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### Data Validation for Continuous Gaseous Monitors and Meteorological Data Raleigh Central Office Responsibilities

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## 2.0 Scope and Purpose

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Data validation is the final step in a three-tiered process designed to ensure all data produced by DAQ meets the minimum requirements for use in determining compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards or NAAQS. As stated in the relevant Quality Assurance Project Plans, or QAPPs, the validation process, defined as the Level 3 Review, will identify data with errors, biases, and physically unrealistic values before DAQ or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses them for the identification of NAAQS exceedances, determination of compliance with the NAAQS, further analysis or for modeling. The Level 3 Review is performed by Raleigh Central Office, or RCO chemists. Utilizing their education, training and experience, in conjunction with the processes outlined in this document, the RCO chemists will identify, correct, flag or invalidate aberrant data, initiate and document any corrective actions needed to address monitor-related issues, and verify that each of the network's analytical instruments has successfully undergone the periodic audits, required Quality Control (QC) checks and annual or seasonal calibrations required for the collection of pollutant data. The DAQ verifies and validates routine and associated QC data from continuous monitors monthly. The block of data generated by an individual monitor in one month is defined as the data set. Monthly review has proven to be the most efficient period for these verification and validation activities. DAQ has determined that control of measurement uncertainty each month is sufficient to maintain the overall measurement uncertainty for the precision and bias data quality objectives, or DQOs. At the conclusion of the data validation process, the RCO chemist will notify the Data Base Manager that the data set under review is ready for upload to the EPA's Air Quality System, or AQS.

## 3.0 Overview

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After the previous month of data becomes available from an individual monitor, the level 1 and 2 reviewers (the regional monitoring technician and regional monitoring coordinator, respectively, or the Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency (ABAQA) Staff) conduct a thorough review of the data for completeness and accuracy. Once the database manager enters the data into the Envista Air Resources Manager, or ARM, database, the regional monitoring technician or ABAQA staff will review the data for routine data outliers and conformance to acceptance criteria. The regional monitoring technician or ABAQA staff will void or flag as appropriate, unacceptable, or questionable data. The coordinator or ABAQA staff will verify all flagged data again to ensure that the regional monitoring technician or another ABAQA staff member entered the flags and voids correctly and that the data are acceptable for use. The level 1 and 2 reviewers document their review in Envista ARM along with their data review decisions. Level 1 and 2 reviews should be completed within 20 calendar days of the end of the month. After the completion of the Level 2 review by the regional monitoring coordinator or ABAQA staff member, the level 3 review may begin. The level 3 review should at a minimum:

- Ensure the proper null codes have been applied.
- Ensure the level 1 and 2 reviewers bracketed all invalidated data with the appropriate void codes and the correct checks of analyzer accuracy.
- Ensure all data falls within the acceptable ranges as stated in the measurement quality objectives, or MQOs, of the appropriate QAPP.
- Ensure all data are acceptable and can be used for its intended purpose.
- Include a review of the minute data as needed when completing the level 3 review procedures.
- Add informational AQS flags to describe data that is out of the ordinary but may be considered "valid."
- Provide final validation signature.

### 3.1 Reporting Units and Rounding Conventions for Uploaded Data

Section 3.1 Table 1 provides the reporting units and rounding conventions for uploaded gaseous pollutant data. Note that the EPA requires ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) data to be reported as parts per million (ppm) truncated to 3 places after the decimal but DAQ reports O<sub>3</sub> data as parts per billion (ppb) truncated to zero places after the decimal.

*Section 3.1 Table 1 Reporting Units and rounding Conventions of Uploaded Data*

Pollutant	Standard Reporting Units	Rounding Convention for Data reported to AQS
Ozone	Parts per million <sup>[1]</sup>	3 places after decimal with digits to right truncated
Trace Level Carbon Monoxide	Parts per billion	Digits to right of decimal truncated
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ), Nitric Oxide (NO), and Oxides of Nitrogen (NO <sub>x</sub> )	Parts per billion	1 place after decimal with digits to right truncated
Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	Parts per billion	1 place after decimal with digits to right truncated
Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen (NO <sub>y</sub> ) and Nitric Oxide	Parts per billion	1 place after decimal with digits to right truncated

<sup>[1]</sup> AQS/EPA/Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) convention is that the data be reported as parts per million, presently DAQ report as parts per billion.

### 3.2 Performance Acceptance Criteria

Section 3.2 Tables 1 through 6 provide the performance acceptance criteria for gaseous pollutant data.

*Section 3.2 Table 1 Ozone Performance Acceptance Criteria*

<b>Ozone 250 ppb Range</b>						
Theoretical Concentration (ppb)	Calibration		Auto-Cal Check		Manual Cal Check	
	Calibrator	Monitor	Calibrator	Monitor	Calibrator	Monitor
0	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb
65	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 3 ppb	Not applicable (NA)	NA
120	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	NA	NA	NA	NA
180	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	NA	NA	NA	NA
225	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 5 ppb	≤ ± 5 ppb	≤ ± 2 ppb	≤ ± 5 ppb

*Section 3.2 Table 2 Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Performance Acceptance Criteria*

<b>SO<sub>2</sub> 500 ppb Range</b>		
Theoretical Concentration (ppb)	Calibration	Daily Auto-Cal Check
	DAQ Acceptance	DAQ Acceptance
0	± 1 ppb	± 3.1 ppb
20 or 50	± 7.0 percent (%)	± 10.1%
100	± 5.0%	NA
400	± 5.0%	± 10.1%
<b>SO<sub>2</sub> 100 ppb Range (National Core Monitoring [NCORE] Trace Level)</b>		
0	± 1 ppb	± 3.1 ppb
7	± 7.0%	± 10.1%
45	± 5.0%	NA
85	± 5.0%	±10.1%

Section 3.2 Table 3 Carbon Monoxide Performance Acceptance Criteria

<b>Carbon Monoxide 5000 ppb Range</b>		
Theoretical Concentration (ppb)	Calibration	Manual Performance Check
	DAQ Acceptance	DAQ Acceptance
0	<± 30 ppb	<± 41 ppb
500	NA	<± 7.0 % (35 ppb)
1000	<± 2.1% or 30 ppb	NA
2000	<± 2.1% or 30 ppb	<± 5.0 % (100 ppb)
3000	<± 2.1% or 30 ppb	NA
4000	<± 2.1% or 30 ppb	<± 5.0 % (200 ppb)

Section 3.2 Table 4 Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen Performance Acceptance Criteria

<b>Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen Criteria 200 ppb Range</b>		
Theoretical Concentration (ppb)	Calibration	Manual Performance Check
	DAQ Acceptance	DAQ Acceptance
0	± 0.5 ppb	± 5 ppb
35	± 15%	≤± 15%
100	± 8%	NA
180	± 6%	≤ ± 6%

Section 3.2 Table 5 Nitrogen Dioxide (Chemiluminescence) Performance Acceptance Criteria

<b>Nitrogen Dioxide Criteria 500 ppb Range</b>		
Theoretical Concentration (ppb)	Calibration	Manual Performance Check
	DAQ Acceptance	DAQ Acceptance
0	± 1 ppb	< ± 1.5 ppb
60	± 5%	≤ ± 10%
425	± 3%	≤ ± 10%

Section 3.2 Table 6 Nitrogen Dioxide (Cavity Attenuated Phase Shift Spectroscopy) Performance Acceptance Criteria

<b>Nitrogen Dioxide Criteria 200 ppb Range</b>		
Theoretical Concentration (ppb)	Calibration	Manual Performance Check
	DAQ Acceptance	DAQ Acceptance
0	± 1 ppb	± 1 ppb
20	± 1.5 ppb or 2%	± 10%
180	± 1.5 ppb or 2%	± 10%



### 3.3 Data Reporting Requirements

All data within the data set must meet the following conventions:

- All data must be reported in Eastern Standard Time year-around.
- Hourly data are reported at the start of the hour (1:00-1:59 is time stamped as 01:00)
- All missing or invalid data must be accounted for by the use of proper null codes. The null codes must be accompanied by the identifying reasons for the missing or invalid data on the monthly data verification and validation pages.
- The level 1 and level 2 reviewers must initial, date and submit the monthly data set for level 3 review within 20 days of the collection month.
- The level 2 reviewer must initial, date and submit the monthly electronic logbooks, or e-logs, within 20 days of the collection month. E-logs are used as tools in the data review/validation process.
- All data, including any supporting documentation, must be kept for a minimum of three calendar years after the calendar year in which it was collected. Exceptions to this are discussed elsewhere in this SOP.
- Completeness - Data for comparison to the NAAQS are generally considered complete if 75 percent or more of the total possible number of observations are present. Completeness requirements are higher for data collected for use in modeling to demonstrate prevention of significant deterioration. Continuous measurement criteria for completeness for comparison to the NAAQS are listed in Section 3.3 Table 1.

*Section 3.3 Table 1 Completeness Criteria*

<b>Time Interval</b>	<b>Minimum Observations</b>
Hour Average	45 1-minute averages
3-hour block averages	All 3 hours 75 % complete for SO <sub>2</sub>
8-hour running average	6 1-hour observations
24-hour	18 1-hour averages for carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ), and SO <sub>2</sub> 13 of 17 8-hour periods from 7 am to 11 pm for ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )
Monthly	21 24-daily averages for months with 28 days 22 24-daily averages for months with 29 or 30 days 23 24-daily averages for months with 31 days
Quarterly	75 % of hourly values for CO, NO <sub>2</sub> , and SO <sub>2</sub>
Annual	4 complete quarters for CO, NO <sub>2</sub> , and SO <sub>2</sub> 75 % of days within season for O <sub>3</sub>
3-Years	90 % complete days within the three O <sub>3</sub> seasons with each O <sub>3</sub> season having a minimum of 75 % complete days

### 4.0 Data Validation (Level 3 Review) Steps - General

The following steps represent one approach to the data validation (Level 3 Review) process. These steps are applicable in general to all gaseous pollutants covered in this SOP. Addendums outlining additional pollutant specific processes used to validate the data set are detailed in Section 5.0 of this SOP.

1. Make a monthly graph of the data to be validated in Envista ARM. Select the station name (e.g., Canton), the monitoring parameter (in this case SO<sub>2</sub>), output set as graph, monthly set as the duration and then set the start date (start date will automatically be the first of the month selected). The type of report will be average, made from an hourly time base to an hourly time base. Click OK.

**Station Report**

Primary **AQS**

Purpose : All

Region : All

City : All

Organization : All

Station :  All Stations  
 CANTON

All  On Monitors

TMP  
 SO2  
 SO2\_5min  
 SO2-Max5min  
 5min\_SO2  
 146i\_gas conc

Output  
 Tabular  Graph  Excel

Duration  
 Daily  Weekly  
 Monthly  Period

Date And Time  
 Start Date : 5/1/2020  
 Start Time : 00:00  
 Stop Date : 5/31/2020  
 Stop Time : 23:00

Type **Criteria** Status Add Features

Average Type : AVG  Partial

From Time Base : 1 Hour  Use Raw

Time Base : 1 Hour  Accumulate

Seperate Monitors  Round Data

Summary Only

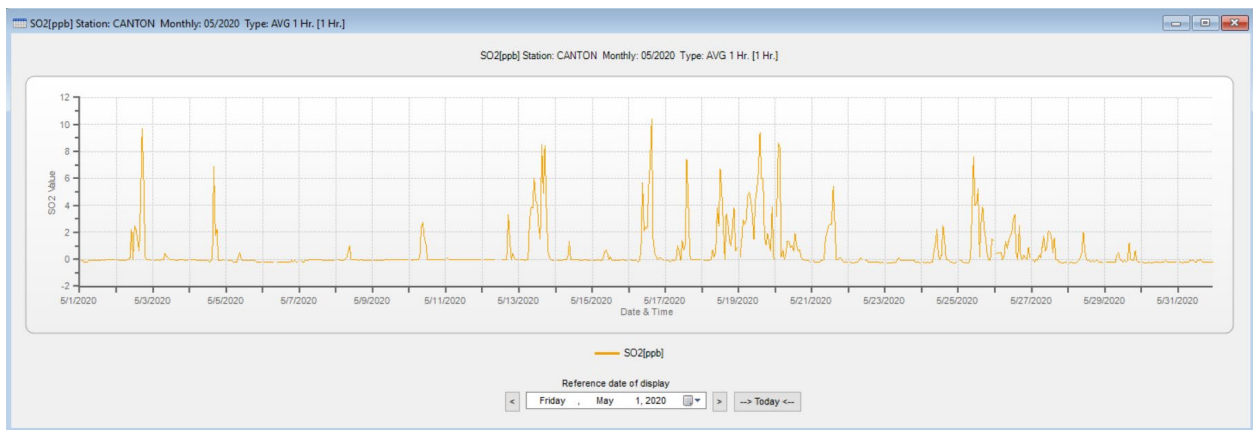
Display Monitor Unit As : Default Units

OK Cancel

2. Review the graph for

- unusual spikes or drops in the data
- readings that are missing all together
- readings that show no change over a span of time are also of importance

Make note of these irregularities for future use in validation.



3. Run the same report again, but this time select Excel as the Output. Select OK. Check out the monthly synopsis at the bottom of the report for minimum and maximum readings and other statistics. Take note

if the minimum reading is less than 0 ppb (we will run a report and highlight these later in the process). Take note of any maximum reading larger than the NAAQS standard for the pollutant under review: O<sub>3</sub>- 70 ppb, SO<sub>2</sub> (1hour and 5-minute maximum)- 75ppb, and NO<sub>2</sub>- 100 ppb. For other pollutants that are unlikely to exceed the NAAQS or are not criteria pollutants, take note of any maximum reading that could potentially be an outlier: CO- 1 ppm and above, trace-level reactive oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>y</sub>T) and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) – 80 ppb and above, and nitric oxide (NO) – 60 ppb and above.

741	5/31/2020 16:00	-0.2
742	5/31/2020 17:00	-0.2
743	5/31/2020 18:00	-0.2
744	5/31/2020 19:00	-0.2
745	5/31/2020 20:00	-0.2
746	5/31/2020 21:00	-0.2
747	5/31/2020 22:00	-0.2
748	5/31/2020 23:00	-0.2
749	Minimum	-0.3
750	MinDate	5/22/2020 02:00
751	Maximum	10.4
752	MaxDate	5/16/2020 15:00
753	Avg	0.5
754	Num	706
755	Data[%]	94.8
756	STD	1.5

Use conditional formatting in Excel to highlight any values less than 0 (if you have them) in the data set. Save this for future validation use.

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data in columns A and B:

Date & Time	SO2 ppb
5/1/2020 00:00	BF - Calib
5/1/2020 01:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 02:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 03:00	-0.2
5/1/2020 04:00	-0.2
5/1/2020 05:00	-0.2
5/1/2020 06:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 07:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 08:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 09:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 10:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 11:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 12:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 13:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 14:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 15:00	0
5/1/2020 16:00	-0.1
5/1/2020 17:00	0
5/1/2020 18:00	0
5/1/2020 19:00	0
5/1/2020 20:00	0
5/1/2020 21:00	0
5/1/2020 22:00	0
5/1/2020 23:00	0
5/2/2020 00:00	BF - Calib
5/2/2020 01:00	0
5/2/2020 02:00	-0.1

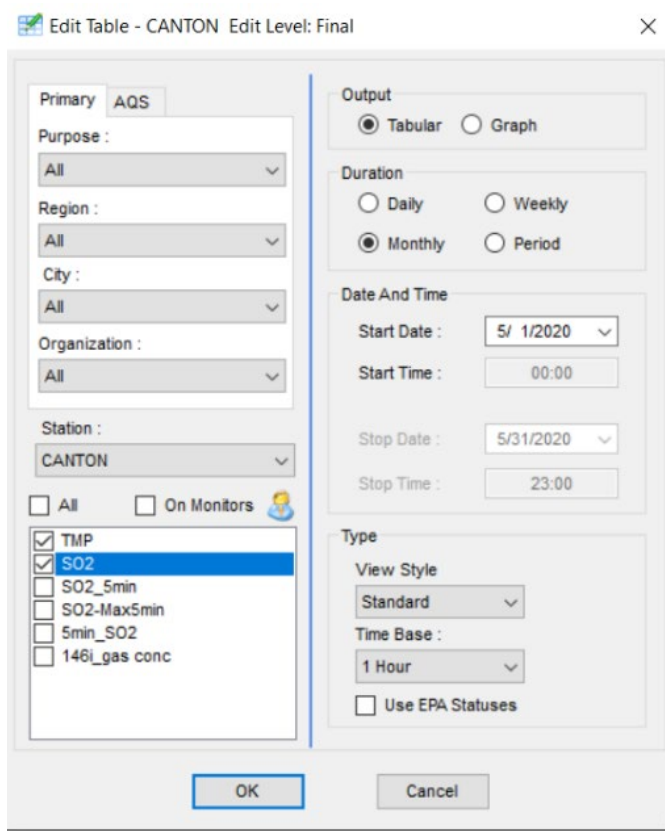
The 'New Formatting Rule' dialog box is open, showing the following settings:

- Select a Rule Type:** Format only cells with
- Edit the Rule Description:** Format only cells with
- Cell Value**   **and**
- Preview:** AaBbCcYyZz

- Now review all e-logs for the monitor in the month under review. Go to the P:\Ambient\Incoming\RegOffices.NC. In this example we will select the Asheville office, Logbook Reports, year 2020, SO<sub>2</sub>, Canton and May. Open the e-log.

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
CT SO2 20200102 BA	3/20/2020 11:56 A...	Microsoft Excel M...	5,265 KB
CT SO2 20200117 BA	3/20/2020 12:02 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,265 KB
CT SO2 20200127 SV	3/20/2020 11:59 A...	Microsoft Excel M...	5,262 KB
CT SO2 20200130 BA	3/20/2020 3:30 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,263 KB
CT SO2 20200213 BA	3/20/2020 3:47 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,262 KB
CT SO2 20200227 BA	4/29/2020 1:16 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,262 KB
CT SO2 20200312 BA	6/1/2020 4:09 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,273 KB
CT SO2 20200326 SV	6/1/2020 4:02 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,267 KB
CT SO2 20200401 BA	6/1/2020 4:24 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,276 KB
CT SO2 20200409 BA	6/1/2020 4:24 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,275 KB
CT SO2 20200423 BA	5/13/2020 12:40 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,270 KB
CT SO2 20200430 SV	6/1/2020 4:17 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,272 KB
CT SO2 20200506 BA	6/1/2020 4:15 PM	Microsoft Excel M...	5,275 KB

5. Check the dates and results of all calibrations, filter changes and maintenance activities. Make notes on this. Does the e-log paint a clear picture of what happened during the month? If not, contact the operator for clarification. Here are some important things to look for during your e-log review:
  - If a calibration was performed, what was the reason for the calibration, did a verification precede it to bracket the data? Did the operator capture the minute data documenting the event?
  - When was the last calibration performed?
  - When was the last filter change performed? Did it follow proper procedure? Is it documented correctly?
  - Was any other maintenance performed? Was any equipment replaced or adjusted? Is the work documented?
  - Does the raw data in Envista indicate that any other work was performed for which no e-log exists? Did Electronics and Calibration Branch (ECB) personnel perform work on the site? Are there 109 forms documenting that work?
  - Are all calibrators, cylinders, zero air packs, etc. still within their respective certification windows? Do the serial numbers listed for the various components match previous logbooks? Have any changes to equipment been properly documented?
  - Was required maintenance performed within the allotted time window? Was the filter changed, the computer restarted, the computer and monitor resynced, etc.?
  - Were any required 14-day checks performed? Did they pass? Were they performed within the allotted window of time?
  - Look behind a month and forward into the next month's e-log (if available). Do you see any glaring problems that may require data to be flagged or invalidated back into the month you are reviewing? Are there any problems in last month's data that need to be coded forward into the month you are reviewing?
  - If a monitor was swapped out - was an ending one-point QC check or precision-zero-span (PZS) done before the replacement occurred?
  - If a monitor stopped working, were the data voided back to the last good one-point QC check or PZS?
6. Now back to Envista ARM. Select the Edit tab, then Edit Table. Choose your station, parameter, make the output tabular, duration will be monthly (date and time will self-correct for the month) and report type will be standard with the time base of one hour. Click OK.



7. If the resulting report is green (see below) you are good to go. If it is light yellow, the second level review has not been performed. If it is brown, you have already signed off on these data.

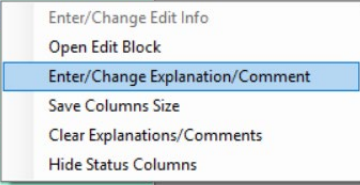
Date & Time	TMP	Status	SO2	Status
	[DEGC]		[ppb]	
5/1/2020 00:00	23.059	- Ok	182.0	BF - Calib
5/1/2020 01:00	23.242	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/1/2020 02:00	23.164	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/1/2020 03:00	23.325	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/1/2020 04:00	22.987	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/1/2020 05:00	23.089	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/1/2020 06:00	23.495	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/1/2020 07:00	23.370	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/1/2020 08:00	23.525	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/1/2020 09:00	23.878	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok

Another way to find the reviewing information is to use the Validation Settings option under the Edit tab, or, under the Reports tab, use the Validation report.

8. Now is when we bring all the reports together. Go through and take action on anything you found while performing the first step of graphing the data (high, low, stuck or missing). Apply codes accordingly to your review and inquiry.

9. If you and the operator have done your due diligence, and the reading is deemed valid, you will need to add some flag codes. If the reading is not valid, you will need to use a void code. In this example we will flag it as valid. Select the value and right click. Select Enter/Change Comment Explanation/Comment.

5/16/2020 13:00	24.771	- Ok	5.3	- Ok
5/16/2020 14:00	24.534	- Ok	7.1	- Ok
5/16/2020 15:00	24.174	- Ok	10.4	- Ok
5/16/2020 16:00	24.195	- Ok	1.5	- Ok
5/16/2020 17:00	24.425	- Ok	0.4	- Ok
5/16/2020 18:00	24.815	- Ok	0.2	- Ok
5/16/2020 19:00	24.759	- Ok	0.0	- Ok
5/16/2020 20:00	25.139	- Ok	0.1	- Ok
5/16/2020 21:00	25.563	- Ok	0.1	- Ok



10. Next, we see that the operator or level two reviewer has inserted a comment stating that the reading was reported in the monitor’s downloaded data as the same value. Be careful to not overwrite this comment.

Enter Explanation/Comment

Explanation: (None)

Comment: Atypical value possibly due to brief power outages observed in minute data. However, there is no one to determine that for sure.

Additional Explanations (Max 9): 0

- 1. Deviation from a CFR Critical Criteria Requirement
- 1C. 1-Point QC check exceeds, evidence data is v
- 1V. Data reviewed and validated ( ALL )
- 2. Operational Deviation ( ALL )
- 3. Field Issue ( ALL )
- 4. Lab Issue ( ALL )
- 5. Outlier ( ALL )
- 6. QAPP Issue ( ALL )
- 7. Below Lowest Calibration Level ( ALL )
- 9. Negative value detected - zero reported ( ALL )
- CB. Values have been Blank Corrected ( ALL )
- CC. Clean Canister Residue ( ALL )
- CL. Surrogate Recoveries Outside Control Limits ( . )

Add / Change      Cancel

11. First, from the drop-down menu, select a flag. In this example it was determined that the value was an outlier and must be flagged with a “5.”

Date & Time	TMP [DEGC]	Status	SO2 [ppb]	Status
5/16/2020 10:00	24.317	- Ok	2.1	- Ok
5/16/2020 11:00	25.154	- Ok	2.4	- Ok
5/16/2020 12:00	24.738	- Ok	2.3	- Ok
5/16/2020 13:00	24.771	- Ok	5.3	- Ok
5/16/2020 14:00	24.534	- Ok	7.1	- Ok
5/16/2020 15:00	24.174	- Ok	10.4	- Ok
5/16/2020 16:00	24.195	- Ok	1.5	- Ok
5/16/2020 17:00	24.425	- Ok	0.4	- Ok
5/16/2020 18:00	24.815	- Ok	0.2	- Ok
5/16/2020 19:00	24.759	- Ok	0.0	- Ok
5/16/2020 20:00	25.139	- Ok	0.1	- Ok
5/16/2020 21:00	25.563	- Ok	0.1	- Ok
5/16/2020 22:00	26.152	- Ok	0.0	- Ok
5/16/2020 23:00	26.183	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/17/2020 00:00	25.633	- Ok	183.6	BF - Calib
5/17/2020 01:00	25.041	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/17/2020 02:00	25.000	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/17/2020 03:00	24.754	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/17/2020 04:00	24.433	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/17/2020 05:00	24.165	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/17/2020 06:00	24.219	- Ok	-0.1	- Ok
5/17/2020 07:00	24.708	- Ok	0.0	- Ok
5/17/2020 08:00	25.092	- Ok	1.0	- Ok

Enter Explanation/Comment

Explanation: (None)

Additional Explanations (Max 9): 0

- 1. Deviation from a CFR Critical Criteria Requirement
- 1C. 1-Point QC check exceeds, evidence data is v
- 1V. Data reviewed and validated ( ALL )
- 2. Operational Deviation ( ALL )
- 3. Field Issue ( ALL )
- 4. Lab Issue ( ALL )
- 5. Outlier ( ALL )
- 6. QAPP Issue ( ALL )
- 7. Below Lowest Calibration Level ( ALL )
- 9. Negative value detected - zero reported ( ALL )
- CB. Values have been Blank Corrected ( ALL )
- CC. Clean Canister Residue ( ALL )
- CL. Surrogate Recoveries Outside Control Limits ( . )
- EH. Estimated; Exceeds Upper Range ( ALL )
- FB. Field Blank Value Above Acceptable Limit ( AL
- HT. Sample pick-up hold time exceeded ( ALL )
- IA. African Dust ( ALL )
- IB. Asian Dust ( ALL )
- IC. Chem. Spills /INDUST Accidents ( ALL )
- ID. Cleanup After a Major Disaster ( ALL )
- IE. Demolition ( ALL )
- F. Fire - Canadian ( ALL )
- IG. Fire - Mexico/Central America ( ALL )
- IH. Fireworks ( ALL )
- II. High Pollen Count ( ALL )
- U. High Winds ( ALL )
- IK. Infrequent Large Gatherings ( ALL )
- IL. Other ( ALL )
- IM. Prescribed Fire ( ALL )

In some scenarios, multiple flags may be appropriate. From the additional explanation window, apply any additional flags for the validated value. This helps others know that there are other issues with this value and better describes the scenario in which that value was collected. The value will turn blue to show that comments or flags have been applied. This value is good to go.

12. Now, using your notes from the e-log review, apply codes to the incomplete hours in the edit table where calibrations, maintenance, filter changes, audits, etc. and other events took place. Review the list in step 5 for anything you may have missed.

5/6/2020 04:00	24.330	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/6/2020 05:00	23.677	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/6/2020 06:00	23.531	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/6/2020 07:00	24.364	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/6/2020 08:00	25.374	- Ok	-0.2	BA - Maintain
5/6/2020 09:00	25.941	- Ok	-0.2	BA - Maintain
5/6/2020 10:00	26.129	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/6/2020 11:00	26.086	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok
5/6/2020 12:00	25.931	- Ok	-0.2	- Ok

13. Once you are happy with your review, click the save icon. Now go to Validation Settings in the Edit tab. Select the time range you would like to validate (usually a whole month at a time). Select the parameter at a site. Click Add. You are done.

## 5.0 Pollutant Specific Data Validation Details

The following sections cover validation procedures which are unique to a specific pollutant. The following steps represent the current approach to the data validation (Level 3 Review) process.

### 5.1 Ozone

The following steps represent the current approach to the O<sub>3</sub> data validation (Level 3 Review) process.

