# Ambient Air and Sound Monthly Report



July 2023

# **Authors Note**

Due to equipment failure during the upgrade process from previous monitoring systems - July does not contain any Temperature, Sound, PM2.5, or TSP data from the remote trailer. The trailer that previous systems were hosted in went through extensive upgrades in preparation for new monitor systems. When trailer upgrades were complete and previous systems reconnected until new systems were ready for installation; equipment failure corrupted data from the start of the month and during the final recordings for the month.

Once data corruption was identified, temporary sound monitors were installed in August until all new monitors were installed and operational.

No complaints were received in July.

This report summarizes the ambient air quality, meteorological data and sound data collected at the Stoney Trail Aggregate Resource (STAR) pit monitoring locations for the month.

# **Meteorological Data Results**

Table 1 provides a summary of the meteorological data recorded at STAR during the month. Monitor

details can be found in the STAR Monitoring Appendix.

Table 1: STAR meteorological data

Parameter	Monthly	1-Hour		
	Average	Maximum	Minimum	
Wind Speed	12.34	42.6	1.65	
Wind Direction	SSW	NW	WSW	
Temperature	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Precipitation(mm)	54.7mm*			

<sup>\*</sup>Monthly total accumulation of precipitation (mm)

The wind rose (Figure 1) illustrates the frequency of wind speed and direction for the month

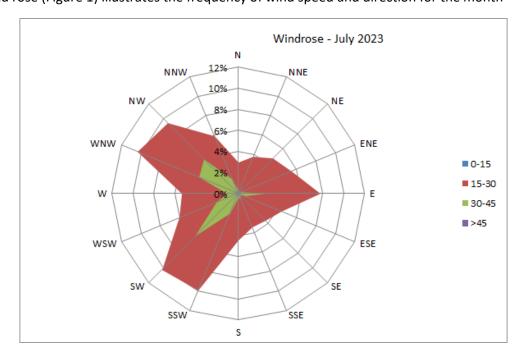


Figure 1: Monthly wind rose from the scale house station

## **Particulate Data Results**

Table 2 provides a summary of the particulate data recorded at STAR during the month. STAR compares its data to Alberta's ambient air quality objectives (AAAQO) and guidelines (AAAQG) guidelines as well as to the Calgary Region Airshed Zone's (CRAZ) northwest particulate monitor data, details of which, both can be found in STAR Monitoring Appendix.

Table 2: STAR data summary for particulate data

Parameter	Monthly	CRAZ	1-Hour Average		24-Hour Average	
	Average	PM2.5	Maximum	Events vs AAAQO	Maximum	Events vs
		Average	Concentration	or AAAQG	Concentration	AAAQO
$PM_{25}(ug/m^3)$	N/A	22.46	N/A	0	N/A	0
TSP (ug/m³)	N/A		N/A	-	N/A	0

Notes: See authors note at top of report. Equipment failure when reconnecting monitoring equipment.

Figure 2 graphically illustrates the time series for hourly concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, while Figure 3 and 4 shows daily average concentrations recorded during the month for particulate matter.

