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NATIONAL PARKS  
Lookout Point**

**2000**

**National Park Service  
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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GASEOUS POLLUTANT MONITORING NETWORK**

Gaseous air pollutants, including ozone and sulfur dioxide, are of concern to the National Park Service (NPS). Pollutants like these can affect park unit biological resources as well as the health of park unit residents and visitors. The NPS established a gaseous pollutant monitoring program for several pollutants linked to effects on NPS resources. This program was designed to meet certain resource management objectives.

The primary objective of this monitoring program is to establish the status and trends of park unit air quality conditions and to determine if a park unit is exceeding the National Ambient Air Quality Standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to protect public health and welfare. In addition, such monitoring is designed to detect changes or trends in pollution levels over time. A monitoring station may also be established if there is documented biological injury due to air pollution in a park unit. Information on ambient air pollution levels is an important part of research on effects of air pollutants on NPS resources, and can help confirm suspected causes of observed effects.

Other monitoring objectives call for the collection of data to support the National Park Service's required involvement in both the development of state air quality control plans, and the evaluation of permit applications for new or expanding air pollution sources wishing to locate near park units. The Clean Air Act gives federal land managers and superintendents an affirmative responsibility to protect air quality related values in Class I areas and to assess whether new sources will have an adverse impact on park unit resources and values. Information on air quality levels in NPS units can also be used to evaluate the performance of atmospheric models that simulate how pollutants are transported into park units and predict impacts on the park unit caused by air pollution sources.

The National Park Service Gaseous Pollutant Monitoring Network site locations and measured parameters collected in this reporting year are shown on the map on the following page. During this reporting period, 40 monitoring sites in 35 units of the National Park System had some combination of ozone, sulfur dioxide, meteorological, and CASTNet dry deposition monitoring. Monitoring methods and quality assurance procedures used in the national park network meet the applicable 40 CFR Part 58 EPA requirements. This allows for the direct comparison of NPS collected data with that collected by the EPA, and state and local air pollution control agencies. Data collected by this network are incorporated in the EPA Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS) database which is a national database of all air quality data collected throughout the country. These data are also stored in the NPS Air Resources Division's Information Management Center (IMC) that allows for easy access and analysis of data.

This report includes a variety of data summaries for data collected at an individual monitoring site at a national park unit during this reporting period. These summaries highlight the average range and frequency of the data collected during the year. A PC-compatible diskette containing a digital copy of all data collected during the year and data summary products included in this report is available. Individual reports are generated for each site where monitoring was conducted in the national park network.



## 1.2 SEQUOIA/KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park (Sequoia/Kings Canyon) are both Class I areas and under joint National Park Service management. They are located about 200 miles southeast of San Francisco, with Kings Canyon being Sequoia's neighbor to the north. There are three monitoring sites at Sequoia/Kings Canyon, which are located in Sequoia National Park (Ash Mountain, Lookout Point, and Lower Kaweah sites).

Both Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park were established because of the unique values of all their natural resources, but especially because of their wilderness character and their vegetation, with emphasis on giant sequoia forests. The parks were also established as "public parks" for the enjoyment and benefit of people so the beauty of the parks could be experienced. In 1976, the parks were designated Biosphere Reserves. In 1984, Congress designated 280,000 acres of Sequoia National Park, and 456,000 acres of Kings Canyon National Park as wilderness areas.

The parks include the highest and most rugged portions of the Sierra Nevada range. The Parks are predominantly mountains and canyons, including a complete spectrum of life zones from 1600' foothill elevations to 14,494 feet Mount Whitney, (the highest point in the conterminous United States).

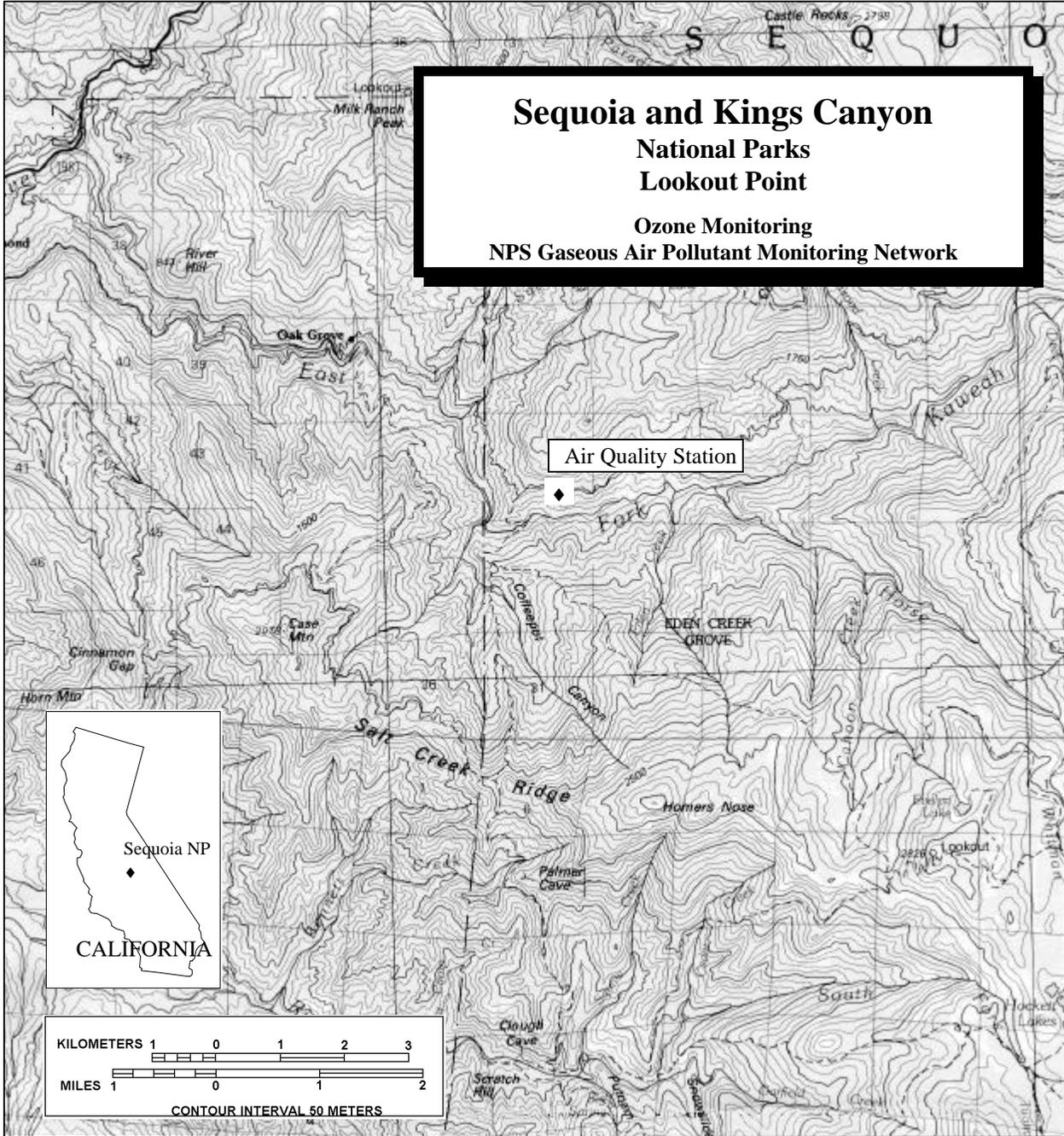
The higher mountains contain hundreds of lakes in basins etched out of granite by ancient glaciers. Thousands of miles of mountain streams course through the canyons gathering into major forks of the Kaweah, Kern, Kings, and San Joaquin rivers. High mountain meadows of all sizes, a few as large as several hundred acres, lie in the canyons and on the plateaus.

Vegetation is especially diverse beginning as open oak savannah and chaparral brush fields on the foothill slopes, progressing upward through climatically influenced bands through ponderosa pine forests and mixed conifer forests, which include giant sequoia groves, fir forests, and to the high elevation foxtail pine and extensive lodgepole pine forests. These forests are outstanding examples of pristine vegetation of the west slope of the Sierra. Outside the parks, similar ecosystems have been completely altered by logging, agriculture, grazing, and other activities. The sequoia forests are without parallel anywhere both as to forest extent and size of individual specimens. The General Sherman tree is recognized to be the largest known living thing on the planet and other park trees approach its bulk.

The parks provide native habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife. Some species of fish and wildlife characterizing the southern Sierra are abundant and include black bear, mule deer, and trout.

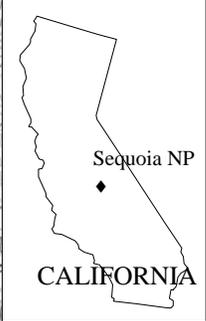
Cultural resources in Sequoia/Kings Canyon include prehistoric aboriginal sites, structures representing pioneer settlements, historic roads and trails, and cabins built by fur trappers, stockmen and miners.

Air quality and visibility in the parks are primarily affected by pollutants originating from numerous stationary and mobile sources within California's Central Valley. Pollutants transported from the San Francisco Bay area also affect park air quality and visibility.



**Sequoia and Kings Canyon  
National Parks  
Lookout Point  
Ozone Monitoring  
NPS Gaseous Air Pollutant Monitoring Network**

Air Quality Station



SITE IDENTIFICATION		MAP INFORMATION
Site Abbreviation: SEKI-LP		Mean Elevation: 1225 m
AIRS ID NO.: 06-107-0008		Longitude: 118°45'45"W
		Latitude: 36°25'45"N
		UTM Zone: 11
		Eastings: 342003
		Northing: 4032792
		Map Reference: Mount Whitney
		36118-E1
		1:100,000
INSTRUMENTATION		
O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer	Relative Humidity	
Calibrator	Temperature	
Wind Speed	Solar Radiation	
Wind Direction	Precipitation	
	Delta Temperature	

## **2.0 DATA SUMMARY**

### **2.1 OVERVIEW**

Based on the site specifications during this annual reporting period, data summaries and statistics are provided in this section.

Data Collection Statistics  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks  
Lookout Point

Final Data

01/01/00 - 12/31/00

Parameter	Par Code	Data Recovery			Valid Data	
		No. Possible	No. Collected	% Collected	No. Valid	% Valid
Ozone Analyzer	O3	8284	6426	77.6	6142	74.1
Scalar Wind Speed	SWS	8258	6472	78.4	6472	78.4
Vector Wind Speed	VWS	8258	6471	78.4	6471	78.4
Vector Wind Direction	VWD	8258	6471	78.4	6471	78.4
Standard Deviation for Wind Direction	SDWD	8258	6471	78.4	6471	78.4
Ambient Temperature (aspirated)	TMP	8258	6472	78.4	6472	78.4
Delta Temperature	DTP	8258	6472	78.4	6472	78.4
Relative Humidity	RH	8258	6520	79.0	5273	63.9
Precipitation	RNF	8258	6435	77.9	6435	77.9
Wetness Sensor	WET	8258	6471	78.4	6144	74.4
Solar Radiation	SOL	8258	6473	78.4	6197	75.0
Filter Pack Flow Rate	FLOW	8258	6519	78.9	6519	78.9

Notes: All statistics are for hourly averages.

The number collected does not include normal maintenance or events beyond the control of the network.

The percent valid is calculated against the number possible.

Automatic zeros and spans are performed daily on most ambient gas analyzers, therefore, no ambient data can be collected during this time. As a result, the maximum percent valid for ambient gas data typically can not be greater than 95.8.

NPS Performance Goals:

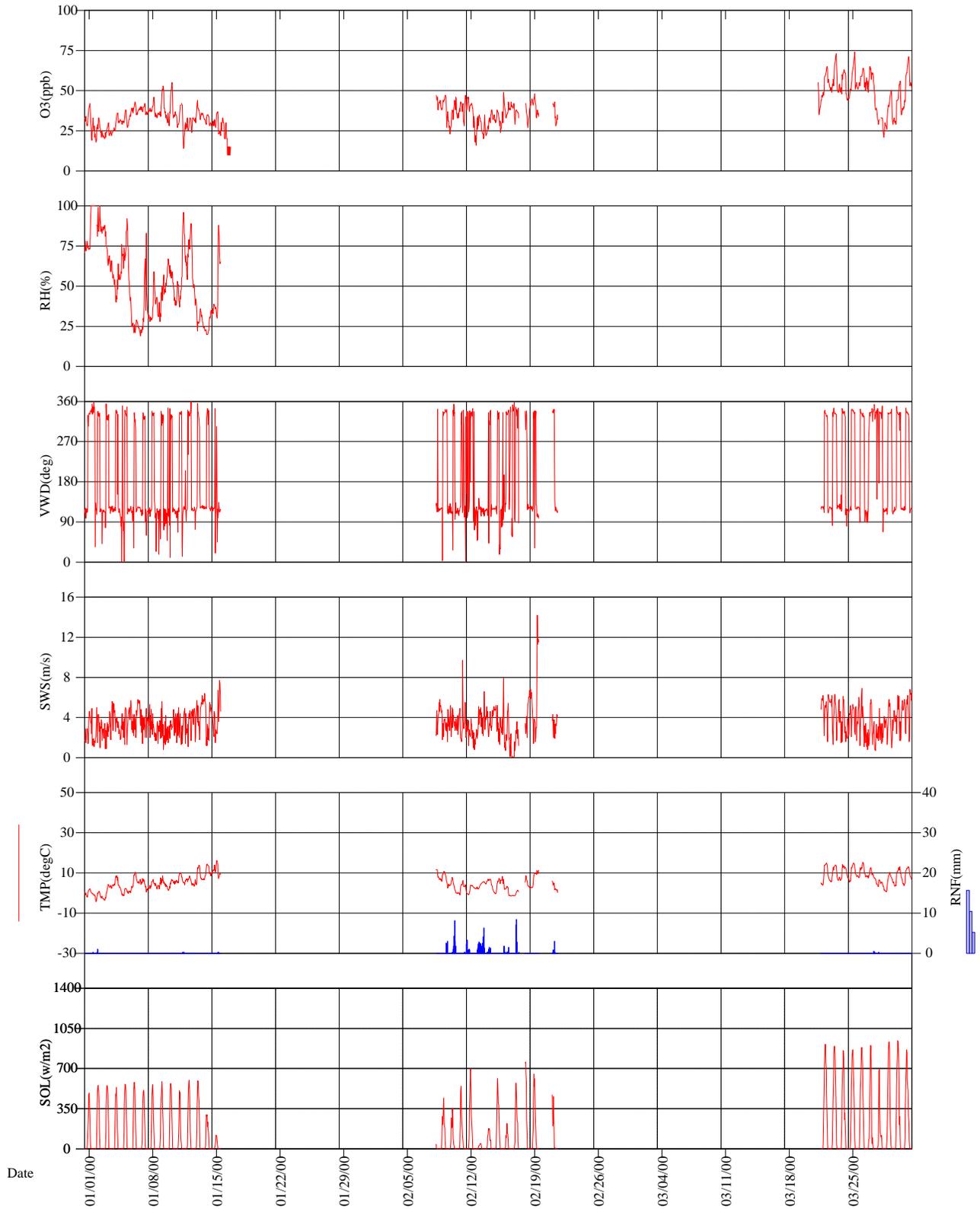
Quarterly Criteria:

Monthly Criteria:

100% of sites, >= 85% valid data capture  
90% of sites, >= 90% valid data capture  
80% of sites, >= 95% valid data capture

100% of sites, >= 60% valid data capture  
90% of sites, >= 75% valid data capture  
80% of sites, >= 85% valid data capture

# Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks - Lookout Point

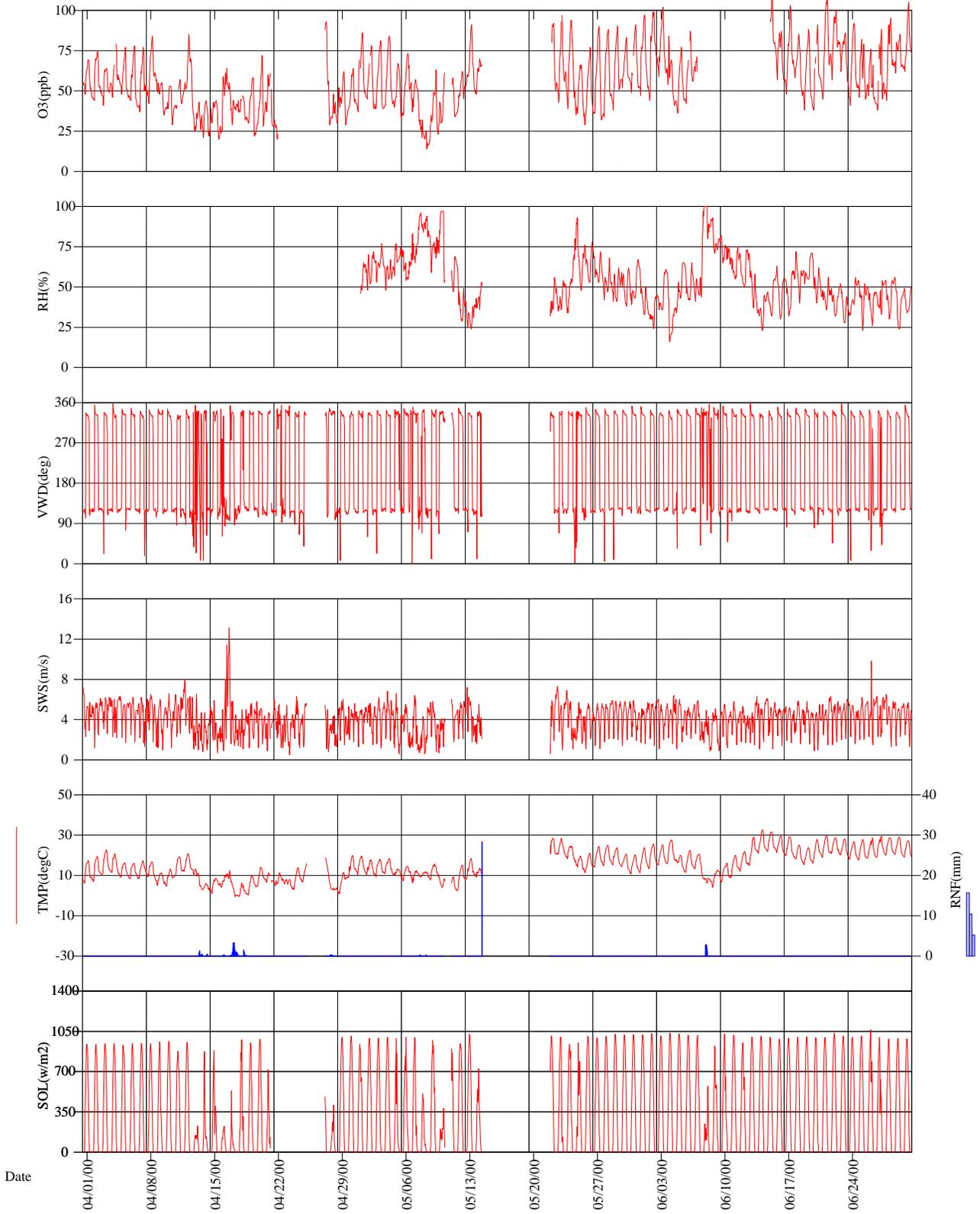


Final Validation

First Quarter 2000

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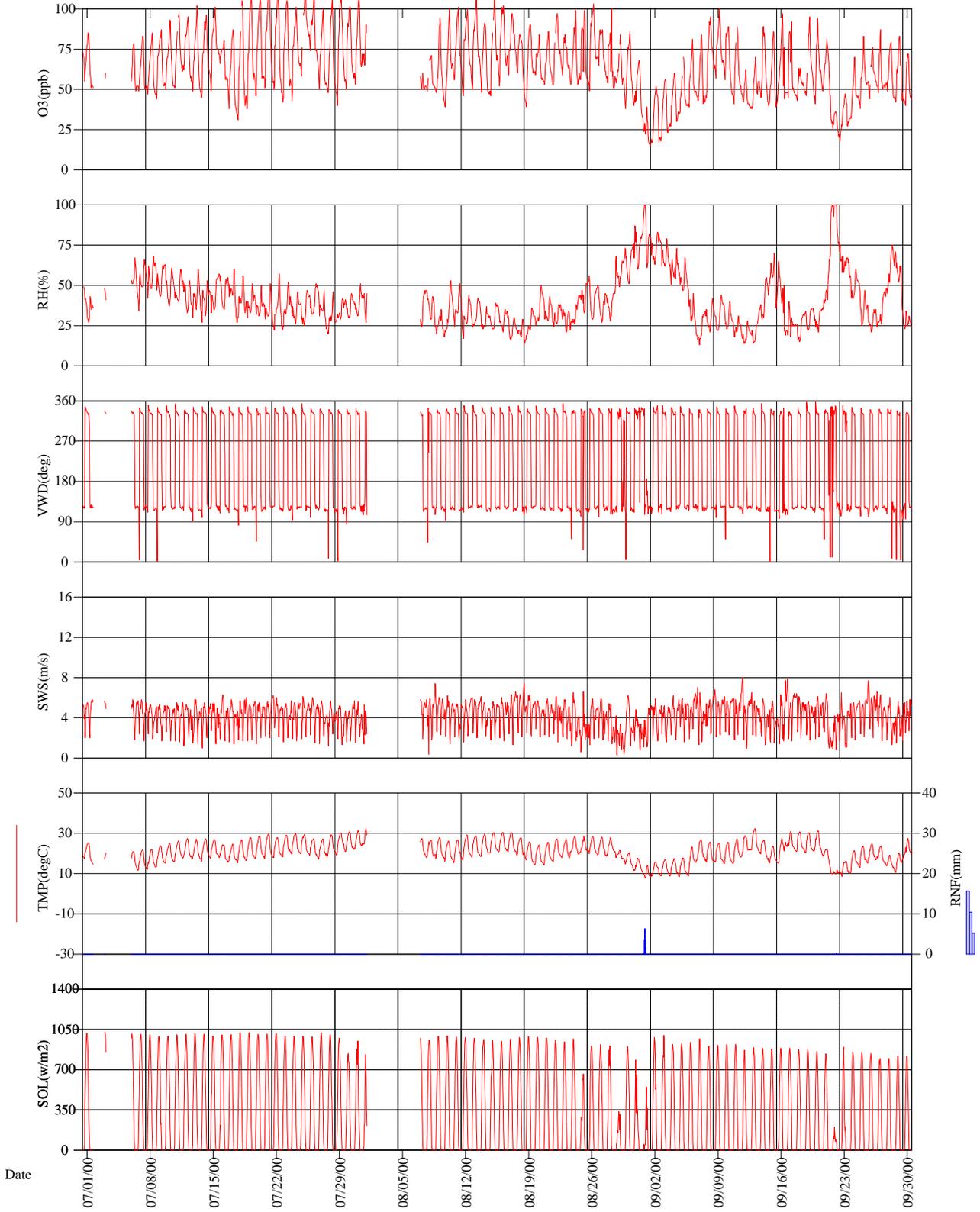


Final Validation

Second Quarter 2000

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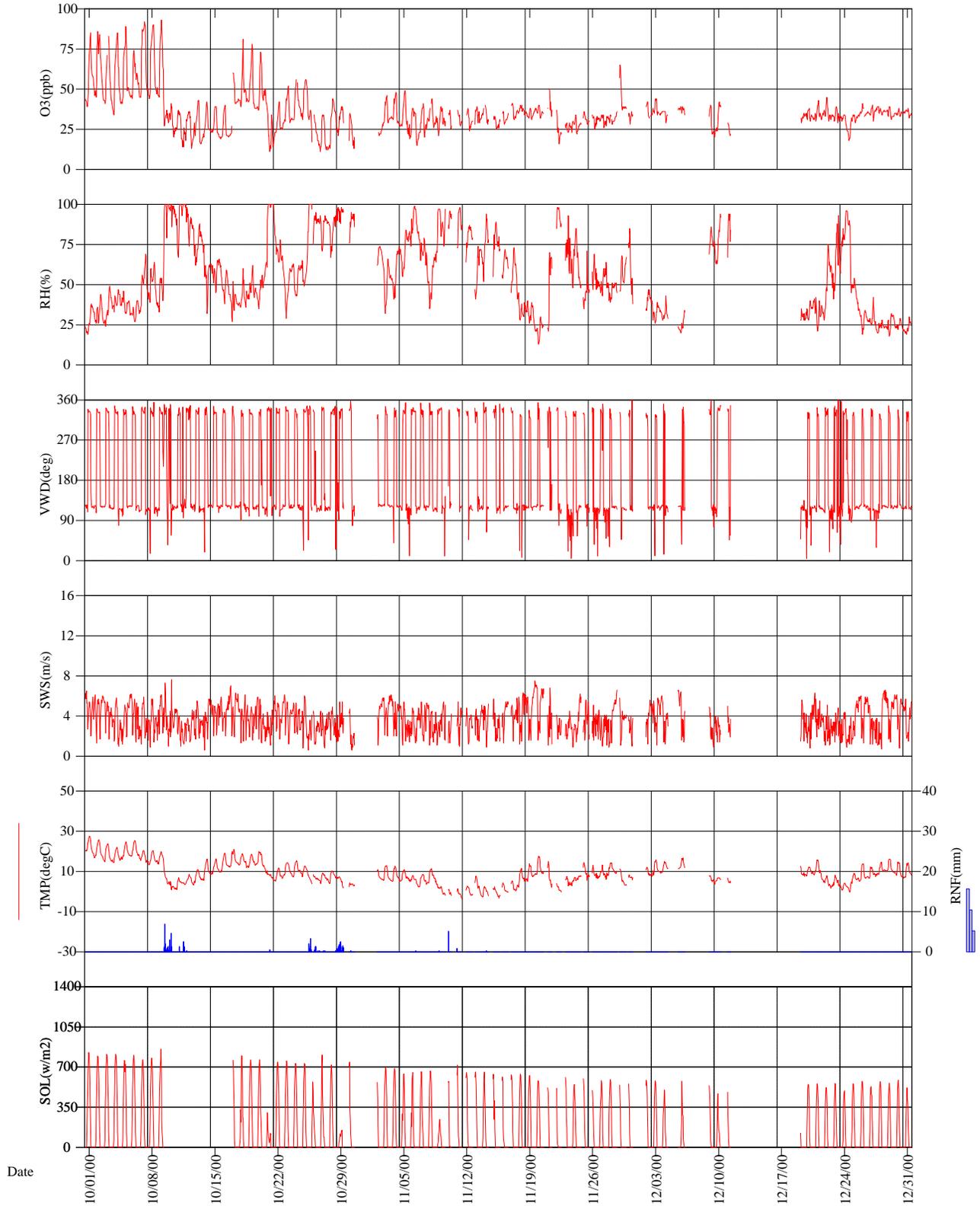


Final Validation

Third Quarter 2000

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Final Validation

Fourth Quarter 2000

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## **2.2 OZONE DATA SUMMARY**

**Ozone Quick Look Annual Summary Statistics**  
**Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks**  
**Lookout Point**  
01/01/00 - 12/31/00

STATISTIC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	MAY- SEP	ANNUAL
DAILY 1-HR MAXIMUM	55 (17)	49 (14)	74 (11)	93 (26)	97 (24)	113 (23)	116 (29)	110 (26)	100 (30)	93 (31)	65 (29)	45 (20)	116 (132)	116 (280)
AVERAGE DAILY MAXIMUM	39 (17)	43 (14)	61 (11)	64 (26)	76 (24)	91 (23)	96 (29)	91 (26)	76 (30)	58 (31)	39 (29)	39 (20)	86 (132)	67 (280)
MAXIMUM DAILY MEAN	40 (16)	41 (10)	57 (10)	61 (24)	68 (22)	81 (21)	87 (26)	79 (24)	76 (30)	68 (29)	43 (19)	37 (16)	87 (123)	87 (247)
AVERAGE DAILY MEAN	32 (16)	36 (10)	50 (10)	48 (24)	54 (22)	68 (21)	72 (26)	69 (24)	53 (30)	41 (29)	33 (19)	34 (16)	63 (123)	51 (247)
MAX PEAK:MIN RATIO	3.200 (16)	2.556 (10)	1.931 (10)	3.130 (24)	3.706 (22)	2.422 (21)	3.387 (26)	2.564 (24)	3.467 (30)	4.545 (29)	2.563 (19)	2.100 (16)	3.706 (123)	4.545 (247)
AVERAGE PEAK:MIN RATIO	1.745 (16)	1.801 (10)	1.649 (10)	1.989 (24)	2.214 (22)	1.972 (21)	2.111 (26)	1.874 (24)	2.111 (30)	2.394 (29)	1.647 (19)	1.385 (16)	2.059 (123)	1.969 (247)
NO. OF DAYS	47 (17)	44 (10)	66 (9)	74 (22)	83 (22)	92 (20)	98 (28)	94 (24)	86 (30)	87 (29)	44 (20)	40 (18)	98 (124)	98 (249)
MONTHLY 9AM-4PM AVERAGE	35 (17)	38 (10)	59 (9)	54 (24)	65 (22)	79 (21)	84 (28)	80 (24)	65 (30)	51 (31)	36 (21)	37 (18)	75 (125)	59 (256)
NO. OF DAYS	44 (17)	43 (10)	62 (10)	69 (24)	79 (22)	89 (21)	97 (28)	90 (24)	83 (30)	83 (31)	39 (21)	38 (18)	97 (125)	97 (256)
MONTHLY 7AM-7PM AVERAGE	33 (17)	36 (10)	54 (10)	52 (24)	63 (22)	77 (21)	83 (28)	78 (24)	61 (30)	46 (31)	34 (21)	35 (18)	72 (125)	57 (256)
NO. OF DAYS	32 (384)	36 (268)	50 (245)	48 (588)	55 (535)	68 (521)	72 (639)	69 (595)	53 (713)	41 (695)	32 (551)	34 (408)	63 (3003)	51 (6142)
SUM0 EXPOSURE INDEX	12234 (384)	9593 (268)	12167 (245)	27950 (588)	29253 (535)	35556 (521)	45829 (639)	41170 (595)	38089 (713)	28406 (695)	17721 (551)	13867 (408)	189897 (3003)	311835 (6142)
SUM60 EXPOSURE INDEX	-	-	3338	7373	14536	27036	35379	31291	17161	8080	189	-	125403	144383
NO. OF HOURS	(0)	(0)	(52)	(107)	(199)	(350)	(436)	(406)	(233)	(108)	(3)	(0)	(1624)	(1894)
SUM80 EXPOSURE INDEX	-	-	-	788	4916	11813	20527	14623	5708	3152	-	-	57587	61527
NO. OF HOURS	(0)	(0)	(0)	(9)	(57)	(132)	(222)	(164)	(66)	(37)	(0)	(0)	(641)	(687)
W126 EXPOSURE INDEX	274 (384)	287 (268)	2496 (245)	6170 (588)	11328 (535)	21322 (521)	29878 (639)	24878 (595)	13901 (713)	6940 (695)	415 (551)	268 (408)	101308 (3003)	118157 (6142)

Concentrations in parts per billion (ppb)

Exposures in parts per billion-hours (ppb-hr)

Final Validation

\* Statistics defined in the Quick Look subsection of the Glossary

5/24/2001

Frequency Distribution Ozone Analyzer															
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Lookout Point															
Monitoring Season: 01/01/00 - 12/31/00 <sup>1</sup>															
Averaging Period	% Obs. <sup>3</sup>	# Obs. <sup>2</sup>	Percentile <sup>5</sup>							Max. Obs.	2nd Max.	Arith. Mean	Geo. Mean	Geo. Stdv.	
			Min. Obs. <sup>4</sup>	10	30	50	70	90	95						99
1-Hour	72	6142	0.029	0.037	0.046	0.070	0.086	0.100	0.105	0.113	0.116	0.114	0.0679	0.0632	1.47
Concentrations in parts per million (ppm)															

<sup>1</sup>Records for this report are selected in accordance with the AIRS Geo-Common file criteria. These criteria are based on the state-specific Monitoring Season defined in AIRS.

<sup>2</sup>The number of observations (# Obs.) includes all valid observations recorded within the Monitoring Season.

<sup>3</sup>The percent of valid observations (% Obs.) is the percentage of valid days to the number of possible monitoring days during the Monitoring Season. A valid day is defined as a day with 9 or more valid observations between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m..

<sup>4</sup>The minimum observation value (Min. Obs.) is the minimum daily maximum recorded during the Monitoring Season.

<sup>5</sup>The percentiles and other statistics are derived from the daily maximums.