#### 5.1.1 Daily Data Review Instructions

1. The RCO chemist reviews the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) public webpage daily for accuracy and potential errors before proceeding to the Envista daily review. This is

imperative to review 'first thing' daily as it can send out inaccurate data to the public and it is DAQ's responsibility to correct the public webpage as soon as reasonably possible even though the data displayed are not yet validated raw data. An example of this daily report can be found at this address and is available to the public 24/7/365 on all pollutants:

<https://xapps.ncdenr.org/aq/ambient/AmbtPollutantEnvista.jsp?pollutant=00001&date=07%2F04%2F2017>

2. The Chemist/Reviewer must select the pollutant (i.e., O<sub>3</sub> 8 Hour Average\*) in the dropdown box on the upper left and change the date to the current date in the upper right dropdown box. In the case of O<sub>3</sub>, we are concerned with the daily 'rolling 8-hour average' values and we need to assure that no Exceedance values or erroneous high values are indicated in the Max Avg. column. This could be very misleading if for example a **105**-ppb value was displayed on a moderate day. If Exceedance values are displayed, the chemist will first confirm/deny with Envista data and correct via phone and/or email to the Database manager and assure that the Internet-Based Enterprise Application Management (IBEAM) database is updated as well.



## Section 5.1 Table 1

## Available Ambient Data by Pollutant

County	Site	Current Reading	Min	Max	Average/ Total	Unit	Status	Hour (EST)
Alexander	Taylorville Liledoun	--	4	27	--	PPB	normal	--
Avery	Linville Falls	--	8	26	--	PPB	normal	--
Buncombe	Bent Creek	--	2	32	--	PPB	normal	--
Caldwell	Lenoir	--	10	33	--	PPB	normal	--
Caswell	Cherry Grove	--	14	41	--	PPB	normal	--
Cumberland	Honeycutt	--	11	31	--	PPB	off line	--
Cumberland	Wade	--	4	31	--	PPB	normal	--
Durham	Durham Armory	--	16	37	--	PPB	normal	--
Edgecombe	Leggett	--	4	38	--	PPB	normal	--
Graham	Joanna Bald	--	23	26	--	PPB	normal	--
Granville	Butner	--	17	40	--	PPB	normal	--
Guilford	Mendenhall	--	17	43	--	PPB	normal	--
Haywood	Frying Pan	--	26	38	--	PPB	normal	--
Haywood	Purchase Knob	--	24	31	--	PPB	normal	--
Haywood	Waynesville Elementary School	--	7	29	--	PPB	normal	--
Johnston	West Johnston	--	10	34	--	PPB	normal	--
Lee	Blackstone	--	7	30	--	PPB	normal	--
Lenoir	Lenoir Community College	--	7	32	--	PPB	normal	--
Lincoln	Crouse	--	4	33	--	PPB	normal	--
Marin	Jamesville	--	2	24	--	PPB	normal	--
New Hanover	Castle Hayne	--	8	31	--	PPB	normal	--
Person	Bushy Fork	--	18	42	--	PPB	normal	--
Pitt	Pitt County Ag Center	--	7	31	--	PPB	normal	--
Rockingham	Bethany	--	16	43	--	PPB	normal	--
Rowan	Rockwell	--	4	43	--	PPB	normal	--
Swain	Bryson City	--	5	25	--	PPB	normal	--
Union	Monroe Middle School	--	7	40	--	PPB	normal	--
Wake	Millbrook	--	20	42	--	PPB	normal	--
Yancey	Mt. Mitchell	--	--	--	--	PPB	off line	--

## Available Ambient Data by Pollutant

To get the latest available ambient data for a particular pollutant or meteorological measurement, select that monitor from the drop-down list. The data will be displayed below once you have made your selection. To display data from a past date, click "Change date."

All current values and statistics are averages for one-hour durations, unless the name of the monitor indicates otherwise.

Ozone

Date: 03/25/2021 (Change date)

(or select by County, Site)

\*In 2016, the EPA rule for calculating the Ozone 8-Hour Average was changed to exclude 8-hour averages with start hours between 12 AM and 6 AM. Therefore, the 8-hour average for the current date is not available until after the 2 pm Standard Time ozone value has been collected.



below with representative comments included from follow up with site technicians and regional monitoring coordinators or ABAQA staff. The comments are very useful when anomalies and ‘issues’ occur to help document and delineate Invalidation codes and logic behind data issues. Additionally, these data are compared to the Envista report generated at the end of the month and considered 2<sup>nd</sup> Level reviewed. It is compared for completeness and to assure it has been reviewed by site technicians and regional coordinators (or ABAQA staff) and is in agreement with any Invalidation codes or other issues.

Section 5.1 Table 3

Date	Building Temperature			O3 Concentration				Calibration Drift (ppb)			Monitor			Auto cal always runs at midnight and into the 1:00 hr Comments
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg	8 hr Avg Max	Span0	Span2	Span4	Span0	Span2	Span4	
5/1/2020	26.1	28	27.26	24	46	35.04	43.63	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/2/2020	26.4	28	27.45	2	51	32.09	47.75	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/3/2020	26.2	34.9	29.63	23	52	44.35	50.38	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/4/2020	27.5	32.9	29.73	26	55	44.30	53.63	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/5/2020	27.1	31.3	28.35	27	44	38.74	42.13	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/6/2020	25.5	28.2	26.78	3	47	29.68	44.43	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/7/2020	24.6	27	26.05	22	53	37.22	50.63	0	65	225	0	65	224	
5/8/2020	25.8	26.9	26.44	15	42	29.22	36.38	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/9/2020	25	26.9	26.22	3	47	32.83	45.63	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/10/2020	24.6	27	26.12	9	48	33.83	46.63	0	65	225	0	65	224	
5/11/2020	26.4	27	26.72	28	47	37.91	44.75	0	65	225	0	65	224	
5/12/2020	25.2	27	26.41	0	43	15.74	32.88	0	65	225	0	65	224	dropped to 0 after 2:30 pm---line disconn. Or ???
5/13/2020	26.6	27.8	27.08	0	0	0.00	#DIV/0!	0	65	225	0	0	0	Pump down; ECB to replace on 5/14!
5/14/2020	25.7	33.9	29.08											
5/15/2020	26.4	33.9	30.01	24	45	36.62	42.71	0	65	225	0	65	225	A/C unit went bad, 93F at site; Matt trying to calibrate, but may be delayed
5/16/2020	24.2	35.9	30.10	11	45	30.65	43.25	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/17/2020	24.4	36.6	30.69	8	34	24.70	31.88	0	65	225	0	65	226	
5/18/2020	22.4	29.5	24.92	7	28	20.04	25.88	0	65	225	0	65	226	
5/19/2020	22.5	22.9	22.73	17	31	21.70	24.75	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/20/2020	22.3	23	22.65	21	27	23.30	23.13	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/21/2020	22.4	23	22.73	14	34	23.22	29.13	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/22/2020	22.5	23.2	22.72	16	40	26.52	35.75	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/23/2020	22.3	23	22.70	3	40	24.00	35.13	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/24/2020	22.4	23	22.80	1	43	23.70	40.25	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/25/2020	22.5	23	22.84	7	23	17.70	20.13	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/26/2020	22.4	23.1	22.91	10	30	21.35	27.38	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/27/2020	22.4	23.1	22.85	14	21	16.74	17.00	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/28/2020	22.4	23	22.78	5	35	19.61	28.13	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/29/2020	22.4	23.1	22.79	7	35	21.04	28.88	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/30/2020	22.2	23.1	22.76	7	42	27.83	38.63	0	65	225	0	65	225	
5/31/2020	22.4	23.1	22.71	7	36	27.70	35.75	0	65	225	0	65	225	

5.1.2 Monthly Data Control Charting with Monitors and Calibrators and Relevant Daily Parameters

1. Monthly data control charting is an easy way to view monthly activity at each site (in a 29-tab (site) workbook). One can follow patterns, potential drift, and other anomalies with commentary as needed. It is populated daily for each site and one can create graphs (control charts as needed) for each parameter. Again, this table is compared to ‘2<sup>nd</sup> Level Final reviewed’ Envista data to assure all items have been addressed, commented on, and notated. This table (Section 5.1 Table 3) is also an aid when preparing the precision data report which will be discussed in Section 7.1.
2. Once the Monthly data have been reviewed by Regional Site Technicians (Level 1) and Regional Ambient Monitoring Coordinators (Level 2) (or ABAQA staff) then it is submitted for Level 3 Review by RCO Chemists. The Level 2 submittal is required to be in the Envista database within 20 days of the end of the month (i.e., March data would be required to be validated and submitted to RCO by April 20 for final (Level 3) validation.

Due to the expansive North Carolina O<sub>3</sub> network (some 29 sites), the Precision data are reviewed by the RCO chemist and validated and submitted to the RCO Statistician or Database Manager for submittal to AQS via a sophisticated macro and Excel submittal form. An example of this form (completed by the RCO Chemist) is shown in Section 5.1 Table 4:

Section 5.1 Table 4

Chemery Grove - Ozone Daily Auto-Calibration Chk										/Ps Evaluation			Monitor Evaluation			Temp. Range 5+40° C	Comment	AQI Forecast		Forecast Source	Temperature		StdDev	Null Code		Comments
Date	/Ps			Monitor			Comparison to Expecte			Comparison to /P			Code	AQI	Tmin			Tmax	Span1 (Pr)		Zero Span					
	Zero	Span1	Span	Zero	Span1	Span	0 ppb	65 ppb	225 ppb	Pass	Pass	Pass				Pass	Pass			Pass						
8/1/2020	0	65	225	0	64	228	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass				22.7	23.4	0.2								
8/2/2020	0	65	225	1	65	225	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass				22.7	23.4	0.2								
8/3/2020	0	65	225	0	64	225	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass				22.7	23.3	0.1								
8/4/2020	0	65	225	1	65	225	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass				22.6	23.5	0.2								
8/5/2020	0	65	225	0	64	225	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass				22.8	23.5	0.2								
8/6/2020	0	65	225	0	65	226	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass				22.7	23.4	0.2								
8/7/2020	0	65	225	1	65	225	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	44	Triad	22.7	23.3	0.2								
8/8/2020	0	65	225	0	65	225	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Moderate	52	Triad	22.7	23.4	0.2								
8/9/2020	0	65	225	0	65	225	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Moderate	52	Triad	22.8	23.5	0.2								
8/10/2020	0	65	225	0	64	225	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	50	Triad	22.3	23.5	0.4								
8/11/2020	0	65	225	0	65	226	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	46	Triad	22.4	23.0	0.2								
8/12/2020	0	65	225	1	67	228	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	48	Triad	22.3	22.9	0.1								
8/13/2020	0	65	225	3	68	229	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	46	Triad	22.4	23.7	0.5	1C	AN	BadZAP, replaced					
8/14/2020	1	1	1	4	3	3	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	44	Triad	22.9	23.6	0.2	1C	AN	BadZAP, replaced					
8/15/2020	0	65	225	0	64	224	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	32	Triad	22.8	23.5	0.2								
8/16/2020	0	65	225	1	64	224	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	38	Triad	22.6	24.1	0.3								
8/17/2020	0	65	225	0	64	223	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	46	Triad	22.6	23.6	0.2								
8/18/2020	0	65	225	1	64	224	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Moderate	52	Triad	22.4	23.9	0.3								
8/19/2020	0	65	225	0	64	224	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	50	Triad	22.6	23.8	0.2								
8/20/2020	0	65	225	0	65	224	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	48	Triad	22.8	23.4	0.2								
8/21/2020	0	65	225	0	64	224	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	40	Triad	22.7	23.4	0.2								
8/22/2020	0	65	225	1	67	224	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	42	Triad	23.0	23.4	0.1								
8/23/2020	0	65	225	0	64	224	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	42	Triad	22.9	23.4	0.1								
8/24/2020	0	65	225	2	66	223	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	35	Triad	22.9	23.4	0.1								
8/25/2020	0	65	225	0	64	221	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	45	Triad	22.8	23.6	0.2								
8/26/2020	0	65	225	0	64	222	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Moderate	67	Triad	22.6	23.5	0.2								
8/27/2020	0	65	225	0	64	223	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Moderate	58	Triad	22.7	23.5	0.2								
8/28/2020	0	65	225	0	64	223	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	46	Triad	22.8	23.4	0.1								
8/29/2020	0	65	225	0	64	223	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	50	Triad	22.8	23.3	0.1								
8/30/2020	0	65	225	0	64	223	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	48	Triad	22.7	23.5	0.2								
8/31/2020	0	65	225	0	64	223	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Green	35	Triad	22.6	23.4	0.2								

- One can observe from this PZS data table that on **8/13-8/14** a problem occurred at this particular site and the Monitor Zero, Span, and Precision values exhibited unacceptable drift. This was documented in the 'Null Code' columns for Span 1 (Precision value) and Zero/Span (second column) with a Null code. In the 'Comments' column, an appropriate description of the event should be made. In this case, a description of the instrument failure was made. This was checked by the RCO chemist by documenting in the aforementioned Daily log (Table 3 above) as well as Envistas verification and consulting with Site Technician and Regional Monitoring Coordinator. The *Section 5.1 Table 4* data, once edited by the RCO Chemist (Level 3) is created for each of the 29 Monitoring sites and then submitted to the RCO Statistician or the Database Manager to be submitted to AQS.
- The monthly O<sub>3</sub> data are processed via Envista collectively with the Precision data. The data are compared to the daily log (*Section 5.1, Tables 2 and 3*) as well as *Section 5.1 Table 4* for accuracy and the possibility of any anomalies and errors. The RCO chemist performs review and validation at the aforementioned plus 20-day submittal from each of the seven Regional Offices and the ABAQA, which is part of the DAQ Primary Quality Assurance Organization (PQAO). The first step of data review following the preparation of the PZS Table 4 is to confirm by reviewing all relevant e-logs pertaining to the data set(s). This would include all e-logs populated and documented during the month of review. The e-log entries must coincide with relevant dates and activities indicated on the submitted data. An example of this is exhibited below:

Calibration Report

Primary **AQS**

Purpose :  
All

Region :  
All

City :  
All

Organization :  
All

M  All  On Monitors

- MONROEMS 1
  - SOL\_RAD
  - TMP
  - O3
  - CPS
  - WS10
  - WD10
  - AT
  - RH
  - BP
  - Compass
  - Shelter\_RH
  - SC10

Output  
 Tabular  Graph  Excel

Duration  
 Daily  Weekly  
 Monthly  Period

Date And Time  
Start Date : 9/ 1/2020  
Start Time : 00:00  
Stop Date : 9/30/2020  
Stop Time : 23:59

Type  
Report Type :  Use Regression  
Calib\_3Points  
 Show ITEMp  
Span Percent (%) : 10  
Zero Diff : 4  
Order By :  Station  Monitor  
All

OK Cancel

Example of Calibration report (below)

O3[ppb] Calibration: MONROEMS Monthly: 09/2020 Type: Calib_3Points											
Date			Monitor	Unit	Type	Ref	Meas	Value	Diff%	STD	Status
9/1/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	-1	-1	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	222	1.008	-1.2	0	
					Span1	65	64	1	-2	0	
9/2/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	-1	-1	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	222	1.008	-1.2	1	
					Span1	65	64	1	-2	0	
9/3/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	-1	-1	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	223	1.006	-0.9	0	
					Span1	65	64	1	-1	0	
9/4/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	-1	-1	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	223	1.007	-1	1	
					Span1	65	64	1	-1	0	
9/5/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	-1	0	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	223	1.008	-1	0	
					Span1	65	64	1	-1	0	
9/6/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	0	0	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	222	1.011	-1.2	0	
					Span1	65	64	1	-1	0	
9/7/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	0	0	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	222	1.012	-1.3	0	
					Span1	65	64	1	-1	0	
9/8/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	0	0	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	222	1.011	-1.3	1	
					Span1	65	64	1	-1	0	
9/9/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	-1	-1	0	0	Valid
					Span	225	222	1.011	-1.3	0	
					Span1	65	64	1	-1	0	
9/10/2020 4:04 AM			O3	ppb	Zero	0	-1	-1	0	0	Valid

5. Next a Matrix Report will be generated for O<sub>3</sub> and Shelter Temperature at each site for an entire month and reviewed for completeness, accuracy, and any anomalies or invalidations which have been notated.

One method for generating this Matrix report is by Highlighting the Reports tab on the upper operational bar and then making the selections as follows (see below):

NOTE: **Output** = Tabular      **Duration** = Monthly  
**Site Selection with Parameters** = Ozone and Temp  
**Duration** = Monthly (for the month of interest)

**Date and Time** = Month of Interest  
**Type** = 1-hour data Tabular Output  
 Show Edited Data

Matrix Report

Primary **AQS**

Purpose :  
All

Region :  
All

City :  
All

Organization :  
All

Station :  
MONROEMS

All  On Monitors

- SOL\_RAD [watt/m2]
- TMP [DEGC]
- O3 [ppb]
- CPS [ppb]
- WS10 [m/s]
- WD10 [Deg]
- AT [DEGC]
- RH [%RH]
- BP [mb]
- Compass [Deg]
- Shelter\_RH [%RH]
- SG10 [Deg]

Output  
 Tabular  Graph  Excel

Duration  
 Daily  Weekly  
 Monthly  Period

Date And Time  
Start Date : 9/ 1/2020  
Start Time : 00:00  
Stop Date : 9/30/2020  
Stop Time : 23:00

Type Exceedance Mark Stats Convert To

Report Type :  Use Running Avg  
HourOfDay  Forward  
 Show Edited Data

From Time Base :  
1 Hour

Time Base :  
1 Hour

Use Raw  Status As Blank

OK Cancel

Envista Report Generated for O<sub>3</sub>:

O3[ppb] Matrix: MONROEEMS Monthly: 09/2020 Type: HourOfDay 1 Hr. [1 Hr.]

Table with columns: Date/Time, 0-23, Min, Max, Avg, Rec.#, Data[%], STD. Rows include dates from 9/1/2020 to 9/30/2020 and summary statistics.

NOTE: Column E representing 03:00 a.m. (daily PZS) with BF code representing PZS. Also note Maintenance visit represented by BA on 9/9 and 9/22 at this site. This is also compared to site e-logs and Daily review table aforementioned above (Section 5.1 Table 3) and also concurrence with Section 5.1 Table 4 to confirm agreement on PZS checks if invalidated for any reason. Also note the AZ on 9/30 starting at 10:00 a.m. and indicating an ECB site Audit.

- 6. A similar report is generated for site temperature (see below) and is also compared to Monthly data and Section 5.1 Tables 2, 3, and 4 for completeness and accuracy and to confirm the site(s) are meeting EPA criteria for operation.

TEMP[DEC] Matrix: MONROEEMS Monthly: 09/2020 Type: HourOfDay 1 Hr. [1 Hr.]

Table with columns: Date/Time, 0-23, Min, Max, Avg, Rec.#, Data[%], STD. Rows include dates from 9/1/2020 to 9/30/2020 and summary statistics.

- 7. Once these reports have been reviewed and confirmed by e-log comparison(s) as well as Section 5.1 Tables 2, 3, and 4, then we are ready to view the Edited data tables and to Validate them if correct.

- 8. To start the Edit process, go to the Edit tab on the upper scroll of Envista and select Edit table tab and populate the following box:



Primary AQS

Purpose :  
All

Region :  
All

City :  
All

Organization :  
All

Station :  
MONROEMS

All  On Monitors

SOL\_RAD  
 TMP  
 O3  
 CPS  
 WS10  
 WD10  
 AT  
 RH  
 BP

Output  
 Tabular  Graph

Duration  
 Daily  Weekly  
 Monthly  Period

Date And Time  
Start Date : 9/ 1/2020  
Start Time : 00:00  
Stop Date : 9/30/2020  
Stop Time : 23:00

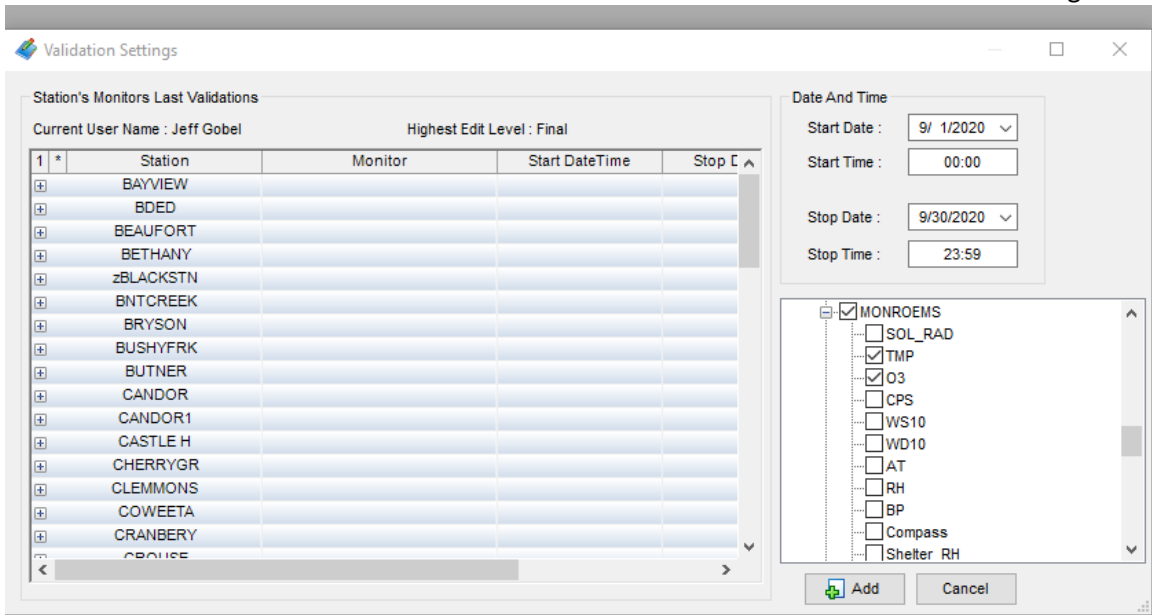
Type  
View Style  
Standard  
Time Base :  
1 Hour  
 Use EPA Statuses

OK Cancel

The output will result in a table (with comments if applicable) as below:

Edit Table: MONROEMS Monthly: 9/1/2020 12:00 AM - 9/30/2020 11:00 PM				
Date & Time	TMP	Status	O3	Status
	[DEGC]		[ppb]	
9/1/2020 12:00 AM	23.219	- Ok	7	- Ok
9/1/2020 1:00 AM	23.136	- Ok	6	- Ok
9/1/2020 2:00 AM	23.184	- Ok	3	- Ok
9/1/2020 3:00 AM	23.138	- Ok	125	**BF - Calib
9/1/2020 4:00 AM	23.043	- Ok	4	- Ok
9/1/2020 5:00 AM	23.171	- Ok	4	- Ok
9/1/2020 6:00 AM	23.158	- Ok	8	- Ok
9/1/2020 7:00 AM	23.305	- Ok	12	- Ok
9/1/2020 8:00 AM	23.255	- Ok	14	- Ok
9/1/2020 9:00 AM	23.561	- Ok	15	- Ok
9/1/2020 10:00 AM	23.336	- Ok	19	- Ok
9/1/2020 11:00 AM	23.178	- Ok	21	- Ok
9/1/2020 12:00 PM	23.354	- Ok	25	- Ok
9/1/2020 1:00 PM	23.434	- Ok	29	- Ok
9/1/2020 2:00 PM	23.517	- Ok	32	- Ok
9/1/2020 3:00 PM	23.6	- Ok	32	- Ok
9/1/2020 4:00 PM	23.64	- Ok	32	- Ok
9/1/2020 5:00 PM	23.591	- Ok	30	- Ok
9/1/2020 6:00 PM	23.306	- Ok	25	- Ok
9/1/2020 7:00 PM	23.233	- Ok	18	- Ok
9/1/2020 8:00 PM	23.276	- Ok	15	- Ok
9/1/2020 9:00 PM	23.325	- Ok	11	- Ok
9/1/2020 10:00 PM	23.229	- Ok	13	- Ok
9/1/2020 11:00 PM	23.274	- Ok	14	- Ok
9/2/2020 12:00 AM	23.348	- Ok	19	- Ok
9/2/2020 1:00 AM	23.145	- Ok	29	- Ok
9/2/2020 2:00 AM	23.148	- Ok	24	- Ok
9/2/2020 3:00 AM	23.11	- Ok	125	**BF - Calib
9/2/2020 4:00 AM	23.1	- Ok	8	- Ok
9/2/2020 5:00 AM	23.391	- Ok	5	- Ok
9/2/2020 6:00 AM	23.113	- Ok	3	- Ok
9/2/2020 7:00 AM	23.242	- Ok	6	- Ok

9. This Table will be reviewed for the entire month for any discrepancies with the aforementioned Tables and updated if anything is coded incorrectly or if any comments need to be added or edited. Sometimes if anomalies occur, then 'minute' data will be downloaded and reviewed and corrected similarly. Once all data are reviewed and edited (if necessary) then the final step is to Validate the data (Level 3 Validation)
10. Final Level 3 Validation is achieved by going to the Edit tab on the upper scroll bar of Envista and selecting Validation Settings Action box. This will generate the following control box to populate:

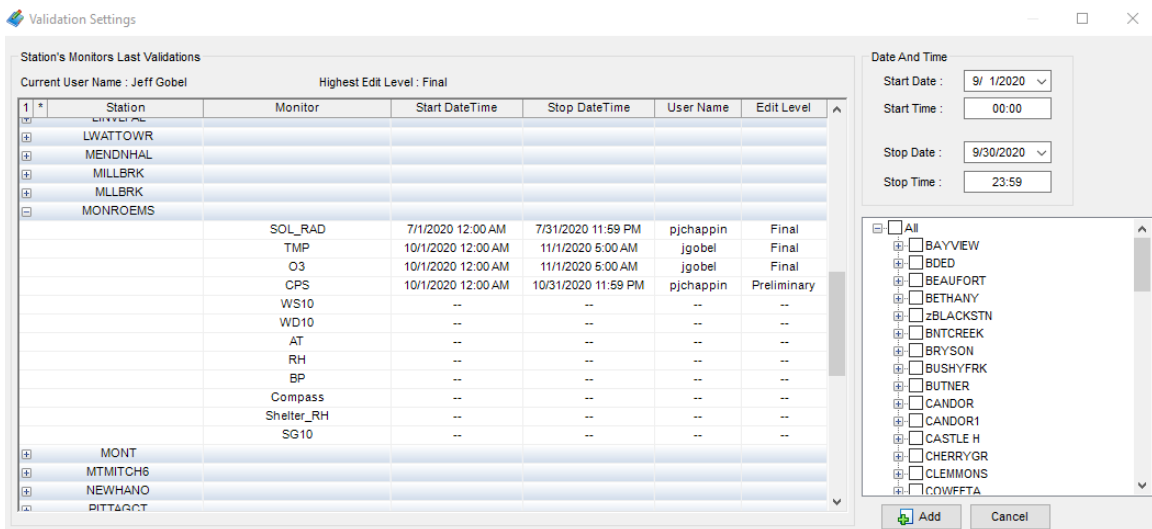


The reviewer must

- set the **Start Date and Time (00:00)**
- set the **Stop Date and Time (23:59)** (Envidas/Envista will not auto populate or correct either of these items).
- Check the site in the right-side box
- Check which parameters you are validating (In this case its Monroe for TMP and O<sub>3</sub>.)
- Proceed to the **Add box** and press it to activate.

A message will pop up and you will answer Yes to *activate the Validation*. A prompt will notify you when completed. It is a good idea to check that the site validated by clicking on it in the left-hand box and open it and confirm that it validated correctly. You are now finished with Validating at Level 3.

The confirmation report should look like this screen shot:



## 5.2 Sulfur Dioxide

The following steps represent the current approach to the data validation (Level 3 Review) process.

