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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pechanga Environmental Department, on behalf of the Pechanga Tribal Government, has updated the Tribe's Annual Air Network Plan for 2024. The Air Network Plan provides technical information on how air data is collected, analyzed, and stored at Pechanga's air station. As part of compliance with the Clean Air Act (CAA) Pechanga Environmental Department will be accepting public comments on the Plan for 30 calendar days, commencing **May 23, 2024** and closing **June 23, 2024 at 5:00 pm**.

To obtain a copy of the Annual Air Network Plan, please request a copy from the front desk of the Pechanga Government Center. Copies of this document will also be on file in the Pechanga Environmental Department and available on request, and also available as a portable document file (pdf) download from Pechanga's website (www.pechanga-nsn.gov).

All comments must be made in writing and can be submitted via email (PTG_Environmental@pechanga-nsn.gov), via standard mail (P.O. Box 1477, Temecula, CA 92593, ATTN: Pechanga Environmental Department), or delivered in person to the front desk of the Pechanga Government Center (ATTN: Pechanga Environmental Department).

Please note that the Pechanga Government Center is open from **8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday through Friday**, excluding holidays.

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Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requires the Pechanga Band of Indians (Tribe) to complete the Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Network Plan for the Tribe's ambient air monitoring station. EPA's requirements for the annual plan are listed in 40 CFR § 58.10.

The regulations from Title 40, Part 58, Section 10(a)(1) of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 58.10, (a)(1)) state that:

“Beginning July 1, 2007, the state, or where applicable local, agency shall submit to the Regional Administrator an annual monitoring network plan which shall provide for the documentation of the establishment and maintenance of an air quality surveillance system that consists of a network of SLAMS monitoring stations that can include FRM, FEM, and ARM monitors that are part of SLAMS, NCore, CSN, PAMS, and SPM stations. The plan shall include a statement of whether the operation of each monitor meets the requirements of appendices A, B, C, D, and E of this part, where applicable. The Regional Administrator may require additional information in support of this statement. The annual monitoring network plan must be made available for public inspection and comment for at least 30 days prior to submission to the EPA and the submitted plan shall include and address, as appropriate, any received comments.”

It is the Tribe's objective to maintain and operate its ambient air monitoring station according to all applicable federal regulations and guidance documents. The air station meets the requirements listed in CFR 58,10 (a)(1); except where otherwise noted, each monitor meets the requirements of appendices A, B, C, D, and E, where applicable. The purpose of this Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan (Plan) is to provide evidence that current regulations are being met for the Pechanga air monitoring network, to detail any changes proposed for the 18 months following its publication, and to provide specific information on the existing monitoring site.

The Tribe operates the Air Monitoring Program through the Pechanga Environmental Department (PED). The PED staff performs a complete review of the Pechanga Air Program annually to ensure the program is running effectively and within compliance for valid data submission.

The Pechanga Air Program began in 2008 with the collection of air quality data according to the program Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) which follows the US EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The data collected and monitored at Pechanga Air Station includes ozone (O₃) and Particulate Matter 2.5 micrometers and smaller (PM_{2.5}) federal equivalent method/federal reference method (FEM/FRM), which are submitted to the EPA online Air Quality System (AQS) quarterly. The program received Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding to install an informational ambient air program that will collect Particulate Matter 2.5 through a Teledyne API Model T640 PM Mass Monitor on a second site located on the Reservation. The data collection is planned to begin in September 2024. This data will be compared to the regulatory monitoring site located on the Pechanga Government Center.

Public Comment

The Annual Monitoring Network Plan must be made available for public review and comment for 30 days prior to submission to U.S. EPA. Information on how to comment on the plan and any comments received are listed in Appendix A.

The Annual Network Plan is available on the Pechanga website and a public notice was posted notifying the public of the document's availability for review and comment. The community and public were able to access the report and submit written comments on the Plan. The state and local agencies are also able to access the plan for review and comment. Any comments received by the PED are reviewed, documented and added to Plan, as applicable. Comments will be included in Appendix A.