Ozone Standards Report and  
Daily Maximum 1-Hour Concentrations (ppm)

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks  
Lookout Point

01/01/00 - 12/31/00

Day	Jan-00	Feb-00	Mar-00	Apr-00	May-00	Jun-00	Jul-00	Aug-00	Sep-00	Oct-00	Nov-00	Dec-00
1	.042 S	T	W	.069 S	.086 M	.097 T	.085 S	T	.039 F	.085 S	W	F
2	.033 S	W	T	.075 S	.078 T	.099 F	S	W	.052 S	.086 M	T	.042 S
3	.030 M	T	F	.064 M	.081 W	.102 S	M	T	.056 S	.083 T	.046 F	.044 S
4	.036 T	F	S	.079 T	.084 T	.084 S	T	F	.060 M	.085 W	.048 S	.036 M
5	.038 W	S	S	.077 W	.067 F	.077 M	W	S	.070 T	.089 T	.049 S	T
6	.043 T	S	M	.078 T	.073 S	.087 T	.078 T	S	.081 W	.074 F	.038 M	.039 W
7	.042 F	M	T	.077 F	.057 S	W	.083 F	.060 M	.084 T	.092 S	.041 T	T
8	.046 S	T	W	.084 S	.032 M	T	.085 S	.071 T	.095 F	.090 S	.044 W	F
9	.053 S	.047 W	T	.061 S	.063 T	F	.087 S	.094 W	.100 S	.093 M	.039 T	.040 S
10	.055 M	.046 T	F	.053 M	.061 W	S	.093 M	.100 T	.089 S	.041 T	.037 F	.042 S
11	.042 T	.047 F	S	.057 T	T	S	.097 T	.101 F	.089 M	.037 W	.037 S	M
12	.033 W	.046 S	S	.085 W	.062 F	M	.095 W	.100 S	.062 T	.036 T	.038 S	T
13	.044 T	.035 S	M	.056 T	.091 S	T	.102 T	.107 S	.070 W	.043 F	.039 M	W
14	.035 F	.038 M	T	.044 F	.070 S	W	.096 F	.091 M	.089 T	.042 S	.040 T	T
15	.037 S	.038 T	W	.044 S	M	.113 T	.101 S	.110 T	.086 F	.039 S	.033 W	F
16	.033 S	.049 W	T	.064 S	T	.087 F	.080 S	.102 W	.097 S	.040 M	.036 T	S
17	M	.042 T	F	.055 M	W	.103 S	.087 M	.097 T	.092 S	.060 T	.041 F	S
18	T	.042 F	S	.047 T	T	.085 S	.105 T	.084 F	.063 M	.081 W	.040 S	M
19	W	.048 S	S	.058 W	F	.088 M	.110 W	.090 S	.095 T	.078 T	.038 S	T
20	T	S	M	.072 T	S	.091 T	.107 T	.084 S	.094 W	.073 F	.040 M	W
21	F	.043 M	T	.061 F	S	.109 W	.116 F	.086 M	.081 T	.050 S	T	.043 T
22	S	T	.065 W	S	.092 M	.100 T	.110 S	.097 T	.038 F	.042 S	.037 W	.045 F
23	S	W	.073 T	S	.097 T	.086 F	.105 S	.084 W	.047 S	.052 M	.029 T	.039 S
24	M	T	.063 F	M	.094 W	.092 S	.101 M	.099 T	.070 S	.056 T	.034 F	.034 S
25	T	F	.074 S	T	.066 T	.082 S	.114 T	.099 F	.083 M	.056 W	.036 S	.034 M
26	W	S	.064 S	W	.077 F	.076 M	.111 W	.103 S	.076 T	.037 T	.034 S	.041 T
27	T	S	.065 M	T	.090 S	.088 T	.100 T	.087 S	.087 W	.034 F	.034 M	.040 W
28	F	M	.039 T	.056 F	.088 S	.095 W	.107 F	.100 M	.079 T	.044 S	.034 T	.039 T
29	S	T	.050 W	.062 S	.090 M	.085 T	.107 S	.084 T	.083 F	.039 S	.065 W	.039 F
30	S		.056 T	.064 S	.083 T	.105 F	.101 S	.086 W	.072 S	.035 M	.039 T	.038 S
31	M		.071 F		.091 W		.107 M	.068 T		T		.038 S
Valid Days	16	12	10	24	23	22	27	25	30	30	27	18
Maximum	.055	.049	.074	.085	.097	.113	.116	.110	.100	.093	.065	.045
Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6142 Total Samples	0 Daily-maxima exceeding the standard of .12 ppm (starred[*])
69.9 % Possible	5 Missing days assumed to be less than the standard
264 Valid daily maxima	0 Daily maxims exceed the alert level of .200 ppm
Final Validation	Concentrations in parts per million (ppm)

Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks  
 Lookout Point  
 2000 Attainment Status With U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
 PRIMARY Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

Ozone Season: January through December

The primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is designed to protect human health. The level of the primary ozone standard promulgated by the EPA on July 18, 1997 is 0.08 parts per million (ppm) [80 parts per billion, (ppb)], daily maximum 8-hour average. The primary ozone standard is met at an ambient monitoring site when the 3-year average of the annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentration is less than or equal to 0.08 ppm. This standard is not met when the 3-year average is greater than 0.08 ppm. Using the EPA's rounding convention, a computed 3-year average ozone concentration of 0.085 ppm (85 ppb) is the smallest value that is greater than the level of the 0.08 ppm standard.

The primary standard requires 90 percent data completeness, on average, during the 3-year period, with no single year within the period having less than 75 percent data completeness. This data completeness requirement would have to be satisfied in order to determine that the standard has been met at a monitoring site. However, calendar years with less than 75 percent data completeness are included in the computation if the annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour concentration is greater than the level of the standard. A site could be found not to have met the standard with less than complete data. The percent data completeness is the percent of valid ozone monitoring days. A day is valid if valid 8-hour averages are available for at least 75 percent of possible hours in the day (i.e., at least 18 of the 24 averages). An 8-hour average is considered valid if at least 75 percent (or 6) of the hourly averages for the 8-hour period are available.

The table below lists the 3-year average fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour ozone concentration based on data collected during the reported year and the two previous years. This is the number to compare to the level of the new primary standard. The 3-year average data completeness percent and the reported year highest five daily maximum 8-hour averages are also tabulated. A 'No' in the Data Comp % Met? column indicates EPA data completeness requirement was not met for the three-year period.

Year	3-Year Avg 4th High Daily Max 8-hr Ozone (ppb)	3-Year Avg Data Complete %	Data Complete % Met?	Annual 1st High Daily Max 8-hr Ozone (ppb)	Annual 2nd High Daily Max 8-hr Ozone (ppb)	Annual 3rd High Daily Max 8-hr Ozone (ppb)	Annual 4th High Daily Max 8-hr Ozone (ppb)	Annual 5th High Daily Max 8-hr Ozone (ppb)
2000	102	71%	No	106	103	101	101	100

Ozone Analyzer			
10 Highest Daily 1-Hour Average Maximum Concentrations			
Sequoia_Kings Canyon National Parks			
Lookout Point			
Final Validation			
01/01/2000 - 12/31/2000			
Value	Date	Hour	Concentration (ppb)
Ozone Analyzer			
1	07/21/2000	17	116*
2	07/25/2000	17	114*
3	06/15/2000	16	113*
4	07/26/2000	17	111*
5	07/19/2000	17	110
6	07/22/2000	17	110*
7	08/15/2000	17	110
8	06/21/2000	17	109*
9	07/20/2000	17	107
10	07/28/2000	17	107**

\* This value was also recorded during one or more hours later in the day.

\*\* This value was also recorded on one or more days later in the reported period.

Episodes with 1-Hour Ozone  
Concentrations > 100 ppb and > 124 ppb  
Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks  
Lookout Point  
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Site	Date	Beginning Hour	No. Hours		Max (ppb)
			≥ 100 ppb	>124 ppb	
SEKI-LP	06/03/00	16	2	0	102
SEKI-LP	06/15/00	15	4	0	113
SEKI-LP	06/17/00	16	2	0	103
SEKI-LP	06/21/00	14	5	0	109
SEKI-LP	06/22/00	17	1	0	100
SEKI-LP	06/30/00	15	2	0	105
SEKI-LP	07/13/00	17	1	0	102
SEKI-LP	07/15/00	17	1	0	101
SEKI-LP	07/18/00	16	3	0	105
SEKI-LP	07/19/00	15	4	0	110
SEKI-LP	07/20/00	15	4	0	107
SEKI-LP	07/21/00	13	7	0	116
SEKI-LP	07/22/00	14	5	0	110
SEKI-LP	07/23/00	15	4	0	105
SEKI-LP	07/24/00	17	1	0	101
SEKI-LP	07/25/00	15	5	0	114
SEKI-LP	07/26/00	15	3	0	111
SEKI-LP	07/27/00	17	1	0	100
SEKI-LP	07/28/00	16	3	0	107
SEKI-LP	07/29/00	14	5	0	107
SEKI-LP	07/30/00	14	4	0	101
SEKI-LP	07/31/00	14	4	0	107
SEKI-LP	08/10/00	17	1	0	100
SEKI-LP	08/11/00	17	1	0	101
SEKI-LP	08/12/00	17	1	0	100
SEKI-LP	08/13/00	15	3	0	107
SEKI-LP	08/15/00	16	3	0	110
SEKI-LP	08/16/00	13	1	0	101
SEKI-LP	08/16/00	17	1	0	102
SEKI-LP	08/26/00	16	2	0	103
SEKI-LP	08/28/00	17	1	0	100
SEKI-LP	09/09/00	16	1	0	100
		<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116</b>

Note: The primary and secondary national ambient air standard for ozone that applied in 1996 is 0.12 ppm over a one hour period not to be exceeded more than once per year. (A value greater than .12 ppm, 124 ppb, or 235 ug/m<sup>3</sup> exceeds the standard.) (40 CFR 50.9 with reference to Appendix D and H.)

Episodes with 8-Hour Average Ozone Concentrations > 84 ppb  
 Sequoia\_Kings Canyon National Parks  
 Lookout Point  
 01/01/2000 - 12/31/2000  
 FINAL VALIDATION

Site	Date	Start and End Time of Daily Maximum 8-Hour Average > 84 ppb (hr)	Daily Maximum 8-Hour Average (ppb)	Number of 8-Hour Averages > 84 ppb During the Day
SEKI-LP	04/27/00	13 - 20	87	1
SEKI-LP	05/22/00	10 - 17	89	3
SEKI-LP	05/24/00	11 - 18	86	3
SEKI-LP	06/01/00	11 - 18	90	5
SEKI-LP	06/02/00	11 - 18	93	8
SEKI-LP	06/03/00	12 - 19	94	7
SEKI-LP	06/15/00	10 - 17	102	8
SEKI-LP	06/17/00	12 - 19	91	6
SEKI-LP	06/21/00	12 - 19	101	9
SEKI-LP	06/22/00	11 - 18	95	10
SEKI-LP	06/24/00	11 - 18	85	2
SEKI-LP	06/28/00	10 - 17	88	4
SEKI-LP	06/30/00	12 - 19	94	7
SEKI-LP	07/11/00	12 - 19	91	5
SEKI-LP	07/12/00	11 - 18	88	5
SEKI-LP	07/13/00	12 - 19	90	5
SEKI-LP	07/14/00	12 - 19	90	5
SEKI-LP	07/15/00	12 - 19	93	9
SEKI-LP	07/18/00	12 - 19	95	4
SEKI-LP	07/19/00	12 - 19	98	8
SEKI-LP	07/20/00	12 - 19	99	8
SEKI-LP	07/21/00	12 - 19	106	11
SEKI-LP	07/22/00	11 - 18	101	9
SEKI-LP	07/23/00	12 - 19	97	8
SEKI-LP	07/24/00	12 - 19	92	8
SEKI-LP	07/25/00	11 - 18	103	15
SEKI-LP	07/26/00	10 - 17	98	11
SEKI-LP	07/27/00	11 - 18	89	4
SEKI-LP	07/28/00	12 - 19	96	7
SEKI-LP	07/29/00	11 - 18	100	9
SEKI-LP	07/30/00	11 - 18	96	9
SEKI-LP	07/31/00	11 - 18	97	8
SEKI-LP	08/10/00	12 - 19	85	3
SEKI-LP	08/11/00	11 - 18	92	7
SEKI-LP	08/12/00	11 - 18	92	8
SEKI-LP	08/13/00	11 - 18	96	9
SEKI-LP	08/14/00	11 - 18	86	2
SEKI-LP	08/15/00	13 - 20	98	9
SEKI-LP	08/16/00	11 - 18	97	9
SEKI-LP	08/17/00	13 - 20	91	8
SEKI-LP	08/19/00	12 - 19	86	2
SEKI-LP	08/22/00	10 - 17	93	8
SEKI-LP	08/24/00	11 - 18	87	3
SEKI-LP	08/25/00	11 - 18	87	3
SEKI-LP	08/26/00	11 - 18	96	10

Episodes with 8-Hour Average Ozone Concentrations > 84 ppb  
 Sequoia\_Kings Canyon National Parks  
 Lookout Point  
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*Continued*

Site	Date	Start and End Time of Daily Maximum 8-Hour Average > 84 ppb (hr)	Daily Maximum 8-Hour Average (ppb)	Number of 8-Hour Averages > 84 ppb During the Day
SEKI-LP	08/27/00	09 - 16	85	2
SEKI-LP	09/08/00	11 - 18	88	5
SEKI-LP	09/09/00	11 - 18	90	7
SEKI-LP	09/10/00	10 - 17	85	1
SEKI-LP	09/19/00	10 - 17	85	1
SEKI-LP	10/07/00	10 - 17	88	4
SEKI-LP	10/08/00	10 - 17	85	1
	52	Days with 8-hour average concentrations > 84 ppb		

Note: This table presents episodes of high ozone based on running 8-hour averages. In 1997, the EPA published new primary and secondary national ambient air quality standards for ozone based on 8-hour average ozone concentrations. Attainment of the new primary standard is reached if the annual fourth highest daily maximum 8-hour ozone concentration, averaged over three years, does not exceed 0.08 ppm (84 ppb or 157 ug/m<sup>3</sup>).

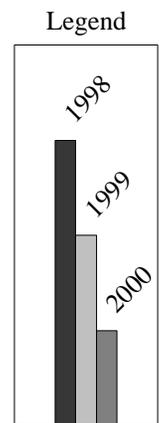
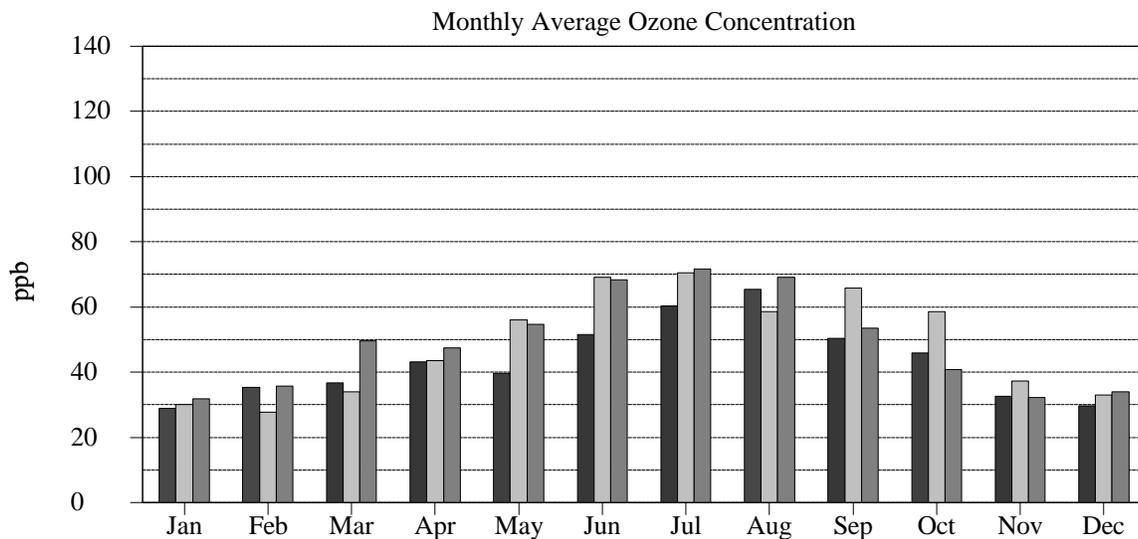
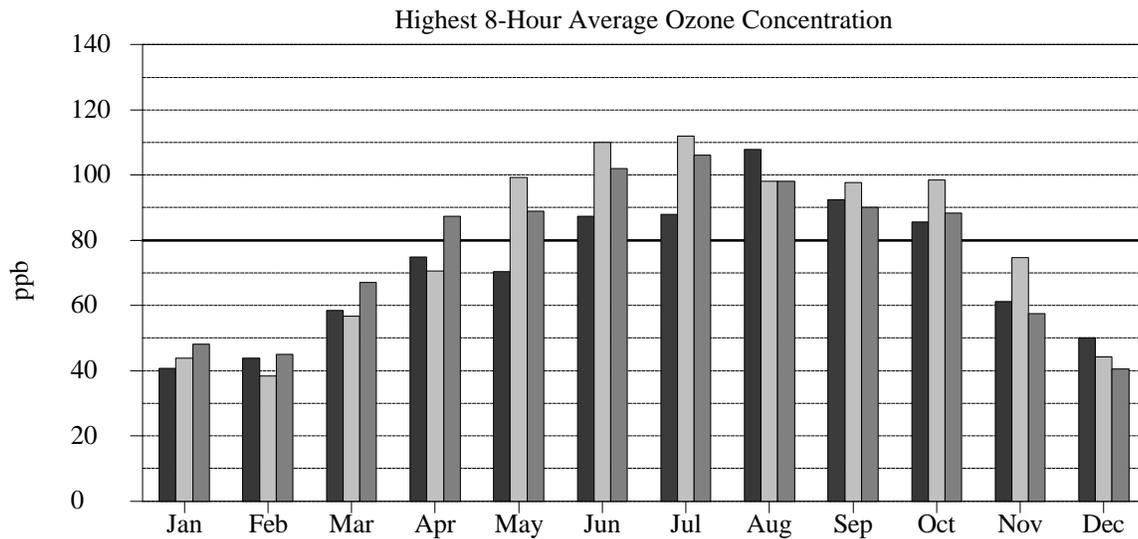
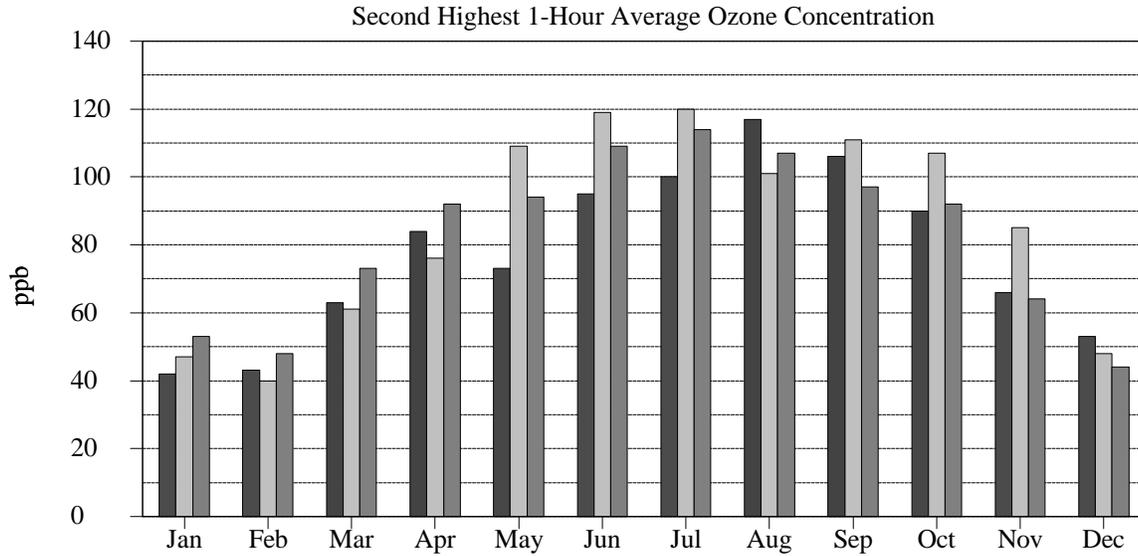
Ozone Rank Listings of Second Highest 1-Hour Average Concentrations, 4th Highest 8-Hour Average Concentrations, and Annual SUM60 Exposure Index for All NPS Monitoring Sites