### 5.2.1 5-minute SO<sub>2</sub> Maximum Instructions

Until an automated process can be established, the RCO chemist will produce the 5-minute maximum values for each SO<sub>2</sub> site at the end of each month. These values will be produced by Envista ARM using its calculation functions and using data collected on the "SO<sub>2</sub>" Channel. These calculations will be placed in the "SO<sub>2</sub>-Max5min" channel. Since the process is manually initiated, it is important to note that the "SO<sub>2</sub>-Max5min" channel will contain no values until the calculation has been run. This process is described below:

1. In Envista ARM, Open the Edit Menu and Select "Data Calc and Trans"
2. On the dialog window that appears:
  - In the *From* area, select the station and "SO<sub>2</sub>" channel.
  - In the *To* area select the station and "SO<sub>2</sub>-Max5min" channel.
  - For the *From* Time Base box, select "5 Minutes."
  - For the *To* Time Base Box, select "1 Hour."
  - Select the Action as "Max"
  - Enter the date range for the calculation and click Run. (See Below)

The screenshot shows the 'Data Calculations & Transfer' dialog box. It has two main columns: 'From' and 'To'. Each column has a 'Primary' and 'AQS' tab. Below these are dropdown menus for Purpose, Region, City, Organization, Station, and Monitor. The 'From' column is configured with Station: CANTON and Monitor: SO2. The 'To' column is configured with Station: CANTON and Monitor: SO2-Max5min. At the bottom, there are 'Options' for 'From Time Base' (5 Minutes), 'To Time Base' (1 Hour), and 'Action' (Max). To the right, there are 'Duration' options (Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Period) with 'Monthly' selected. Below that is 'Date And Time' with Start Date (1/1/2020), Start Time (00:00), Stop Date (1/31/2020), and Stop Time (23:00). At the bottom right are 'Run' and 'Cancel' buttons.

**NOTE:** To prevent data entry errors, the RCO chemist should always double-check the information entered on this dialog window before clicking Run.

3. A Warning box will appear, select 'Yes' to continue
4. A final window will appear showing the progress of the calculation's completion. When that window displays the message 'Finish' close that window and proceed to validate the data following the same procedure as for hourly data.

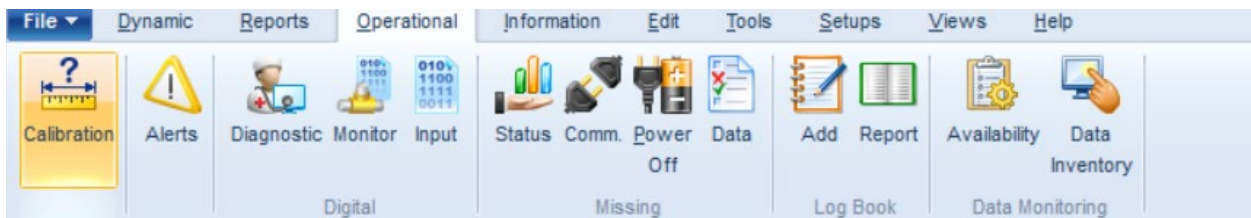
### 5.2.2 Uploading Automated SO<sub>2</sub> PZS checks to AQS

Every night, a PZS runs to determine if the SO<sub>2</sub> Analyzer is running within specifications. Each month, the RCO statistician generates an excel file that contains the PZS checks for each site for the previous month. The RCO chemist will then use this file to validate the PZS checks, use Envista to add any missing PZS checks, add null codes where appropriate, and add comments where appropriate. This process is described below:

1. On the P drive, the precision data file is located at \\edc-nasvm01.eads.ncads.net\AQ\daq0336fs01\Group\Ambient\Pub\RegOffices.NC\Monthly Airs Output\INBOX\Envista.
2. Choose the folder titled with the appropriate year. Then select the folder titled Precision. The file will be named following the nomenclature of 'XXX 2020\_SO2\_prec\_1' where 'XXX' is the three-letter abbreviation for the month of interest. Open that file.
3. For each site, look for any missing PZS data. An example is seen below:

SO <sub>2</sub> Daily Auto-Calibration Check and Precision Point Analysis															Comparison to Expected		Temp. Range	Temp. Control	Comment	Temperature		StDev	Null Code		Comments
Monitor (ppb)			Expected Value (ppb)			Zero			Span			20 ± 30°C			Tmin	Tmax		Span1 (Pr)	Zero Span						
Date	Zero	Span_1	Span	Zero	Span_1	Span	Zero	Span_1	Span	Zero	Span_1	Span	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass								
4/1/2020	0.1	20.6	403.5	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	25.4	27.8	0.6						
4/2/2020	0.1	20.6	402.8	0	20	400.1	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	25.4	27.8	0.6						
4/3/2020	0.1	20.6	401.7	0	20	399.9	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.1	28.1	0.5						
4/4/2020	0.4	20.5	401.7	0	20	399.8	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	25.8	28.3	0.6						
4/5/2020	0.3	21.1	406.5	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.7	28.4	0.5						
4/6/2020	0.2	20.9	408.0	0	20	399.9	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.7	28.5	0.6						
4/7/2020	0.0	21.2	404.2	0	20	400.1	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.4	28.5	0.6						
4/8/2020	0.0	20.7	407.4	0	20	400.1	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.5	27.9	0.4						
4/9/2020	0.2	20.7	405.5	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.6	28.2	0.5						
4/10/2020	-0.1	20.6	404.7	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.0	28.3	0.5						
4/11/2020	-0.1	20.5	402.6	0	20	400.2	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	24.2	28.3	1.5						
4/12/2020	0.3	20.7	401.8	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.7	28.0	0.3						
4/13/2020	-0.1	20.5	404.4	0	20	399.9	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.8	28.0	0.3						
4/14/2020	-0.1	20.8	405.5	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.7	28.4	0.5						
4/15/2020	0.0	20.6	403.8	0	20	400.1	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	25.7	28.3	1.0						
4/16/2020													Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.2	28.9	0.6						
4/17/2020	0.1	20.7	403.0	0	20	400.4	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	24.7	28.1	1.0						
4/18/2020	0.1	21.0	404.1	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	27.4	28.6	0.3						
4/19/2020	0.4	20.9	406.7	0	20	400.2	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	24.8	28.7	1.1						
4/20/2020	0.0	20.8	405.0	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	27.3	28.7	0.4						
4/21/2020	0.1	20.8	405.4	0	20	399.9	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.9	28.4	0.4						
4/22/2020	-0.2	20.5	402.4	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.3	28.2	0.6						
4/23/2020	0.2	20.6	401.8	0	20	400.1	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	27.2	28.0	0.3						
4/24/2020	0.1	20.8	404.6	0	20	399.9	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.5	27.5	0.3						
4/25/2020	-0.1	20.3	406.0	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	27.2	28.1	0.3						
4/26/2020	0.0	20.6	404.7	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.7	28.0	0.4						
4/27/2020	0.0	20.7	405.2	0	20	399.9	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.7	27.9	0.3						
4/28/2020	0.2	20.8	404.9	0	20	400.3	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	25.3	27.5	0.6						
4/29/2020	0.3	20.5	404.0	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.6	27.9	0.4						
4/30/2020	0.0	20.5	405.4	0	20	400.0	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	26.9	28.2	0.4						

4. The RCO chemist will then have to determine if a valid PZS ran that day. To find if this check did run:
  - o Open Envista, select the Operational menu, and select the calibration button.



- o Find the site of interest, select the SO<sub>2</sub> channel, select excel as the output, select the day of interest, and then select All\_Calibrations as the report type. Click on OK.

- From the excel file generated, copy the values from the Ref column and put them in the P drive's excel file in the appropriate cells located under the header labeled Expected Value (ppb).
  - Then from the excel file generated, copy the values from Meas column and put them in the P drive's excel file in the appropriate cells located under the header labeled Monitor (ppb).
  - The RCO chemist should then double-check if the check passed. For the Zero, Span<sub>1</sub>, and Span, type in Pass into the appropriate cells under Comparison to Expected.
  - To be more transparent, any checks changed or added on the P drive's spreadsheet should be marked by changing the background of altered cells to Blue.
5. For each check, determine if there are any invalid checks by comparing to the raw data, e-logs, and comments in Envista. Apply the appropriate null code to each check that is invalid on the row for that day and under the Null Code columns. If the Precision is null coded, the Zero Span should be coded as well and vice versa. Add a comment under the column named 'Comments'. This comment will be applied to the Precision and Zero Span for that day.
  6. Repeat for each site.
  7. When finished in excel, select file and then Save As. In the same file location save the file as 'XXX 2020\_SO2\_prec\_1\_YYY' where 'XXX' is the three-letter abbreviation for the month of interest and 'YYY' is your initials.
  8. Then an email should be sent to the RCO statistician or Database Manager to inform him or her that the PZS checks for that month should be ready to upload.

### 5.2.3 Uploading Manual Performance Checks to AQS

Occasionally, an operator may have to run a manual performance check to provide weight of evidence. These AQS codes are generated in the SO<sub>2</sub> e-log. Verify that the site information is correct and then copy the AQS code from the AQS tab in the SO<sub>2</sub> e-log. Paste this code or codes into a notepad file and then place this file on the P drive at: <\\edc-nasvm01.eads.ncads.net\AQ\daq0336fs01\Group\Ambient\Pub\RegOffices.NC\AQS\Manual Upload Files>. Then send an email to the database manager to inform him or her that the manual performance checks are ready to upload.

## 5.3 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and Total Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen (NOT/NOyT)

The following steps represent the current approach to the data validation (Level 3 Review) process.

### 5.3.1 Daily Data and Review Spreadsheets

The RCO chemist maintains a daily data spreadsheet monthly which contains NO, NO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, true NO<sub>2</sub>, and trace-level nitric oxide (NOT), the difference between NO<sub>y</sub>T and NOT (NO<sub>2</sub>T) and NO<sub>y</sub>T observations as well as shelter temperature for the previous 24-hour period. The data can be generated by running a group report (CO and NO<sub>2</sub> Hourly Report) or by running a Multi-Station Report, selecting the sites and parameters of interest.

The screenshot shows the 'Group Report' dialog box with the following settings:

- Primary AQS:** Purpose: All, Region: All, City: All, Organization: All.
- Checkboxes:** All Groups (unchecked), Add New 44-48 (unchecked), ARO Ozone (unchecked), CO and NO<sub>2</sub> (checked), CO and NO<sub>2</sub> Hourly Report (checked).
- Group Stations / Monitors:** CSSRW - NO<sub>2</sub>, CSSRW - TMP, GARINGER - NO<sub>x</sub>, GARINGER - COT, GARINGER - NO<sub>2</sub>, GARINGER - NO, GARINGER - NO<sub>y</sub>, HATTIE A - NO<sub>2</sub>, MLLBRK - NO<sub>2</sub>T, MLLBRK - TMP, MLLBRK - COT, MLLBRK - NOT.
- Output:** Tabular (selected), Graph, Excel.
- Duration:** Daily (selected), Weekly, Monthly, Period.
- Date And Time:** Start Date: 12/10/2020, Start Time: 00:00, Stop Date: 12/10/2020, Stop Time: 23:00.
- Type:** Average Type: AVG, Show Avg (unchecked), Time Base: 1 Hour, Use Raw (unchecked), Display Index (unchecked), Index Type: EPA Forecast, Include Statuses (unchecked), Summary Only (unchecked), Partial (unchecked).

These spreadsheets are used to compile the daily review spreadsheet which contain minimum, maximum, average values and number of observations for each site. Any site or parameter that does not have the

expected 23 – 24 hours of values is highlighted for that specific day. The daily data spreadsheet is reviewed again to determine which hours are missing or if the monitors were off-line. Missing hours are noted on the daily review spreadsheet. The daily data and review spreadsheets are also reviewed for any atypical values, values that repeat and trends. Comments may be added to the daily review spreadsheets when reviewing e-logs. These comments aide in the validation process by being reminders of dates and time that need additional review.

### 5.3.2 Daily Diagnostic Check Tracking Charts

The RCO chemist maintains tracking charts for each site and monitor. These charts compare the “expected” with the “measured” values obtained during each nightly diagnostic check. Conditional formatting is used to highlight any out-of-range values. Using these tracking charts, monitor drift or sudden changes in the monitor’s response can be detected. When needed, follow-up emails may be sent to the Operator, Regional Monitoring Coordinator or ECB for clarity or discussion.

### 5.3.3 Review of E-logs

Follow the guidance as listed in Section 4.0 Data Validation (Level 3 Review) Steps - General Step 5 listed above and record helpful comments in the daily review spreadsheets for later reference during the validation process. Record the results of Precision Checks, filter changes, audit, replacement of equipment or other occurrences on a System Audit form (created by this RCO chemist).

### 5.3.4 Monthly Validation of Multi-Pollutant Monitors

During validation of the NO-NO<sub>2</sub>-NO<sub>x</sub> and the NO<sub>2</sub>T-NOT-NO<sub>y</sub>T data make sure that the hours voided are the same for each.

### 5.3.5 Uploading Manual Performance Checks to AQS (Quarterly)

Every 14 days or less, Operators are required to run a manual performance check which consists of at least a precision point, a zero and a span. The results of the precision point are entered onto an AQ98 form. which is completed by the site Operator and reviewed by the Regional Monitoring Coordinator. These files can be found on the P drive at:

<\\edc-nasvm01.eads.ncads.net\AQ\daq0336fs01\Group\Ambient\Incoming\RegOffices.NC>

in the Regional Office folder and AQ98 folder. The RCO chemist reviews the AQ98 forms for accuracy and completeness. Using the VSV tab, save the AQ98 form as a .txt file. Using the QA Transaction Generator, ‘import’ the .txt file. Once the data has been populated, all files should be green for each precision point. Click ‘generate’ and save the file as ‘QA-1PtQC-XXXX-Q#-2020-YYY-ZZ aaa where ‘XXXX’ is the year, ‘#’ is the quarter, ‘YYY’ is the regional office abbreviation, ‘ZZ’ is the two-letter abbreviation of the pollutant and ‘aaa’ is your initials on the P drive at:

<\\edc-nasvm01.eads.ncads.net\AQ\daq0336fs01\Group\Ambient\Pub\RegOffices.NC\AQS\Manual Upload Files>. Notify the database manager that the manual performance checks are ready to upload to AQS.

## 5.4 Carbon Monoxide

The following steps represent the current approach to the data validation (Level 3 Review) process.



### 5.4.1 Daily Data and Review Spreadsheets

The RCO chemist maintains a daily data spreadsheet monthly which contains CO observations as well as temperature for the previous 24-hour period. The data can be generated by running a group report (CO and NO<sub>2</sub> Hourly Report) or by running a Multi-Station Report by selecting the sites and parameters of interest.

The screenshot shows the 'Group Report' dialog box with the following settings:

- Primary:** AQS
- Purpose:** All
- Region:** All
- City:** All
- Organization:** All
- All Groups:**  All Groups,  Add New 44,  Add New 45,  Add New 46,  Add New 47,  Add New 48,  ARO Ozone,  CO and NO2 Hourly Report
- Group Stations / Monitors:** CSSRW - NO2, CSSRW - TMP, GARINGER - NOX, GARINGER - COT, GARINGER - NO2, GARINGER - NO, GARINGER - NOY, HATTIE A - NO2, MLLBRK - NO2T, MLLBRK - TMP, MLLBRK - COT, MLLBRK - NOT
- Output:**  Tabular,  Graph,  Excel
- Duration:**  Daily,  Weekly,  Monthly,  Period
- Date And Time:** Start Date: 12/10/2020, Start Time: 00:00, Stop Date: 12/10/2020, Stop Time: 23:00
- Type:** Average Type: AVG, Time Base: 1 Hour, Index Type: EPA Forecast,  Show Avg,  Use Raw,  Display Index,  Include Statuses,  Summary Only,  Partial

These spreadsheets are used to compile the daily review spreadsheet which contain minimum, maximum, average values, and number of observations for each site. Any site or parameter that does not have the expected 23 – 24 hours of values is highlighted for that specific day. The daily data spreadsheet is reviewed again to determine which hours are missing or if the monitor was off-line. Missing hours are noted on the daily review spreadsheet. The daily data and review spreadsheets are also reviewed for any atypical values, values that repeat and trends. Comments may be added to the daily review spreadsheets when reviewing e-logs. These comments aide in the validation process by being reminders of dates and time that need additional review.

### 5.4.2 Daily Diagnostic Check Tracking Charts

The RCO chemist maintains tracking charts for each site and monitor. These charts compare the “expected” with the “measured” values obtained during each nightly diagnostic check. Conditional formatting is used to highlight any out-of-range values. Using these tracking charts, monitor drift or sudden changes in the monitor’s response can be detected. When needed follow-up emails may be sent to the Operator, Regional Monitoring Coordinator or ECB for clarity or discussion.

### 5.4.3 Review of E-logs

Follow the guidance, as listed in Section 4.0 Data Validation (Level 3 Review) Steps - General Step 5 listed above, and record helpful comments in the daily review spreadsheets for later reference during the validation process. Record the results of Precision Checks, filter changes, audit, replacement of equipment or other occurrences on a System Audit form (created by this RCO chemist).

### 5.4.4 Uploading Manual Performance Checks to AQS (Quarterly)

Every 14 days or less, Operators are required to run a manual performance check which consists of at least a precision point, a zero and a span. The results of the precision point are entered onto an AQ98 form, which is completed by the site Operator and reviewed by the Regional Monitoring Coordinator. These files can be found on the P drive at:

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in the Regional Office folder and AQ98 folder. The RCO chemist reviews the AQ98 forms for accuracy and completeness. Using the VSV tab, save the AQ98 form as a .txt file. Using the QA Transaction Generator, 'import' the .txt file. Once the data has been populated, all files should be green for each precision point. Click 'generate' and save the file as 'QA-1PtQC-XXXX-Q#-2020-YYY-ZZ aaa' where 'XXXX' is the year, '#' is the quarter, 'YYY' is the regional office abbreviation, 'ZZ' is the two-letter abbreviation of the pollutant and 'aaa' is your initials on the P drive at:

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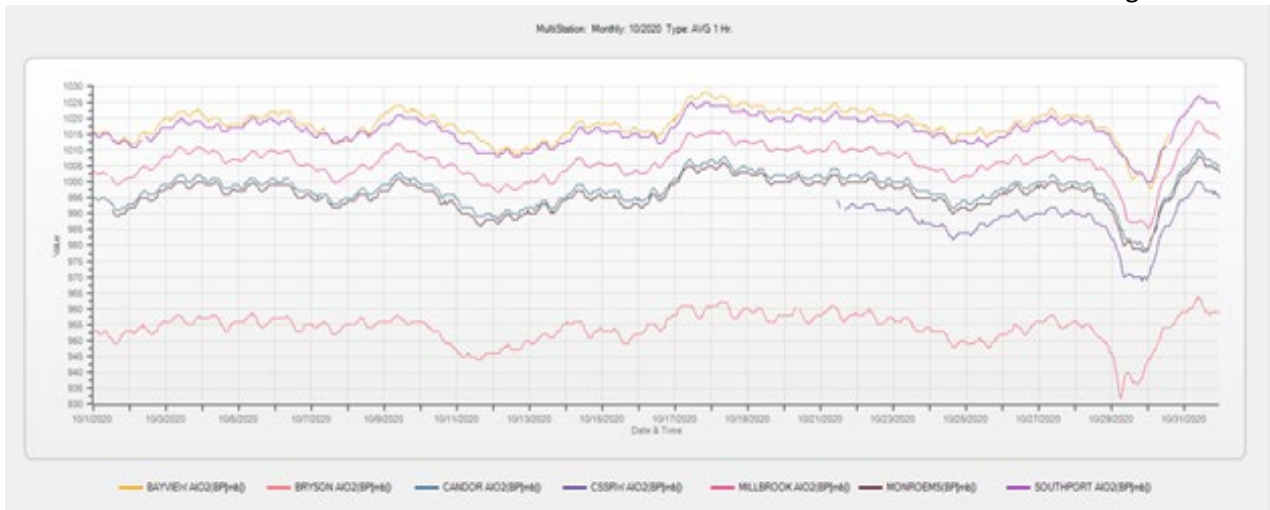
Upload Files. Notify the database manager that the manual performance checks are ready to upload to AQS.

## 5.5 Meteorological Data

Meteorological measurements have a unique challenge in that there is no way to verify the accuracy of their measurements daily with a precision check like the criteria pollutants. Instead, DAQ uses a weight of evidence approach to validating these parameters. Since Meteorological measurements are interconnected, they can be used together by the RCO Chemist to tell a reliable series of events supported by each different parameter. For this reason, these parameters should be validated together. The following steps represent the current approach to the data validation (Level 3 Review) process.

### 5.5.1 All In One Data (Wind Speed and Direction, Ambient Temperature, Barometric Pressure and Relative Humidity)

- Begin by selecting a multi-station report with all the barometric pressure readings across the state for a period of at least a month. Select to see the data as a graph.
- Observe the trend of the sites. Each site should produce a trend line of a similar shape. Sites located in the mountains should have the lowest values and sites near the coast should have the highest value. Look for aberrant peaks and dips in individual sites and investigate.



- Once all aberrant peaks and dips have been accounted for by invalidating or flagging with a QX qualifier, close the multi-station report.
- Open a station report for a station that is to be specifically validated for. Select the Compass parameter and ensure that common readings do not deviate by more than +/- 2 over a 24-hour period. If the readings do, invalidate the hours when the readings are not stable for wind speed, wind direction, and sigma. If the readings are not stable, the instrument either has a malfunctioning compass or the instrument is not mounted soundly on its tower on site. In either case, readings for that period are unreliable.
- Open a station report for barometric pressure and a station report for wind direction for a particular site. Select to see the data of both reports as a graph.



- Look for instances where barometric pressure drops. Wind direction should produce a constant change during that time as it indicates a front moving past the site. For aberrant changes in wind direction during those events, flag the data with a QX qualifier.
- Close the station report for wind direction and open a report for wind speed at the site.



- Compare barometric pressure with wind speed. As pressure decreases, an increase in wind speed should be observed. For aberrant changes in wind speed during those events, check nearby weather stations (via <https://www.wunderground.com>). If nearby weather stations do not show similar wind speeds, flag the data with a QX qualifier.
- Close the barometric pressure report and open a station report for ambient temperature. Look for periods of large temperature change. During such events, wind speed should increase. For periods that this is not true, check nearby weather stations (via <https://www.wunderground.com>). If nearby weather stations do not show similar wind speeds, flag the data with a QX qualifier.



- Close the report for station report for ambient temperature and open back up the station report for wind direction. As wind speed increases, there should be a change in wind direction. As wind speed decreases there should be little change in wind direction. For events where this is not observed, flag the wind direction data with a QX qualifier.



- Close both the wind direction report and wind speed report. Then open a report with a criteria pollutant, wind speed, wind direction, and sigma. Select to view the report as a table.
- Compare the criteria pollutant with Wind Speed and if the site is near a point source of that pollutant, compare it with wind direction. With high wind speed, there should be generally higher readings of pollutants. If near a point source of pollutants, there should be higher readings of that pollutant when the wind direction comes from that source. For extended periods where this is not true, the wind speed and/or wind direction data should be flagged with a QX qualifier.
- Scroll through the data to look for missing data or coded data for wind speed, wind direction, and sigma. If wind speed is invalid, invalidate wind direction and sigma. If wind direction is invalid, invalidate wind speed and sigma. If sigma is missing, calculate the value from minute data for wind direction.
- Close all open reports.

### 5.5.2 Checking All In One Precision and Bias

While it is encouraged that meteorological data's precision and bias be reviewed as often as possible, a site is only formally audited every six months or twice a year with another All In One Device. Some sites will have a CTS AIO2, which will be a secondary AIO2 located at the site for purposes of verification only. For sites collocated with a CTS AIO2, the RCO Chemist should compare All In One Devices to the CTS AIO2 at least once a season for a period of at least a month. The RCO Chemist should follow the below steps:

#### 5.5.2.1 Wind Speed Checks

- Compare wind speeds for the All In One versus wind speeds for the CTS AIO2. Disregard all wind speeds for either device less than 1 meter per second and greater than 10 meters per second. Calculate the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) value and look for an  $R^2$  value equal to or greater than 0.50. If the All In One does not meet this criterion, contact ECB to examine the siting of the All In One and to run an audit of the sensor. If the audit does not pass, flag back to the last time wind speeds passed the  $R^2$  criteria with the QX qualifier.
- To find the bias for wind speed, take all hours from the step above and find the true difference between the All In One's values from the CTS AIO2's. Then take the average of those values. If the average calculated is not less than or equal to 1 meter per second, contact the ECB to examine the siting of the All In One and to run an audit of the sensor. If the audit does not pass, flag back to the last time wind speeds passed the bias criteria with the QX qualifier.

- To find the precision for wind speed, take the standard deviation of all the subtracted values calculated above. If the standard deviation of the wind speed is not equal to or less than 0.5 meters per second, contact the ECB to examine the siting of the All In One and to run an audit of the sensor. If the audit does not pass, flag back to the last time wind speeds passed the precision criteria with the QX qualifier.

#### 5.5.2.2 Wind Direction Checks

- Compare wind directions for the All In One versus wind directions for the CTS AIO2. Only compare wind directions for values between 50 to 300 degrees and for hours with wind speeds between 1 to 10 meters per seconds. Calculate the  $R^2$  value and look for an  $R^2$  value equal to or greater than 0.95. If the All In One does not meet this criterion, contact ECB to examine the siting of the All In One and to run an audit of the sensor. If the audit does not pass, flag back to the last time wind speeds passed the  $R^2$  criteria with the QX qualifier.
- To find the bias for wind direction, take all hours from the step above and calculate the true difference in wind direction of the All In One device from the CTS AIO2. Then take the average of the true differences. If the average calculated is not equal or less than 10 degrees, contact the ECB to examine the siting of the All In One and to run an audit of the sensor. If the audit does not pass, flag back to the last time wind speeds passed the bias criteria with the QX qualifier.
- To find the precision for wind direction, take the standard deviation of all the true difference in wind direction values calculated above. If the standard deviation of the true differences in wind direction is not equal to or less than 10 degrees, contact the ECB to examine the siting of the All In One and to run an audit of the sensor. If the audit does not pass, flag back to the last time wind speeds passed the precision criteria with the QX qualifier.