Network Design

The Tribe has been operating its air monitoring station since 2008. The site is located on the Pechanga Indian Reservation (Reservation) on the southeastern boundary of the city of Temecula (Figure 1). The single air monitoring site collects data for multiple pollutants. Table 1 provides a list of monitoring locations, pollutants monitored and the EPA AQS site code. On April 3, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) took a final action to revise the boundaries of the Southern California air quality planning areas to designate the reservation of the Pechanga Band of Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, as a separate air quality planning area for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

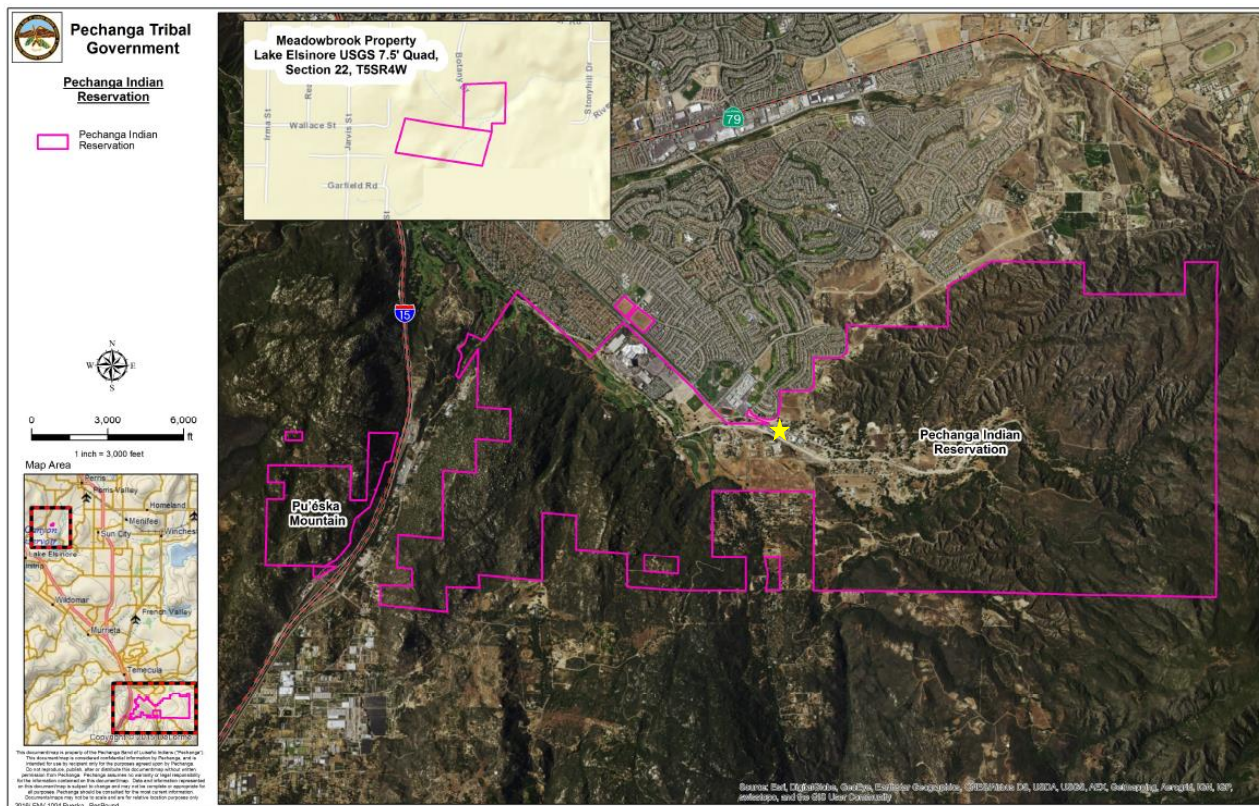


Figure 1: Pechanga Air Station Location - Air Quality Planning Area for the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS

Site Name	AQS Code	Pollutants Monitored
Pechanga Air Station	TT-586-0009	O ₃ PM _{2.5}

Table 1: Pechanga Air Station Pollutants Monitored

Site Selection and Purpose

The selection of the air monitoring site was based on the information listed below:

- determine representative concentrations and exposure in areas of population density;
- determine the highest concentrations of pollutants in an area based on topography and/or wind patterns;
- judge compliance with and/or progress made towards meeting the NAAQS;
- track pollution trends;
- determine general background concentration levels (The exact location of a site is most often dependent on the logistics of the area chosen for monitoring, such as site access, security, and power availability); and,
- determine the welfare-related impacts in more rural and remote areas such as visibility impairment and effects on vegetation.