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Second Highest 1-Hour Average Concentration		
Site	Rank	Concentration (ppb)
CACO-XX	1	139
JOTR-YV	2	123
GRSM-CD	3	122
YOSE-TD	4	118
SEKI-AS	5	117
COWP-XX	6	115
GRSM-CM	7	114
SEKI-LP	8	114
CHAM-XX	9	111
GRSM-LR	10	110
MACA-HM	11	108
ACAD-CM	12	106
SEKI-LK	13	104
COSW-BL	14	98
GRSM-CC	15	97
ROMO-LP	16	97
PINN-ES	17	96
SHEN-BM	18	95
CHIS-XX	19	92
LAVO-ML	20	88
MEVE-MY	21	88
DEVA-PV	22	87
ACAD-MH	23	85
SAGU-PC	24	84
GRBA-MY	25	82
CANY-IS	26	81
GRCA-AS	27	81
VOYA-SB	28	79
CHIR-ES	29	77
CRMO-VC	30	77
EVER-BC	31	76
YELL-WT	32	73
MORA-TW	33	72
BIBE-KB	34	71
THRO-VC	35	65
GLAC-WG	36	61
OLYM-VC	37	58
VIIS-LP	38	58
NOCA-MM	39	56
HAVO-TH	40	50
DENA-HQ	41	47

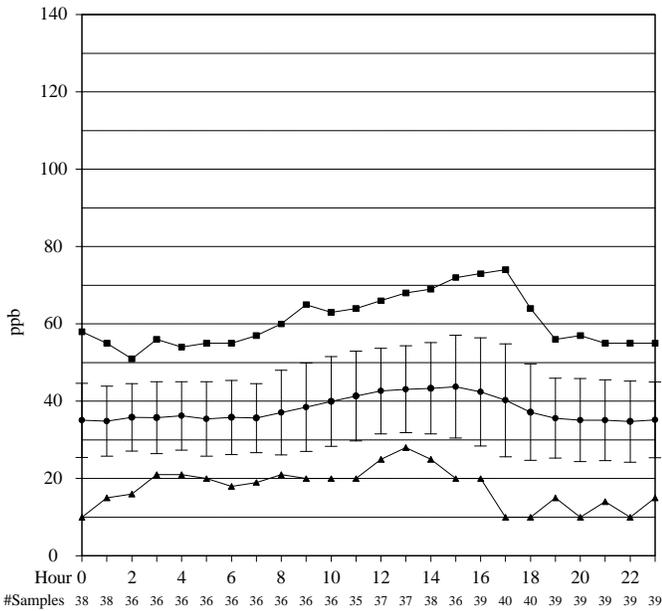
4th Highest 8-hour Average Concentration		
Site	Rank	Concentration (ppb)
SEKI-AS	1	105
SEKI-LP	2	101
GRSM-CD	3	100
GRSM-CM	4	96
GRSM-LR	5	96
JOTR-YV	6	96
SEKI-LK	7	90
COWP-XX	8	88
MACA-HM	9	88
YOSE-TD	10	87
CACO-XX	11	83
GRSM-CC	12	81
CHAM-XX	13	80
SHEN-BM	14	80
DEVA-PV	15	79
PINN-ES	16	78
ROMO-LP	17	78
GRBA-MY	18	77
ACAD-CM	19	76
CANY-IS	20	76
LAVO-ML	21	74
COSW-BL	22	73
MEVE-MY	23	73
SAGU-PC	24	72
CHIR-ES	25	71
GRCA-AS	26	71
ACAD-MH	27	70
CRMO-VC	28	66
EVER-BC	29	66
CHIS-XX	30	65
VOYA-SB	31	65
YELL-WT	32	65
BIBE-KB	33	64
THRO-VC	34	59
MORA-TW	35	57
GLAC-WG	36	56
VIIS-LP	37	49
NOCA-MM	38	48
OLYM-VC	39	47
DENA-HQ	40	44
HAVO-TH	41	43

Annual Sum60 Exposure Index			
Site	Rank	Sum60 Count	
GRSM-CD	1	195667	2756
GRSM-CM	2	178087	2517
SEKI-LP	3	144383	1894
GRSM-LR	4	138346	1981
JOTR-YV	5	121960	1685
YOSE-TD	6	98751	1433
SEKI-AS	7	91473	1149
SEKI-LK	8	89676	1263
DEVA-PV	9	79510	1207
SHEN-BM	10	73844	1093
ROMO-LP	11	65673	984
GRBA-MY	12	64706	993
GRCA-AS	13	63983	1003
CANY-IS	14	61642	949
COWP-XX	15	57188	803
MEVE-MY	16	55431	851
MACA-HM	17	48907	710
GRSM-CC	18	44635	653
CHIR-ES	19	43204	672
PINN-ES	20	39070	569
LAVO-ML	21	32335	490
CACO-XX	22	30948	440
CHAM-XX	23	30889	439
SAGU-PC	24	26476	400
COSW-BL	25	25769	380
CRMO-VC	26	23165	364
ACAD-CM	27	19339	279
YELL-WT	28	17033	271
ACAD-MH	29	12712	192
EVER-BC	30	8725	133
VOYA-SB	31	7241	112
CHIS-XX	32	5906	89
BIBE-KB	33	5842	92
THRO-VC	34	2348	38
MORA-TW	35	1327	21
GLAC-WG	36	666	11
VIIS-LP	37	64	1
OLYM-VC	38	61	1
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HAVO-TH	40	0	0
NOCA-MM	41	0	0

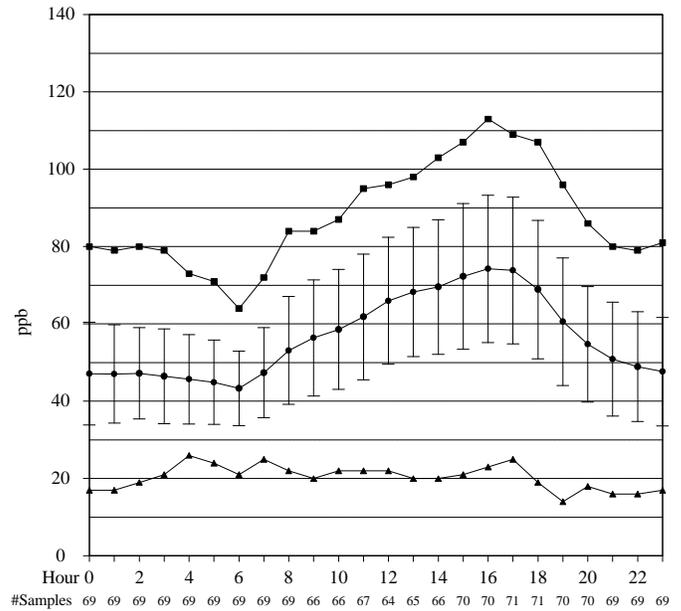




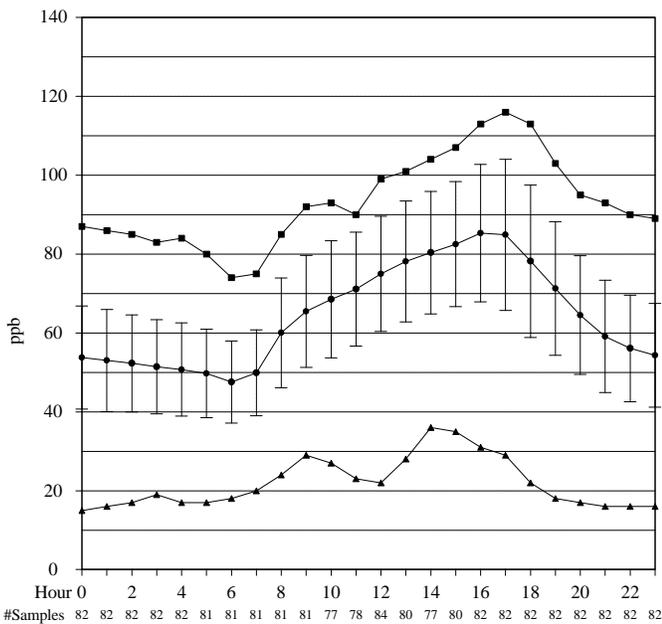
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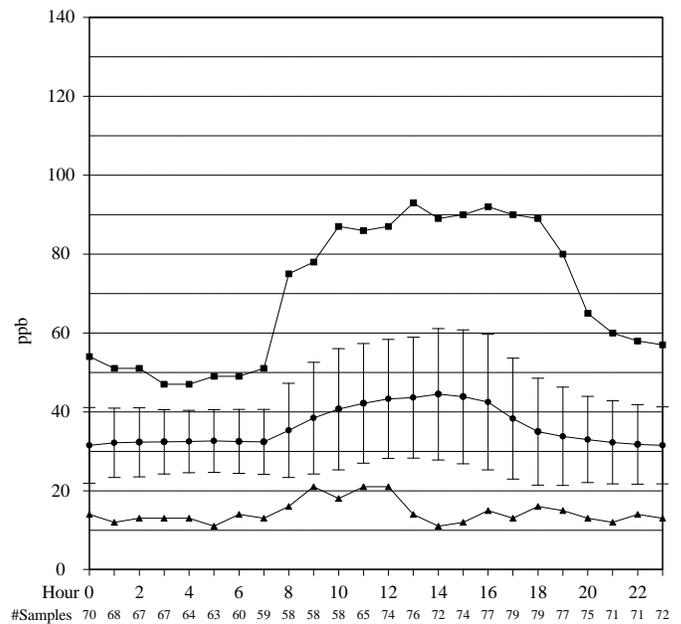
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THIRD QUARTER (JUL-SEP)



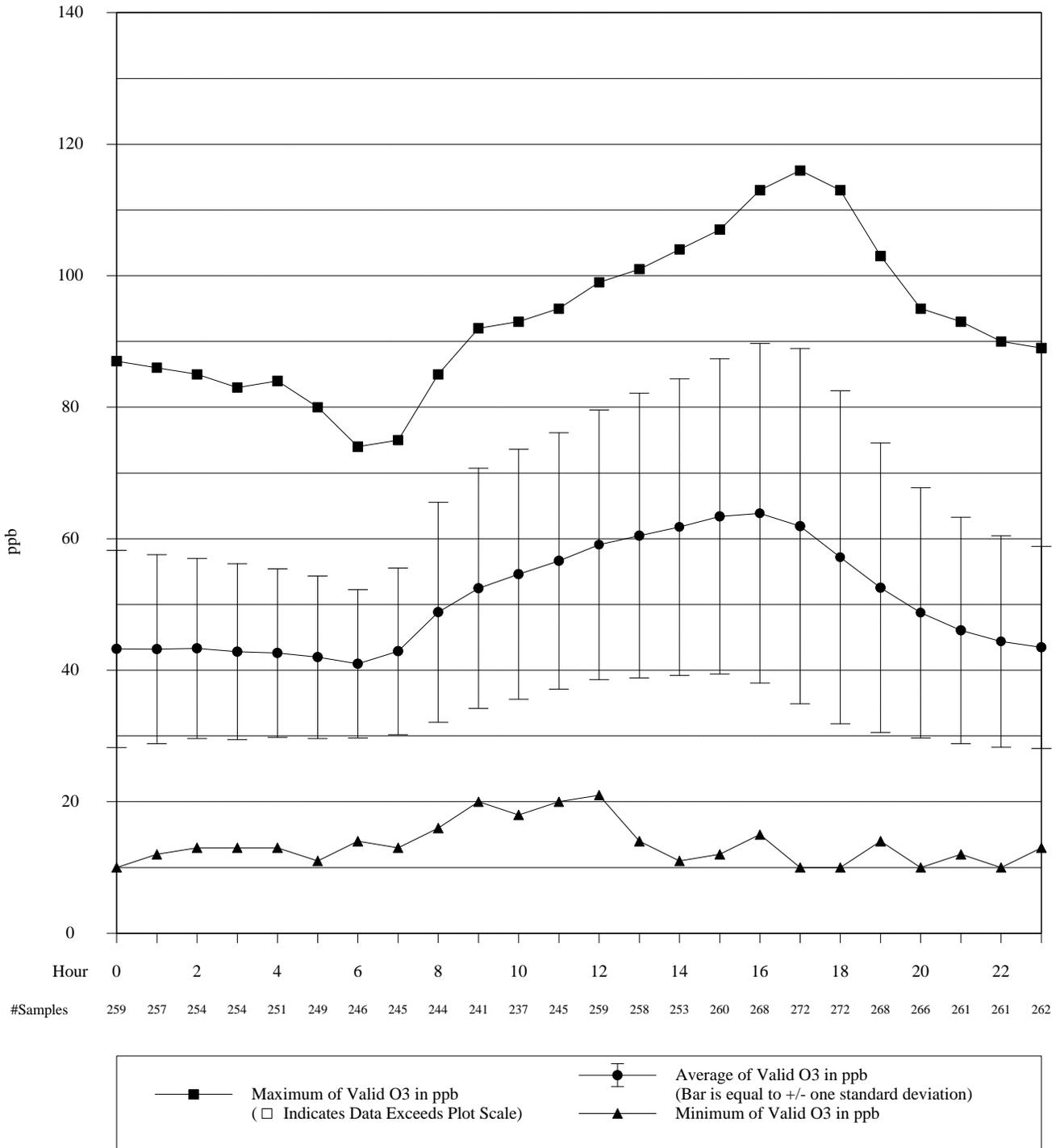
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 (□ Indicates Data Exceeds Plot Scale)

—○— Average of Valid O3 in ppb  
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—▲— Minimum of Valid O3 in ppb

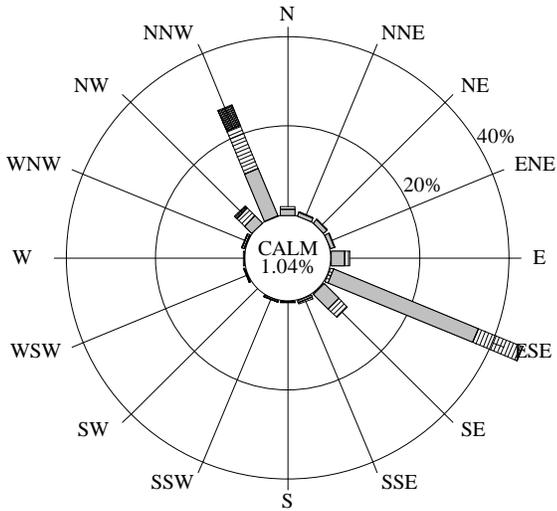


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Quarterly Ozone  
Pollutant Rose

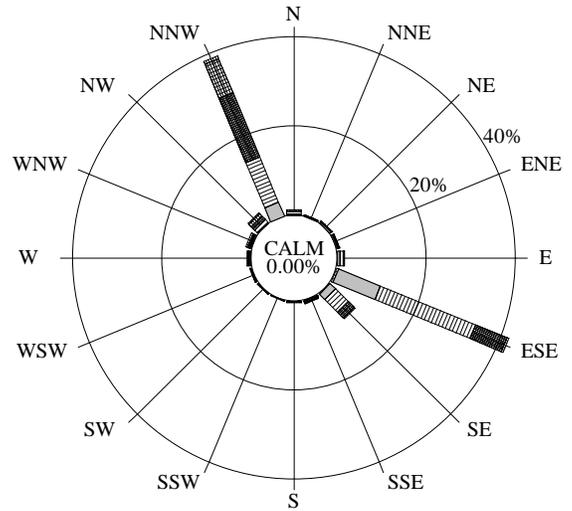
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FIRST QUARTER (JAN-MAR)