#### 5.5.2.3 Ambient Temperature, Relative Humidity and Barometric Pressure Checks

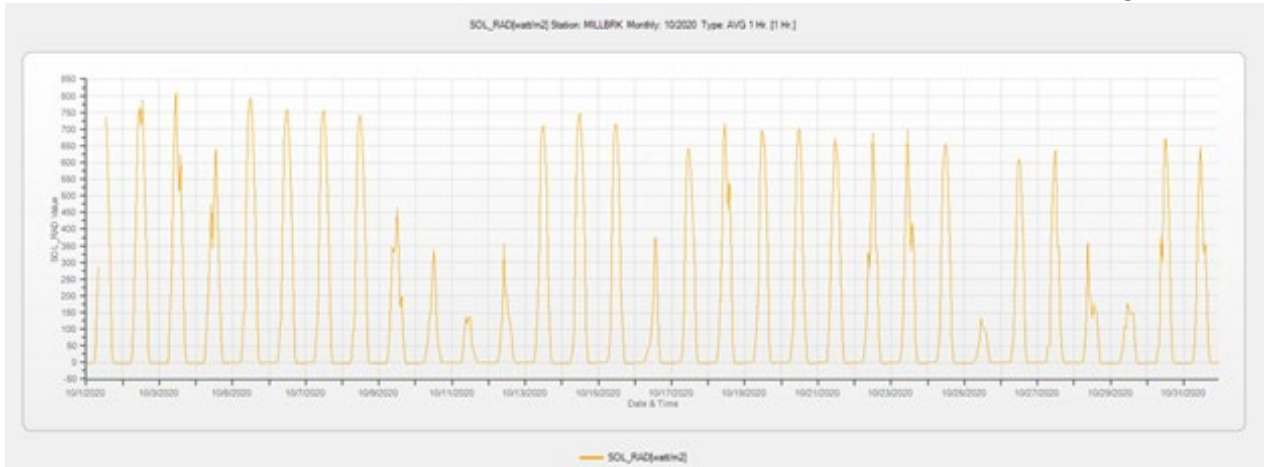
- If available, the RCO Chemist should follow a similar method for ambient temperature, relative humidity, and barometric pressure. The criteria for  $R^2$ , precision, and bias are presented below:

Section 5.5 Table 1 Criteria for  $R^2$ , Precision and Bias for Meteorological Measurements

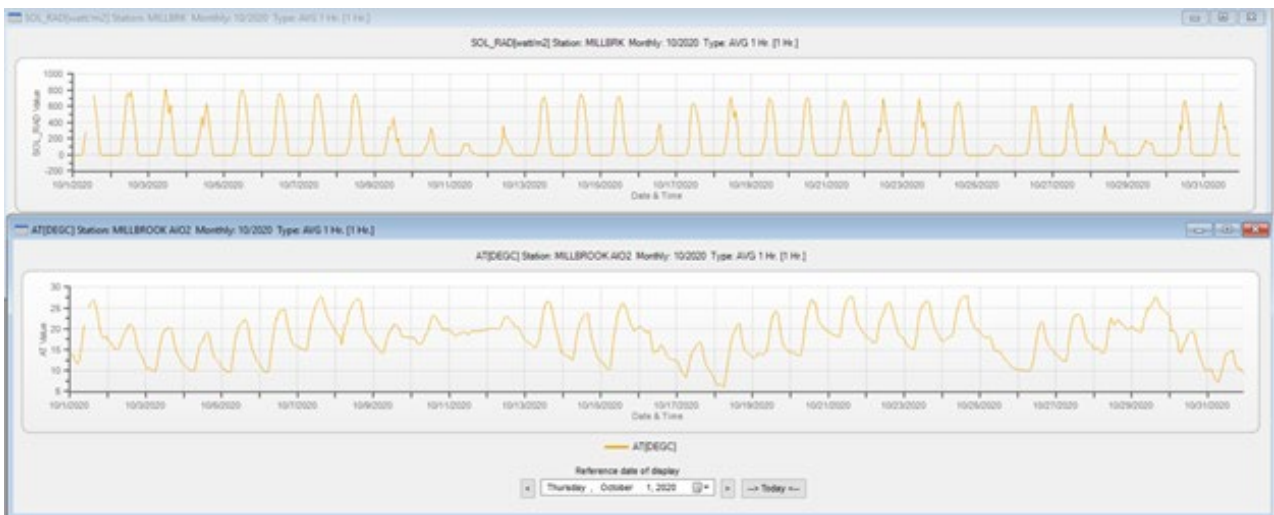
Meteorological Measurement	$R^2$	Precision	Bias
Ambient Temperature	0.95	0.5°C	0.5 °C
Relative Humidity (RH)	0.95	5%RH	5%RH
Barometric Pressure	0.95	1mb	1mb

#### 5.5.3 Solar Radiation

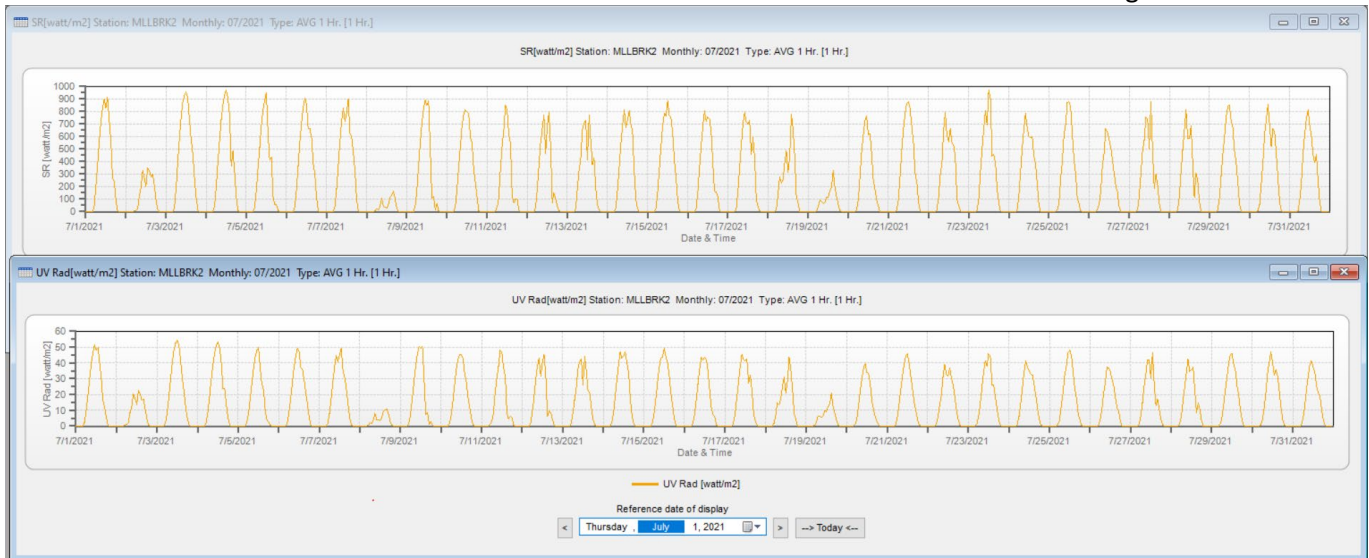
- Open a station report for solar radiation at the site. Select to see the data as a graph.



- Observe the data for near zero values during the night hours and high values during the day. For diminished peaks, check nearby weather stations (via <https://www.wunderground.com>) to see if that day was overcast. For diminished peaks that are not on cloudy days or aberrantly shaped peaks, flag the data with a QX qualifier.
- Open a station report for ambient temperature. Select to view the data as a graph.



- Compare the ambient temperature with solar radiation. Ambient temperature should trend cooler at night and warmer during the day. For moments that fall outside this trend, check nearby weather stations (via <https://www.wunderground.com>). For ambient temperature that cannot be reasonably confirmed by nearby weather stations, flag the data with a QX qualifier.
- Close the station report for ambient temperature.
- Open a station report for UV radiation.



- Compare UV radiation to solar radiation. During the night, values for both parameters should be near zero. During the day, UV radiation should follow a similar trend as solar radiation. During periods of overcast, it is possible to have UV readings that do not match solar radiation. For moments that fall outside this trend, check nearby weather stations (via <https://www.wunderground.com>). For ambient temperature that cannot be reasonably confirmed by nearby weather stations, flag the data with a QX qualifier.
- Close the station report for solar radiation and UV radiation.

#### 5.5.4 Rain Measurement

- If a station report for ambient temperature is not open, open it. Then open a station report for relative humidity.



- Compare ambient temperature with relative humidity. In general, relative humidity should go down as ambient temperature goes up. For moments where both relative humidity and ambient temperature are high, check nearby weather stations (via <https://www.wunderground.com>) for a rain event. For such events not explained by rain, flag relative humidity with a QX flag.
- Close the report for ambient temperature and open a station report for rain measurements.





- Compare relative humidity with rain measurements. As rain measurements are observed, relative humidity should increase. For rain measurements that do not show an increase in relative humidity, check nearby weather stations (via <https://www.wunderground.com>) for a rain event. For such events not explained by rain, flag rain measurements with a QX flag.
- Close all station reports that are open.

### 5.5.5 Relationships between the various Meteorological Parameters

The following relationships are additional checks that the RCO Chemist can use as weight of evidence. While the RCO Chemists are not required to extensively check these relationships, they are encouraged to do so. This is especially true when it is unclear which parameter to flag when comparing parameters during the normal validation process. In general, should any of the following relationships not hold true, the RCO Chemist should check nearby weather stations (via <https://www.wunderground.com>) for relative data and flag any data that cannot be reasonably supported by the nearby weather station's data with a QX qualifier. Additional relationships that the RCO Chemist can check include:

- Compare Wind Speed with Relative Humidity. When wind speeds are high, relative humidity should be lower. When wind speeds are low, relative humidity should be higher.
- Compare Wind Speed with Solar Radiation. Leading up to and around periods of observed measurements of solar radiation, wind speed should show a general increase. During the night hours when there are near zero measurements of solar radiation, wind speeds should show a general decrease.
- Compare Barometric Pressure with Ambient Temperature. When barometric pressure is high, ambient temperature should read lower. When barometric pressure is low, ambient temperature should read higher.
- Compare Barometric Pressure with Solar Radiation. When barometric pressure is low or decreasing, there is more likely a chance of overcast skies and therefore less solar radiation. When barometric pressure is high or increasing, there is more likely a chance for a clear day and more solar radiation.
- Compare Barometric Pressure with Rain Measurements. When barometric pressure is low or decreasing, there is more likely a chance of rain measurements to be observed. When barometric pressure is high or increasing, there is less likely a chance for rain measurements to be observed.
- Compare Solar Radiation with Rain Measurements. Rain events are more likely to occur when solar radiation reads lower.
- Compare Wind Direction with Ambient Temperature. With greater changes in ambient temperature, a change in wind direction should be observed.

## 6.0 Independent Accuracy Audit Reporting

Annual performance audits are performed by ECB technicians annually. The DAQ also participates in the EPA Performance Evaluation Program (PEP) and National Performance Audit Program (NPAP) external audit programs.

### 6.1 ECB Annual Performance Evaluations of Gaseous Monitors

For the gaseous instruments, ECB electronics technicians will perform an annual performance evaluation at least every 365 days and once per calendar year and whenever request by the Ambient Monitoring Section chief, or chief, (except for the background monitors where a performance evaluation is completed every quarter). The evaluations are performed by comparing the analyzer measurements to independent standards or references. The audit concentrations selected for evaluation should include a value at or near the detection limit of the monitor, a value near the level of the NAAQS, and a value that is less than the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of the data within the network. Performance evaluations will be conducted using a different gas cylinder and calibrator than what is used to calibrate the monitor and complete the nightly or biweekly QC checks. Performance audits will be conducted by ECB electronics technicians, who are not normally involve in the routine operational activities of the gaseous monitors, using dedicated Quality Assurance (QA) equipment.

#### 6.1.1 Ozone Performance Audit Evaluation Criteria

The O<sub>3</sub> performance audit is a “Pass – Fail” evaluation. The criteria for evaluating the acceptance or failure of the O<sub>3</sub> monitor at a given site are listed in the table below.

*Section 6.1 Table 1 Ozone Performance Audit Acceptance Limits*

EPA Audit Level	Audit Concentration	Site Monitor
Zero	0	≤ ± 3 ppb
Level 2	15	≤ ± 1.4 ppb
Level 5	70	≤ ± 4.9 ppb
Level 6	100	≤ ± 7 ppb

#### 6.1.2 Sulfur Dioxide Performance Audit Evaluation Criteria

The SO<sub>2</sub> performance audit is a “Pass – Fail” evaluation. The criteria for evaluating the acceptance or failure of the SO<sub>2</sub> monitor at a given site are listed in the table below.

*Section 6.1 Table 2 Sulfur Dioxide Performance Audit Acceptance Limits*

EPA Audit Level	Audit Concentration	Site Monitor
Zero	0	≤ ± 1.5 ppb
Level 1	2.5	≤ ± 1.5 ppb
Level 4	20 or 50	≤ ± 15.0%
Level 6	75	≤ ± 15.0%

#### 6.1.3 Nitrogen Dioxide

The NO<sub>2</sub> performance audit is a “Pass – Fail” evaluation. The criteria for evaluating the acceptance or failure of the NO<sub>2</sub> monitor at a given site are listed in the table below.

*Section 6.1 Table 3 Nitrogen Dioxide Performance Audit Acceptance Limits*

EPA Audit Level	NO/NO <sub>x</sub> Audit Concentration	NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Concentration	Site Monitor
Zero	0	0	< ± 1.5 ppb or < ± 15.1 %
Level 1	2.5	2.5	< ± 1.5 ppb or < ± 15.1 %
Level 5	40	25	< ± 15.1 %

*Section 6.1 Table 3 Nitrogen Dioxide Performance Audit Acceptance Limits*

EPA Audit Level	NO/NO <sub>x</sub> Audit Concentration	NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Concentration	Site Monitor
Level 6	N/A	100	< ± 15.1 %
Level 7	160	N/A	< ± 15.1 %

#### 6.1.4 Total Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen (NOT/NO<sub>y</sub>T)

The Total Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen performance audit is a “Pass – Fail” evaluation. The criteria for evaluating the acceptance or failure of the Total Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen and NO monitor at a given site are listed in the table below.

*Section 6.1 Table 4 Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen Performance Audit Acceptance Limits*

Audit Level	NOT/NO <sub>y</sub> T Audit Concentration	Site Monitor
Zero	0	< ± 1.5 ppb or < ± 15.1 %
Level 2	4	< ± 1.5 ppb or < ± 15.1 %
Level 5	22	< ± 15.1 %
Level 7	160	< ± 15.1 %

#### 6.1.5 Carbon Monoxide

The Carbon Monoxide performance audit is a “Pass – Fail” evaluation. The criteria for evaluating the acceptance or failure of the Carbon Monoxide monitoring site are listed in the table below.

*Section 6.1 Table 5 Carbon Monoxide Performance Audit Acceptance Limits*

Audit Level	Audit Concentration	Site Monitor
Zero	0	< ± 30 ppb
Level 2	190	< ± 30 ppb or < ± 15.1 %
Level 4	1000	< ± 15.1 %
Level 5	3900	< ± 15.1 %

#### 6.1.6 Processing of Performance Evaluation Reporting Forms

The detailed procedures for processing the performance evaluation forms are described in Appendix C: Detailed Procedures for Processing Performance Evaluation Documentation. In summary, the forms are transferred from the ECB supervisor to the Project and Procedures Branch (PPB) supervisor. The forms are reviewed and evaluated by the PPB staff, who sign off on them. The signed forms are scanned and archived in IBEAM. The scanned forms are also emailed to the supervisor of the operator and the regional monitoring coordinator with a summary of the results. The person reviewing and signing off on the form also creates transaction files of the audit results and transfers those forms to the database manager to upload into AQS.

### 6.2 External Agency Audits

The EPA defines a performance evaluation as a type of audit in which an independent party obtains the quantitative data generated in a measurement system and compares it with routinely obtained data to evaluate the proficiency of the site operator. The DAQ participates in the NPAP which only includes the regulatory monitors used for NAAQS determinations. Information on the NPAP is available at <https://www.epa.gov/amtic/national-performance-audit-program-npap-gaseous-monitoring>.

### 6.3 Meteorological Sensor Checks

The quality assurance regime for the meteorological sensors is described in Section 9.0 Accuracy Audits of SOP DAQ-07-003.1. The accuracy, precision and functionality of the meteorological sensor equipment will be evaluated using the collocated transfer standard (CTS) method described in Section 5.2 of SOP DAQ-07-003.1. The CTS check is required once a calendar year and every 365 days except for at Millbrook where the sensors should undergo a CTS check twice a calendar year and every 182 days. More frequent CTS checks are encouraged. The criteria for evaluating the acceptance or failure of the meteorological sensor equipment are listed in the table below. The DAQ follows the guidelines as detailed in the QA Handbook for Meteorological Measurements, available at: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/documents/volume\\_iv\\_meteorological\\_measurements.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/documents/volume_iv_meteorological_measurements.pdf)

#### Section 6.3 Table 1 CTS Control Limits:<sup>a</sup>

	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Ambient Temperature	Pressure	Relative Humidity
Average Difference (Bias)	±1.0 m/s	±10.0°	±0.50 °C	±2.0 hPa	±5.0%
Standard Deviation (Precision)	±0.5 m/s	±10°	±0.25 °C	±1.0 hPa	±2.5%

<sup>a</sup> These CTS Control limits were derived through CTS studies performed by DAQ

## 7.0 Calibration (Precision) Check Reporting

The following sections cover calibration (precision) check reporting procedures which are unique to a specific pollutant. The following steps represent the current approach to calibration (precision) check reporting (Level 3 Review) process.

### 7.1 Ozone

See Section 5.1.2 of this SOP for procedures used to upload automated PZS checks to AQS.

### 7.2 Sulfur Dioxide

See Section 5.2.2 of this SOP for procedures used to upload automated PZS checks to AQS and Section 5.2.3 of this SOP for procedures used to upload manual performance checks to AQS.

### 7.3 Nitrogen Dioxide and Total Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen (NOT/NOyT)

See Section 5.3.5 of this SOP for procedures used to upload manual performance checks to AQS.

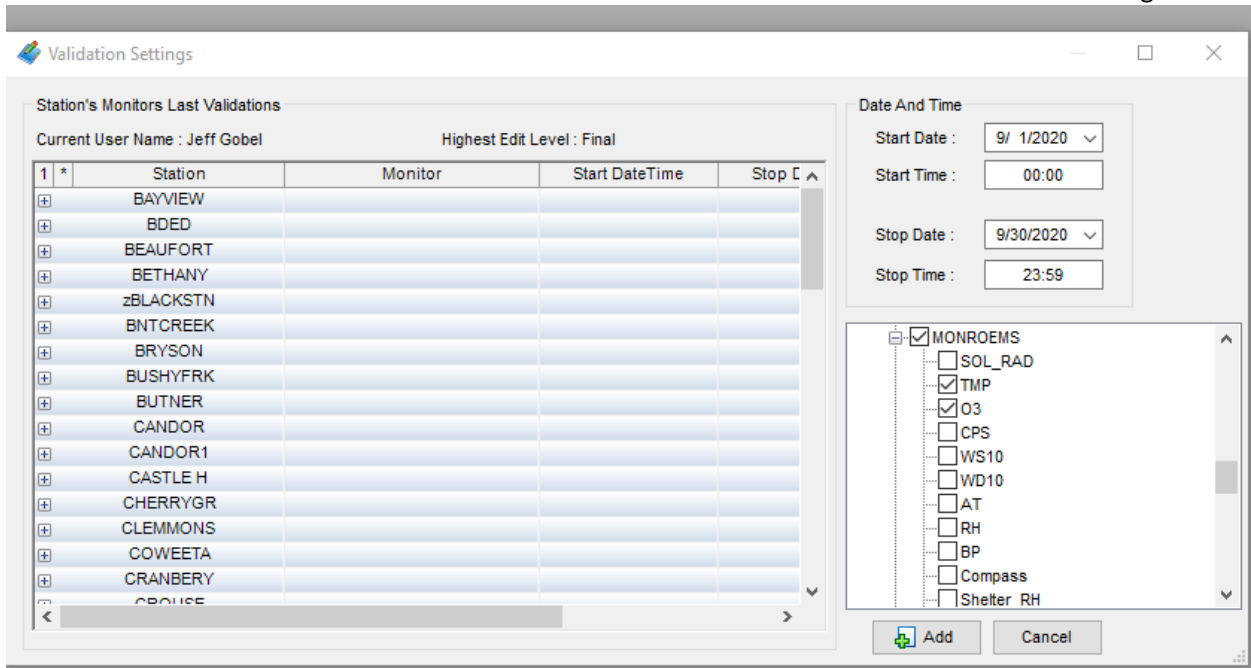
### 7.4 Carbon Monoxide

See Section 5.4.4 of this SOP for procedures used to upload manual performance checks to AQS

## 8.0 Data Validation and Certification

### 8.1 Data Validation Procedure using Envidas

8.1.1 Final Level 3 Validation is achieved by going to the Edit tab on the upper scroll bar of Envista and selecting Validation Settings Action box. This will generate the following control box to populate:

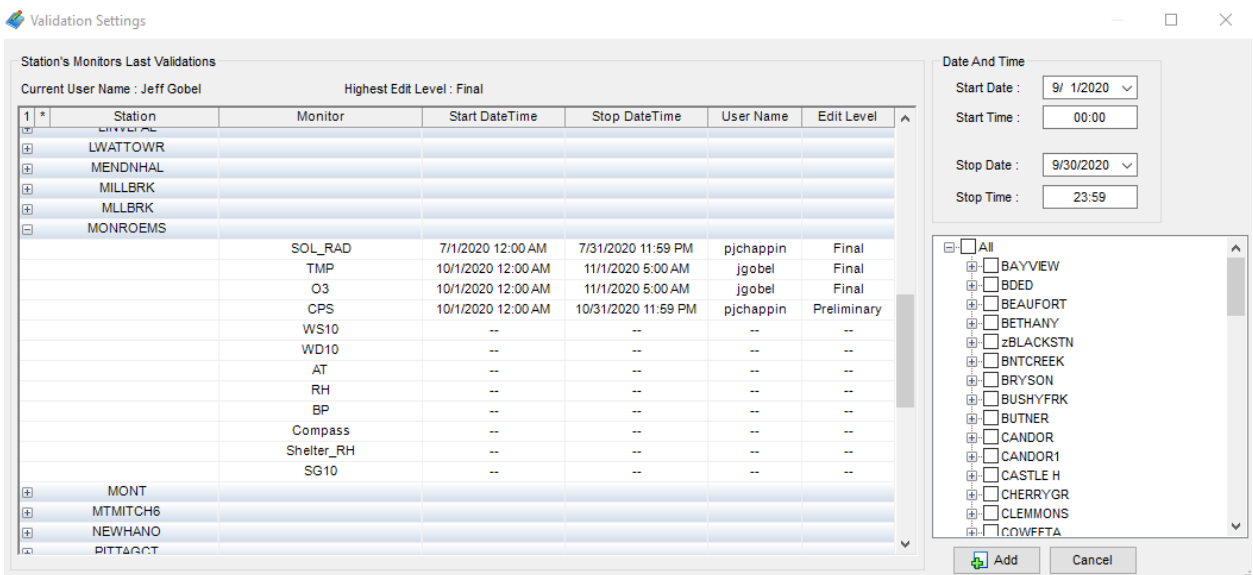


The reviewer must

- set the **Start Date and Time (00:00)**
- set the **Stop Date and Time (23:59)** (Envidas/Envista will not auto populate or correct either of these items).
- Check the site in the right-side box
- Check which parameters you are validating (In this case its Monroe for TMP and O<sub>3</sub>.)
- Proceed to the **Add box** and press it to activate.

A message will pop up and you will answer Yes to *activate the Validation*. A prompt will notify you when completed. It is a good idea to check that the site validated by clicking on it in the left-hand box and open it and confirm that it validated correctly. You are now finished with Validating at Level 3.

The confirmation report should look like this screen shot:



## 8.2 Annual Data Certification

Per 40 CFR Part 58.15, state and local government monitoring organizations must certify their ambient concentration data and quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) data. For DEQ, the chief should certify all data submitted for all monitors specified in 40 CFR §58.15 within the PQAQ. As required by 40 CFR 58.15, an annual air monitoring data certification letter, as shown in Section 8.2 Figure 1 is required to certify that the data collected by the federal reference method and federal equivalent method monitors for state and local air monitoring stations (SLAMS) and special purpose monitors (SPMs) in the DAQ networks meet criteria in 40 CFR Part 58, Appendix A from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of the previous year. A data certification letter signed by the chief should be sent to the applicable EPA Regional Administrator or the delegated official, addressed to the attention of the regional primary AQS contact. The chief should check with DAQ's Regional contact to determine the appropriate official recipient for the transmittal.

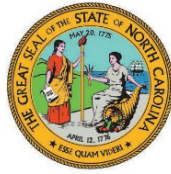
The letter must include the following two specific statements. The chief certifies that (i) the ambient concentration data and the quality assurance data are completely submitted to AQS, and that (ii) the ambient data are accurate to the best of his or her knowledge taking into consideration the quality assurance findings. The first part means that all of the ambient data and all of the quality assurance data that were collected, and that have completed and passed DAQ's data validation process have been submitted to AQS. The second part means that the chief has considered the results of all periodic quality control checks and other relevant performance assessments and has determined that the ambient data, quality assessment and QC data meets EPA regulatory requirements and the data quality requirements specified in DAQ's QAPPs. The letter must be clear regarding what combinations of site, monitor, pollutant, and Parameter Occurrence Code (POC) are the subject of the certification statement.

Along with the certification letter, the chief must submit to EPA an annual summary report of all the ambient air quality data collected by the monitors, as well as a summary of the precision and accuracy data, for the previous year. This requirement is met by submitting the AMP600 report. See Appendix D: Detailed Annual Data Certification Procedures for instructions on generating the AMP600 report for submittal to the EPA for the annual data certification.

Data certification is the final process of assessing the state's monitoring data for the previous calendar year. The DAQ verifies and validates data monthly, as discussed in Section 2 of this SOP. Additionally, the chief or his designee assesses the data on a quarterly basis when an RCO chemist generates specific AQS reports to assess the data quality indicators as discussed in SOP 2.39.4 Quarterly Data Review. With these assessments ongoing throughout the year, annual data certification, then, serves as the last assessment of the data – looking at it from an all-inclusive, annual perspective – to see if any unidentified anomalies or trends exist in the data that the data reviewers did not previously identify. The annual data certification process starts with running and reviewing AMP reports contained in AQS. The reports typically queried include the following:

- AMP350 Raw Data
- AMP251 QA Data
- AMP430 Data Completeness
- AMP600 Certification Evaluation
- AMP256 Data Quality Indicator
- AMP504 Extract QA Data
- AMP450 Quicklook Criteria Parameters
- AMP450NC Quicklook All Parameters

An RCO audit chemist and the PPB supervisor review these reports and confirm everything is complete and accurate. The RCO audit chemist and PPB supervisor also review the reports to ensure the statistical results



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**Subject: Certification of Ambient Data for North Carolina for 2019 Calendar Year**

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

This letter certifies that for the ambient air monitors and date periods indicated in the attached AQS summary reports, *concentration data and quality assurance data are completely submitted to AQS and that the ambient data are accurate to the best of my knowledge, taking into consideration the quality assurance findings and the recent Technical Systems Audit recommendations.*

This certification does not cover monitors operated by Mecklenburg County Air Quality (Reporting Organization 0669) and Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection (Reporting Organization 0403). Those local programs certify their data separately from the North Carolina Division of Air Quality (Reporting Organization 0776).

The AQS AMP600 and AMP450NC reports that are required by the USEPA to affirm certifications have been included in the email distribution list. Annual certification of ambient monitoring data is required by provisions in 40 CFR 58.15.

If you need more information concerning this certification, or have other questions, please contact me at [patrick.butler@ncdenr.gov](mailto:patrick.butler@ncdenr.gov) or (919) 707-8719.

Sincerely,

Patrick Butler, P.E.  
Ambient Monitoring Section Chief

Attachments (email distribution only):  
AMP600 documents (originals signed)  
AMP450NC document



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**Section 8.2 Figure 1. Example Annual Certification Letter**

indicate the monitoring data were in control over the course of the entire year and met the DQOs. If they identify problems, the RCO audit chemist investigates them in accordance with Section 9 of this SOP. Ultimately, this process verifies that the DAQ monitoring data submitted to AQS is correct and complete.

Once the RCO chemists, statistician and database manager complete any necessary corrections, additions or deletions in AQS and the RCO chemists and PPB supervisor finalize the dataset, the chief officially recommends the data for certification to EPA Region 4. The data certification package provided to EPA includes a signed copy of the AMP600 report, along with a letter signed by the chief, certifying that the ambient concentration and QA data in AQS are complete and accurate, taking into consideration the QA findings, to the best of his or her knowledge. If coarse particle data (PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>) or 5-minute SO<sub>2</sub> data, including maximum hourly 5-minute SO<sub>2</sub> data, need to be certified, the certification package should also include an AMP450NC report. The annual data certification package is due to EPA Region 4 by May 1 of each year.

## 9.0 Troubleshooting and Corrective Actions

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### 9.1 Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting is the final step in the data validation process. After data review is complete the assigned pollutant chemist, or level 3 reviewer, will assess whether the program is meeting the data quality objectives defined in the relevant QAPP. The assigned pollutant chemist will work with regional staff as necessary to correct any deficiencies and to refine or adapt procedures to ensure data quality objectives are met.