NAAQS Comparable

The Annual Monitoring Network Plan and Periodic Network Assessment requirements can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations; Title 40, part 58.10. According to this CFR the Pechanga air station meets the suitability requirement for the program, there are no proposed changes or modifications to the program. The O₃ and PM_{2.5} data can be compared to the NAAQS.

Minimum Monitoring Requirements

The Pechanga monitoring station meets the minimum monitoring requirements for all criteria pollutants O₃ and PM_{2.5} (Tables 2, 3, and 4). The data is certified annually, the last report which includes the Airborne Particulate Monitor (APM) 600 was submitted June 30, 2023.

O₃

Ground-level O₃, or photochemical smog, is not emitted into the atmosphere as O₃, but rather is formed by the reactions of other pollutants. The primary pollutants entering into this reaction, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), create O₃ in the presence of sunlight (ultraviolet radiation).

O₃ exposure has been associated with increased susceptibility to respiratory infections, medication use, doctor and emergency department visits and hospital admissions for individuals with lung disease. O₃ exposure also increases the risk of premature death from heart and lung disease. Children are at increased risk from O₃ because their lungs are still developing and they are more likely to have increased exposure since they are often active outdoors¹.

In addition, cumulative O₃ exposure can lead to reduced tree growth; visibly injured leaves and increased susceptibility to disease, damage from insects and harsh weather. These effects can have adverse impacts on ecosystems, including loss of species and changes to habitat quality, and water and nutrient cycles².

Table 2: Minimum Monitoring Requirements for O₃

Tribal Land	County	County Population in July 1, 2023 (US Census Bureau)¹	Annual Design Value 2021-2023 (ppm) O₃ e 8-hour 2015	Monitors Required	Active Monitors	Monitors Needed
Pechanga Indian Reservation	Riverside CA Metro Area / San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA Metro Area	2,492,442 / 3,269,973	0.067	1	1	0

The Pechanga air station is collecting O₃ data, measured in parts per million (ppm), to be used by the Tribe to make regulatory decisions in support of Tribal sovereignty. The data are also collected for use by the community and for the Tribe to monitor NAAQS compliance. The data are submitted to AQS to demonstrate compliance with NAAQS and to support research by the community and regulatory agencies.

The equipment used in the station include a Teledyne API T400 O₃ analyzer that collects measurements of ambient concentrations of O₃ on a continuous basis. The T400 operates on the principle that O₃ molecules absorb UV light at a wavelength of 254 nanometers. The sample is drawn into the analyzer through the sample bulkhead and is split into two gas streams. The two

¹ U.S. EPA. 2024. Health Effects of Ozone Pollution (<https://www.epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution/health-effects-ozone-pollution#:~:text=Ozone%20is%20a%20powerful%20oxidant,ozon%20can%20cause%20health%20effects>)

² U.S. EPA. 2023. Ground-level Ozone Ecosystem Effects. <https://www.epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution/ecosystem-effects-ozone-pollution>)

samples are then analyzed and averaged. This analyzer was designated by the EPA as an equivalent method for the monitoring of O₃, (EQOA-0992-087).

The station has been using the DR DAS LTD datalogger since October 2016. The datalogger began collecting data on November 14, 2016. This software provides the O₃ data in 1-minute, hourly, 8-hourly, and daily averages. The statistics that are calculated and presented in the O₃ data reports include: 1) maximum 1-hour average for the month; and, 2) maximum running 8-hour average for each day. Both are calculated per the method described in 40 CFR 50 Appendix I.

PM_{2.5}

Fine particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less is created primarily from industrial processes and fuel combustion. These particles are breathed deeply into the lungs. Exposure to particle pollution is linked to a variety of significant health problems ranging from aggravated asthma to premature death in people with heart and lung disease³.