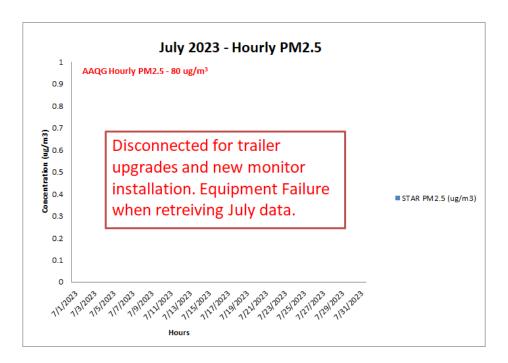


Figure 2: 1-hour concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> STAR

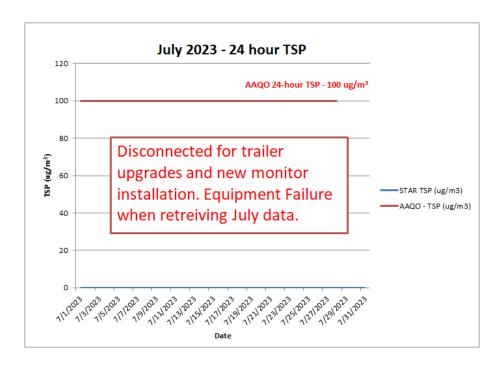


Figure 3: 24-hour concentrations of TSP at STAR

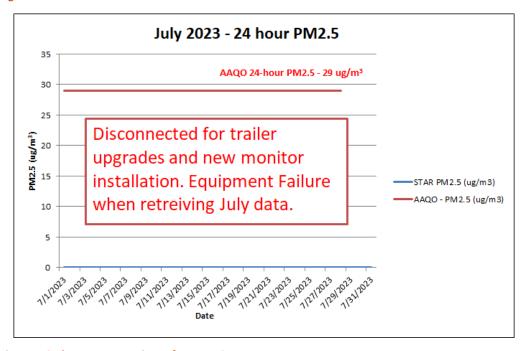


Figure 4: 24-hour concentrations of  $PM_{2.5}$  at STAR

July 2023 PM2.5 - STAR vs CRAZ 90 AAQO 24-hour PM2.5 - 29 ug/m3 80 70 PM2.5 (ug/m³) 00 00 00 00 00 00 CRAZ PM 2.5 - NW (ug/m3) 30 AAQO - PM 2.5 (ug/m3) 20 10 Disconnected for trailer upgrades and new 119/2023 7/11/2023 7115/2023 711717223 113/2023 7119/2023 7/21/2023 7123/2023 monitor installation. Equipment Failure when retreiving July data.

The results from the STAR Pit and the CRAZ station for PM<sub>2.5</sub> are shown graphically below (Figure 5).

Figure 5: CRAZ and STAR Comparison for PM2.5

Notes: Spikes in CRAZ Data due to local wildfire smoke.

### **Sound Data**

A summary of the sound data during the month can be found in Table 3. STAR compares its data to the City of Calgary guidelines for residential areas that can be found in the STAR Monitoring Appendix.

Table 3: STAR data summary for sound data

Parameter	Monthly Average (dba)	Maximum 1-Hour Sound Level (dBA)	Events vs Target
Sound Level Day Time	N/A	N/A	0
Sound Level Nighttime	N/A	N/A	0

Notes: See authors note at top of report. Once data corruption was identified, temporary sound monitors were installed in August until all new monitors were installed and operational. Manual measurements to be taken with handheld device periodically or if complaints arise.

Sound Complaints: None

Figure 6 shows the graphical representation of hourly sound levels at the STAR pit. Figure 7 shows the month of hours for the sound levels at the STAR pit, this graphical representation shows the average of each hour every day to determine trends in a day over a month of readings.

As sound can be impacted by a variety of conditions, data is considered invalid if the wind speed is above 11.5 km/hour and rainfall is greater than 3mm/hour.

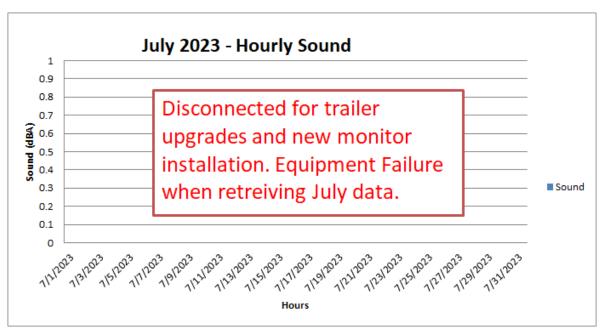


Figure 6: Hourly sound level at the STAR Pit

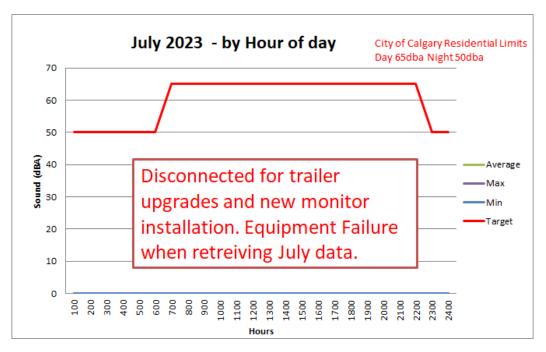


Figure 7: Month of Hours sound levels at the STAR

It is important to note that the monitoring stations are located inside the perimeter berms, adjacent to operations and not beyond the site boundaries. Measurements are intended to help monitor and measure the internal operations performance and are not representative of the lower offsite levels.