### 9.2 Corrective Actions

The audit chemist will review previously validated data on a quarterly basis. When the review and audit are completed the audit chemist will create an AQS Audit Report and Data Update Form (revision 9.0). The form will contain general program comments as well as specific observations and questions relating to the validated data as reported in AQS. The form will identify any issues that may impact data quality, completeness, storage and reporting. The data validator (level 3 reviewer) will review the completed audit form, carefully consider the audit chemist's remarks and note on the form any corrections that may need to be made. The data validator will then forward the completed audit form to the database manager, along with documentation for any changes that need to be uploaded to AQS. The database manager will make the appropriate data uploads to AQS and document the completion of the process on the audit report. The audit chemist will then verify the corrections are complete in AQS and document completion of the process. Copies of both the original audit reports and the completed audit reports are then archived in IBEAM.

## 10.0 Revision History

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The following revisions were made to this SOP:

Date	Person Revising Document	Revision	Page No.	Approved by/ Date
3/15/2022	Jeremy Pope	Corrected CTS Control Limits in Section 6.3 Table 1.	44	Joette Steger/ 03/15/2022
3/24/2022	Joette Steger	Corrected Effective Date	2	Joette Steger/ 03/24/2022



## 11.0 Appendices

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- Appendix A: AQS Audit Report and Data Update Form (revision 9.0).
- Appendix B: Audit Sheets for Carbon Monoxide and Nitrogen Oxides
- Appendix C: Detailed Procedures for Processing Performance Evaluation Documentation
- Appendix D: Generating the Statistician's Daily Reports
- Appendix E: List of Acronyms

**Appendix A: Example of AQS Audit Report and Data Update Form (revision 9.0)**

**Instructions**

This form (AQS Audit Report and Data Revision Form) combines an AQS Audit Report and a Data Update Form into one. As an AQS Audit Report, this form is typically created by the Central Office Audit Chemist for a quarterly data review. Problems that may impact or potentially impact data quality, completeness, storage, or reporting are formally tracked, documented, identified and resolved using this form.

As a Data Update Form, this form is typically used by PPB Supervisors, Statisticians, Chemist, etc. to document requests for change, update, edit, replace, Import, upload, etc. data that has previously been validated and sent to AQS. Note: The Data Update Form (2.2 June 2019 will be discontinued).

Date Issued

Quarter/Year of Audit

Quarter (Choose an item.) Year (Choose an item.)

Parameter (Choose an item.)

Findings

Audit  Data Error

Responses/Actions

Data Types to be Updated/Uploaded

Data Type (Choose an item.) N/A  
(Enter manually if more than one).

Location of Data to Be Updated/Uploaded

AQS  AirNow-Tech  IBEAM  Envista

Sites

N/A  
(Enter manually if more than one).

**Parameters**  
 N/A  
(Enter manually if more than one).

**Dates and Times of Data Update/Upload**  
(Enter manually). N/A

**Staff Involved in Update/Upload**  
 N/A  
(Enter manually if more than one).

**Date and Time of Final Edits by Steven Rice**  
(Enter manually).

**Date and Time of Final Review by Mike Lane**







Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

SYSTEMS AUDIT FORM: NO2

Calibration Checks and NO2 Converter Efficiency (x=max.dev.) Every 14 days or less <sup>[1]</sup> >14 days

Jan	GPT % Δ	Feb	GPT % Δ	Mar	GPT % Δ	Apr	GPT % Δ	May	GPT % Δ	Jun	GPT % Δ
Jul	GPT % Δ	Aug	GPT % Δ	Sep	GPT % Δ	Oct	GPT % Δ	Nov	GPT % Δ	Dec	GPT % Δ

Filter Changes, Every 14 days

Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun	
Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	

Highest Monthly Reading

Date	NO (ppb)	Hour	Date	NO <sub>2</sub> (ppb)	Hour	Date	NOx (ppb)	Hour
Jan			Jan			Jan		
Feb			Feb			Feb		
Mar			Mar			Mar		
Apr			Apr			Apr		
May			May			May		
Jun			Jun			Jun		
Jul			Jul			Jul		
Aug			Aug			Aug		
Sep			Sep			Sep		
Oct			Oct			Oct		
Nov			Nov			Nov		
Dec			Dec			Dec		

Calibration / Verification: Every 365 days or less

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

Gas Dilution Calibrator Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Replaced: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Zero Air Generator: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Replaced: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Completeness

1st Q			2nd Q			3rd Q			4th Q		
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Year: _____											

Reported to AQS via AQ98 Form

Date	NO ppb (Standard)	NO ppb (Monitor)	% Diff	NO <sub>x</sub> ppb (Standard)	NO <sub>x</sub> ppb (Monitor)	% Diff	NO <sub>2</sub> ppb (Standard)	NO <sub>2</sub> ppb (Monitor)	% Diff

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_





Calibration / Verification: Every 365 days or less

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

Completeness

1st Q			2nd Q			3rd Q			4th Q		
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Year:											

Highest Monthly Reading

Date	(ppb)	Hour	Date	(ppb)	Hour	Date	(ppb)	Hour
Jan			May			Sep		
Feb			Jun			Oct		
Mar			Jul			Nov		
Apr			Aug			Dec		

Gas Dilution Calibrator Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Replaced: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Zero Air Generator: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Replaced: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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Region:      Site:                                      Year:                     

SYSTEMS AUDIT FORM: NOy

Calibration Checks and Converter Efficiency (x=max.dev.) Every 14 days or less <sup>[1]</sup> >14 days

Jan	CE %	Feb	CE %	Mar	CE %	Apr	CE %	May	CE %	Jun	%
Jul	CE %	Aug	CE %	Sep	CE %	Oct	CE %	Nov	CE %	Dec	CE %

Filter Changes, Every 30 days

Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun
Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec

Highest Monthly Reading

Date	NO <sub>2</sub> T (ppb)	Hour	Date	NO <sub>2</sub> T (ppb)	Hour	Date	NO <sub>y</sub> T (ppb)	Hour
Jan			Jan			Jan		
Feb			Feb			Feb		
Mar			Mar			Mar		
Apr			Apr			Apr		
May			May			May		
Jun			Jun			Jun		
Jul			Jul			Jul		
Aug			Aug			Aug		
Sep			Sep			Sep		
Oct			Oct			Oct		
Nov			Nov			Nov		
Dec			Dec			Dec		

Calibration <sup>[1]</sup> Every 90 days at NCore site

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

Gas Dilution Calibrator Certification:            -            -            Replaced:            -            -           

Teledyne 701 Zero Air Generator:            -            -            Replaced:            -            -



## Appendix C: Detailed Procedures for Processing Performance Evaluation Documentation

This appendix contains detailed procedures for reviewing and evaluating the performance evaluation reports and reporting the results. This appendix also contains instructions on archiving the performance evaluation reports in IBEAM.

### C.1 Review and Evaluation of the Performance Evaluation Reporting Form

After the ECB Supervisor or his designee reviews the Continuous Monitor Performance Audit Report (AQ-121 Form), the ECB Supervisor transfers the form to the PPB Supervisor, who then either reviews and evaluates the audit results or transfers the forms to the appropriate RCO chemist to review and evaluate the audit results. The first step in evaluating the form is to record the names of the regional supervisor, regional coordinator and RCO chemist (or the appropriate ABAQA staff) on the form to whom the signed record should be distributed. Current names are listed in Appendix C.1 Table 1.

*Appendix C.1 Table 1 People to Whom Performance Evaluation Reports are Distributed*

DEQ Region or External Program	Regional Supervisor	Regional Chemist	RCO Chemist
Asheville	Brendan Davey	Steve Ensley	Jeff Gobel – Ozone Jeremy Pope – Sulfur Dioxide
Fayetteville	Heather Carter	Stephen Allen	Jeff Gobel – Ozone Jeremy Pope – Sulfur Dioxide
Mooresville	Bruce Ingle	Paul Chappin	Jeff Gobel – Ozone Kay Roberts – Nitrogen Dioxide
Raleigh	Taylor Hartsfield	Timothy Skelding	Jeff Gobel – Ozone Jeremy Pope – Sulfur Dioxide Kay Roberts – Nitrogen Dioxide Kay Roberts – Carbon Monoxide Kay Roberts – Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen
Washington	Betsy Huddleston	Jennifer Sides	Jeff Gobel – Ozone Jeremy Pope – Sulfur Dioxide
Wilmington	Brad Newland	Tony Sabetti	Jeff Gobel – Ozone Jeremy Pope – Sulfur Dioxide
Winston-Salem	Ray Stewart	Chengqing Xiao	Jeff Gobel – Ozone Jeremy Pope – Sulfur Dioxide
Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency	Kevin Lance	James Raiford	Jeff Gobel - Ozone
Forsyth County Environmental Assistance and Protection	Jason Bodenhamer		Jeff Gobel - Ozone
Mecklenburg County Air Quality	Danielle Jones		Jeff Gobel - Ozone
CASTNet	Marcus Stewart (CASTNet Reps)	Timothy Sharac; Kevin Mishoe	Jeff Gobel - Ozone
Transco	Cori Lincecum (Williams Contact)	Andrew Rengel (ERM Contact)	Kay Roberts – Nitrogen Dioxide

The second step is to review the results of the audit, comparing the test levels and the differences to the tolerances provided in Section 6.1 Tables 1 through 4. All of the audit levels should meet the criteria. If they do not, the reviewer needs to decide on whether the evaluation is "good" or "not acceptable." To make this determination, the reviewer may have discussions with the RCO chemist, the ECB auditor, the operator, and the coordinator. Sometimes if the average of the percent differences for all levels meets the criteria in the tables in Section 6.1, the reviewer may deem the evaluation as "acceptable." When the reviewer deems the evaluation as "acceptable" instead of "good," the reviewer should provide a reason for why the evaluation is still "acceptable" as opposed to "not acceptable." When the reviewer deems the evaluation as "not acceptable," the reviewer should also note whether additional action is needed or has already been taken to correct the situation or if data needs to be invalidated or flagged as a result of the failed performance evaluation. Generally, data are not invalidated as a result of a failed performance evaluation unless the evaluation identified an invalid operating condition, such as a leak in the sample line, or problem with a critical component of the monitor, such as the photomultiplier tube. For O<sub>3</sub> audits, evaluate the audit of the shelter temperature devices. The central processing unit (CPU) and HOB0 temperatures should be within 2 degrees Celsius (°C) of the reference thermometer reading. For nitrogen oxide monitors that use a converter, check the measured converter efficiencies. The converter efficiencies for each audit level should be within 96 and 104 percent. If they are not, the reviewer should discuss the situation with the RCO chemist and ECB auditor to determine if the audit is "good" or "not acceptable." A signed performance evaluation form is shown below.

**CONTINUOUS MONITOR PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT**

ACCURACY AUDIT FOR 500 ppb RANGE

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR Patrick Butler REGIONAL CHEMIST RK Tebeau RCO CHEMIST Kay Roberts

POLLUTANT	POLLUTANT	POLLUTANT	POLLUTANT	POLLUTANT
( ) O3 44201-047-08-0	( ) NO 42601-200-08-1	( ) HSN0 42601-075-08-1	( ) HSNH3 42604-051-08-1	( ) NOY-TLE 42600-2-674-08-2
( ) CO 42101-054-07-1	( ) NO2 42602-200-08-1	( ) HSN0Y 42600-075-08-1	( ) CO-TLE 42101-2-554-08-2	( ) SO2-TLE 42401-2-560-08-2
( ) SO2 42401-060-08-2	(X) NOX 42603-200-08-1	( ) HSN0X 42603-051-08-1	( ) NO-TLE 42601-2-674-08-2	( ) SO4 88403-875-08-2

AQS #: 37-105-0002	SITE: Blackstone	REG: RARO	QTR: 3rd	YR: 2016 2017 2018
ADT. DEV. MODEL #: T700U	SN: 170	# 4	CERT. DATE: 4/26/17	EXP. DATE: 1/26/18
ADT. ZAP MODEL #: 751H	SN: 97	# 2	CHEM. CHANGED DATE: 8/30/16	EXP. DATE: 8/30/17
ADT. CYL. #: EB0053059	TYPE: NO	CONC. 9.99 ppm / .07 ppm imp.	PSI: 1900	EXP. DATE: 6/14/19
ADT. CYL. #:	TYPE:	CONC.	PSI:	EXP. DATE:
SITE CAL. MODEL #: T700U	SN: 140	#1	CERT. DATE: 1/31/17	EXP. DATE: 1/31/18
SITE ZAP MODEL #: 701	SN: 5647	#71	CHEM. CHANGED DATE: 11/1/16	EXP. DATE: 11/1/17
SITE MON. MODEL #: T200UP	SN: 66	#3	MDL DATE: N/A	EXP. DATE: N/A
SITE CYL. #: EB0078629	TYPE: NO	CONC. 10.09 ppm / .04 ppm imp.	PSI: 1200	EXP. DATE: 6/14/19
SITE CYL. #:	TYPE:	CONC.	PSI:	EXP. DATE:
AUDITOR (S): Mark Yirka/Johnny Doctor/AH	DATE: 8/10/17	REVIEWED BY: <u>Johnny Doctor</u>	DATE: <u>8-21-17</u>	

AUDIT POINT PPB	EPA AUDIT LEVEL	GAS FLOW SCCM	ZERO FLOW SCCM	TOTAL FLOW SCCM	AUDIT DEVICE (CA) PPB	PRIMARY DATA LOGGER	
						READING (CM) PPB	Percent Difference (D1)
ZERO		0.0	3003.0	3003.0	0.0	0.1	N/A
60	6	30.0	4981.0	5011.0	59.8	58.3	-2.6
175	7	52.5	2962.0	3014.5	174.0	171.8	-1.3
425	8	127.6	2896.0	3023.6	421.6	414.1	-1.8

AUDITOR REMARKS: 80-90% FS CE%= 98.4 10-20% FS CE%= 100.4 2-5% FS CE%= 104.1

AUDIT RESULTS: GOOD  NOT ACCEPTABLE  INDICATE ACTION TAKEN BELOW:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL CHECKS (SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_

DATA INVALIDATED FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

PREVENTIVE ACTION (DESCRIBE): \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: Average CE is 98% which is greater than 96% when calculated using slope

EVAL. DATE: Aug 29, 2017 EVALUATOR: John Steg

After the reviewer finishes evaluating the performance evaluation results for reported monitor concentrations, the shelter temperature audit results (for O<sub>3</sub> performance evaluations) and the converter efficiency results (for nitrogen oxide performance evaluations on monitors using converters), the reviewer should record any remarks or corrective actions needed on the form and the date of the reviewer's evaluation and sign the form.

### C.2 Reporting of Performance Evaluation Data to AQS

After the reviewer finishes reviewing and evaluating the form, the next step is to upload the performance evaluation results to AQS. There are two ways to go about uploading the data. One way is to create transaction files. Transaction files can be created using the AQS Transaction Generator, which is no longer supported by the EPA and therefore will no longer be installed on state computers by the Department of Information Technology (DIT). Transaction files can also be created manually. The second way to upload the data to AQS is to upload it directly if one has screening group access.

To correctly create a transaction file or upload the data, first one has to be able to correctly interpret the information on the form. Below is an annotated form to help with interpreting the data. The "AQS #" box provides the state and county codes and the site ID. The "Pollutant" check box provides the parameter, method and unit codes. The date box provides the assessment date. The "EPA Audit Level" column provides the level. The "Audit Device" column provides the assessment concentration and the "Analyzer" "Reading" column provides the monitor concentration.

**CONTINUOUS MONITOR PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT**

ACCURACY AUDIT FOR 200 PPB RANGE

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR Bruce Ingle REGIONAL CHEMIST Paul Clappin RCO CHEMIST Kay Roberts

State Code 44 County Code 201 Site ID 047-08-0

POLLUTANT	Parameter Code	Method Code	Unit Code	POLLUTANT	POLLUTANT	POLLUTANT
( ) O3	44201-047-08-0	( ) NO	42601-200-08-1	( ) HSN0	42601-075-08-1	( ) HSNH3
( ) CO	42101-054-07-1	(X) NO2	42602-200-08-1	( ) HSN0Y	42600-075-08-1	( ) CO-TLE
( ) SO2	42401-060-08-2	( ) NOX	42603-200-08-1	( ) HSN0X	42603-051-08-1	( ) NO-TLE
						( ) SO4

AQS #: 371590021 SITE: Rockwell REG: MRO QTR: 2nd YR: 2021

ADT. DEV. MODEL #: T700U	SN: 170	# 4	CERT. DATE: 6-7-21	EXP. DATE: 6-7-22
ADT. ZAP MODEL #: 751H	SN: 97	# 2	CERT. DATE: 12-08-20	EXP. DATE: 12-08-21
ADT. CYL. #: BR0012179	TYPE: NO	CONC. 10.04 ppm		PSI: 1800
ADT. CYL. #:	TYPE:	CONC.		PSI:
SITE CAL. MODEL #: T700U	SN: 205	# 6	CERT. DATE: 9-8-20	EXP. DATE: 9-8-21
SITE ZAP MODEL #: 701	SN: 5640	# 64	CERT. DATE: 10-20-20	EXP. DATE: 10-20-21
SITE MON. MODEL #: T500U	SN: 230	# 2	MDL DATE:	EXP. DATE:
SITE CYL. #: EB0045646	TYPE: NO	CONC. 9.92 ppm		PSI: 1300
SITE CYL. #:	TYPE:	CONC.		PSI:

AUDITOR (S): Mark Yirka/Alphonse Hakizimana DATE: 06-16-2021 REVIEWED BY: Johanna Doctor DATE: 6-22-21

AUDIT POINT PPB	EPA AUDIT LEVEL	GAS FLOW SCCM	ZERO FLOW SCCM	TOTAL FLOW SCCM	AUDIT DEVICE (CA) PPB	ANALYZER ENVIDAS AVERAGE	
						READING (CM) PPB	Percent Difference (D1)
ZERO		0	2492.8	2492.8	0.0	.1	N/A
2.5	1	9.2	8832.6	8841.8	2.5	2.8	12.0
25.0	5	12.0	3968.2	3980.2	25.0	26.8	7.2
100.0	7	55.0	4920.2	4925.7	100.0	107.1	7.1

AUDITOR REMARKS:

AUDIT RESULTS: GOOD  NOT ACCEPTABLE  INDICATE ACTION TAKEN BELOW:

ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL CHECKS (SPECIFY):

DATA INVALIDATED FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

PREVENTIVE ACTION (DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

EVAL. DATE: 8 Aug 2021 EVALUATOR: [Signature]

REV 12/20/2017 AQ-121 (WORD) C:\Audit Forms\accuracy audit form

There are several things to keep in mind. First, most of the POC numbers are “1” with the exceptions in Appendix C.2 Table 1. Second, when uploading O<sub>3</sub> data into AQS, the values must be converted from ppb (which is what is reported on the form) to ppm (which is what AQS accepts) by dividing the numbers on the form by 1,000. Third, for O<sub>3</sub> the 70-ppb assessment (EPA Audit Level 5) concentration sometimes ends up being 69 ppb (EPA Audit Level 4), which is a different EPA Audit Level but the form may list it as the same audit level as a 70-ppb assessment. For ready reference, the EPA Audit Levels are provided in Appendix C.2 Table 2.

*Appendix C.2 Table 1 Monitors with a Parameter Occurrence Code (POC) Other Than 1*

Site Name and AQS #	Pollutant and Monitor	POC
Rockwell 37-159-0021	Nitrogen Dioxide Teledyne CAPS T500U	3
Millbrook 37-183-0014	Carbon Monoxide Thermo 48i TLE	2
Millbrook 37-183-0014	Sulfur Dioxide Thermo 43i TLE	2
Millbrook 37-183-0014	Reactive Oxides of Nitrogen Thermo 42i-Y	2
	Nitric Oxide (NO) Thermo 42i-Y	2
Millbrook 37-183-0014	Nitric Oxide (NO) Teledyne T200UP	3
	Nitrogen Dioxide Teledyne T200UP	2
	Oxides of Nitrogen Teledyne T200UP	3
Millbrook 37-183-0014	Nitrogen Dioxide Teledyne CAPS T500U	3

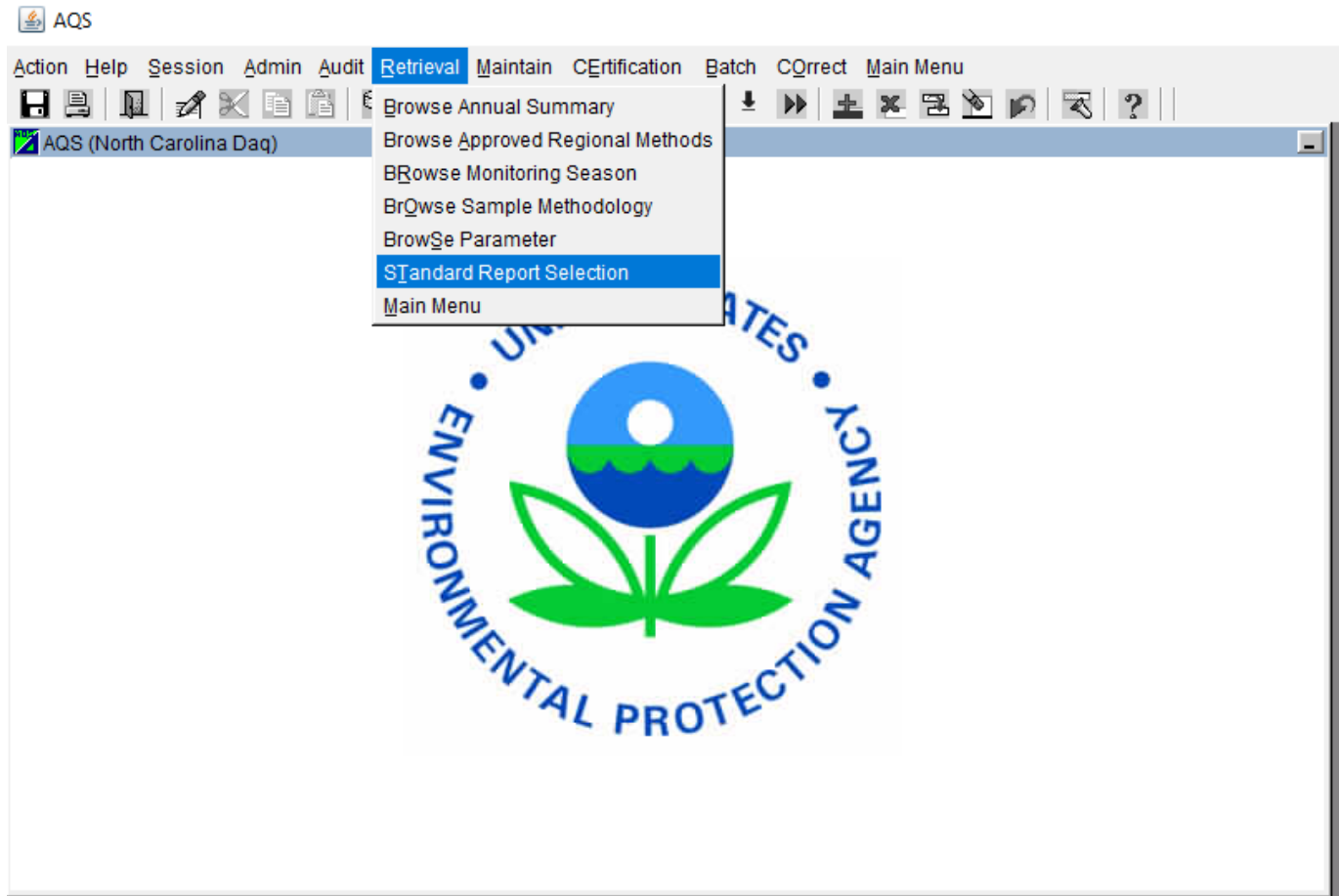
*Appendix C.2 Table 2 EPA Audit Levels for Criteria Pollutants*

Audit level	Concentration Range			
	O <sub>3</sub> , ppm	SO <sub>2</sub> , ppb	NO <sub>2</sub> , ppb	CO, ppm
1	0.004-0.0059	0.3-2.9	0.3-2.9	0.020-0.059
2	0.006-0.019	3.0-4.9	3.0-4.9	0.060-0.199
3	0.020-0.039	5.0-7.9	5.0-7.9	0.200-0.899
4	0.040-0.069	8.0-19.9	8.0-19.9	0.900-2.999
5	0.070-0.089	20.0-49.9	20.0-49.9	3.000-7.999
6	0.090-0.119	50.0-99.9	50.0-99.9	8.000-15.999
7	0.120-0.139	100.0-149.9	100.0-299.9	16.000-30.999
8	0.140-0.169	150.0-259.9	300.0-499.9	31.000-39.999
9	0.170-0.189	260.0-799.9	500.0-799.9	40.000-49.999
10	0.190-0.259	800.0-1,000	800.0-1,000	50.000-60.000

### C.2.1 Creating Transaction Files

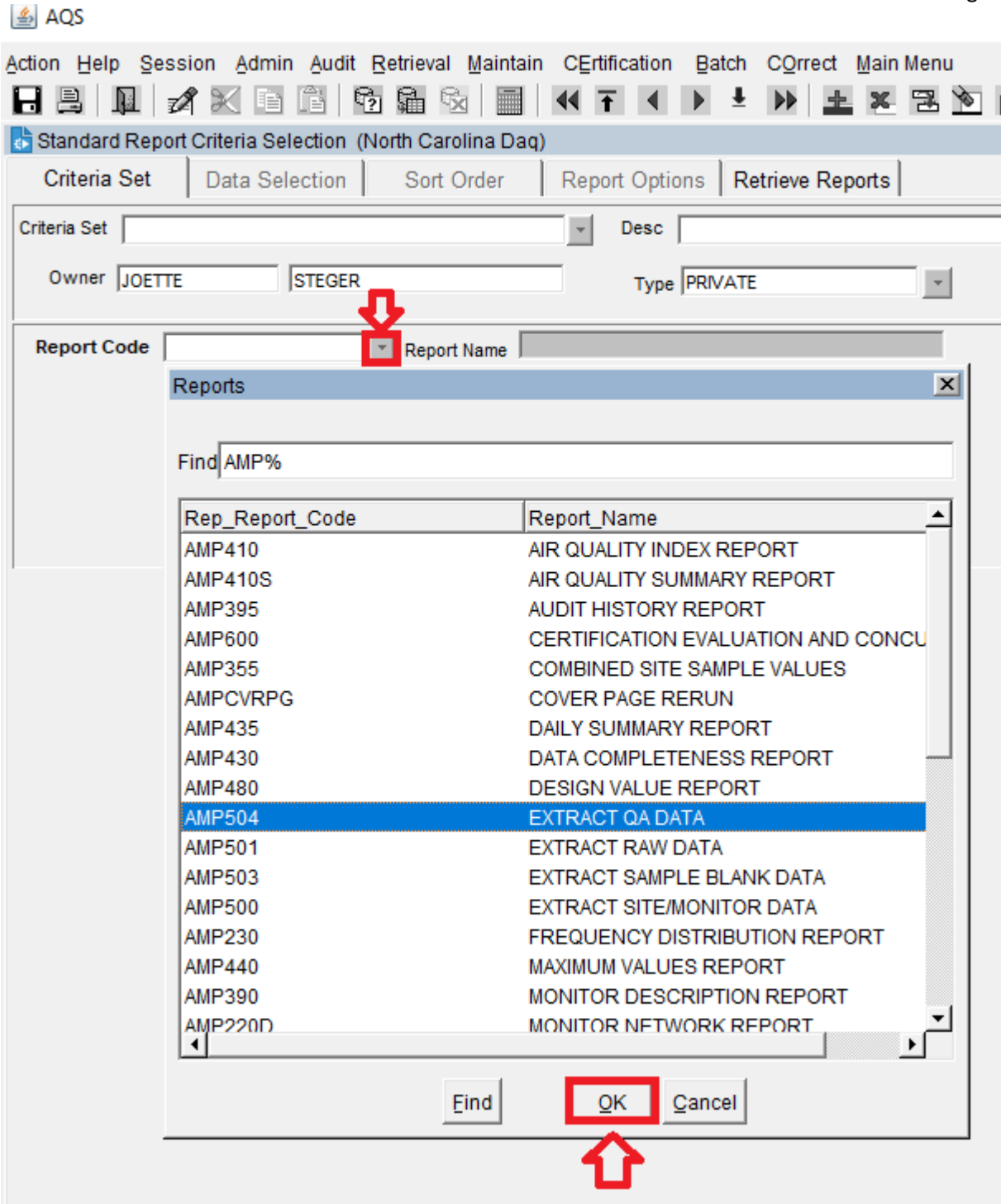
If you do not have screening group access to AQS, you will need to create a transaction file for the database manager to upload to AQS. There are various ways to create a transaction file but since you will probably not have access to the transaction generator, you may want to start with an existing transaction file. There are two ways to obtain an existing transaction file. One way is to run an AMP504 report. The other way is to find an appropriate transaction file from the P:\Ambient\PUB\RegOffices.NC\AQS\Manual Upload Files\Done folder. These instructions will use an AMP504 report to get the starting transaction file. After you log into

AQS, select “Retrieval” from the menu going across the top of the page and then select “STandard Report Selection” from the dropdown menu as shown below.