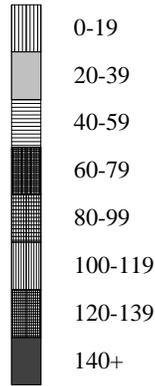
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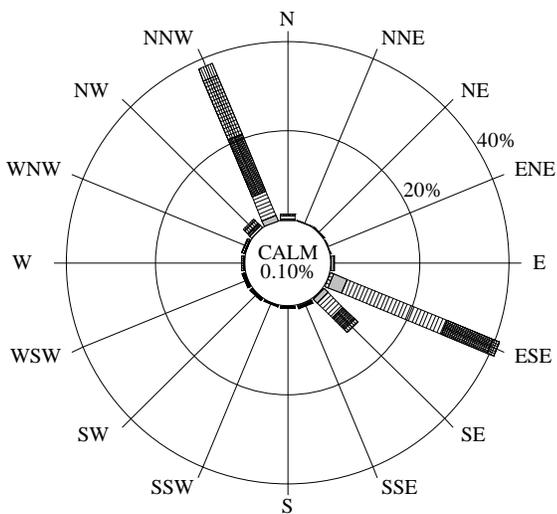


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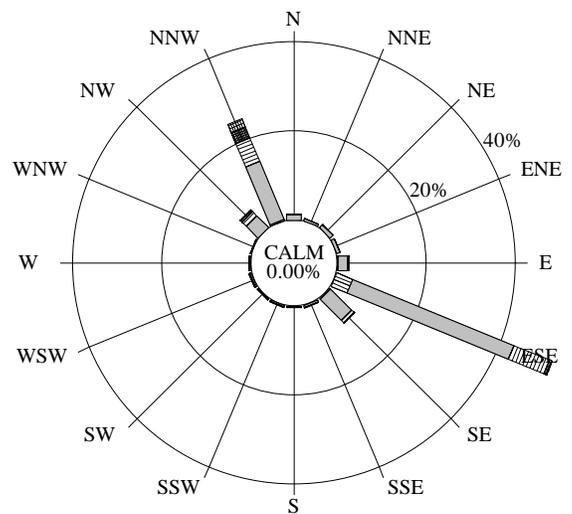


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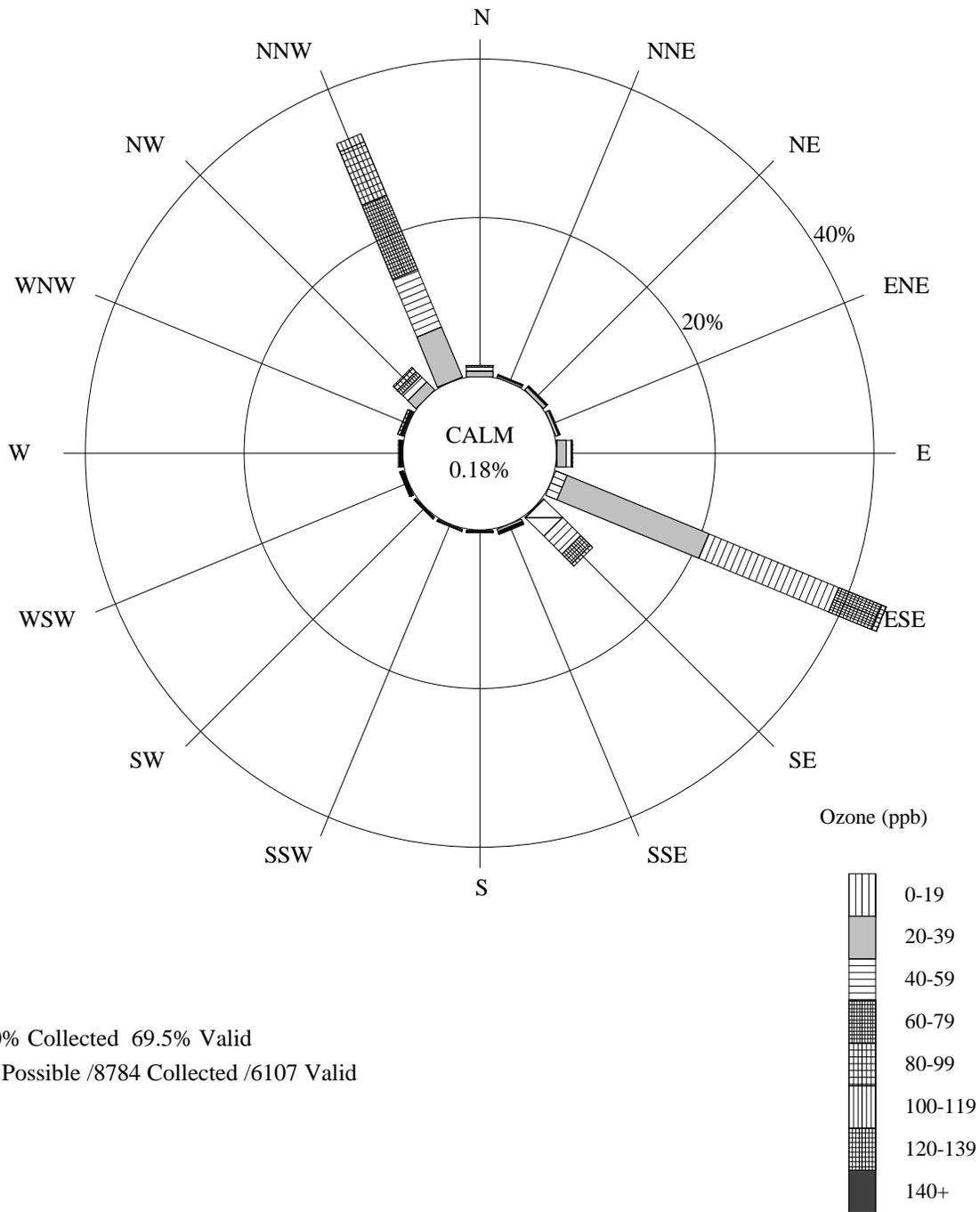


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FOURTH QUARTER (OCT-DEC)



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100.0% Collected 69.5% Valid  
8784 Possible /8784 Collected /6107 Valid

Ozone Precision Check Summary  
Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks  
Lookout Point

Precision checks are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of all monitoring instruments collecting data which are to be submitted to the EPA Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS). A precision check is performed by challenging the pollutant analyzer with a known concentration of gas (between 0.08 and 0.10 ppm for ozone and sulfur dioxide) from the pollutant transfer standard. This precision check must be performed at least every 14 days of monitoring operation. The percent difference between the analyzer and the transfer standard is then calculated.<sup>1</sup> According to NPS Standard Operating Procedures, the pollutant analyzer must respond within 10% of the transfer standard. The table below gives the number of precision checks performed during each quarter, the average<sup>2</sup> of all the individual precision check percent differences for the quarter, and the upper and lower 95% probability limits<sup>3</sup> for precision checks. The probability limits represent the interval having a 95% chance of containing the true average percent difference. The quarterly average percent difference and probability limits should ideally be within +/- 10%.

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Calendar Quarter	Number of Precision Checks	Average Percent Difference <sup>1 2</sup>	Lower 95% Probability Limit <sup>3</sup>	Upper 95% Probability Limit <sup>3</sup>
1	3	-2.56	-8.05	2.93
2	6	0.52	-4.53	5.56
3	7	-4.78	-7.91	-1.66
4	1	-3.23	-3.23	-3.23

<sup>1</sup> Percent Difference =  $\frac{\text{analyzer} - \text{transfer std}}{\text{transfer std}} \times 100$ .

<sup>2</sup> Average Percent Difference is the mean of all individual precision check percent differences during the quarter.

<sup>3</sup> Upper/Lower 95% Probability Limits = (Average Percent Difference) +/- (1.96)(Standard Deviation of precision check percent differences in the quarter.)

## **2.3 METEOROLOGICAL DATA SUMMARY**

Summary of Selected Meteorological Data

Sequoia\_Kings Canyon National Parks

Lookout Point

Final Validation

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Parameter	Value	Units	Number	Std Dev
<b>SCALAR WIND SPEED</b>				
Average	3.9	m/s	6472	1.5
Maximum	14.2	m/s		
Percent calm = 0.19				
<b>AMBIENT TEMPERATURE</b>				
Average	14.0	degC	6472	8.0
Maximum	32.6	degC		
Minimum	-4.2	degC		
<b>RELATIVE HUMIDITY</b>				
Average	50	percent	5273	20
Maximum	100	percent		
Minimum	13	percent		
<b>PRECIPITATION (Rainfall or Snow melt)</b>				
Average non-zero rate	1.5	mm/hr	194	2.4
Maximum non-zero rate	28.4	mm/hr		
Minimum non-zero rate	.3	mm/hr		
Accumulated during period	291.4	mm		
<b>SOLAR RADIATION</b>				
Average Daily Total	19,177,628	joules/m2day	276	7,488,164
Maximum Daily Total	28,412,800	joules/m2day		
Minimum Daily Total	1,030,400	joules/m2day		

Note: Calms are included in the average scalar wind speed and are defined as winds less than 0.5 m/s (1.0 mph).

Solar radiation terms are based on the calculation of the total amount of solar energy incident on a unit area during each day. The maximum and minimum daily totals are selected from the list of daily totals.

The totals for all days are then added and divided by the number of days to yield the average daily total. Only days with 24 valid values are included in these statistics.

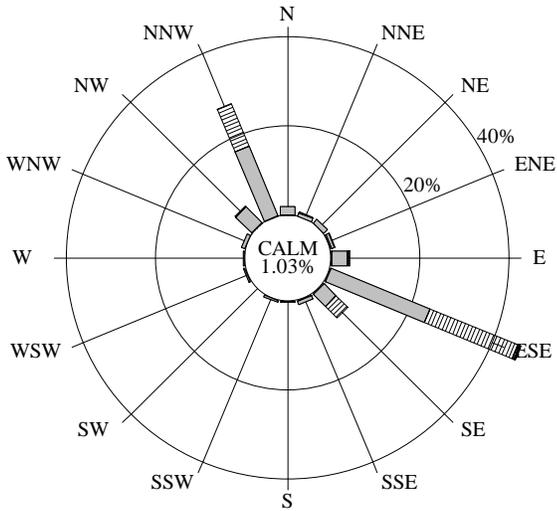
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Lookout Point

Quarterly Wind Rose

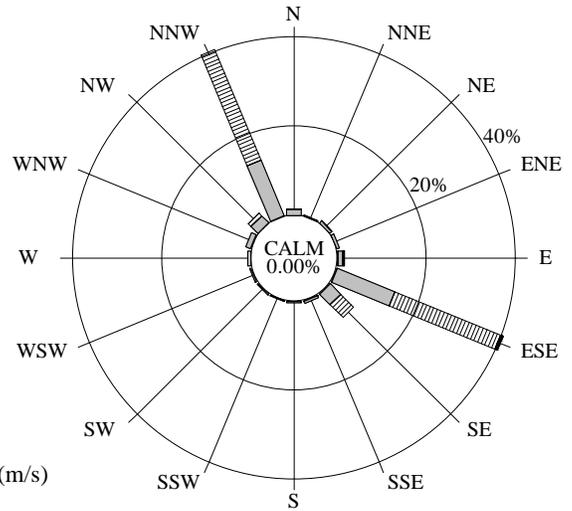
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FIRST QUARTER (JAN-MAR)



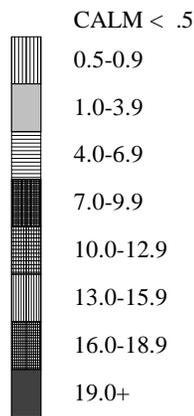
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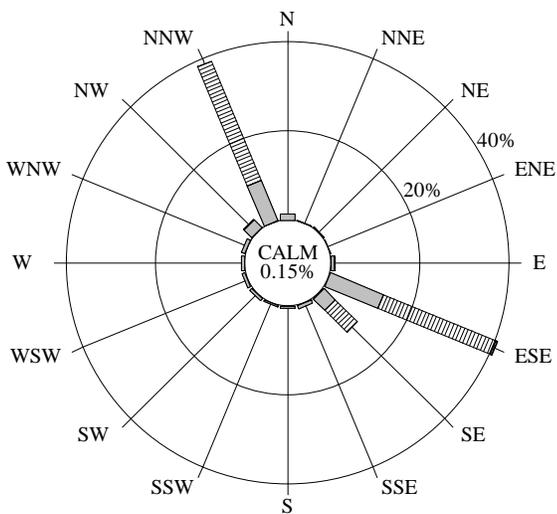


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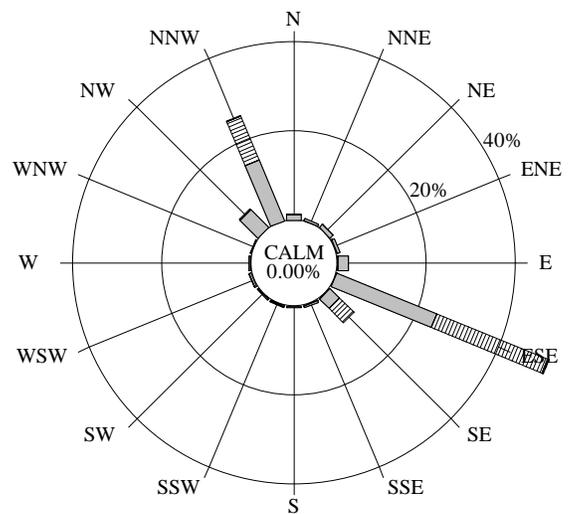


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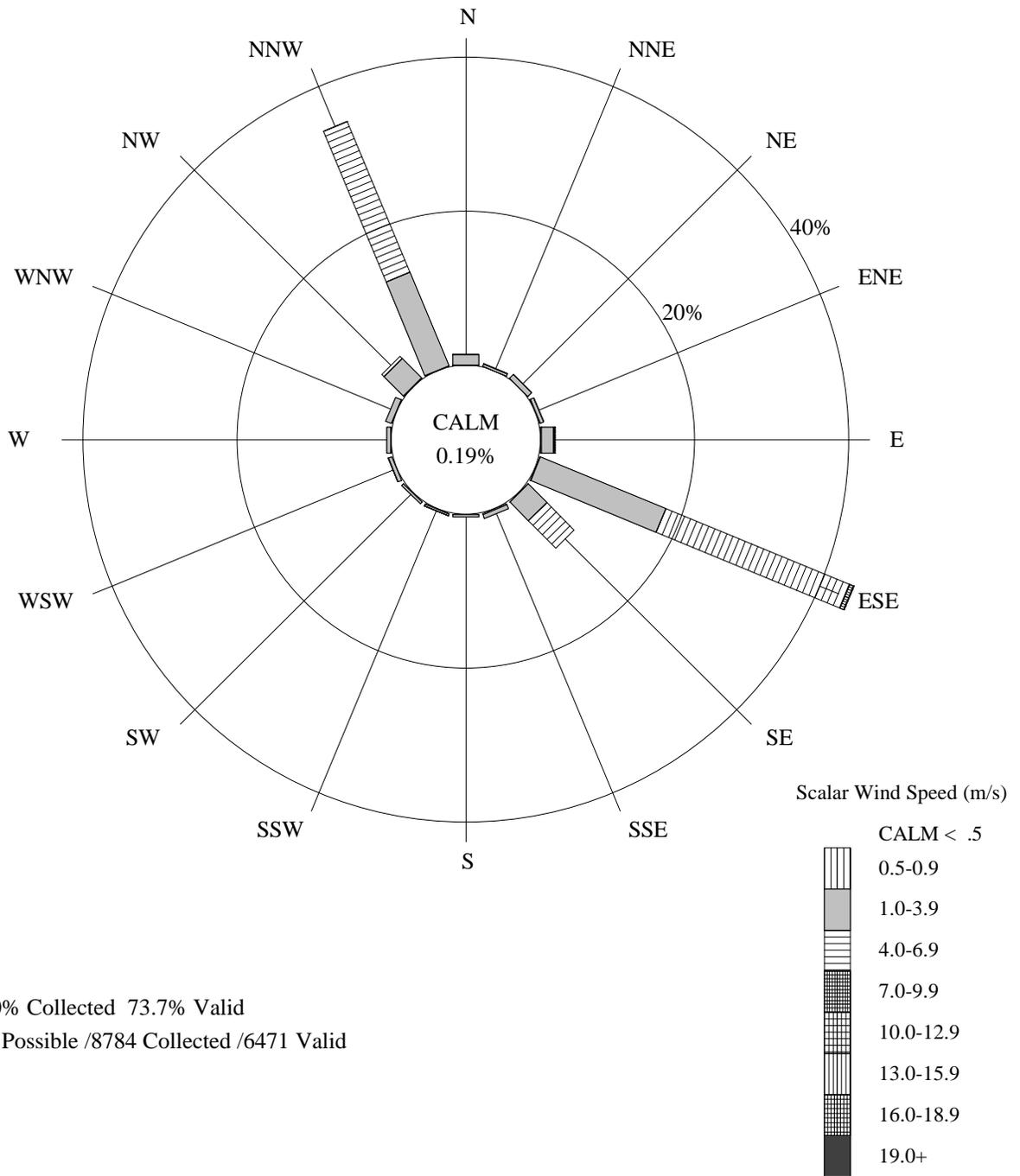


100.0% Collected 89.2% Valid  
2208 Possible /2208 Collected /1969 Valid

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT-DEC)



100.0% Collected 76.7% Valid  
2208 Possible /2208 Collected /1693 Valid



100.0% Collected 73.7% Valid  
8784 Possible /8784 Collected /6471 Valid

## 2.4 DRY DEPOSITION DATA SUMMARY

### Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNet) Dry Deposition Monitoring

In 1995, the National Park Service (NPS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entered a partnership to jointly measure dry deposition in park units, mostly in the West. A portion of the 2000 data collected from this partnership is presented in this section.

