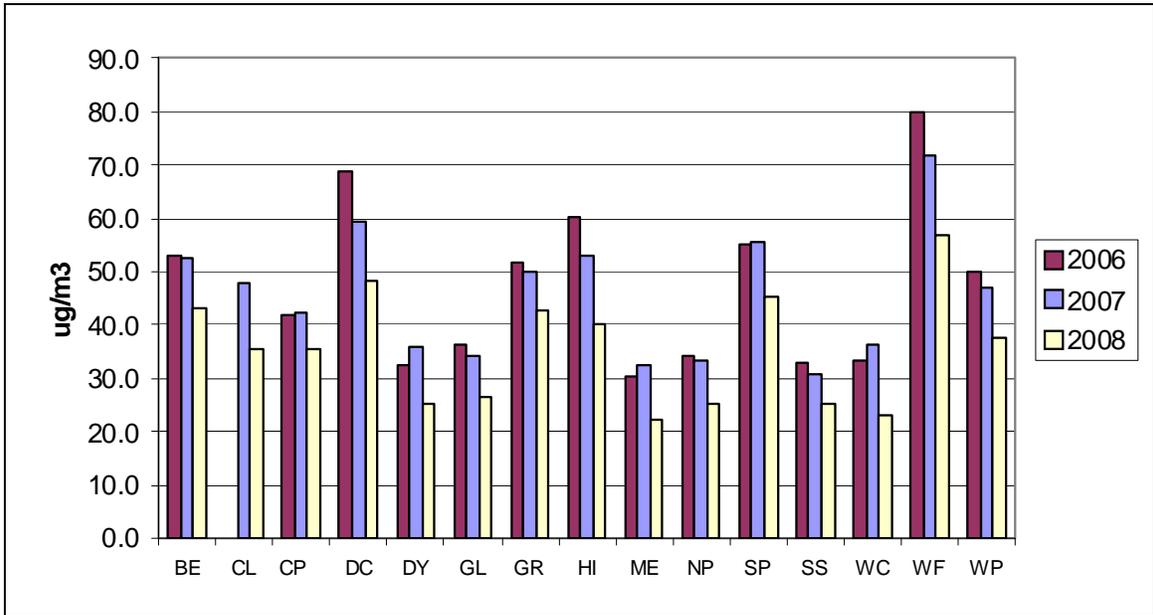


Chart 5 2006-2008 PM₁₀ Annual Average

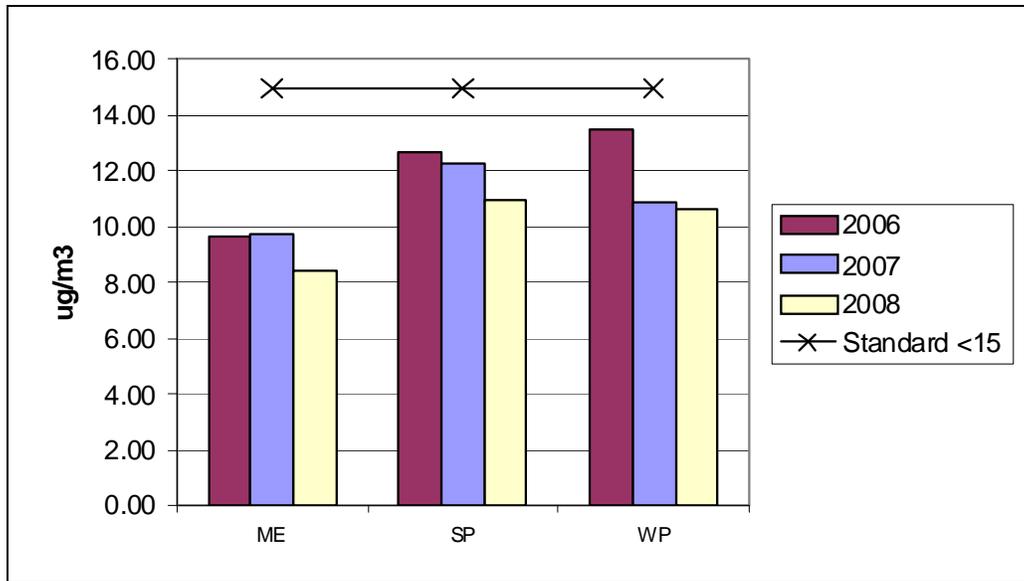


Chart 6 2006-2008 PM_{2.5} Annual Average

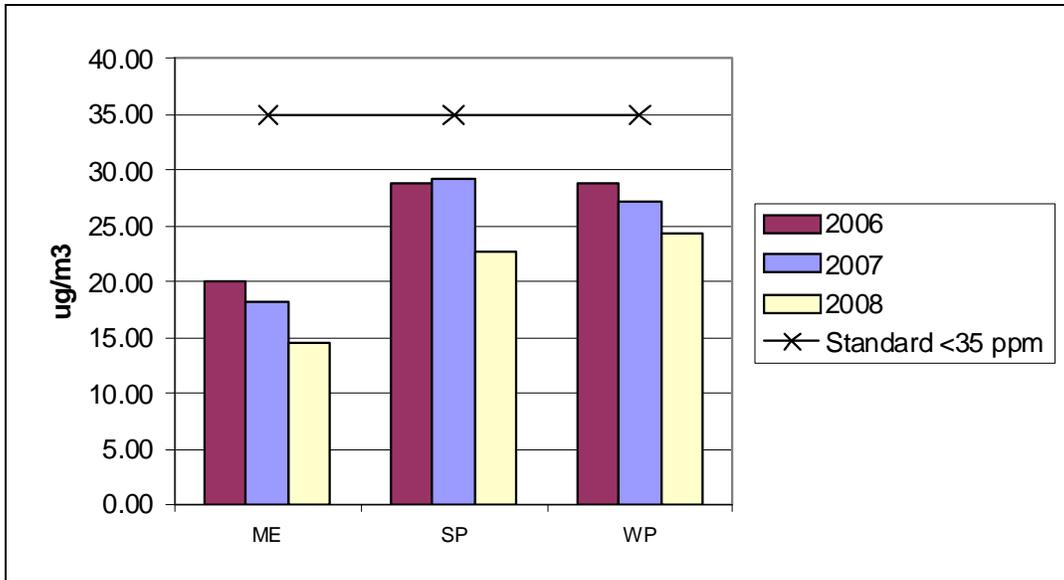


Chart 7 2006-2008 PM_{2.5} 98th Percentile

Sulfur Dioxide

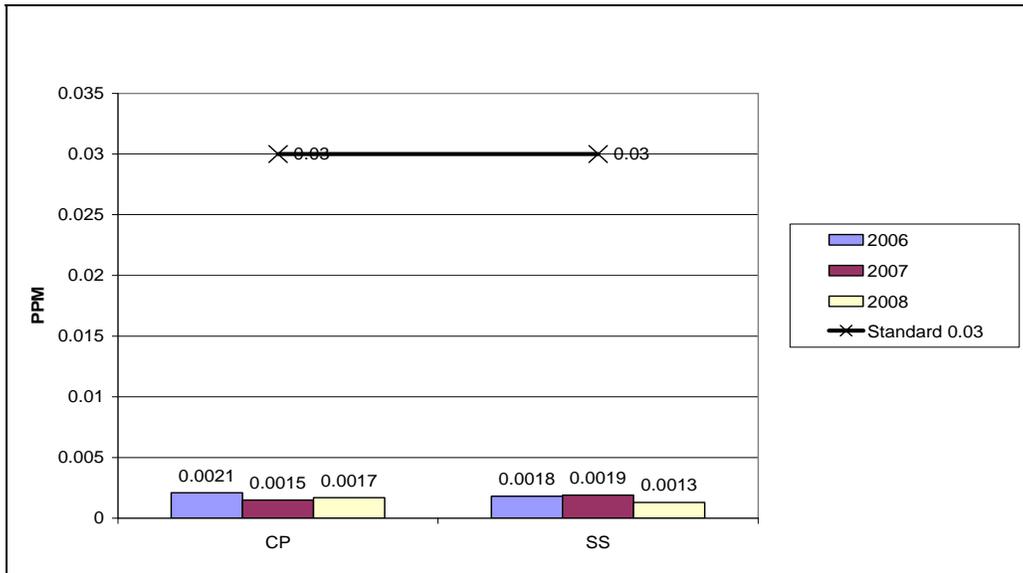


Chart 8 2006-2008 Sulfur Dioxide Annual Average

Special Projects and Network Changes

Air quality issues such as the SIP, natural events policy, and permits for new sources are diverse and controversial subjects for the citizens of Maricopa County. Since no policies can be made without high-quality monitoring data, the Air Quality Department's Air Monitoring Division strives to provide the most reliable and relevant air monitoring data to the public. The following is a list of projects and changes that have occurred during the year 2008.

Seasonal Monitors

The department continues to run some of its carbon monoxide (CO) monitors and ozone (O₃) monitors on a seasonal basis (Table 23). Having part of the network operating seasonally allows the county to upgrade instruments, perform preventive maintenance, extend the life expectancy of the instruments, reduce replacement costs, and better utilize its QA and QC resources on the remaining instruments. During the off-season the number of CO and Ozone monitors operating still exceeds the minimum EPA requirements.