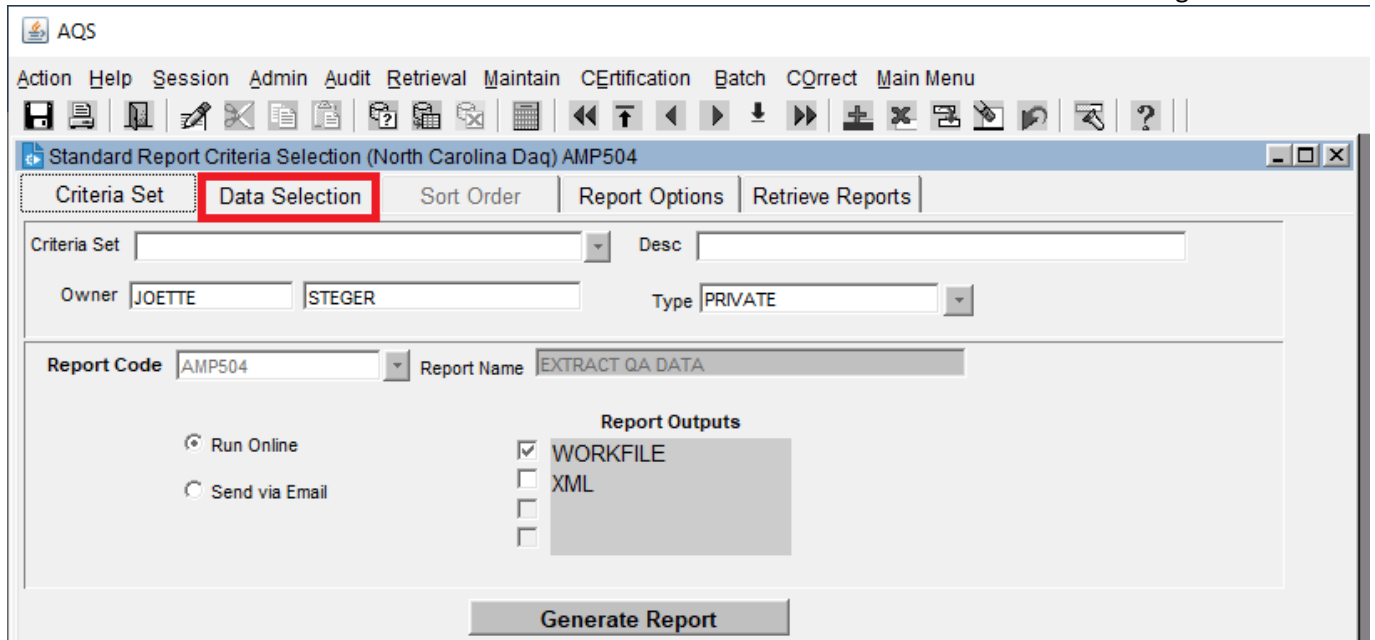


The screen shown below will pop up. Click on the “Report Name” button to get a dropdown list of reports listed alphabetically by report name. Click on the AMP504 Extract QA Data report and then click “OK.”

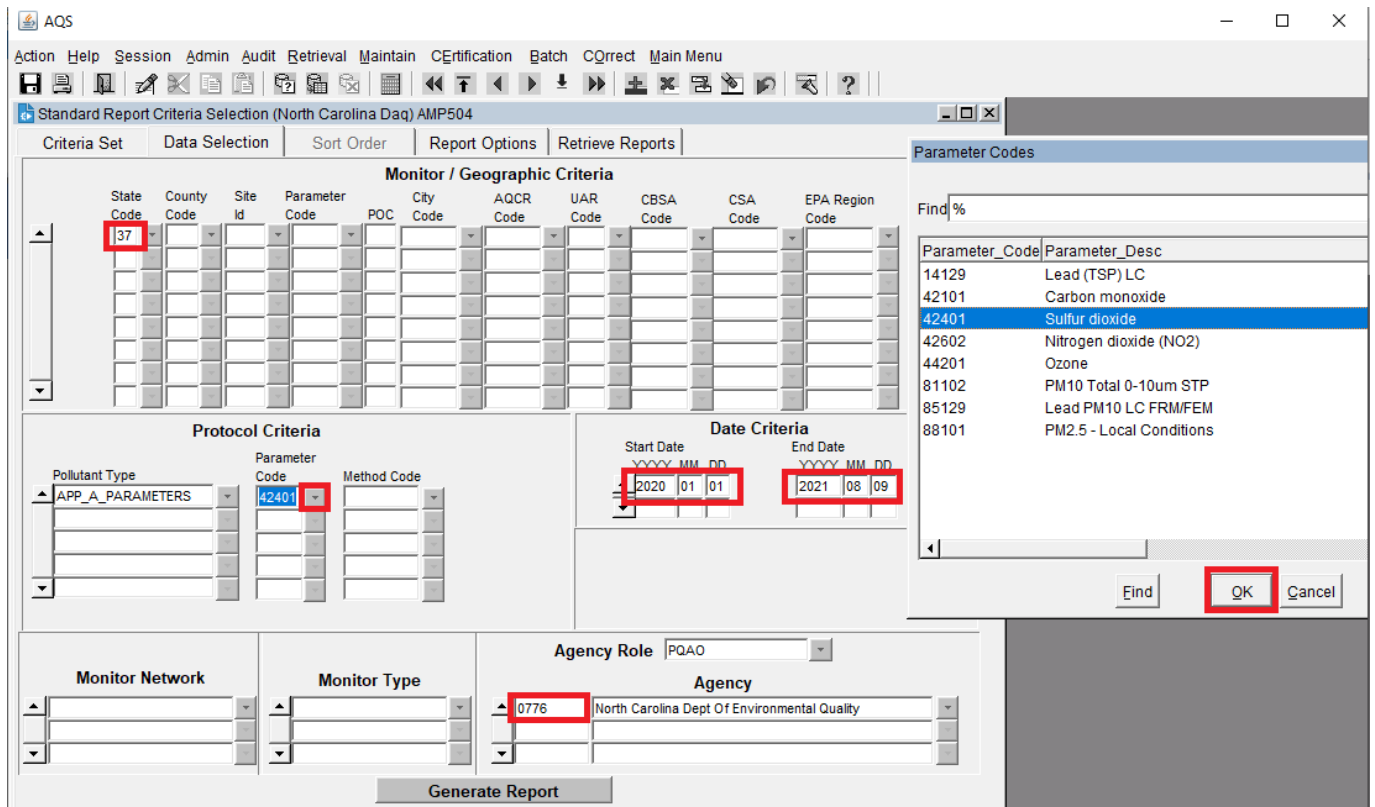




The screen shown below will appear. Click on "Data Selection."



The screen below will appear. Enter in the criteria that fits the data you want to enter. In this case we want to enter SO<sub>2</sub> data for several sites so we entered in the state code of 37, a date range for last year and this year, the PQA0 code of 0776, and the parameter code of 42401. If you don't know the parameter code, you can click on the button to get a dropdown list from which you can select the parameter code you want and hit OK.



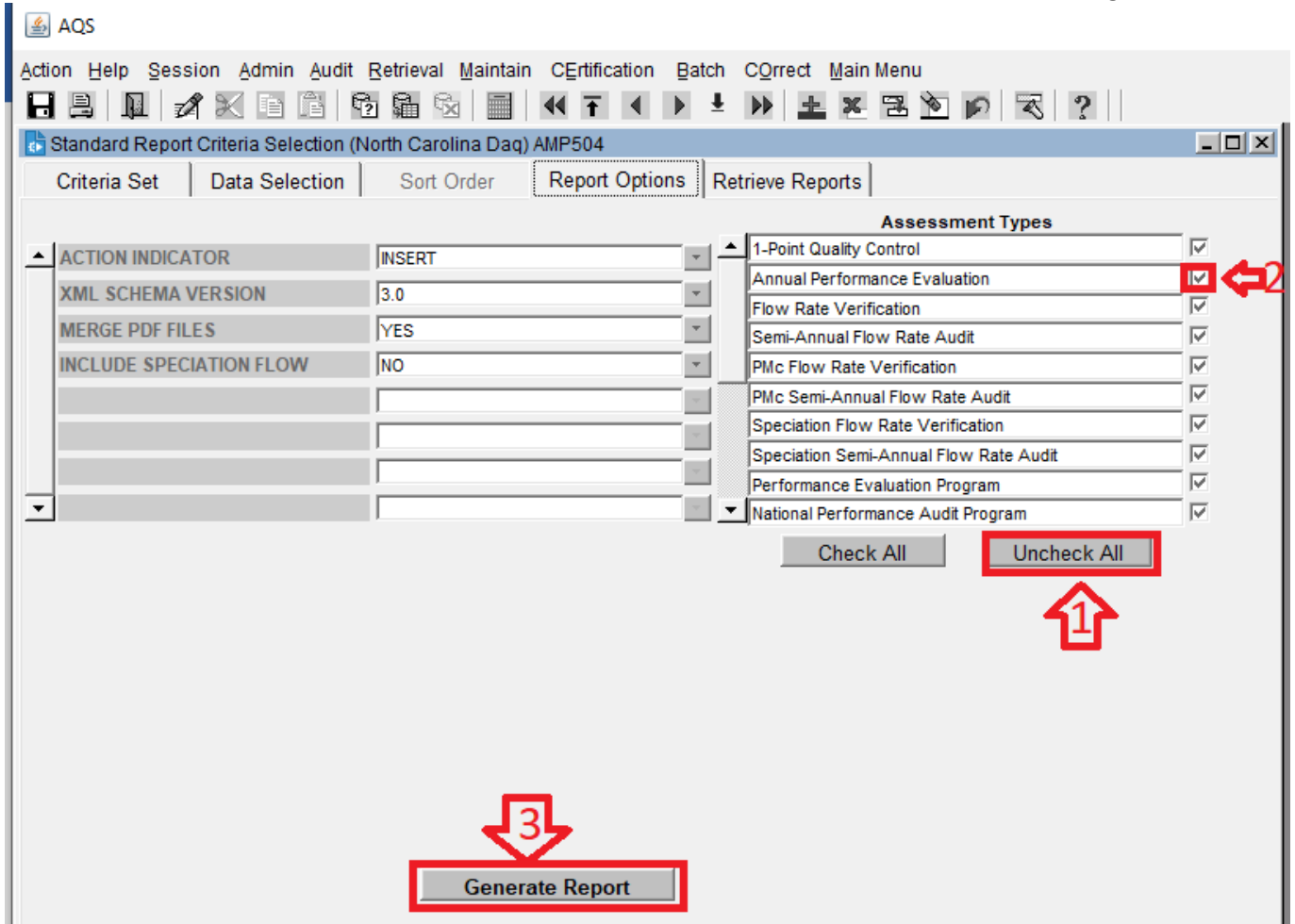
Next you want to select report options.

The screenshot shows the 'Standard Report Criteria Selection (North Carolina Daq) AMP504' window. The 'Report Options' tab is selected and highlighted with a red box. The window is divided into several sections:

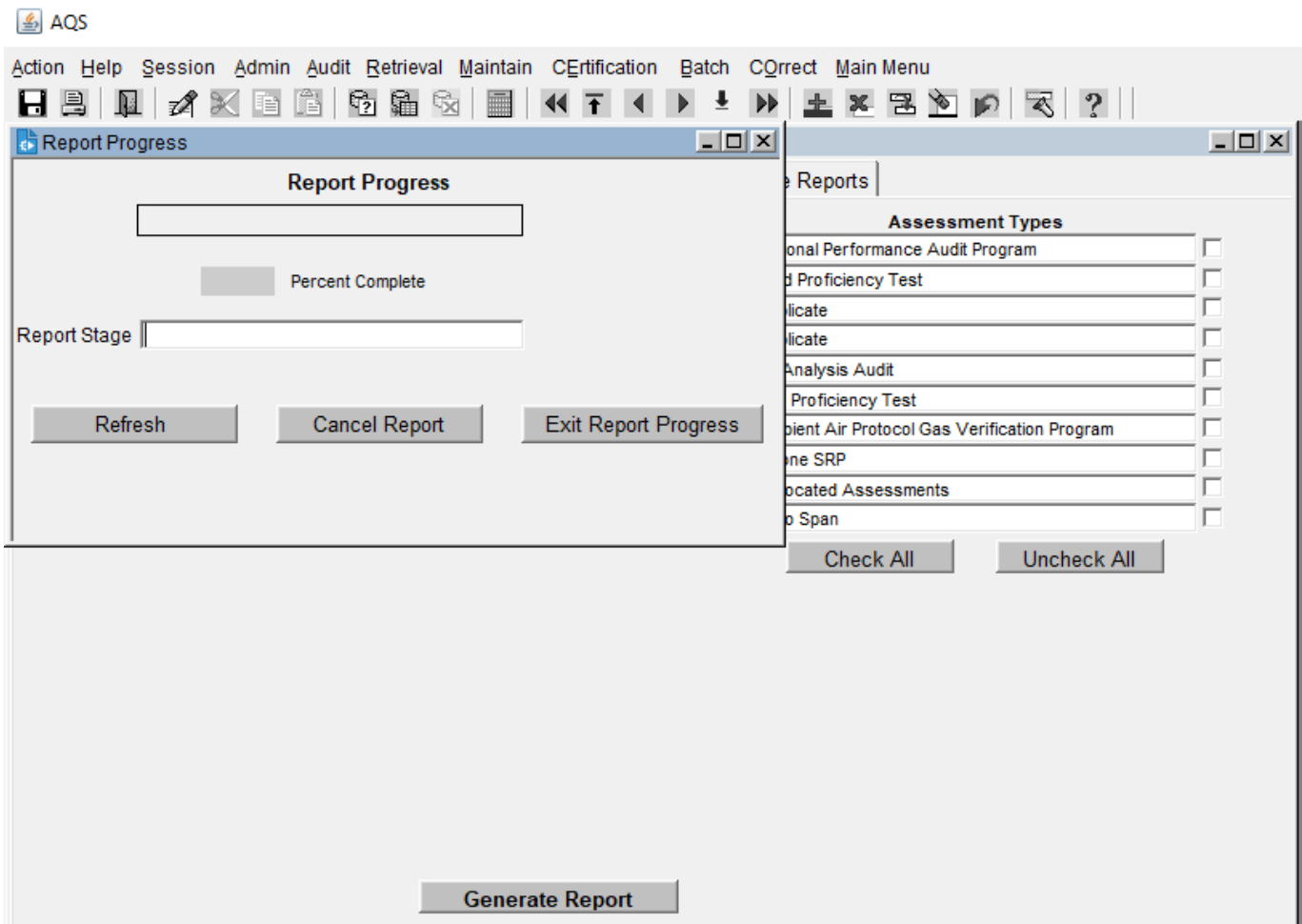
- Monitor / Geographic Criteria:** A grid of dropdown menus for State Code (37), County Code, Site Id, Parameter Code, POC, City Code, AQCR Code, UAR Code, CBSA Code, CSA Code, and EPA Region Code.
- Protocol Criteria:** Includes dropdowns for Pollutant Type (APP\_A\_PARAMETERS), Parameter Code (42401), and Method Code.
- Date Criteria:** Includes Start Date (2020 01 01) and End Date (2021 08 09) fields.
- Monitor Network:** A dropdown menu.
- Monitor Type:** A dropdown menu.
- Agency Role:** A dropdown menu with 'PQAO' selected.
- Agency:** A dropdown menu with 'North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality' selected.

A 'Generate Report' button is located at the bottom center of the interface.

The screen below will appear. First click on “Uncheck All” and then recheck “Annual Performance Evaluation” on the dropdown list. Finally, click on “Generate Report.”



A popup box as shown below will appear with information on the report progress.

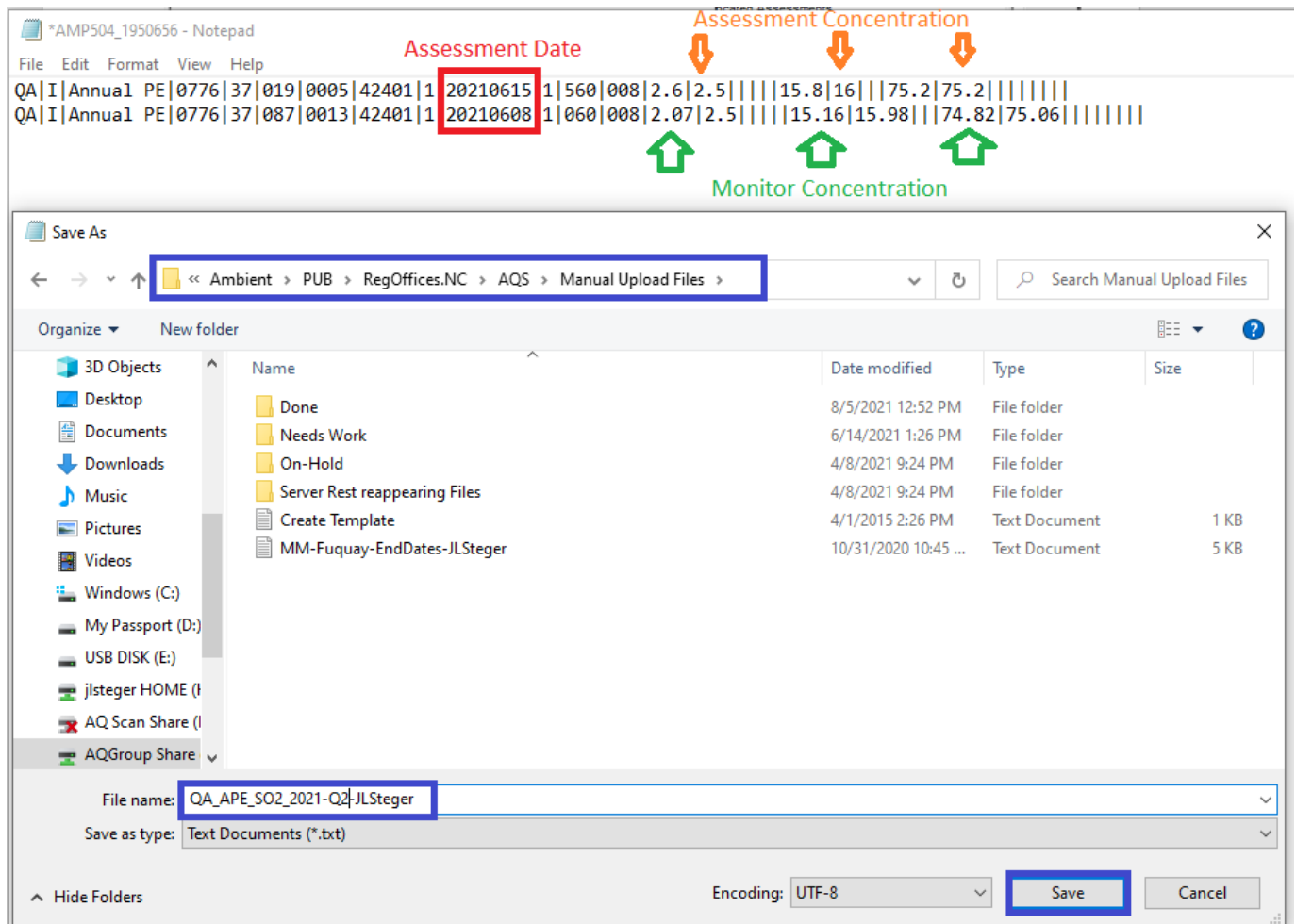


When the report finishes running, a text file, as shown below, will be generated that can be opened and edited using Notepad. In this case we want to add data for Southport (37-019-0005) and Canton (37-087-0013) so we will extract those two lines out of the file and update the date and the concentration values.

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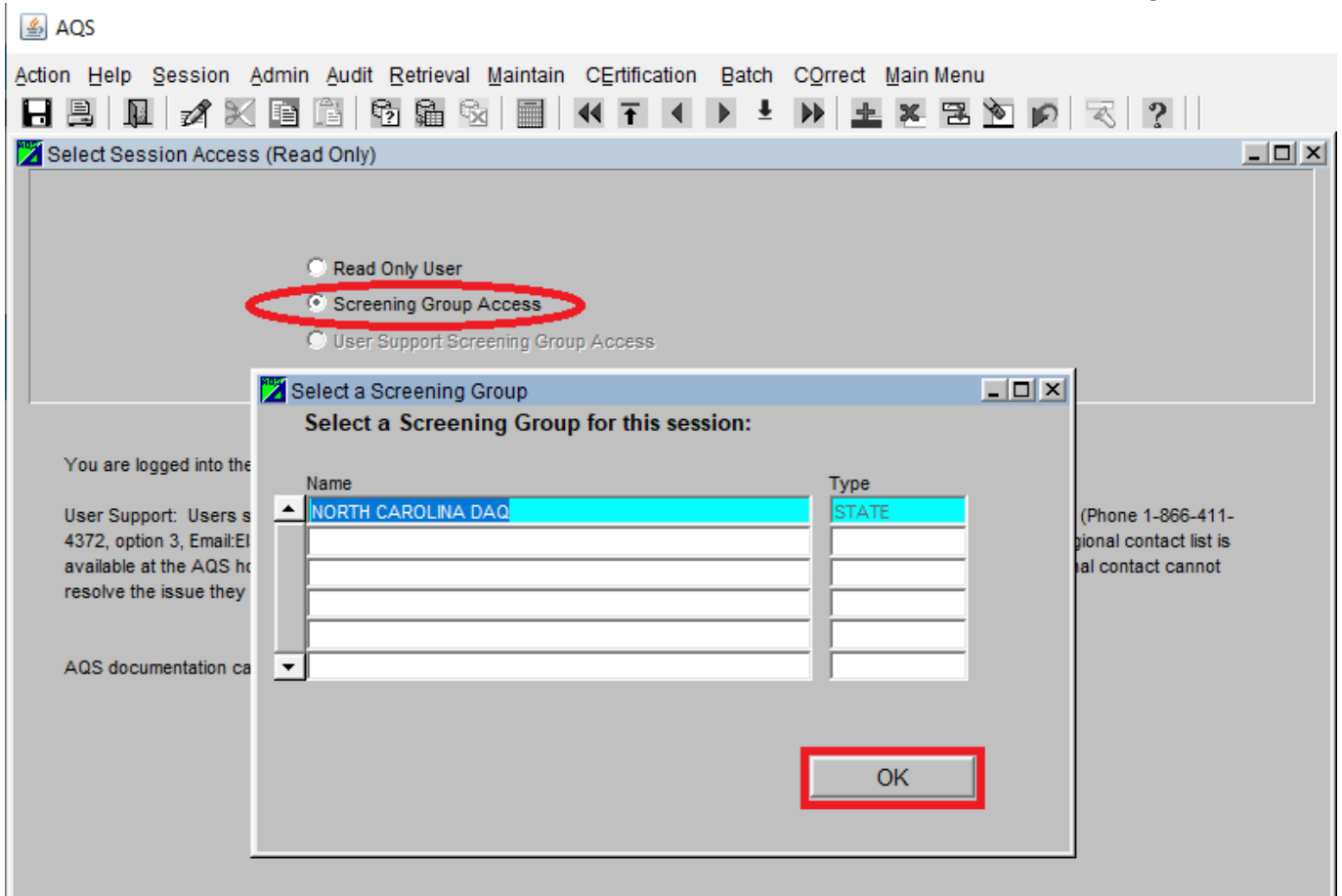
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QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|019|0005|42401|1|20200528|1|560|008|2.8|2.5|||15.9|16||74.9|75.1|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|021|0037|42401|1|20200218|1|560|008|2.76|2.5|||16.58|15.98||77.34|74.42|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|021|0037|42401|1|20200630|1|560|008|2.44|2.5|||16.02|15.98||76.56|75.06|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|027|0003|42401|1|20200218|1|060|008|1.98|2.5|3.68|4.5|||74.73|75.03|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|063|0015|42401|1|20201208|1|060|008|3.05|2.49|||15.21|15.98||71.4|74.76|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|063|0015|42401|1|20210330|1|060|008|2.66|2.49|||15.68|15.97||74.68|75.18|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|087|0013|42401|1|20200512|1|060|008|2.77|2.53|||15.8|16.02||73.48|75.06|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|117|0001|42401|1|20200324|1|060|008|2.36|2.49|4.44|4.49|||75.22|74.97|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|145|0004|42401|1|20200317|1|560|008|2.66|2.5|||16.18|15.98||76.28|75.05|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|145|0004|42401|1|20200626|1|560|008|2.74|2.5|||16.34|15.98||76.92|75.16|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|145|0004|42401|1|20200930|1|560|008|2.46|2.5|||15.9|15.98||75.12|74.94|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|145|0004|42401|1|20201218|1|560|008|2.82|2.49|||15.58|15.98||72.14|75.06|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|157|0099|42401|1|20200923|1|060|008|2.91|2.5|4.89|4.5|||74.06|75.06|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|157|0099|42401|1|20210317|1|060|008|2.33|2.52|||15.61|15.98||74.98|75.09|||
QA|I|Annual PE|0776|37|183|0014|42401|2|20201215|1|560|008|2.41|2.5|4.19|4.5|||71.59|74.49|||
#END OF FILE - 16 ROWS
    
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The assessment date field is highlighted in red below. The date should be entered in the format YYYYMMDD. Note that in the transaction file, the monitor concentration is listed first (green arrows). The monitor concentration is listed second on the continuous monitor performance audit report. The assessment concentration is listed second (orange arrows). Note that the assessment concentration is listed first on the continuous monitor performance audit report. After the performance evaluation data are entered in the Notepad file, save the file in the P:\Ambient\Pub\RegOffices.NC\AQS\Manual Upload Files folder. Name the document as shown below (QA\_APE\_Pollutant Code\_Year\_Q#\_Initials). Then hit save. Send an email to the database manager that the file is ready to upload to AQS. After the database manager responds via email that the file has been uploaded, run an AMP251 report to confirm that the data are in AQS.