Atmospheric deposition of acidic species takes two pathways: wet deposition and dry deposition. Wet deposition is the result of precipitation events (rain, snow, or fog) that remove particles and gases from the atmosphere. Dry deposition is less event driven, but still involves the transfer of particles and gases from the atmosphere to surfaces and plants. Wet deposition has been well documented for many years. In the national parks, the National Acidic Deposition Program (NADP) measures and reports wet deposition (see the web site at <http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu> for further information). Dry deposition is much harder to measure and a smaller network of monitoring stations is involved. The method used to measure dry deposition is sometimes called the "inferential method" because air quality concentration data are combined with meteorological measurements and land use functions to compute deposition velocities. The CASTNet program provides long-term estimates of total acidic deposition by adding dry deposition values to wet deposition values.

This annual summary report presents the preliminary air quality concentration portion of the dry deposition inferential method, which is the only currently available data set. These data were compiled from the analyses of filters collected by CASTNet deposition filter pack systems in the parks. The filter pack analyses yielded weekly average concentrations of particulate sulfate ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ), particulate nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ), particulate ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ), sulfur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ), and nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ). In some cases, the positive ions  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  were also measured from the filter samples. These concentration data for the individual ionic species are presented as weekly bar charts and summarized by quarter and by year in this report. Concentration data can be used to compare sites and to indicate the amount of acidic species available for deposition. As with the continuous analyzer data, the filter pack concentration data are included on a computer diskette that accompanies this report.

Estimated dry deposition values derived from EPA modeling will be reported at a later time to complete the inferential analyses. When available, these modeling results will be posted on the NPS Air Resources Division Internet web site at <http://www.aqd.nps.gov/ard1> or on the EPA CASTNet site (<http://www.epa.gov/ardpublic/acidrain/castnet/about.html>). Initial CASTNet results have shown that dry deposition can be a significant portion of total acidic deposition.

CASTNet Dry Deposition Monitoring  
 Quarterly and Annual Average Concentrations  
 Sequoia National Park - Lookout Point  
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Quarter	No. Valid Samples	p-NO <sub>3</sub> (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	HNO <sub>3</sub> (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Total NO <sub>3</sub> (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	NH <sub>4</sub> (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	p-SO <sub>4</sub> (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	SO <sub>2</sub> (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	SO <sub>4</sub> /SO <sub>2</sub> Ratio
1	2	5.842	0.833	6.663	1.969	1.200	0.596	2.013
2	10	1.450	1.974	3.392	0.987	2.116	1.586	1.334
3	11	1.209	3.042	4.203	0.898	1.873	1.513	1.238
4	8	1.944	1.607	3.526	0.834	1.091	0.427	2.557
Annual Average		1.775	2.185	3.925	0.979	1.706	1.197	1.425
Standard Deviation		1.529	1.107	1.511	0.435	0.716	0.766	

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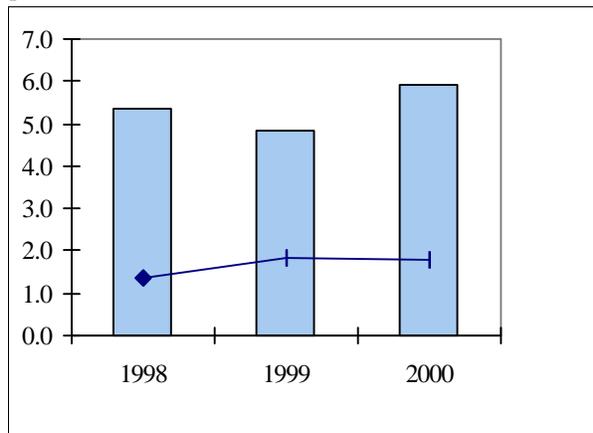
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01/04/00	01/11/00	5.899	0.768	6.656	1.909	0.664	0.612	1.084
01/11/00	02/08/00							
02/08/00	02/29/00							
03/21/00	03/28/00	5.785	0.898	6.670	2.030	1.736	0.580	2.992
03/28/00	04/04/00	1.381	2.058	3.406	0.680	1.717	0.454	3.781
04/04/00	04/11/00	2.778	1.985	4.732	1.233	1.883	1.025	1.837
04/11/00	04/18/00	0.377	0.163	0.538	0.254	0.859	1.091	0.788
04/18/00	05/02/00	0.566	1.063	1.611	0.651	1.573	1.053	1.495
05/02/00	05/09/00	2.394	1.255	3.630	1.320	2.362	1.164	2.030
05/09/00	05/23/00							
05/23/00	05/31/00	1.898	2.465	4.325	1.130	2.478	2.043	1.213
05/31/00	06/06/00	1.612	3.051	4.614	1.087	2.459	2.432	1.011
06/06/00	06/13/00	1.755	2.074	3.796	1.007	2.071	1.475	1.404
06/13/00	06/20/00	0.875	2.591	3.425	1.384	3.037	2.787	1.090
06/20/00	06/27/00	0.861	3.033	3.846	1.121	2.720	2.338	1.163
06/27/00	07/03/00	0.935	3.371	4.252	1.155	2.298	2.432	0.945
07/03/00	07/11/00							
07/11/00	07/18/00	1.424	3.654	5.021	1.366	2.951	2.292	1.288
07/18/00	07/25/00	0.955	4.511	5.394	1.011	2.299	2.155	1.067
07/25/00	08/01/00	0.921	4.217	5.072	0.903	2.043	1.924	1.062
08/01/00	08/08/00							
08/08/00	08/15/00	0.716	3.219	3.884	0.659	1.379	1.354	1.019
08/15/00	08/22/00	1.202	3.214	4.364	0.587	1.181	1.441	0.819
08/22/00	08/29/00	1.187	3.756	4.884	0.924	1.968	1.425	1.381
08/29/00	09/05/00	3.764	1.771	5.508	1.379	2.005	0.686	2.923
09/05/00	09/11/00	0.780	2.095	2.842	0.514	0.997	0.973	1.024
09/11/00	09/19/00	0.742	1.974	2.684	0.777	1.845	1.029	1.793
09/19/00	09/26/00	0.677	1.681	2.331	0.608	1.632	0.931	1.752
09/26/00	10/03/00	1.163	2.772	3.891	0.957	2.037	0.944	2.158
10/03/00	10/11/00	3.358	2.397	5.716	1.322	2.012	0.854	2.357
10/11/00	10/17/00	0.490	0.943	1.417	0.371	0.846	0.168	5.027
10/17/00	10/24/00	0.785	1.901	2.656	0.500	1.053	0.338	3.112
10/24/00	11/02/00							
11/02/00	11/08/00	2.515	0.814	3.316	0.986	0.883	0.190	4.649
11/08/00	11/14/00							
11/14/00	11/21/00	0.211	1.224	1.416	0.224	0.470	0.267	1.761
11/21/00	11/28/00	1.998	2.070	4.036	0.813	0.584	0.253	2.310
11/28/00	12/05/00							
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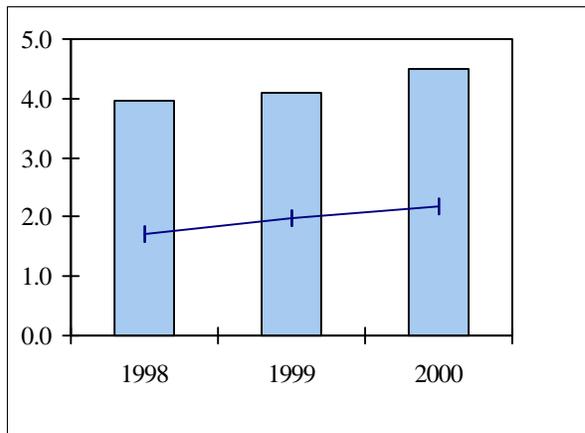
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 Three Year Comparison of Maximum and Average Concentrations

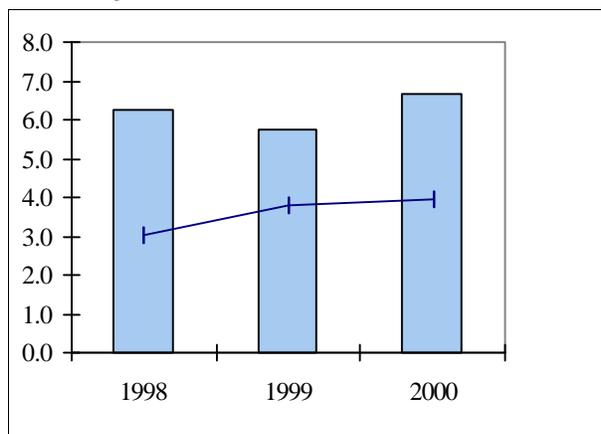
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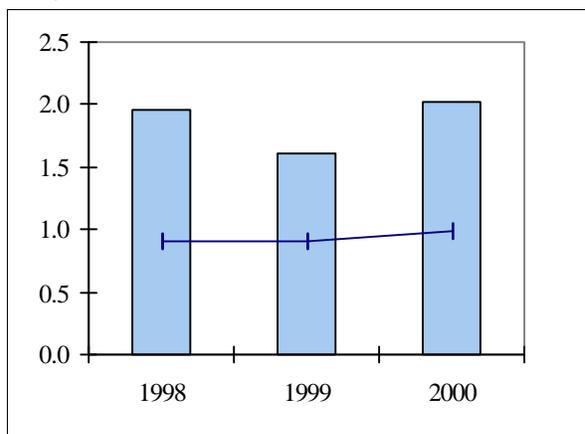
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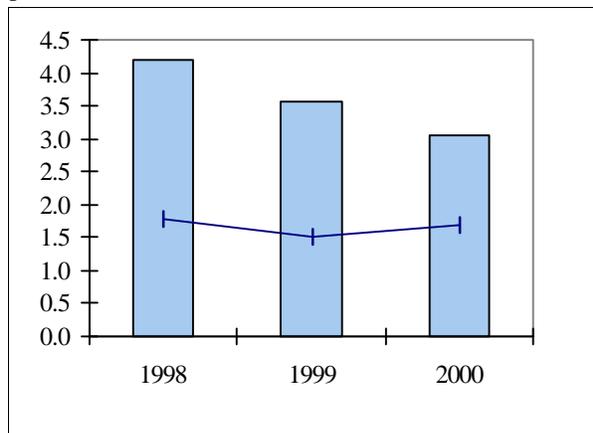
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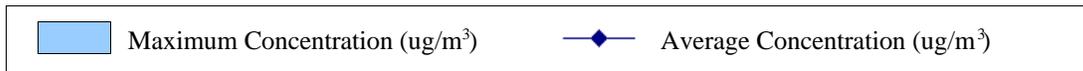
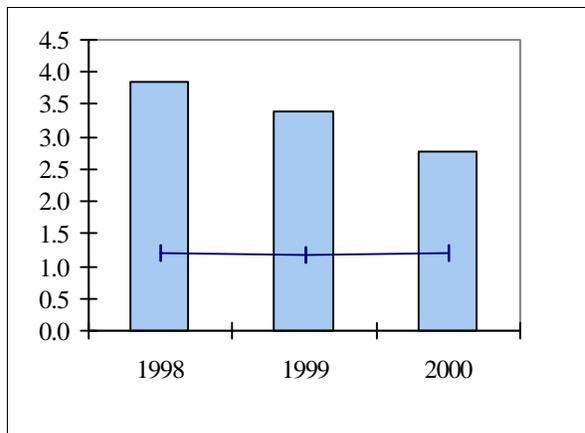
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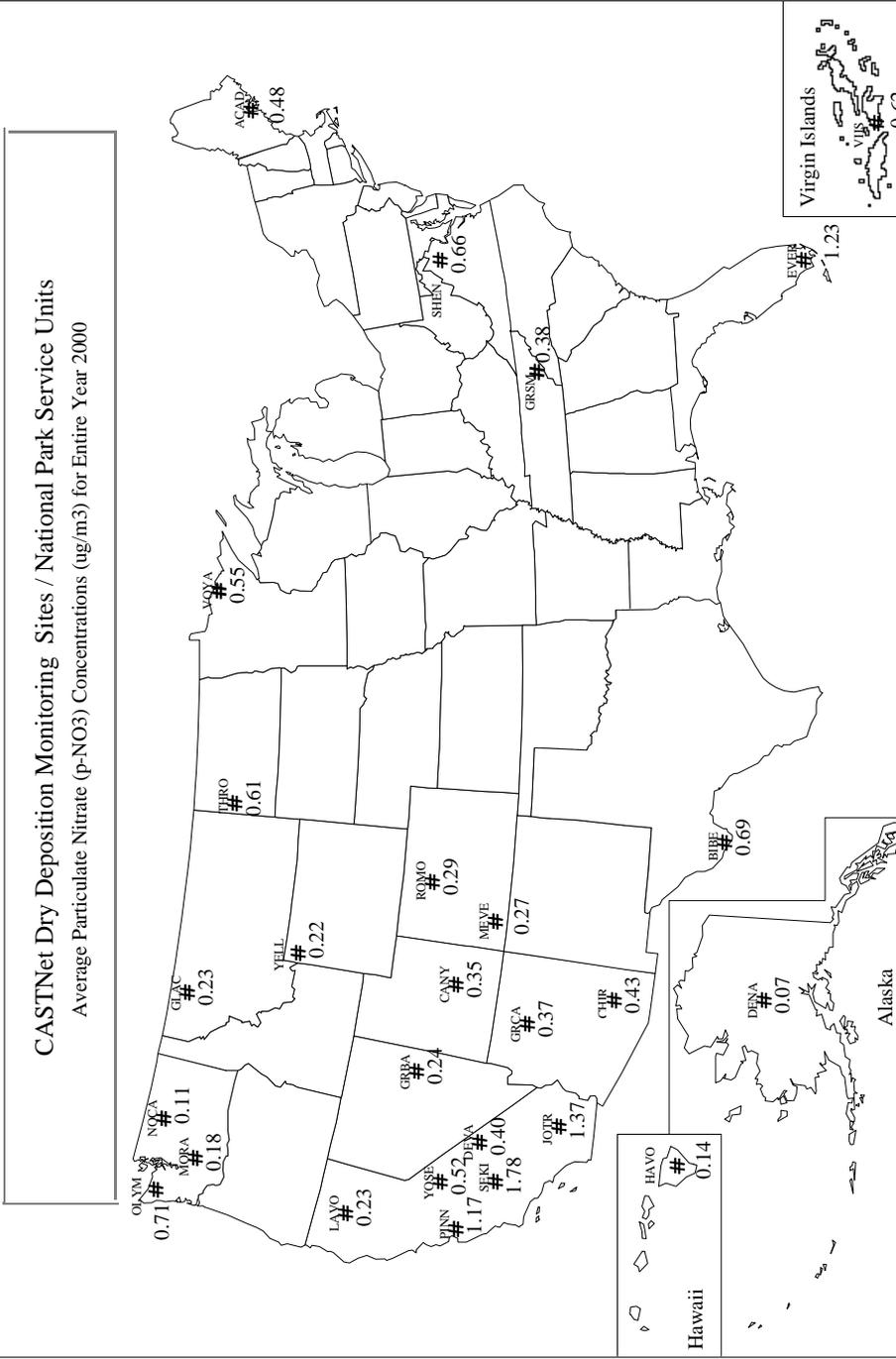


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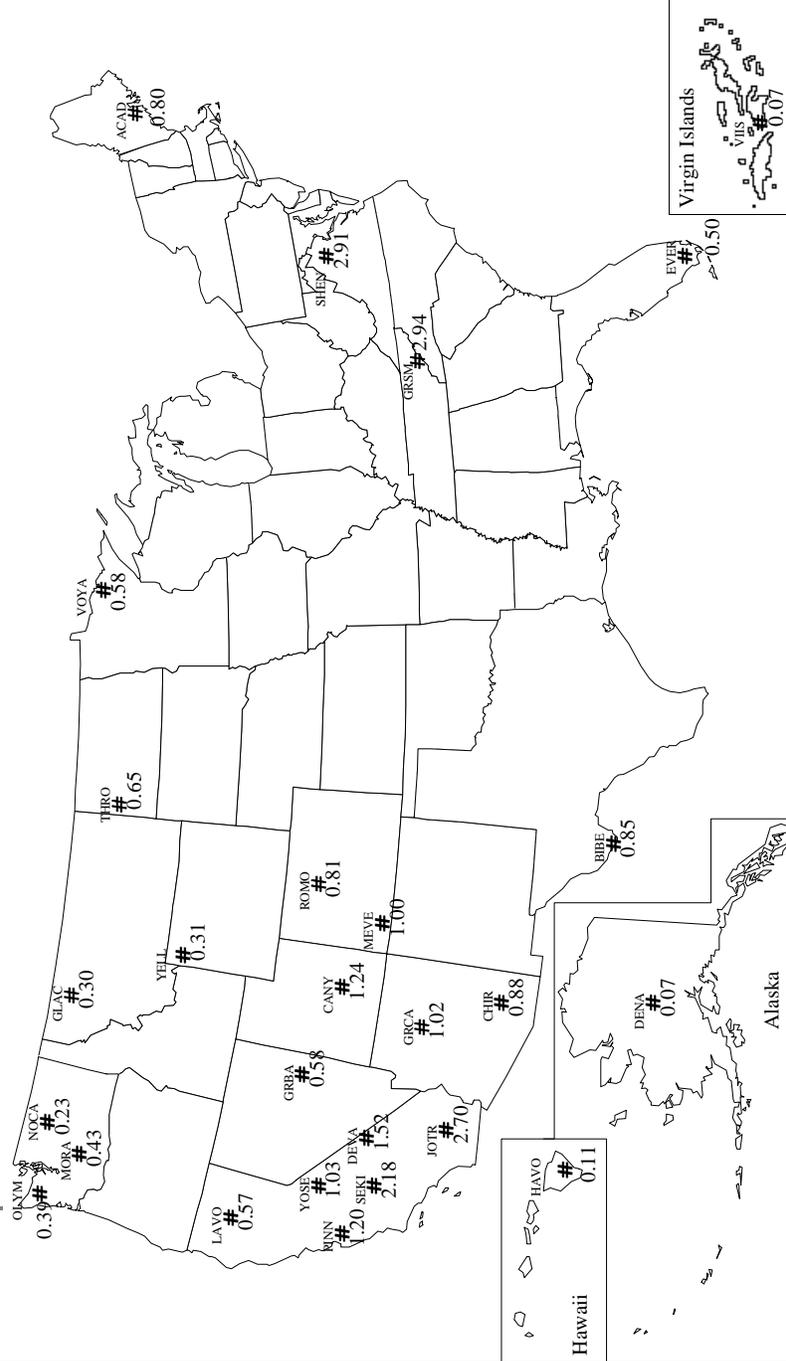