Table 23 Seasonal Monitors

Seasonal Carbon Monoxide Monitors (Operational Sept. 1 – Apr. 1)	Seasonal Ozone Monitors (Operational Apr. 1 – Nov. 1)
Buckeye	Buckeye
Dysart	Cave Creek
Glendale	Dysart
Mesa	Falcon Field
North Phoenix	Glendale
South Phoenix	Humboldt Mountain
South Scottsdale	Rio Verde
Tempe	Tempe
West Chandler	West Chandler

The Consideration of Additional Sites/Monitors

The department continues to evaluate the PM₁₀ network for possible additional sites for determining the impact on ambient pollution levels of significant sources or source categories. The significant sources would include industry and agriculture. The allocation of both financial and personnel resources continue to remain significant obstacles to the establishment of new monitoring sites.

New Sites

A new site, tentatively planned to be called the Tolleson site, was planned to be opened in the west valley around the junction of Interstate-10 and the Loop-101. This site has been in the planning stage since 2006 and it was hoped to be opened in 2008, but due to current budget concerns all new sites have been place on hold for an undetermined amount of time.

Closed Sites/Monitors

The department did not close down any monitors or sites in 2008. There is discussion regarding closing the current Coyote Lakes PM₁₀ monitor, which is a middle-scale, source-oriented, special purpose monitor, and moving it a short distance away and changing it to a neighborhood-scale population-exposure monitor. This change will occur in early 2009.

Lead Monitoring

In conjunction with the recent strengthening of the lead NAAQS, EPA is improving the existing national lead monitoring network by requiring monitors to be placed in areas with sources such as industrial facilities that emit one ton or more per year (tpy) of lead and in urban areas with more than 500,000 people. In 1997, the EPA allowed MCAQD to stop monitoring for airborne lead because the data showed values were far below the standard. With the new more stringent standard, the department will once again monitor for airborne lead. The department will operate a minimum of two lead monitors within the county. The first monitor is needed because federal emissions inventories have indicated that the Deer Valley Airport emits more than one tpy of lead. This is due to the lead contained in the general aviation fuel. We are currently looking for a suitable site near this airport. By federal regulation this source oriented monitor needs to be operating by Jan. 1, 2010. The second monitor will be located at our West Phoenix site. This site will be for the population coverage requirement.