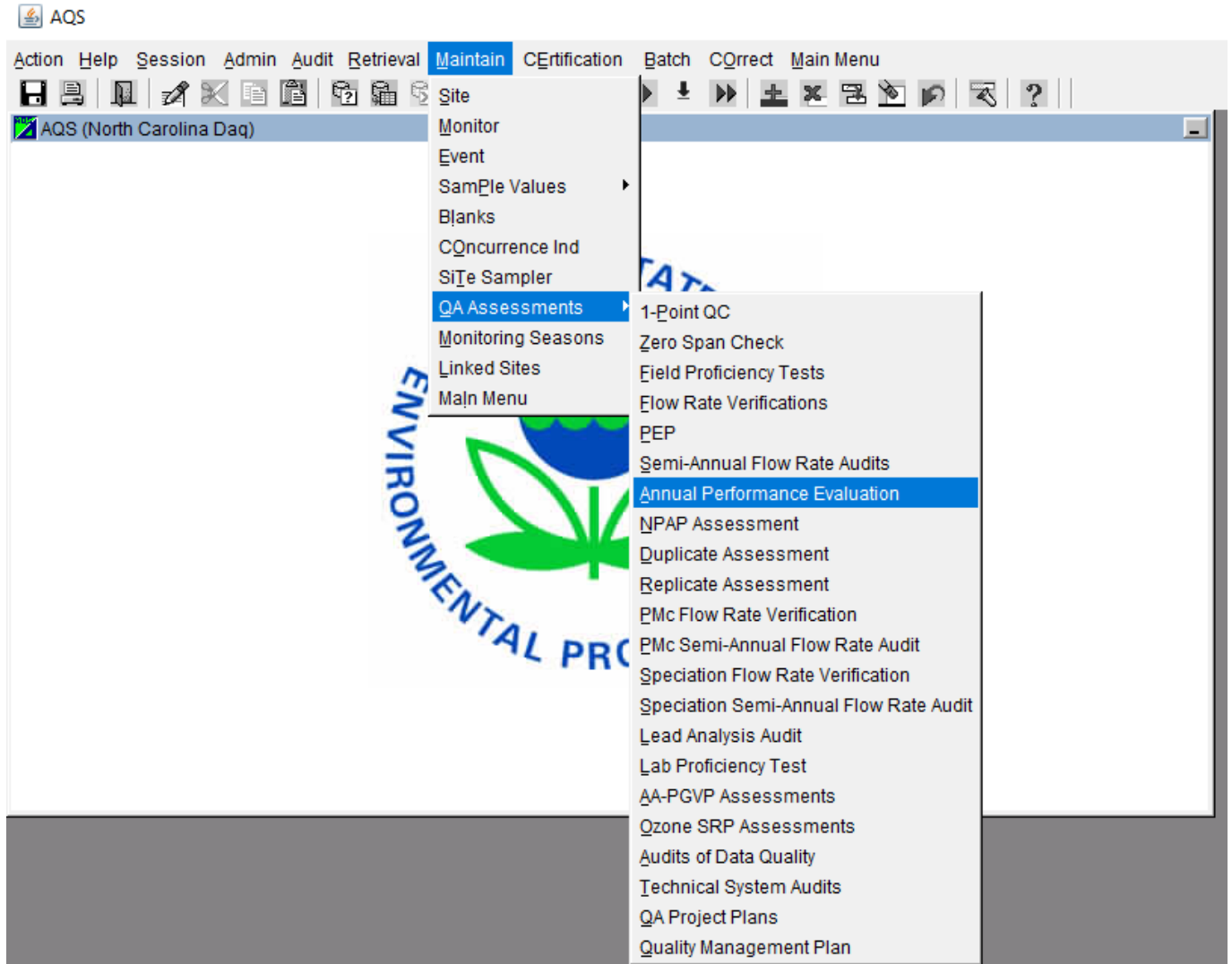


### C.2.2 Uploading Performance Evaluation Data to AQS Via Screening Group Access

After all the performance evaluation reports are reviewed, evaluated, and signed, someone who has "Screening Group Access" can log in to AQS by selecting the button next to "Screening Group Access," then selecting the "North Carolina DAQ" Screening Group and hitting the OK button as shown below.



Once logged in to the North Carolina DAQ Screening Group, select "Maintain" from the menu on the top and from the dropdown list select "QA Assessments" and then "Annual Performance Evaluation" as shown below.



A screen will appear like the one shown below that is blank except for the Agency and Agency Role. You can enter the data on this screen without doing a query but querying recent data may make it easier to add the new data because you can just copy most of it except for the assessment date and assessment and monitor concentrations. If you choose to do a query enter in the appropriate information for the query you want to do. Below the query asked for the NO<sub>2</sub> data at Rockwell for the previous year and this year.



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Action Help Session Admin Audit Retrieval Maintain Certification Batch Correct Main Menu

Maintain Annual Performance Evaluation (North Carolina Daq)

**Query Criteria**  Read-Only

Agency: 0776 North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality  
 Agency Role: PQAQ  
 State: 37 North Carolina  
 County: 159 Rowan  
 Site ID: 0021  
 Parameter: 42602 Nitrogen dioxide (NO2)  
 POC:

Method:   
 Begin Date: 20200101 YYMMDD  
 End Date: 20210809 YYMMDD  
 Monitor Type:   
 Monitor Network:

**Annual Performance Evaluations**

State Code	County Code	Site ID	Parameter Code	Poc	Perf. Agency Code	Assess. Date	Assess. Number	Monitor Method Code	Unit	Lvl 1 Assess. Conc.	Lvl 1 Monitor Conc.	Lvl 2 Assess. Conc.	Lv Mor Co
37	159	0021	42602	3	0776	20201229	1	212	008	2.5	3.1		
37	159	0021	42602	3	0776	20210331	1	212	008	2.6	3		

Enter in the assessment data, copying the information from the line above. The form automatically fills in the performing agency code. Enter the assessment data. The assessment number is always one unless for some reason two assessments were done on the same day (for example if one assessment failed and a problem was found and fixed and a second assessment was done on the same day). This situation is extremely rare – so rare it is practically nonexistent. Be sure to enter the concentration data under the correct level. If you are unsure of the correct level to record the data under, refer back to Appendix C.2 Table 2. After you have entered all of the data, hit F8. A popup box, as shown below, will appear asking if you want to save the data. Hit yes.

AQS

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Maintain Annual Performance Evaluation (North Carolina Daq)

**Query Criteria**  Read-Only

Agency 0776 North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality Method   
Agency Role PQA0 Begin Date 20200101 YYYYMMDD  
End Date 20210809 YYYYMMDD  
State 37 North Carolina Monitor Type   
County 159 Rowan Monitor Network   
Site ID 0021  
Parameter 42602 Nitrogen dioxide (NO2)  
POC

**Annual Performance Evaluations**

State Code	County Code	Site ID	Parameter Code	Poc	Perf. Agency Code	Assess. Date	Assess. Number	Monitor Method Code	Unit	6 ss. c.	Lvl 6 Monitor Conc.	Lvl 7 Assess. Conc.	Lvl 7 Monitor Conc.
37	159	0021	42602	3	0776	20201229	1	212	008			100	105.3
37	159	0021	42602	3	0776	20210331	1	212	008			100	104.3
37	159	0021	42602	3	0776	20210616	1	212	008			100	107.1

Forms Do you want to save the changes you have made?  
Yes No Cancel

After you hit yes, the data will be saved and a message will appear at the bottom of the page indicating that the transaction is complete and the record was saved as shown below. If you have the option to enter the data this way, this process is the easiest process to use.

**Query Criteria**  Read-Only

Agency: 0776 North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality  
 Agency Role: PQA0  
 State: 37 North Carolina  
 County: 159 Rowan  
 Site ID: 0021  
 Parameter: 42602 Nitrogen dioxide (NO2)  
 POC:   
 Method:   
 Begin Date: 20200101 YYYYMMDD  
 End Date: 20210809 YYYYMMDD  
 Monitor Type:   
 Monitor Network:

State Code	County Code	Site ID	Parameter Code	Poc	Perf. Agency Code	Assess. Date	Assess. Number	Monitor Method Code	Unit	6 ss. c.	Lvl 6 Monitor Conc.	Lvl 7 Assess. Conc.	Lvl 7 Monitor Conc.
37	159	0021	42602	3	0776	20201229	1	212	008			100	105.3
37	159	0021	42602	3	0776	20210331	1	212	008			100	104.3
37	159	0021	42602	3	0776	20210616	1	212	008			100	107.1

FRM-40400: Transaction complete: 1 records applied and saved.  
 Record: 1/3

### C.3 Uploading the Performance Evaluation Reporting Form to IBEAM

After the person reviewing, evaluating and signing the performance evaluation reporting form signs it, the person or a designee should upload it to IBEAM to document that the performance evaluation was evaluated, signed and uploaded to AQS. To upload the signed performance evaluation report, select the "Documents General: WORK" module and select "Add General WORK Document." From the dropdown lists, select "Ambient Work" for the Document Category, "Bias & Precision" for the Document Group, and "ECB Audit Reports" for the Document Type. Type in the region (3 or 4 letter code), the county name and the site name for the ID and the quarter followed by "Q" and the four-digit year for the Name / Subject. Enter the assessment date for the document data and the names of the auditors for the author. Select the file to upload. In the description type the pollutant name followed by the acronym in parentheses. If desired, enter the number of pages and the received date. Then hit the Save button. The first screen shot below shows the filled in data fields before the document is uploaded to IBEAM and the second screen shot shows what the screen looks like after the file is uploaded. Once the file is uploaded, run a query as shown in the third screen

shot to confirm the file is in IBEAM and properly indexed. Because there are over 1,000 performance evaluation reports in IBEAM, you will want to include the site name in the "ID" in your search query.

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* Document Group:	Bias & Precision		
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* ID:	MRO Rowan Rockwell		
* Name / Subject:	2Q 2021		
* Document Date:	06	/ 16	/ 2021
* Author:	Mark Yirka / Alphonse Hakizimana <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enter Author Manually		
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* ID:	MRO Rowan Rockwell		
* Name / Subject:	2Q 2021		
* Document Date:	06	/ 16	/ 2021
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* Select File to Upload:			Browse
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Segment:			
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		Author	contains	

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Name / Subject	ID	Document Group	Document Type	Document Date	Description
2Q 2021	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	06/16/2021	nitrogen dioxide (NO2)
4Q 2019	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	11/19/2019	ozone (O3)
4Q 2018	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	12/04/2018	ozone (O3)
2Q 2018	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	05/10/2018	ozone (O3)
4Q 2017	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	12/07/2017	ozone (O3)
1Q 2017	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	03/30/2017	ozone (O3)
1Q 2017	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	01/04/2017	ozone (O3)
4Q 2016	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	11/01/2016	ozone (O3)
2Q 2016	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	06/09/2016	reactive oxides of nitrogen (NOy) nitrogen oxide
2Q 2016	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	06/09/2016	reactive oxides of nitrogen (NOy)
1Q 2016	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	01/06/2016	ozone (O3) 49i
4Q 2015	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	12/15/2015	ozone (O3) 49i

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#### C.4 Sharing the Performance Evaluation Reporting Form with the Regional Supervisor and Coordinator

After the performance evaluation report is in IBEAM, you will want to download it and send it to the ABAQA staff or the regional supervisor, regional coordinator and RCO chemist listed at the top of the form. To download it run the same query used to confirm the document is in IBEAM, select the document by clicking on it and then click on "Download Document." As shown below, a popup window will appear asking you whether you want to open the document or save it. Select "Save." When the document has been saved, the popup window will tell you that the document has been saved and will give you the option to open the document. You may want to open the document to confirm it is the correct document (that is the document you desire to email).

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Doc. Group:	Bias & Precision	Document Date	before	/ /
Doc. Type:	ECB Audit Reports	Description	contains	
		Author	contains	

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4Q 2019	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	11/19/2019	ozone (O3)
4Q 2018	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	12/04/2018	ozone (O3)
2Q 2018	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	05/10/2018	ozone (O3)
4Q 2017	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	12/07/2017	ozone (O3)
1Q 2017	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	03/30/2017	ozone (O3)
1Q 2017	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	01/04/2017	ozone (O3)
4Q 2016	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	11/01/2016	ozone (O3)
2Q 2016	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	06/09/2016	reactive oxides of nitrogen (NOy) nitrogen oxide
2Q 2016	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	06/09/2016	reactive oxides of nitrogen (NOy)
1Q 2016	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	01/06/2016	ozone (O3) 49i
4Q 2015	MRO Rowan Rockwell	Bias & Precision	ECB Audit Reports	12/15/2015	ozone (O3) 49i

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Open your email, attach the document, address the email to the regional supervisor and coordinator (or ABAQA staff) and carbon copy the RCO chemist and the audit chemist. If the audit was not acceptable or was interesting for some reason, copy the chief, PPB supervisor and ECB supervisor. The body of the email should say something to the following:

Hi [name of supervisor] and [name of coordinator],

Attached please find the AQ-121 reports for the ECB performance audits completed at [name of site] and [name of site] on [date of audit]. Both evaluations [passed or failed]. The EPA requires the measured values to be within [7 for O<sub>3</sub>, 10 for SO<sub>2</sub> and CO and 15 for NO<sub>2</sub>] percent of the expected values. For both audits the measured values were within [enter results] percent of the expected values. [Keep up the good work. Your efforts ensure that the director can speak with great confidence when he says the state is attaining the [applicable pollutant] standard. Thank you for all the effort you invest to make this true.]

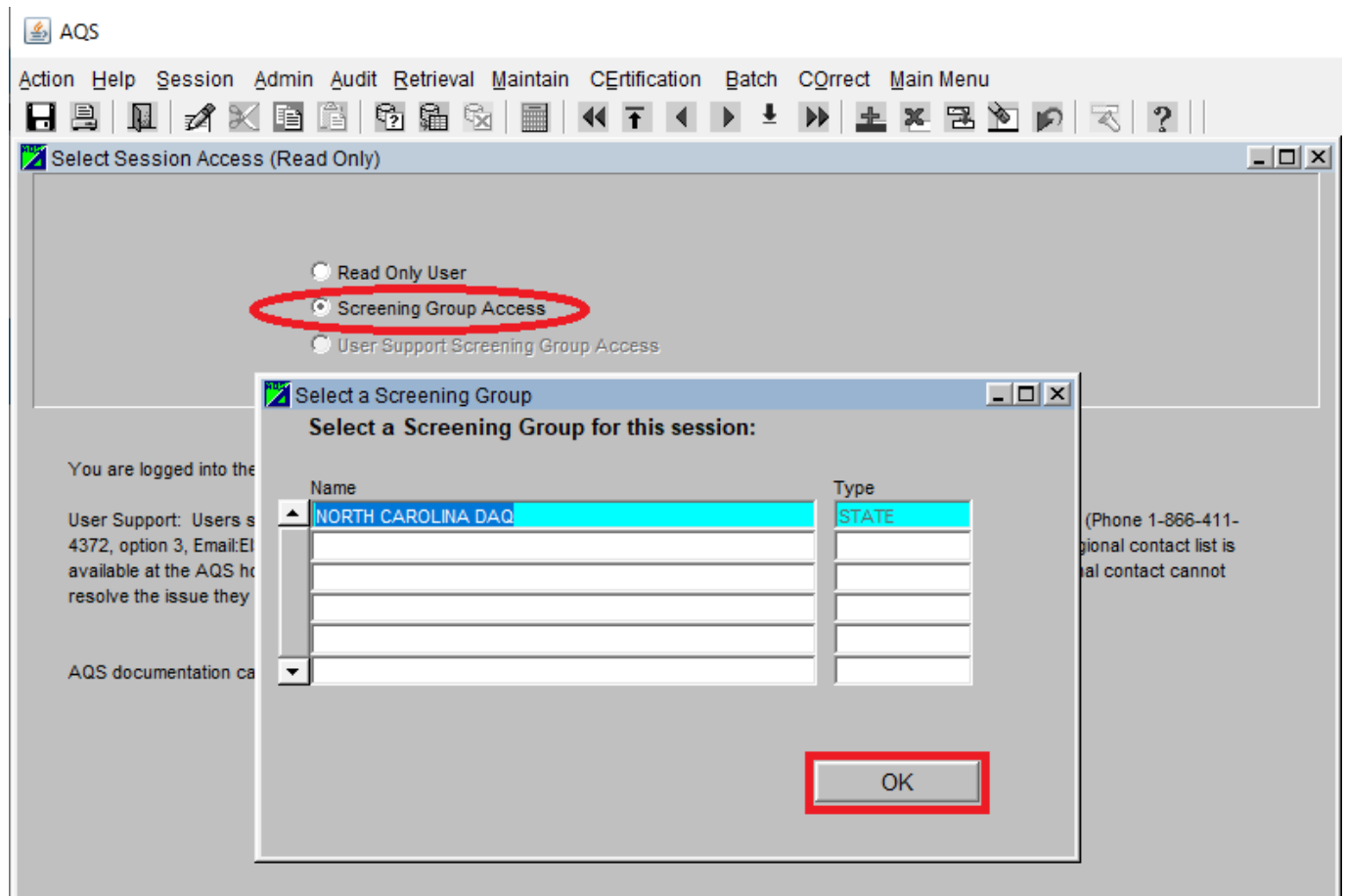
[Add closing such as with kind regards, sincerely, etc.]

## Appendix D: Detailed Annual Data Certification Procedures

This appendix contains detailed procedures for generating the AMP600 and AMP450NC reports for the annual certification of the data. This appendix also contains instructions on archiving the annual data certification package in IBEAM.

### D.1 Preparation of the AMP600 Report for Submittal to the EPA for the Annual Certification

Preparing the AMP600 report for submittal to the EPA for annual data certification is a two-part process. First, after all the data corrections are made, someone who has "Screening Group Access" needs to log in to AQS by selecting the button next to "Screening Group Access," then selecting the "North Carolina DAQ" Screening Group and hitting the OK button as shown below.



Once logged in to the North Carolina DAQ Screening Group, select "Certification" from the menu on the top and type 37 in for the State code as shown below. If you are certifying all of the data, hit F8. If you are certifying a subset of the data, for example, O<sub>3</sub> data for an early certification, enter the parameter code, in this case "44201" and then hit F8.

The screenshot shows the 'Data Certification (North Carolina Daq)' application window. At the top, there is a menu bar with options: Action, Help, Session, Admin, Audit, Retrieval, Maintain, Certification, Batch, Correct, Main Menu. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons for file operations and navigation. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Query Criteria' and 'Certifications'.

**Query Criteria:** This section contains several input fields. The 'Year' field is set to '2020' and is highlighted with a red box. The 'Agency' field is set to '0776'. The 'State' field is set to '37' and is also highlighted with a red box. Other fields include 'County Code', 'Site ID', 'CBSA Code', 'Classification' (set to 'CRITERIA'), 'Parameter', and 'Certification Flag' (set to 'All').

**Certifications:** This section contains a table with the following columns: Year, AQS Monitor ID, AQS Recommended Flag, Monitoring Agency Request, EPA Evaluation Value, Monitoring Agency Comment, and Region Comment. The table is currently empty, with only the header row visible. Below the table, there is a checkbox labeled 'Initialize Monitoring Agency Requested Values' and a 'Search Certifications' section with two radio buttons: 'Requested Differs From Recommended' (selected) and 'Assigned Differs From Requested'.

If the parameter code is left blank, all of the criteria pollutant monitors will appear in the screen. For those monitors you want to certify, place a "Y" in the "Monitoring Agency Request" box. If desired, add a comment to the "Monitoring Agency Comment" box. After all of the needed "Y"s and comments are added, hit the "F8" key again to save or commit your changes. An "S" signifying that the agency submitted the data to the EPA for certification will appear in the "EPA Evaluation Value" field for each monitor with a "Y" in the "Monitoring Agency Request" field as shown below. The agency is required to submit these data for certification and should follow through with the EPA to ensure the EPA changes the "S" flag to a "Y" flag for these monitors.



**Query Criteria**

Year: 2020 Agency: 0776 North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality County Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: 37 North Carolina Site ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
CBSA Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Classification: CRITERIA Parameter: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Flag: All

**Certifications**

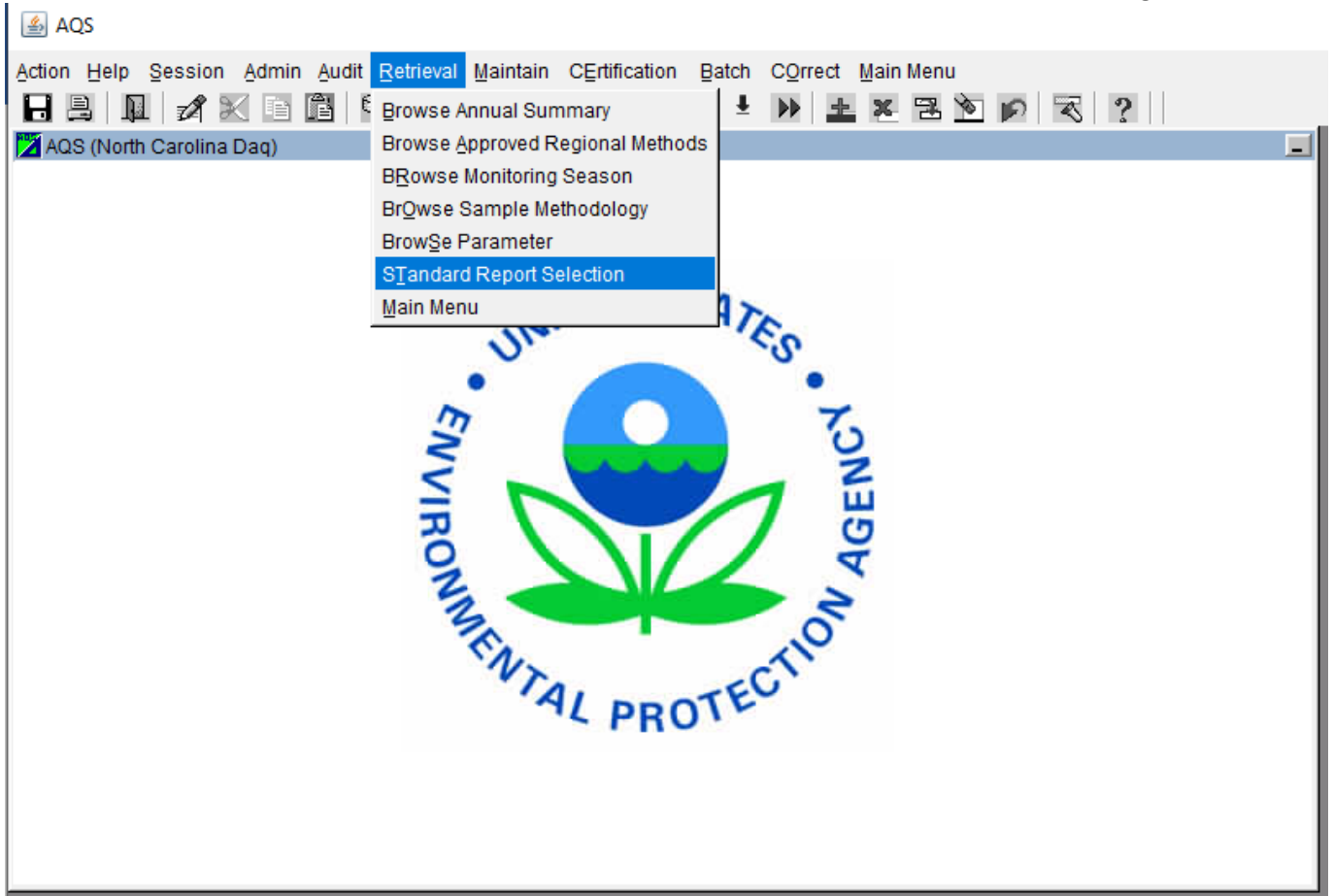
Year	AQS Monitor ID	AQS Recommended Flag	Monitoring Agency Request	EPA Evaluation Value	Monitoring Agency Comment	Region Comment
2020	37-003-0005-44201-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-003-0005-81102-3	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-011-0002-44201-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-013-0151-42401-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-013-0151-42401-2	Y	Y	S	5-minute data for first quarter 2020	
2020	37-019-0005-42401-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-021-0030-44201-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-021-0034-88101-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-021-0034-88101-3	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-021-0037-42401-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-027-0003-42401-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-027-0003-42401-2	Y	Y	S	5-minute data for first quarter 2020	
2020	37-027-0003-44201-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-033-0001-44201-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-033-0001-81102-3	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-035-0004-88101-3	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-035-0004-88101-4	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-051-0008-44201-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-051-0009-81102-3	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-051-0009-88101-3	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-051-0010-44201-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-057-0002-88101-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-057-0002-88101-3	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-063-0015-42401-1	Y	Y	S		
2020	37-063-0015-42401-2	Y	Y	S	5 minute data for first quarter 2020	

Initialize Monitoring Agency Requested Values

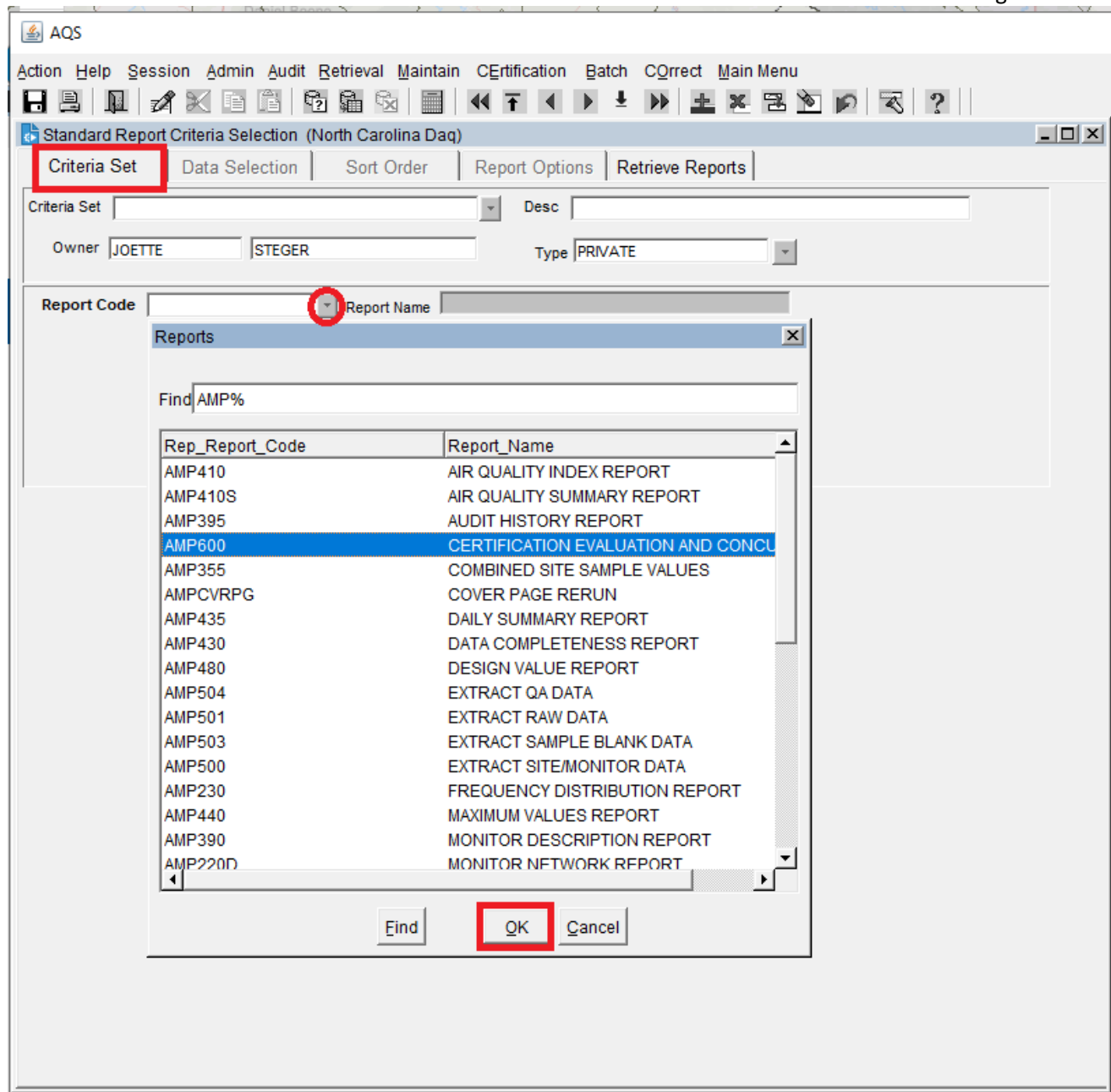
**Search Certifications**

Prev.  Requested Differs From Recommended  
Next  Assigned Differs From Requested

The second part of the process to prepare the AMP600 report for submittal to the EPA for the annual data certification, involves generating the report. To generate the report, first log into AQS. Next select "Retrieval" from the menu going across the top of the screen as shown below. Then select "Standard Report Selection" from the dropdown menu as shown below.