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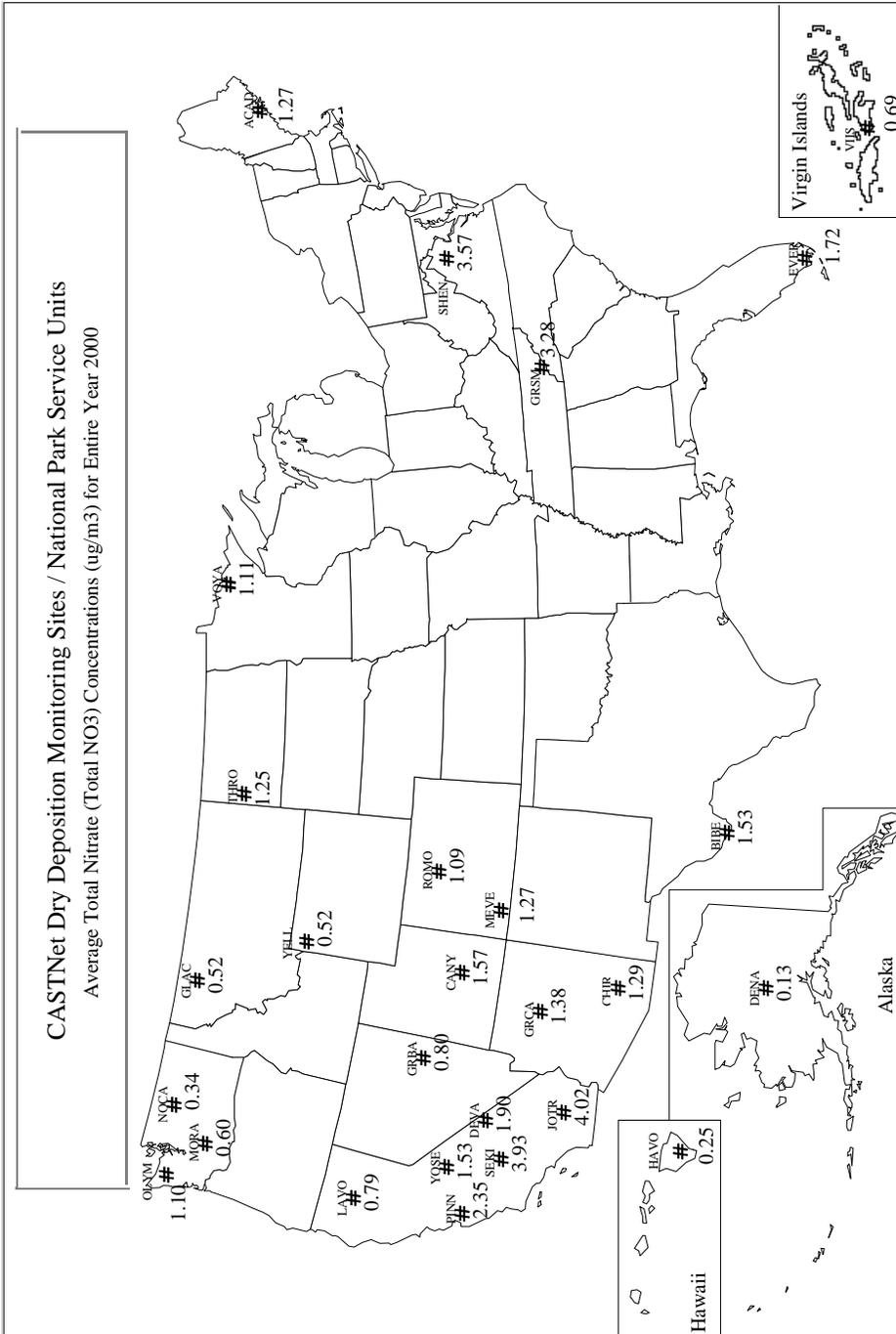
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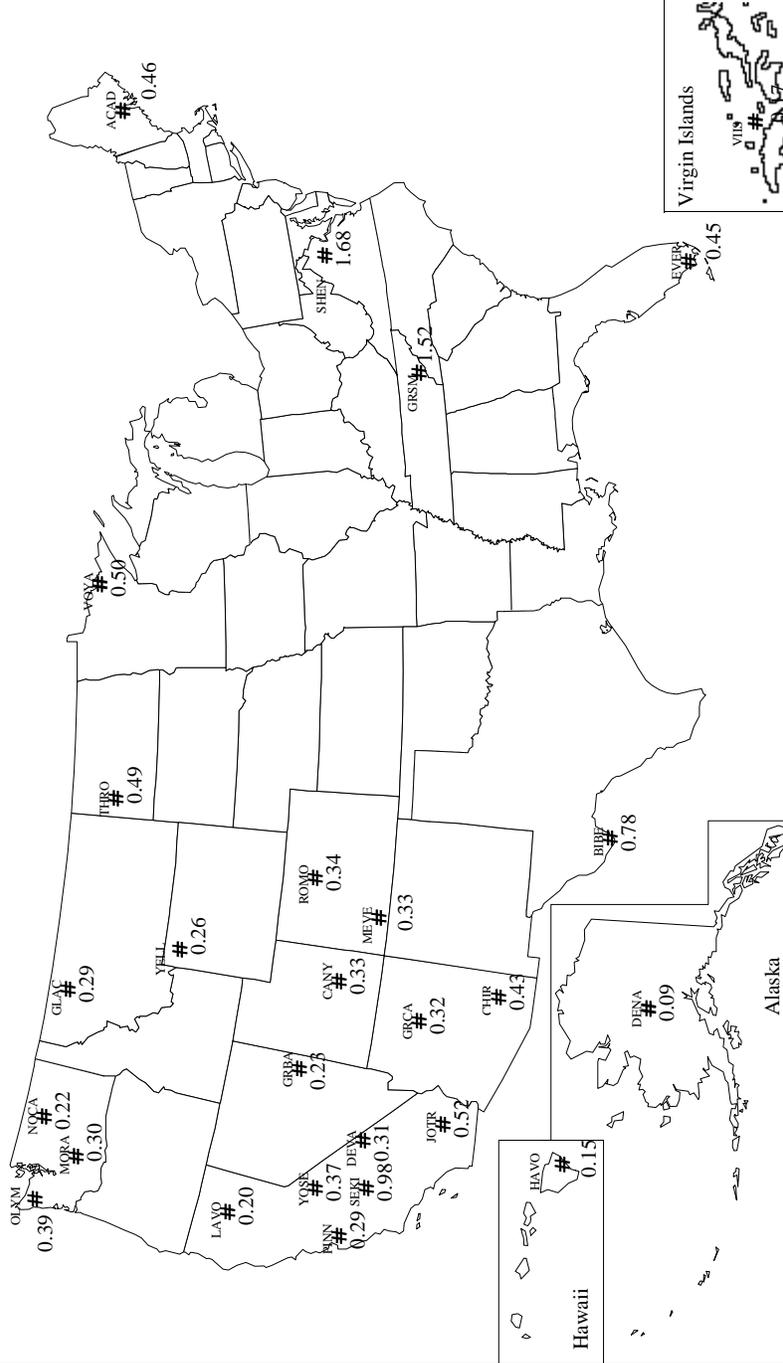
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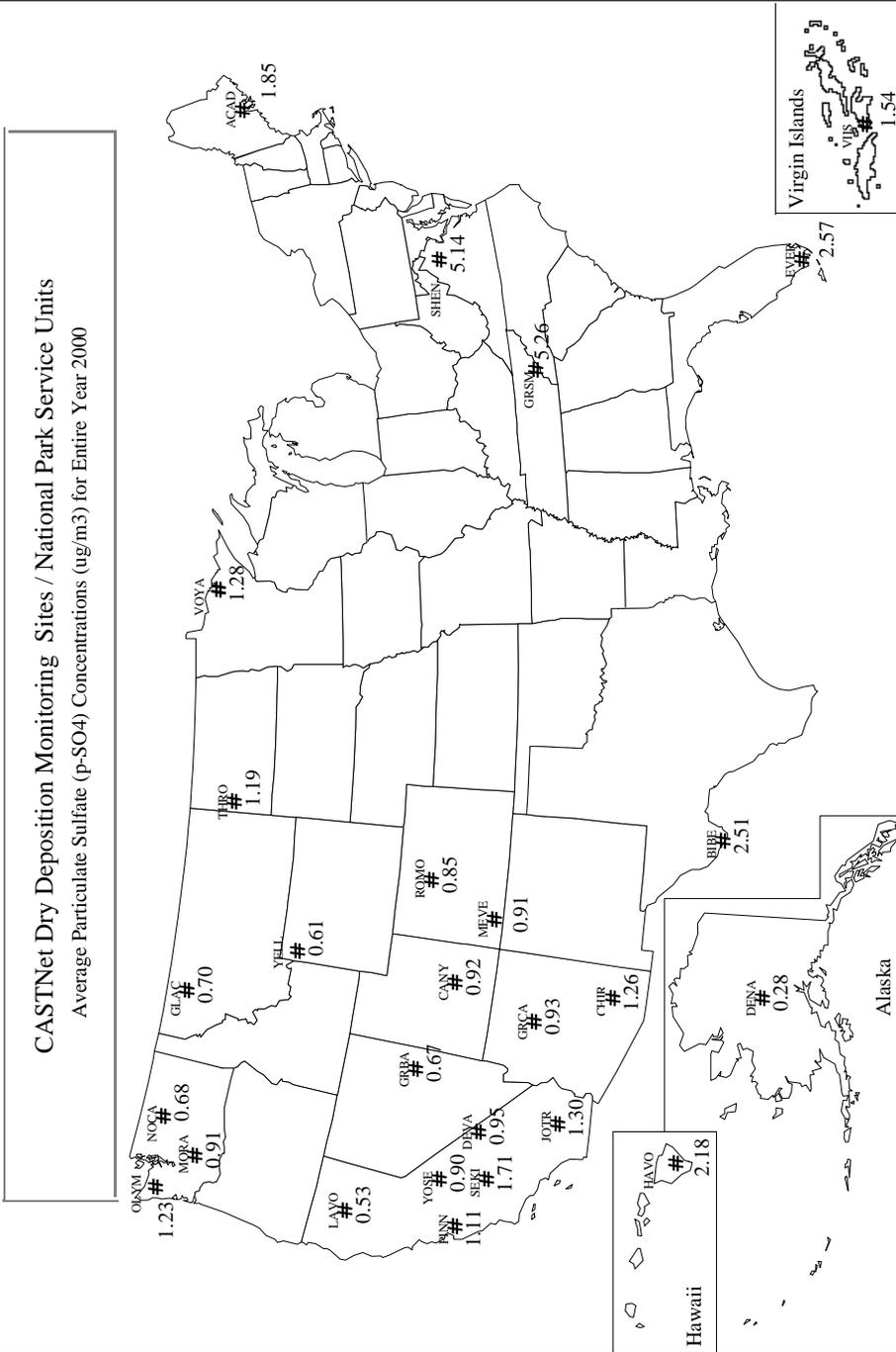
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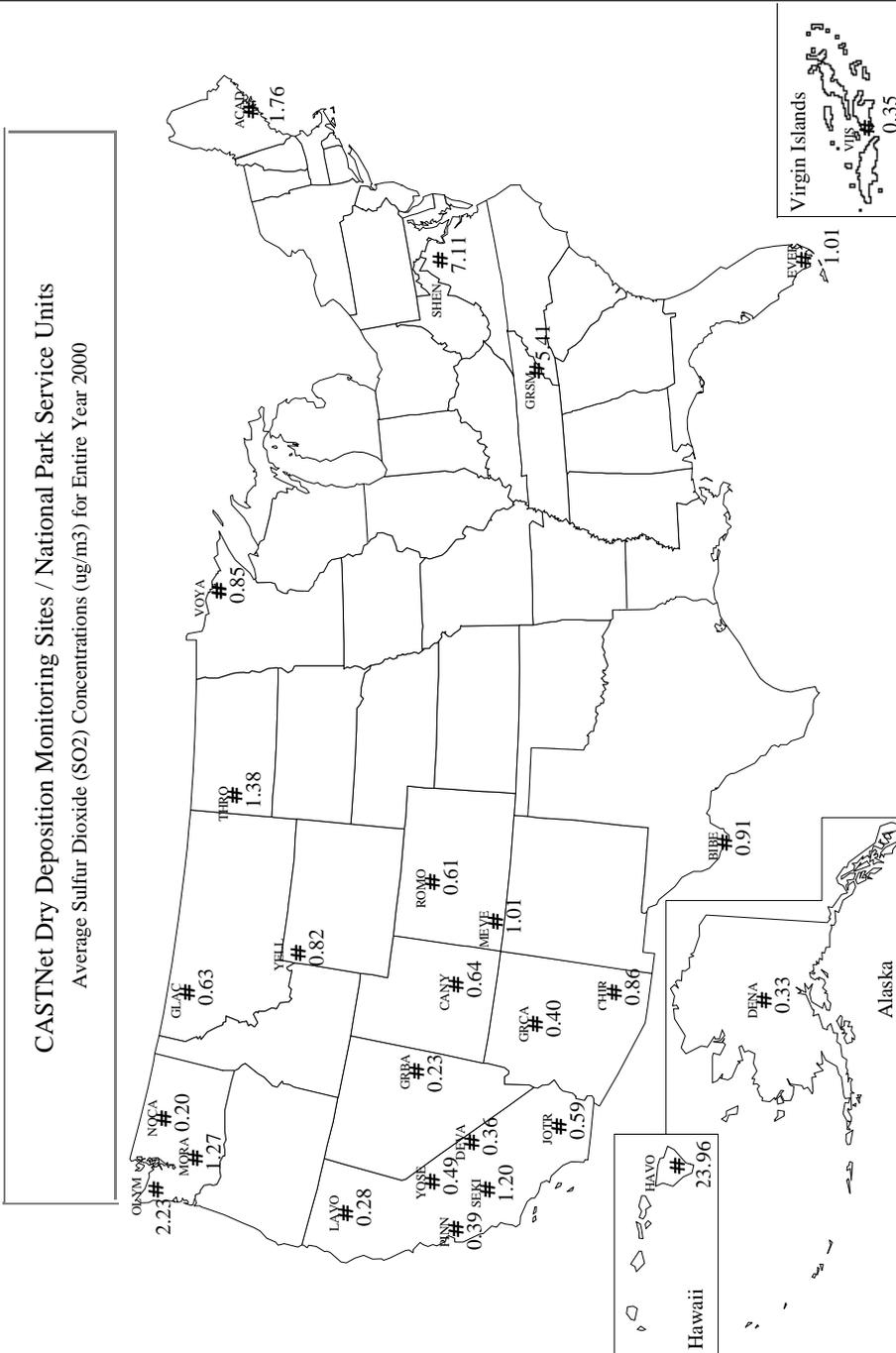
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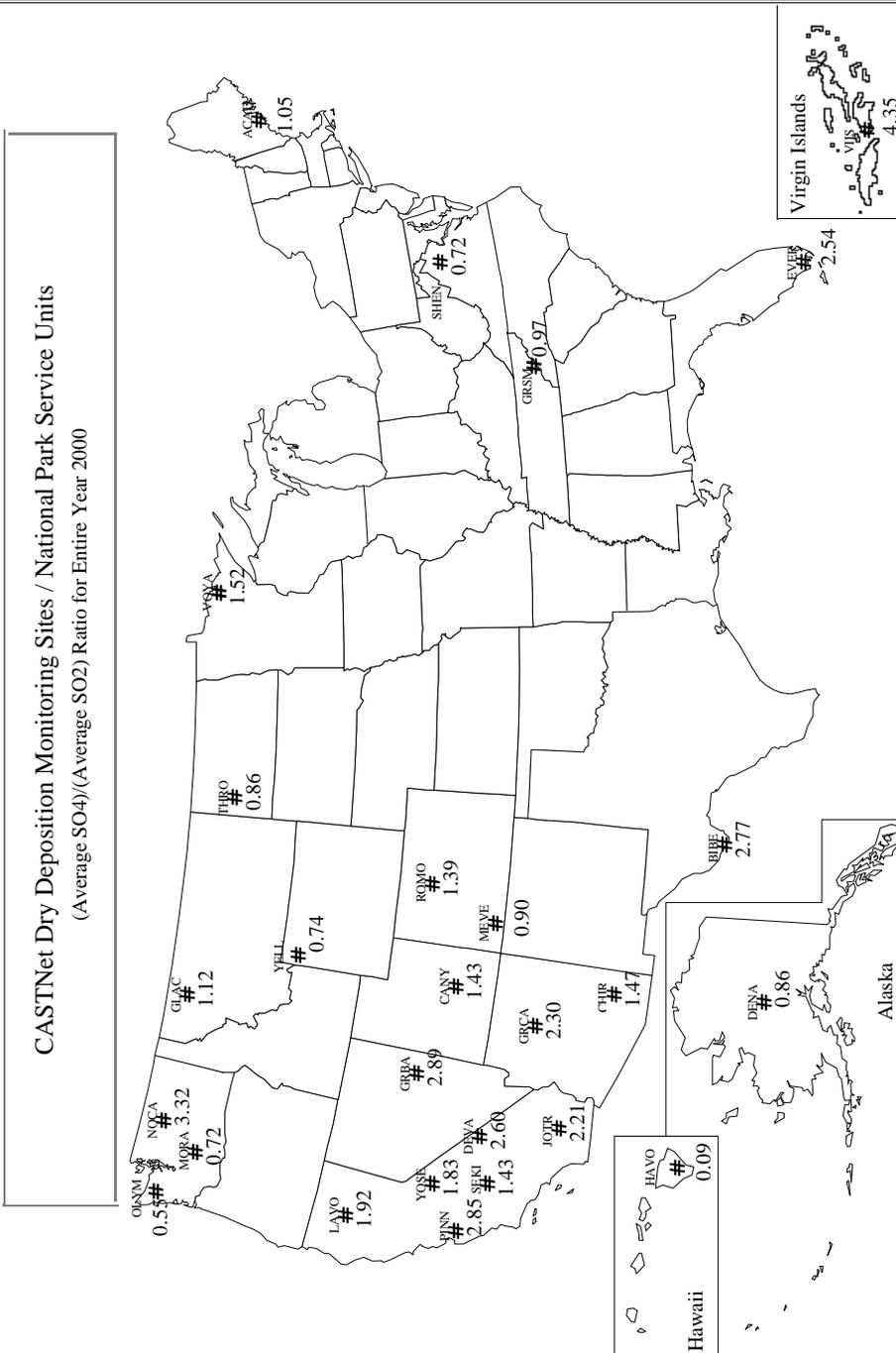
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### **3.0 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AIR RESOURCES DIVISION DATA SOURCES**