Other Network Changes/Special Projects/Comments

The department continues to participate in the Joint Air Toxic Assessment Project (JATAP) in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and Phoenix area Urban Tribal Communities. We have been providing space at our existing sites (South Phoenix, West Phoenix, and Greenwood) for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP) monitoring.

ADEQ, in conjunction with the MCAQD, has developed a year-round air quality forecasting capability for the Phoenix metropolitan area. ADEQ takes the lead on air quality forecasting and issuing of High Pollution Advisories, while the Air Quality Department provides monitoring data and designates No-Burn Days.

The department is continuing its distribution of air monitoring data to the public by posting one-hour continuous data on the Internet (see “Maricopa County Interactive Pollution Map” section below). Additionally, the department participates in the EPA Ozone Mapping AIRNow website (see ADDITIONAL COMMENTS). The corresponding websites are as follows:

Maricopa County Air Quality Dept:

<http://aqwww.maricopa.gov/AirMonitoring/SitePollutionMap.aspx>

AIRNow: <http://www.epa.gov/airnow>

Mobile Monitoring Program

The department received approval in late 2006 from the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to start a Mobile Monitoring program. This program will enable the department to do more source-specific air monitoring (as opposed to the ambient monitoring that we only perform now); the ability to track down sources of air pollutants; the ability to collect and analyze hazardous air-pollutant (HAP) samples; and the ability to perform stack testing of permitted sources. The program will be useful for collecting and analyzing scientific data for various projects, including assisting our compliance division in the enforcement of air pollution control regulations.

The planned equipment for the program includes a vehicle outfitted with air monitoring and analytical equipment. Monitoring and sampling equipment will consist of various meteorological, criteria pollutant, and HAP monitors, as well as stack testing equipment. Analytical equipment will include a portable Gas-Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer (GCMS) and geographical positioning systems. We will be able to use geographical information systems to build geo-referenced models of sampled pollutants.

In late 2008, the department hired an engineer to operate the vehicle and GCMS. The vehicle will be delivered to the Air Quality Department in February 2009.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Network

The ADEQ operates its own monitoring network within the State of Arizona, including some sites within Maricopa County. In addition to these state-run sites, ADEQ also utilizes several Air Quality Department sites to operate their own monitoring equipment. The ADEQ does a variety of ambient pollution, air toxics, visibility, and meteorological monitoring. One of the main sites in Maricopa County that is operated by ADEQ is the JLG Supersite in central Phoenix. The Supersite is a National Core multi-pollutant monitoring station (NCore) and is part of the national monitoring network (Air Quality Department's monitors, on the other hand, are part of the State and Local Air Monitoring network (SLAMS)).

For more information about the state's network or the NCore JLG Supersite consult the ADEQ's Annual Network Plan on their website at:

<http://www.azdeq.gov/function/forms/reports.html>.

EPA Ozone Mapping

The AIRNow website (<http://www.epa.gov/airnow>) provides real-time air pollution (ozone and PM_{2.5}) maps for major metropolitan areas around the United States, including the Phoenix Metropolitan Area. The Air Quality Department has participated in the program since 2001.

The Air Quality Department, in cooperation with ADEQ and the Pinal County Air Pollution Control District, has expanded the area that the maps cover. This area now includes sites as far east as Queen Creek, as far south as Casa Grande, and as far west as Palo Verde.

This website can be used as a tool for which the public can plan their daily activities and limit their exposure to air pollution. Eight-hour average peak ozone concentration maps and real-time eight-hour ozone animation maps are provided. Colors on the map indicate different concentrations of ozone pollution. The one-hour average values are given in parts per billion. The eight-hour averages are converted into Air Quality Index (AQI) numbers. The AQI is based on the NAAQS. The index was developed to convert pollution measurements into a common index that the general public can more easily understand.