Table 3: Minimum Monitoring Requirements for PM_{2.5}

Tribal Land	County	County Population in July 1, 2023 (US Census Bureau)	Annual Design Value 2021-2023 (ppm)	24-Hr Design Value µg/m³	Monitors Required	Active Monitors	Monitors Needed
Pechanga Indian Reservation	Riverside CA Metro Area / San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA Metro Area	2,492,442 / 3,269,973	6.4*	13*	0	2	0

* Annual Values not meeting completeness criteria are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Pechanga air station is collecting PM_{2.5} data, measured in micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³), to be used by the Tribe to make regulatory decisions in support of tribal sovereignty. The data are also collected for use by the community and for the Tribe to monitor NAAQS compliance. The data are submitted to AQS to demonstrate compliance with NAAQS and to support research by the community and regulatory agencies. All sites are suitable for comparison against the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

The method used for the Beta Attenuation Monitor (BAM) Model 1020 configured for PM_{2.5} FEM monitoring includes sampling of ambient air through a standard EPA PM₁₀ inlet head and a Very Sharp Cut Cyclone (VSCC) at a volumetric flow rate of 16.7 liters per minute. A Smart Heater \ attached to the inlet system, and controlled by relative humidity (RH) measured at the filter tape, minimizes positive artifact from water sorption in humid environments. Particles in the air stream are collected and measured on quartz fiber filter tape. PM_{2.5} concentrations and sampling attribute data are reported hourly for a 24-hour period, from midnight to midnight. The equipment is listed

³ AirNow. 2023. Particle Pollution (PM). (<https://document.airnow.gov/air-quality-guide-for-particle-pollution.pdf>)

in the EPA list of designated reference and equivalent methods as: EQPM-0798-122. The program is interested in replacing the current analyzer with a BAM 1022, however it is not passing quality control (QC). The future replacement has not been determined and the station operator is still running tests on the analyzer.

A collocated PM_{2.5} sampler at the air station is a Thermo Scientific Partisol Model 2000i. The Partisol 2000i Air Sampler was designed to conform to the U.S. EPA FRM for fine particulate sampling. The hardware was designed to meet or exceed the requirements of CFR 40 Part 50. It is located 2.34 meters from the primary sampler, at a right angle to the prevailing southwest wind direction. Its sample inlet is nine meters above the ground, at the same height as the primary sampler. The Partisol 2000i sampler operates by splitting a PM₁₀ sample stream into its PM_{2.5} and coarse fractions (particles between 2.5 and 10 microns in size) using an U.S. EPA designed virtual impactor for the 2.5 micron cutpoint. The system collects particulate matter on two 47 mm diameter filters simultaneously. The sampler is operated for a 24-hour period, from midnight to midnight, once every 6 days, according to the national schedule⁴. The equipment is listed in the EPA list of designated reference and equivalent methods as: RFPS-0694-098.

Meteorological Instruments

The purposes of the meteorological measurements at the Pechanga air station are to provide local information to the Tribe and to assist in providing characterizations of regional-scale meteorological patterns in conjunction with the air quality measurements.

The station uses the Vaisala WXT520 equipment to collect meteorological data, with the exception of the precipitation, for data validation. The equipment uses specific data collection and analysis methods. They are as follows:

For wind speed: the WXT520 uses Vaisala WINDCAP® sensor technology in wind measurement. The wind sensor has an array of three equally spaced ultrasonic transducers on a horizontal plane. Wind speed and wind directions are determined by measuring the time it takes the ultrasound to travel from each transducer to the other two. The wind sensor measures the transit time (in both directions) along the three paths established by the array of transducers. This transit time depends on the wind speed along the ultrasonic path. For zero wind speed, both the forward and reverse transit times are the same. With wind along the sound path, the up-wind direction transit time increases and the down-wind transit time decreases. The wind speed is calculated from the measured transit times using the formula.