#### **3.1 GUIDE TO ATTACHED DATA DISKS**

Data disks containing ASCII files of the validated hourly data, as shown in the following table are available. Please return the enclosed postcard or contact the address below. These data may be imported into other programs to perform additional data processing and analysis. The data format of each file is included within each file. The second table describes the validation codes used in the data tables to indicate why data are missing or invalid. Wind and pollutant frequency distribution tables in ASCII format are also included on the diskette if available for this site.

Data users should acknowledge the National Park Service Air Resources Division whenever using these data or any portion of this report.

#### **3.2 OTHER SOURCES FOR RETRIEVING NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GASEOUS POLLUTANT DATA**

The data contained in this report may also be obtained from the following sources:

- National Park Service AIRWeb (<http://www.aqd.nps.gov/natnet/ard>) - available after last quarter 2000
- EPA AIRS database
- Data requests directed to:

NPS Air Resources Division  
Information Management Center  
c/o Air Resource Specialists, Inc.  
1901 Sharp Point Drive, Suite E  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525  
Telephone: (970) 484-7941  
Fax: (970) 484-3423  
E-Mail: AIR-IMC@AIR-RESOURCE.COM

<b>Data Disk Contents Summary</b>	
File Name (s)	Description
<b>Hourly</b>	
ssssyy.DAT	All Validated Air Quality Data
ssssymm.ppp	Monthly Data Summary Tables
ssssAN95.Rpp	Annual Wind and Pollutant Frequency Distribution
ssssQ195.Rpp	Quarter 1 Wind and Pollutant Frequency Distribution
ssssQ295.Rpp	Quarter 2 Wind and Pollutant Frequency Distribution
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ssssQ495.Rpp	Quarter 4 Wind and Pollutant Frequency Distribution
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<b>CASTNet Weekly Species Summary Data</b>	
File Name (s)	Description
<b>CASTNet</b>	
ssssCNyr.ASC	Weekly averages
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<b>NPS IMC and AIRS Invalid Data Codes</b>			
<b>NPS IMC VAL CODE</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>AIRS CODE</b>	<b>AIRS REASON</b>
TO	Sample time out of limits	9973	Sample time out of limits
IW	Instrument warmup	9978	Voided by operator
OE	Operator error	9978	
BM	Begin monitoring	9979	Miscellaneous void
TL	Station temp low	9979	
OS	Off scale	9979	
EM	End monitoring	9979	
LI	Local interference	9979	
TH	Station temp high	9979	
IM	Instrument malfunction	9980	Machine malfunction
IN	Interference	9981	Bad weather
RF	Recording system failure	9983	Collection error
NA	No data	9987	Monitoring waived
PF	Power failure	9988	Power Failure
PC	Precision check	9990	Precision Check
ZS	Instrument zero/span check	9991	QC Control Points (Zero/Span)
SA	System audit	9992	QC Audit
PA	Performance audit	9992	
MT	Maintenance	9993	Maintenance/Routine Repairs
OR	Out for repair	9993	
CA	Calibration	9995	Multipoint calibration
SC	Station check	9998	Precision/zero/span

## 4.0 GLOSSARY

### 4.1 DEFINITIONS AND COMPUTATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE QUICK LOOK ANNUAL SUMMARY STATISTICS REPORT

The National Park Service Quick Look Annual Summary Statistics Table (Page 2-8) provides ozone summary statistics for various indices computed on a monthly basis for an entire year. Growing season (generically defined to be May 1 - September 30) and annual statistics are also presented under the "MAY-SEP" and "ANNUAL" columns, respectively. All concentrations are expressed in the units of parts per billion (PPB) and exposures in parts per billion-hours (PPB-HR). The definitions for each of the statistics appearing on the Quick Look Annual Summary Table are given below.

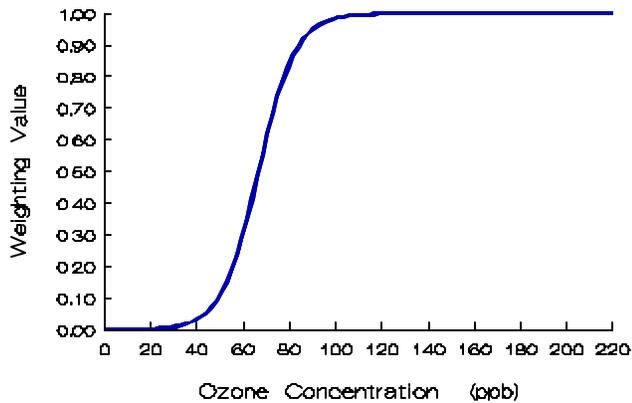
- (1) **Daily 1-Hr Maximum.** The maximum 1-hour average concentration recorded during each month, the growing season or the year regardless of the number of valid hourly observations recorded during a given day. The number in parentheses below this statistic, (N), indicates the number of days in the month, growing season, or year with valid data.
- (2) **Average Daily Maximum.** The average of all Daily 1-Hr Maxima during the month regardless of the number of Daily 1-Hr Maxima recorded during the month. For the "MAY-SEP" column the average of all the Daily Maxima recorded during the growing season is given. For the "ANNUAL" column the average of all the Daily Maxima is given. N is as in (1) above.
- (3) **Maximum Daily Mean.** The maximum of the valid daily means computed for each month, the growing season ("MAY-SEP" column), and the year ("ANNUAL" column). A valid daily mean is one for which 75% of the observations are available for each day, i.e., 18 hours. N is the number of days during each month, growing season, and year with at least 18 observations.
- (4) **Average Daily Mean.** The average of all valid daily means for the month, the growing season ("MAY-SEP" column), and the year ("ANNUAL" column). N is as in (3) above.
- (5) **Max Peak:Min Ratio.** The ratio of the Daily 1-Hr Maximum to the Daily 1-Hr Minimum. A ratio is computed only if a valid Daily Mean is computed and if the Daily 1-Hr Minimum is not equal to zero. N is the number of days with a valid Peak:Min ratio.
- (6) **Average Peak:Min Ratio.** The average of all Peak:Min ratios for the month, growing season, or year. N is as in (5) above.
- (7) **Max 9AM-4PM Average.** The maximum of all valid 9AM-4PM Averages computed for the month, growing season, or year. A valid 9AM-4PM Average is one which has 75% of the observations available during that time period (i.e., 6 hours. N is the number of days with valid averages.)

- (8) **Monthly 9AM-4PM Average.** The average of all valid 9AM-4PM Averages for the month, growing season, or year. N is as in (7) above.
- (9) **Max 7AM-7PM Average.** The maximum of all valid 7AM-7PM Averages computed for the month, growing season, or year. A valid 7AM-7PM Average is one which has 75% of the observations available during that time period, i.e., 9 hours. N is the number of days with valid averages.
- (10) **Monthly 7AM-7PM Average.** The average of all valid 7AM-7PM averages for the month, growing season, or year. N is as in (9) above.
- (11) **Monthly Mean.** The average of all 1-Hr ozone concentrations recorded during the month, growing season, or year. A mean is computed regardless of the number of hours with valid data. N is the number of hours with valid observations.
- (12) **SUM0 Exposure Index.** The monthly sum of all hourly ozone concentrations. Units are PPB-HR. The "MAY-SEP" column sums across the months of May through September to give the cumulative exposure for the growing season. The "ANNUAL" column sums across every month to give the cumulative exposure for the year. N is the number of hours with valid observations and is the same N as in (11) above.
- (13) **SUM60 Exposure Index.** The monthly sum of all hourly ozone concentrations equaling or exceeding 60 PPB. Units are PPB-HR. The "MAY-SEP" column sums across the months of May through September to give the cumulative exposure for the growing season. The "ANNUAL" column sums across every month to give the cumulative exposure for the year. N is the number of hours equaling or exceeding 60 PPB during the month, growing season, or year.
- (14) **SUM80 Exposure Index.** The monthly sum of all hourly ozone concentrations equaling or exceeding 80 PPB. Units are PPB-HR. The "MAY-SEP" column sums across the months of May through September to give the cumulative exposure for the growing season. The "ANNUAL" column sums across every month to give the cumulative exposure for the year. N is the number of hours equaling or exceeding 80 PPB during the month, growing season, or year.
- (15) **W126 Exposure Index.** The monthly sum of all hourly ozone concentrations where each concentration is weighted by a function that gives greater emphasis to the higher hourly concentrations while still including the lower ones. This weighting function provides a weighting value that is unique for each hourly ozone concentration. The weighting function, as described by Lefohn, Laurence, and Kohut<sup>1</sup> is:

$$w_i = \frac{1}{1 + 4403 \exp(-.126c_i)}$$

where

Weighting Function Used To Calculate W126 Exposure Index



$w_i$  = weighting value for hourly concentration  $i$ ,  
and  
 $c_i$  = hourly concentration  $i$  in PPB.

The graph of weighting value versus ozone concentration, in the figure to the left, illustrates the greater weights given to higher hourly ozone concentrations.

Each hour's weighting value is multiplied by its corresponding hourly concentration. This product is summed over all the valid hours in each month to calculate the monthly W126 exposure.

Thus, the monthly W126 exposure is:

$$W126 = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i c_i$$

where

- W126 = monthly W126 exposure index,
- $w_i$  = weighting value for hourly concentration  $i$ ,
- $c_i$  = hourly concentration  $i$  in PPB, and
- $n$  = number of hours in the month with valid ozone concentrations.

The "MAY-SEP" column sums across the months of May through September to give the cumulative exposure for the growing season. The "ANNUAL" column sums across every month to give the cumulative exposure for the year. The exposure units are PPB-HR.

Because each hour contributes to this exposure index,  $N$  is the number of hours with valid observations and is the same  $N$  as in (11) and (12) above.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency usually considers air quality statistics, such as a mean, to be "valid" (i.e., representative of the parameter being estimated for the time interval in question) only if 75% or more of the total possible observations have been measured during that time interval. Therefore, one should exercise caution when comparing these statistics between months and sites, particularly those that are not averages (e.g., maxima and exposures) whenever the number of valid observations is less than 75% of the total possible.

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## 4.2 AIR QUALITY GLOSSARY

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**Acid Deposition:** Air pollution produced when acid chemicals are incorporated into rain, snow, fog, or mist.

**Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS):** A computer-based database of U.S. air pollution information administered by the EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency).

**AIRWeb:** Air Resources Web, an air quality information retrieval system for U.S. parks and wildlife refuges developed by the Air Resources Division of the National Park Service and the Air Quality Branch of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Air Pollutant:** An unwanted chemical or other material found in the air.

**Air Pollution:** Degradation of air quality resulting from unwanted chemicals or other materials occurring in the air.

**Air Quality:** The properties and degree of purity of air to which people and natural and heritage resources are exposed (in the context of national parks).

**Air Pollution Control Permitting Process:** Process by which facilities are permitted to emit specified types and quantities of air pollutants.

**Air Quality Related Values (AQRVs):** Values including visibility, flora, fauna, cultural and historical resources, odor, soil, water, and virtually all resources that are dependent upon and affected by air quality. "These values include visibility and those scenic, cultural, biological, and recreation resources of an area that are affected by air quality." (*43 Fed. Reg. 15016*)

**Ambient Air:** Air that is accessible to the public.

**Class I:** Areas of the country set aside under the Clean Air Act to receive the most stringent degree of air quality protection.

**Class II:** Areas of the country protected under the Clean Air Act but identified for somewhat less stringent protection from air pollution damage than Class I, except in specified cases.

**Clean Air Act:** Originally passed in 1963, our current national air pollution control program is based on the 1970 version of the law. Substantial revisions were made by the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

**Continuous Sampling Device:** An air analyzer that measures air quality components continuously.

**Criteria:** Information on health and/or environmental effects of pollution (in the context of criteria air pollutants).

**Criteria Air Pollutant:** A group of very common air pollutants regulated by EPA on the basis of criteria and for which a National Ambient Air Quality Standard is established (SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, Pb, CO, O<sub>3</sub>).

**Emissions:** Release of pollutants into the air from a source.

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** The federal agency responsible for regulating air quality.

**Monitoring:** Measurement of air pollution.

**National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS):** Permissible levels of criteria air pollutant established to protect public health and welfare.

**Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>):** A criteria air pollutant that is a strong oxidizing agent, reactive with many other compounds and surfaces, and a health hazard in high concentrations. Ozone is formed by nitrogen oxides and organic compounds reacting in sunlight.

**Source:** Any place or object from which air pollutants are released. Sources that are fixed in space are stationary sources; sources that move are mobile sources.

**Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>):** A criteria air pollutant that is a gas produced by burning coal and some industrial processes.

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### 4.3 GLOSSARY OF AIR QUALITY UNITS

Units Conversion Table			
Parameter Type	Multiply	By	To Obtain
Pollutant	ppm	1000	ppb
	ppm	1960	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Ozone (at 25°C)
	ppm	2615	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Sulfur Dioxide (at 25°C)
	ppb	0.001	ppm
	ppb	1.960	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Ozone (at 25°C)
	ppb	2.615	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Sulfur Dioxide (at 25°C)
	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Ozone (25°C)	0.0005102	ppm
	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Ozone (25°C)	0.5102	ppb
	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Sulfur Dioxide (25°C)	0.0003824	ppm
	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ Sulfur Dioxide (25°C)	0.3824	ppb
Wind Speed	m/s	2.237	mph
	mph	0.4470	m/s
Solar Radiation	ly/min	697	$\text{w}/\text{m}^2$
	$\text{w}/\text{m}^2$	0.00143	ly/min
Precipitation	mm/hr	0.0394	in/hr
	in/hr	25.4	mm/hr
Temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C} + 17.78$	1.8	$^{\circ}\text{F}$
	$^{\circ}\text{F} - 32$	5/9	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
<p>Where:</p> <p>ppm = parts per million</p> <p>ppb = parts per billion</p> <p><math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math> = micrograms per cubic meter (at 25°C)</p> <p>m/s = meters per second</p> <p>mps = miles per hour</p> <p>ly/min = langley's per minute</p> <p><math>\text{w}/\text{m}^2</math> = watts per square meter</p> <p>mm/hr = millimeters per hour</p> <p>in/hr = inches per hour</p> <p><math>^{\circ}\text{C}</math> = degrees centigrade</p> <p><math>^{\circ}\text{F}</math> = degrees fahrenheit</p>			