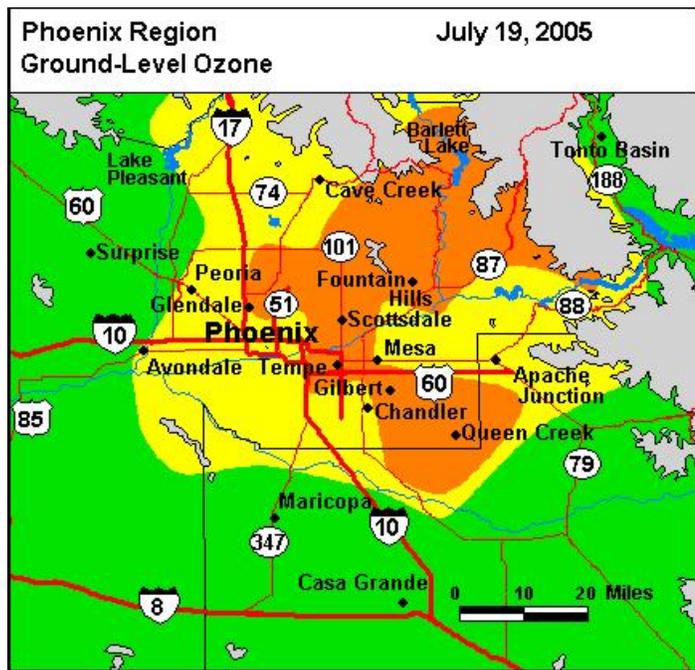


Figure 8 EPA AIRNow Website

Different colors on the map correspond to different categories of air quality and health impacts (Table 24).

Table 24 Air Quality Index

Index	Color Designation	Air Quality	Health Impact
0 – 50	Green	Good	No harmful effects expected.
51 – 100	Yellow	Moderate	Unusually sensitive people should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion.
101 – 150	Orange	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Active children & adults, people with respiratory disease (i.e., asthma) should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
151 – 200	Red	Unhealthy	Everyone should observe caution. Avoid prolonged outdoor exertion.
201 – 300	Purple	Very Unhealthy	Avoid all outdoor exertion. Use extreme caution outdoors
301 – 500	Maroon	Hazardous	Everyone should avoid all outdoor exertion.

The animated map is updated every hour from 8am to 8pm seven days a week. Updates to the site will be made during the ozone season (April through October).

Maricopa County’s Interactive Pollution Map

In the spirit of our mission statement of “Protecting our most vital natural resource”, the Air Quality Department brought real-time pollution data to the Internet in late 2006. All of the department’s continuous data are available to the public through an interactive map (Figure 9). The air pollutants that are available include CO, Ozone, NO₂, SO₂, and Particulates. Wind Speed and Direction information is also available. Seasonal monitors are noted on the website and the data display will inform the user which monitors are currently active. Data can be accessed at the web address:

<http://aqwww.maricopa.gov/AirMonitoring/SitePollutionMap.aspx>.

Data is displayed using actual readings, as well as AQI numbers. Relevant rolling averages are also displayed. In addition, a trend chart is provided so that the previous 24-hours can be detailed. On a separate page, a 30-day pollution history is displayed for each site.

One of the major problems in providing “real-time” pollution data to a public medium is providing quality data. The data available on the Internet goes through an automated quality assurance check program before it is released; however, some invalid data can slip through. Normal quality assurance checks take between one and three months. Consequently, information provided at this site should be used for informational purposes only and should not be relied on for comparison with NAAQS.

Site Name: West 43rd Ave
 Site Location: 43rd Ave. and Broadway Rd.
 AQS Code: 04-013-4009



Warning: These data have been obtained from automated instruments and have not been subjected to a quality assurance review to determine their accuracy. They are presented for public awareness and should not be considered final. Conditions such as power outages and equipment malfunctions can produce invalid data. **Please note that not every pollutant is measured at every site.**



Figure 9 Interactive Website Data Trends Page

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