For precipitation: For rain data the station uses the Ecotech Rainmaster 1000 Tipping Bucket rain gauge. Each unit consists of a collector funnel with leaf filter, an integrated measurement mechanism and an outer enclosure with quick release fasteners. The bucket tips when precipitation of 0.01 inch, 0.2mm or 0.5mm has been collected. Each tip activates a reed switch closure which is detected by a data logger. The rainwater can be collected in a bottle located beneath the rain gauge for sample verification or further analysis.

⁴ U.S. EPA. 2024. EPA Sampling Schedule. (https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-09/2024_sampling_schedule.pdf)

For pressure, temperature, and humidity measurement: WXT520 uses the measurement principle of the pressure, temperature, and humidity sensors. Measurement is based on an advanced resistor-capacitor (RC) oscillator and two reference capacitors against which the capacitance of the sensors is continuously measured. The microprocessor of the transmitter performs compensation for the temperature dependency of the pressure and humidity sensors.

Data Availability

Data is submitted to EPA through the AQS and the data can be accessed through the system. The types of data submitted to AQS include the hourly values for the continuous monitors, the FRM data, the precision checks and 1-point QC checks. The department annually reviews the data and submits a letter and data certification to EPA for the Annual Data Certification requirement. Currently, the PED makes data available to Pechanga Tribal Members upon request.

Monitoring Objectives.

The ambient air monitoring networks must be designed to meet three basic monitoring objectives. These basic objectives are listed below. The appearance of any one objective in the order of this list is not based upon a prioritized scheme. Each objective is important and must be considered individually:

- (a) Provide air pollution data to the general public in a timely manner. The Pechanga Air program makes their data available through AQS. The data are uploaded into the AQS quarterly.
- (b) The Pechanga air program will work to capture data to meet compliance with NAAQS standards and emissions strategy development. Data from monitors of various types can be used in the development of attainment and maintenance plans.
- (c) The Pechanga Air Program submits information to AQS which can be accessed for the purpose of support for air pollution research studies.

Detailed Site Information

Site Name: Pechanga

The Pechanga ambient air monitoring station was established in the spring of 2008 in order to represent regional-scale air quality. It is located at the Pechanga Government Center. On April 3, 2015 EPA designated the Pechanga Reservation as a separate air quality planning area for the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

Recent or Proposed Changes

The Pechanga Air Program anticipates continuing the current program that is in place. The department is planning to install a second informational non-regulatory monitoring station on the Reservation. The station is planned to be operational by September 30, 2024. The program will continue to monitor and maintain the level of technical and professional proficiency as a designated separate air quality planning area for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

Table 5: Pechanga Air Network Site Information

Site Name	Pechanga		
AQS ID	TT-586-0009		
GPS coordinates	33°26'52.37"N 117° 5'19.30"W		
Location	Pechanga Government Center, Pechanga Reservation		
Address	12705 Pechanga Road, Temecula, CA 92593		
Counties	Riverside and San Diego		
Distances to roads	Pechanga Road: 57meters Pechanga Parkway: 1,075 meters Pala Road: 608 meters I-15: 4.6 kilometers		
Traffic counts	Pechanga Road: no data (road is within Reservation) Pechanga Parkway 9030 ADT (2019 data) ¹ Pechanga Parkway north of Deer Hollow Way: 15160 (2021 data) ¹ I-15: 97000 ADT (2021data) ² ¹ () ² (https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/census)		
Groundcover	Paved from east to north; vegetated from south to west		
Representative Area	Pechanga Band of Indians Reservation- Riverside and San Diego County, Temecula, CA Tribal Land		
Pollutant, Parameter Occurrence Code (POC)	Ozone 1	PM_{2.5} 1	PM_{2.5} 2
Primary / QA Collocated / Other	Primary	Primary	Collocated
Parameter Code	44201	88101	88101
Site Type	General/background & regional transport	General/background & regional transport	General/background & regional transport
Monitor Type	SLAMS	SLAMS	SLAMS
Monitoring Objectives	public information; NAAQS compliance; research	public information; NAAQS compliance; research	public information; NAAQS compliance; research
Network Affiliation	Pechanga	Pechanga	Pechanga
Method Code	087	170	143
FRM / FEM / ARM / Other	FEM	FEM	FRM
Collecting Agency	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band
Analytical Lab	NA	N/A	IML Air Science 555 Absaraka Street Sheridan, WY 82801
Reporting Agency	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band	Pechanga Band
Spatial scale	Regional	Regional	Regional
Monitoring Start Date	June 9, 2008	August 12, 2008	August 12, 2008
Current Sampling Frequency	Continuous	Continuous	1:6
Analysis method	N/A	N/A	N/A
Start date	June 9, 2008	August 12, 2008	August 12, 2008
Operation schedule	Continuous	Continuous	1 in 6 coll
Sampling season	Year round	Year round	Year round

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Probe height†	1.26 meters	2.6 meters	2.03 meters
Distance from supporting structure	1.3 meters	2.5 meters	2.4 meters
Distance from obstructions on roof	16.15 meters horizontal 2.5 meters vertical	17.07 meters horizontal 2.5 meters vertical	15.24 meters horizontal 2.5 meters vertical
Distance from obstructions not on roof	50.3 meters Horizontal 3 meters Vertical	50.3 meters Horizontal 3 meters Vertical	50.3 meters Horizontal 3 meters Vertical
Distance from tree dripline	50.3 meters	50.3 meters	50.3 meters
Distance to furnace or incinerator flue	N/A	N/A	N/A
Distance between collocated monitors	N/A	2.34 meters	2.34 meters
Unrestricted airflow	360°	360°	360°
Probe material	Teflon	Teflon	N/A
Residence time for reactive gases NO/NO2/NOy, SO2, O3; PAMS: VOCs, Carbonyls (seconds)	5.80	N/A	N/A
Will there be changes within the next 18 months?	No	Unsure, BAM 1022 was purchased however it is not passing QC.	No
Is it suitable for comparison against the annual PM _{2.5} ?	N/A	Yes	Yes
Frequency of flow rate verification for manual PM samplers audit	N/A	N/A	Monthly
Frequency of flow rate verification for automated PM analyzers audit	N/A	Monthly	N/A
Frequency of one-point QC check (gaseous)	weekly	N/A	N/A
Last Annual Performance Evaluation (gaseous)	07/12/2023	N/A	N/A
Last two semi-annual flow rate audits for PM monitors	N/A	12/27/2023 04/26/2023	12/27/2023 04/26/2023

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Site Name	Pechanga			
Meteorological	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Ambient Temp	Rel. Humidity
Manufacturer	Vaisala	Vaisala	Vaisala	Vaisala
Model	WXT520	WXT520	WXT520	WXT520
Range	0.4 to 50.0 m/s	000 to 360°	-10.0 to 50.0°C	0-100% RH
Analysis method	Automatic Sensor and Formulation	Automatic Sensor and Formulation	RC Oscillator	RC Oscillator
Start date	April 27, 2015	April 27, 2015	April 27, 2015	April 27, 2015
Height above ground	11 meters	11 meters	9 meters	9 meters
Vertical distance from supporting structure	3.3 meters	3.3 meters	1.5 meters	1.5 meters
Horizontal distance from supporting structure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Distance from obstructions on roof	16 meters	16 meters	16 meters	16 meters
Distance from obstructions not on roof	50 meters/ SW	50 meters/ SW	50 meters/ SW	50 meters/ SW
Unrestricted airflow	360°	360°	360°	360°

Site Name	Pechanga			
Meteorological	Precipitation	Solar Radiation	Pressure	
Manufacturer	Ecotech	Middleton	Vaisala	
Model	Rainmaster 1000	SK01-D2	WXT520	
Range	N/A	0 to 1400 wt/m ²	600 to 800 mm Hg	
Analysis method	Tipping bucket	Differential thermopile	RC Oscillator	
Start date	December 28, 2018	April 27, 2015	April 27, 2015	
Height above ground	8 meters	8 meters	5 meters	
Vertical distance from supporting structure	3.3 meters	3.3 meters	1.5 meters	
Horizontal distance from supporting structure	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Distance from obstructions on roof	16 meters	16 meters	16 meters	
Distance from obstructions not on roof	16 meters	16 meters	16 meters	
Unrestricted airflow	360°	360°	360°	

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