Next on the "Criteria Set" page, which should be the default page that opens initially, click on the button by "Report Code" to open the dropdown list of available reports. Select Rep\_Report\_Code "AMP600" with the Report\_Name "Certification Evaluation and Concurrence" and click the "OK" button at the bottom of the page as shown below. Reports are listed alphabetically by Report\_Name.



Next, select the "Data Selection" page. For the "Monitor / Geographic Criteria" type in "37" for the State Code. You can also click on the button for a dropdown list of state codes. If you are not certifying all of the monitors in the state, but only a subset, you can enter the County Code and Site Id codes for the specific monitors you want to certify. The "Protocol Criteria" type defaults to "CRITERIA" and does not need to be changed unless you are only certifying a subset of data. For example, if you are doing an early certification for O<sub>3</sub>, you would want to add the parameter code "44201" for O<sub>3</sub>. For the "Date Criteria" enter the four-digit year for the year you want to certify for both the "Start Date" and "End Date." For "Agency" type in "0776" which is the agency code for DEQ. Then hit the "Generate Report" button as shown below.

The screenshot shows the AQS software interface with the 'Data Selection' tab selected. The interface includes a menu bar (Action, Help, Session, Admin, Audit, Retrieval, Maintain, Certification, Batch, Correct, Main Menu) and a toolbar with various icons. The main window title is 'Standard Report Criteria Selection (North Carolina Daq) AMP600'. The 'Data Selection' tab is active, showing several sections:

- Monitor / Geographic Criteria:** A table with columns for State Code, County Code, and Site Id. The first row has '37' in the State Code column.
- Protocol Criteria:** Two dropdown menus for 'Pollutant Type' (set to 'CRITERIA') and 'Parameter Code'.
- Date Criteria:** Two date fields for 'Start Date' and 'End Date', both set to '2020'.
- Agency Role:** A dropdown menu set to 'CERTIFYING'.
- Agency:** A dropdown menu set to '0776 North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality'.

A 'Generate Report' button is highlighted at the bottom of the interface.

A report will be produced summarizing the quality of the data for the year. The second page of the report containing a summary of the monitors evaluated with the monitoring agency representative's signature is shown below. The date on the report must be within one or at most two days of the date when the annual certification letter is submitted to the EPA. If the annual certification letter is submitted more than two days after the report is generated, rerun the report following the previous steps. After the report is finalized, the chief should sign and date the report as shown below.

**Data Evaluation and Concurrence Report Summary****Certification Year:** 2020**Certifying Agency (CA):** North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality (0776)**Pollutants in Report:**

<u>Parameter Name</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Monitors Evaluated</u>	<u>Monitors Recommended for Concurrence by AQS</u>	<u>Monitors NOT Recommended for Concurrence by AQS</u>
Carbon monoxide	42101	2	2	0
Nitrogen dioxide (NO2)	42602	4	4	0
Ozone	44201	28	28	0
PM10 Total 0-10um STP	81102	10	10	0
PM2.5 - Local Conditions	88101	22	21	1
Sulfur dioxide	42401	10	10	0

**PQAOs in Report:**

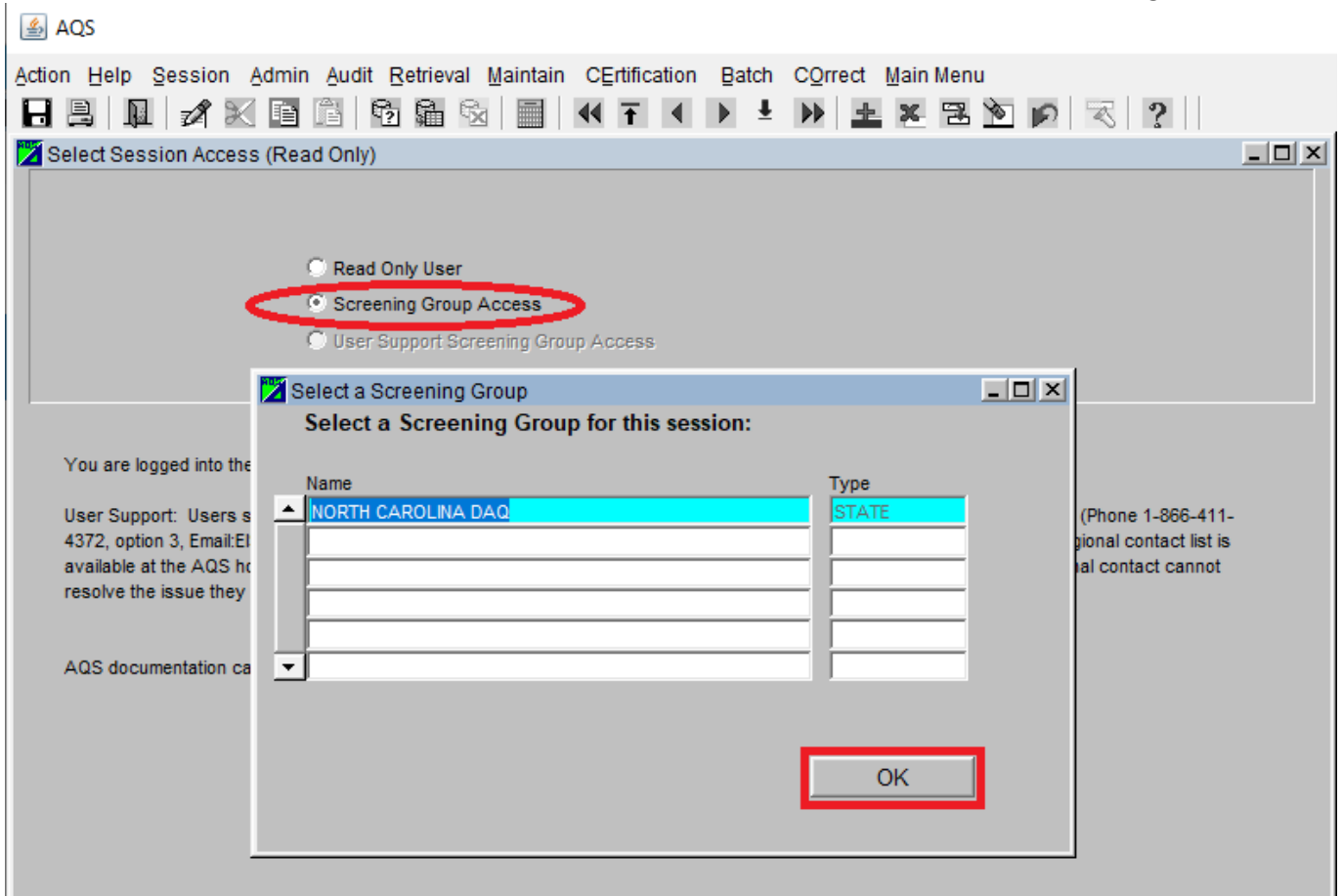
<u>PQAO Name</u>	<u>PQAO Code</u>	<u>TSA Date</u>
North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality	0776	03/11/19

**Summary of 'N' flags for all pollutants:**

<u>PQAO</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>AQS Site-ID</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>AQS Recommended Flag</u>	<u>Cert. Agency Recommended Flag</u>	<u>Reason for AQS Recommendation</u>
0776	88101	37-183-0014	1	N	Y	Annual Summary completeness < 70%.

**Signature of Monitoring Organization Representative:** Patrick Butler 4-30-2021**D.2 Preparation of the AMP450NC Report for Submittal to the EPA for the Annual Certification**

Preparing the AMP450NC report for submittal to the EPA for annual data certification is a two-part process. First, after all of the data corrections are made, someone who has "Screening Group Access" needs to log in to AQS by selecting the button next to "Screening Group Access," then selecting the "North Carolina DAQ" Screening Group and hitting the OK button as shown below.



Once logged in to the North Carolina DAQ Screening Group, select "Certification" from the menu on the top, type 37 in for the State code, click on the Classification drop down menu, select "ALL" and then hit the "OK" button as shown below.

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Data Certification (North Carolina Daq)

**Query Criteria**

Year 2020 Agency 0776 County Code State 37 North Carolina Site ID CBSA Code Certification Flag All

Classification CRITERIA Parameter

**Certification**

Parameter Classifications

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Classification Code	Classification Description
AIRDATA_HAPS	List of HAPS to be included in the AirData HAPS report
AIRNOW MAPS	The parameters represented on AirNow maps (88101, 88502, and 44201)
ALL	Select all Parameters Available
APP_A_PARAMETERS	Parameters subject to the 40 CFR Appendix A Regulations
AQI POLLUTANTS	Pollutants that have an AQI Defined
BP OIL	Compounds Measured for the BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico
BP OIL-PAH	Sum of 22 PAHs
BP SUM TOX PAH	Sum Tox-Weighted 8-PAHs
BP SUM TOX VOC	Sum Tox-Weighted VOCs
CORE_HAPS	Urban Air Toxic Pollutants
CRITERIA	Criteria Pollutants
CRITERIA GAS	Gaseous criteria pollutants
CRITERIA PM	Non-gaseous criteria pollutants (e.g. PM 10, PM 2.5, and Lead)
CSN CARBON	Chemical Speciation Network Organic and Elemental Carbon
CSN DART	List of CSN speciation parameters to populate the STI DART tool
CSN IONS	Ions measured by the Chemical Speciation Network program
CSN TRACE ELEMENTS	Chemical Speciation Network Trace Elements
DESIGN VALUE	Pollutants with 3-Year Design Values by regulation
FORECAST	Parameters routinely extracted by AirNow (STI)
HAPS	Hazardous Air Pollutants
IMPROVE	Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments Parameters

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Initialize Monitoring Agency Requested Values Search Certifications

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Type "86101" in the Parameter code box and hit the "F8" key. All of the PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> monitors will appear in the screen. For those monitors you want to certify, place a "Y" in the "Monitoring Agency Request" box. If desired, add a comment to the "Monitoring Agency Comment" box. After all of the needed "Y"s and comments are added, hit the "F8" key again to save or commit your changes. An "S" signifying that the agency submitted the data to the EPA for certification will appear in the "EPA Evaluation Value" field for each monitor with a "Y" in the "Monitoring Agency Request" field as shown below. The agency is required to submit these data for certification but the EPA will not ever change the "S" flag to a "Y" flag for these monitors. However, it is good to add the "Y" flag so that AQS will show that the data were submitted for certification. Repeat the process for the hourly 5-minute maximum SO<sub>2</sub> monitors by typing "42406" in the Parameter code box and hitting the "F8" key. If you are certifying 5-minute data, type "42401" in the Parameter code box and hit the "F8" key. Add the "Y" to the "Monitoring Agency Request" box for the 5-minute monitors, usually signified by a POC of 2 or 3.

**Query Criteria**

Year: 2020 Agency: 0776 North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality County Code: Site ID: CBESA Code: State: 37 North Carolina Certification Flag: All

Classification: ALL Parameter: 86101 PM10-2.5 - Local Conditions

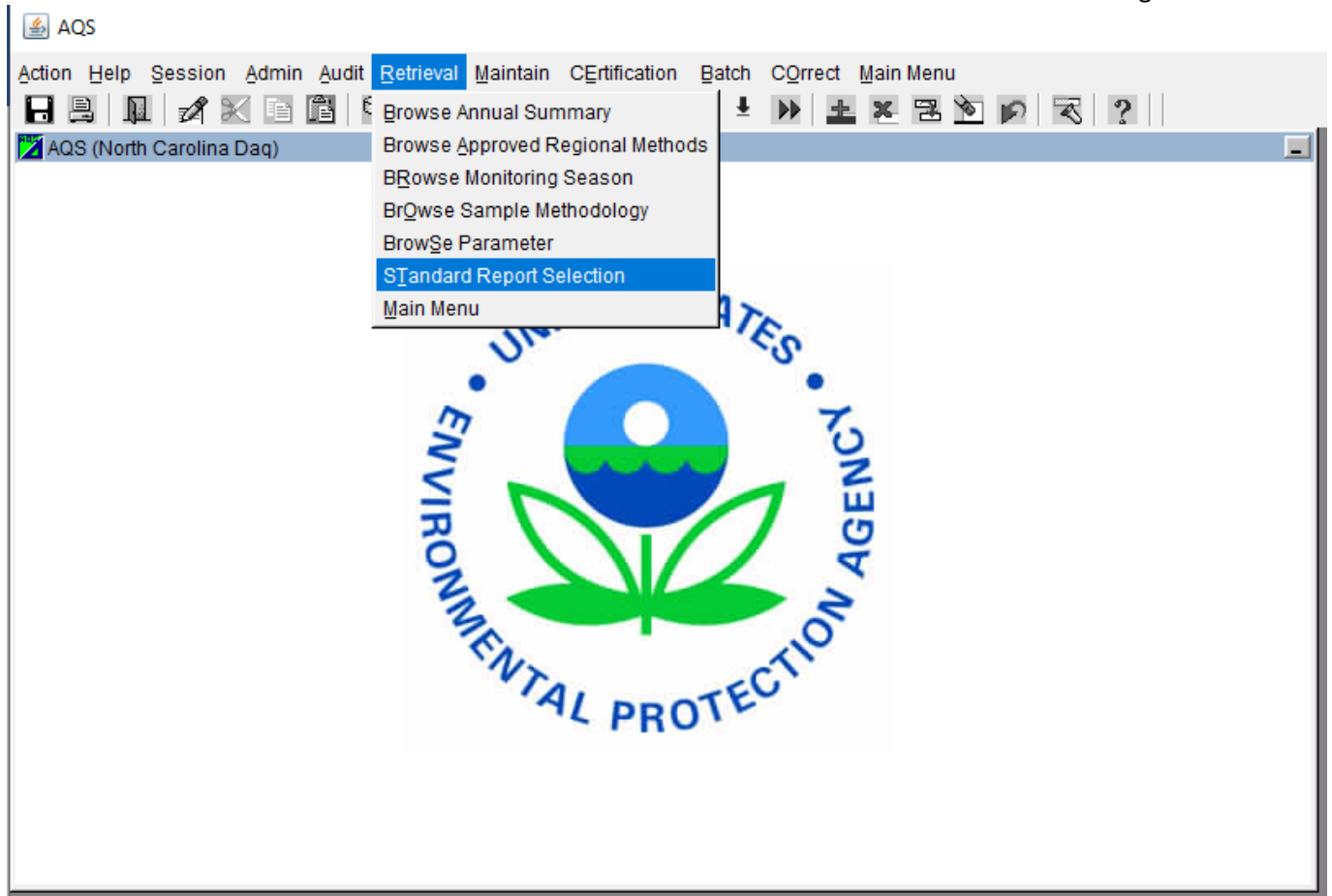
**Certifications**

Year	AQS Monitor ID	AQS Recommended Flag	Monitoring Agency Request	EPA Evaluation Value	Monitoring Agency Comment	Region Comment
2020	37-011-0002-86101-5					
2020	37-063-0015-86101-3		Y	S	required to be included in certification letter	
2020	37-087-0035-86101-5					
2020	37-095-9000-86101-5					
2020	37-095-9000-86101-6					
2020	37-129-0002-86101-4		Y	S	required to be included in certification letter	
2020	37-183-0014-86101-3		Y	S	required to be included in certification letter	
2020	37-183-0014-86101-5		Y	S	required to be included in certification letter	

Initialize Monitoring Agency Requested Values Search Certifications Prev. Requested Differs From Recommended

The second part of the process to prepare the AMP450NC report for submittal to the EPA for the annual data certification, involves generating the report. To generate the report, first log into AQS. Next select "Retrieval" from the menu going across the top of the screen as shown below. Then select "Standard Report Selection" from the dropdown menu as shown below.





Next on the "Criteria Set" page, which should be the default page that opens initially, click on the button by "Report Code" to open the dropdown list of available reports. Select Rep\_Report\_Code "AMP450NC" with the Report\_Name "QUICKLOOK ALL PARAMETERS" and click the "OK" button at the bottom of the page as shown below. Reports are listed alphabetically by Report\_Name.

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Standard Report Criteria Selection (North Carolina Daq)

Criteria Set | Data Selection | Sort Order | Report Options | Retrieve Reports

Criteria Set: [ ] Desc: [ ]

Owner: JOETTE | STEGER Type: PRIVATE

Report Code: [ ] Report Name: [ ]

Reports

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Rep_Report_Code	Report_Name
AMP503	EXTRACT SAMPLE BLANK DATA
AMP500	EXTRACT SITE/MONITOR DATA
AMP230	FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION REPORT
AMP440	MAXIMUM VALUES REPORT
AMP390	MONITOR DESCRIPTION REPORT
AMP220D	MONITOR NETWORK REPORT
AMP396	NPAP SITE SELECTION
AMP393	PEP AUDIT HISTORY BY PQAO
AMP391	PEP AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT
AMP392	PEP REVIEW INCOMPLETE AUDITS
AMP256	QA Data Quality Indicator Report
AMP251	QA Raw Assessment Report
AMP450NC	QUICKLOOK ALL PARAMETERS
AMP450	QUICKLOOK CRITERIA PARAMETERS
AMP350MX	RAW DATA MAX VALUES REPORT
AMP350NW	RAW DATA NAAQS AVERAGES
AMP360	RAW DATA QJAI IFIFR REPORT

Find OK Cancel

Next, select the "Data Selection" page. For the "Monitor / Geographic Criteria" type in "37" for the State Code. You can also click on the button for a dropdown list of state codes. For "Protocol Criteria" type, use the dropdown list to select "ALL" for the Pollutant Type. Then type in "86101" for the Parameter Code. This is the parameter code for coarse particulate matter as measured by particles with aerodynamic diameters of 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>) minus fine particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). In the next box down, use the dropdown list again to select "ALL" for the Pollutant Type. Then type in "42406" for the Parameter Code. This is the parameter code for the 5-minute hourly maximum block average value for SO<sub>2</sub>. If you have 5-minute SO<sub>2</sub> data to certify, use the dropdown list again to select "CRITERIA" for the Pollutant Type. Then type in "42401" for the Parameter Code. This is the parameter code for SO<sub>2</sub>. In the "Duration Code" column use the dropdown list to select "H" for 5-minute data. For the "Date Criteria" enter the four-digit year for the year you want to certify for both the "Start Date" and "End Date." For "Agency" type in "0776" which is the agency code for the DEQ. Then hit the "Generate Report" button as shown below.

**Standard Report Criteria Selection (North Carolina Daq) AMP450NC**

Criteria Set | **Data Selection** | Sort Order | Report Options | Retrieve Reports

**Monitor / Geographic Criteria**

State Code	County Code	Site Id	Parameter Code	POC	City Code	AQCR Code	UAR Code	CBSA Code	CSA Code	EPA Region Code
37										

**Protocol Criteria**

Pollutant Type	Parameter Code	Method Code	Duration Code
ALL	86101		
ALL	42406		1
CRITERIA	42401		

**Date Criteria**

Start Date: 2020  
End Date: 2020

Screening Group: [Empty]

**Agency Role**: PQAO

**Agency**: 0776 North Carolina Dept Of Environmental Quality

**Generate Report**

A report will be produced that looks like the report below. The date on the report must be within one or at most two days of the date when the annual certification letter is submitted to the EPA. If the annual certification letter is submitted more than two days after the report is generated, rerun the report following the previous steps.

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QUICKLOOK ALL PARAMETERS

Apr. 29, 2021

Parameter	Unit	P O C	PQAO	Year	Meth	# Obs	1st Max Value	2nd Max Value	3rd Max Value	4th Max Value	Arith. Mean	Duration	Certif Eval	EDT
Site ID: 37-013-0151	City: Bath		County: Beaufort				Address: 229 NC Hwy 306N							
42401 Sulfur dioxide	Parts per billion	2	0776	2020	060	24944	50.0	47.1	39.7	39.4	.41* 5 MINUTE	S 5		
42406 SO2 max 5-min avg	Parts per billion	1	0776	2020	060	6031	39.4	27.4	24.4	22.6	.42 1 HOUR	S 0		
Site ID: 37-019-0005	City: Southport		County: Brunswick				Address: 5538 Rob Gandy Blvd SE, Southport NC 28461							
42406 SO2 max 5-min avg	Parts per billion	1	0776	2020	560	7847	142.8	137.4	133.2	128.9	2.19 1 HOUR	S 0		
Site ID: 37-021-0037	City: Royal Pines		County: Buncombe				Address: Crestwood Drive Air Monitor							
42406 SO2 max 5-min avg	Parts per billion	1	0776	2020	560	4103	8.9	1.6	1.4	1.4	.21 1 HOUR	S 0		
Site ID: 37-027-0003	City: Lenoir		County: Caldwell				Address: 291 NUWAY CIRCLE							
42401 Sulfur dioxide	Parts per billion	2	0776	2020	060	24949	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3	-.37* 5 MINUTE	S 5		
42406 SO2 max 5-min avg	Parts per billion	1	0776	2020	060	1397	.5	.4	.4	.4	-.33* 1 HOUR	S 0		
Site ID: 37-063-0015	City: Durham		County: Durham				Address: 801 STADIUM DRIVE							
42401 Sulfur dioxide	Parts per billion	2	0776	2020	060	24911	6.6	5.3	4.3	4.2	.08* 5 MINUTE	S 5		
42406 SO2 max 5-min avg	Parts per billion	1	0776	2020	060	6211	4.7	3.7	3.6	3.1	.29 1 HOUR	S 0		
86101 PM10-2.5 - Local Conditions (LC)	Micrograms/cubic meter	3	0776	2020	185	8206	195.0	91.0	71.0	57.0	3.37 1 HOUR	S 0		
Site ID: 37-087-0013	City: West Canton		County: Haywood				Address: 104 Pace St							
42406 SO2 max 5-min avg	Parts per billion	1	0776	2020	060	8305	108.6	66.2	56.9	56.2	1.72 1 HOUR	S 0		
Site ID: 37-117-0001	City: Jamesville		County: Martin				Address: 1210 Hayes Street							
42401 Sulfur dioxide	Parts per billion	2	0776	2020	060	25073	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	-.06* 5 MINUTE	S 5		
Site ID: 37-129-0002	City: Castle Hayne		County: New Hanover				Address: 6028 HOLLY SHELTER RD							
86101 PM10-2.5 - Local Conditions (LC)	Micrograms/cubic meter	4	0776	2020	240	1545	29.8	28.8	28.6	28.1	6.04 1 HOUR	S 0		
Site ID: 37-145-0004	City: Not in a city		County: Person				Address: 921 Shore Road, Semora, NC 27343							
42406 SO2 max 5-min avg	Parts per billion	1	0776	2020	560	8295	221.1	195.2	182.9	173.3	2.07 1 HOUR	S 0		
Site ID: 37-157-0099	City: Not in a city		County: Rockingham				Address: 6371 NC 65 @ BETHANY SCHOOL							
42406 SO2 max 5-min avg	Parts per billion	1	0776	2020	060	6275	9.1	8.2	7.7	7.3	.44 1 HOUR	S 0		

Note: The \* indicates that the mean does not satisfy summary criteria.

### D.3 Archiving the Annual Certification Submittal in IBEAM

After the chief submits the annual certification, the certification letter and AMP reports should be archived in IBEAM to document that the annual certification was completed. To upload the AMP600 report, select the "Documents General: WORK" module and select "Add General WORK Document." From the dropdown lists, select "Ambient Work" for the Document Category, "Data Summary" for the Document Group, and "AQS Data Eval. & Concurrence Rpt. (AMP600)" for the Document Type. Type in "annual completeness" for the ID and the year and "NC DEQ" for the Name / Subject. Enter the date on the document. If you are not the author, select the author on the dropdown menu or manually enter the author if the author is not a DAQ employee. Select the file to upload. In the description type "CY" followed by the year followed by "DEQ Final." If desired, enter the number of pages and the received date. Then hit the Save button. The first screen shot below shows the filled in data fields before the document is uploaded to IBEAM and the second screen shot shows what the screen looks like after the file is uploaded. Once the file is uploaded, run a query as shown in the third screen shot to confirm the file is in IBEAM and properly indexed.

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* Name / Subject:	2020 NC DEQ		
* Document Date:	04 / 29 / 2021		
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2021 NCDEQ Sulfur Dioxid	2021Q1SO2amp600	Data Summary	AQS Data Eval. & C	06/11/2021	Revision 0 Uncertified Data
2021 NCDEQ Carbon Mor	2021Q1COamp600	Data Summary	AQS Data Eval. & C	06/04/2021	Revision 0 Uncertified Data
2021 NCDEQ NO2 Comp	2021Q1NO2amp600	Data Summary	AQS Data Eval. & C	06/04/2021	Revision 0 Uncertified Data
2021 NCDEQ Ozone	2021Q1Ozoneamp600	Data Summary	AQS Data Eval. & C	06/04/2021	Revision 0 Uncertified Data
2020 NC DEQ	annual completeness	Data Summary	AQS Data Eval. & C	04/29/2021	CY 2020 DEQ Final
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2020 NCDEQ NO2	2020Q4NO2amp600	Data Summary	AQS Data Eval. & C	03/05/2021	Revision 0 Uncertified Data

To upload the AMP450NC report, select the “Documents General: WORK” module and select “Add General WORK Document.” From the dropdown lists, select “Ambient Work” for the Document Category, “Data Summary” for the Document Group, and “AQS Quick Look/Noncrit. Pollut. (AMP450NC)” for the Document Type. Type in “annual completeness” for the ID and the year and “NC DEQ” and the pollutants included in the report for the Name / Subject. Enter the date on the document. If you are not the author, select the author on the dropdown menu or manually enter the author if the author is not a DAQ employee. Select the file to upload. In the description type “CY” followed by the year followed by “DEQ Final.” If desired, enter the number of pages and the received date. Then hit the Save button. The first screen shot below shows the filled in data fields before the document is uploaded to IBEAM and the second screen shot shows what the screen looks like after the file is uploaded. Once the file is uploaded, run a query as shown in the third screen shot to confirm the file is in IBEAM and properly indexed.

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2020 NC AQS Data Certification for Sout	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	01/12/2021	CY 2020 DEQ Final So
2019 NC DEQ PM10-2.5, SO2 5-min Ma	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	04/29/2020	CY 2019 Final
2019 NC DEQ RRO Wake Millbrook	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	04/29/2020	CY 2019 Final
2019 NC DEQ WIRO Brunswick Southpo	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	04/29/2020	CY 2019 Final
2019 NC RRO Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	04/29/2020	CY 2019 Final
2019 NC DEQ RRO Durham Durham Arr	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	04/28/2020	CY 2019 Final
2019 NC DEQ RRO Northampton Northa	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	04/28/2020	CY 2019 Final
2019 NC DEQ RRO Wake Triple Oak	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	04/28/2020	CY 2019 Final
2019 Forsyth County	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	03/09/2020	CY 2019 Final
2017 NC DEQ	annual completenes	Data Summary	AQS Quick Look/Nc	05/01/2018	CY 2017 Final

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To upload the certification letter and email, select the "Documents General: WORK" module and select "Add General WORK Document." From the dropdown lists, select "Ambient Work" for the Document Category, "QA Correspondence" for the Document Group, and "Correspondence" for the Document Type. Type in "annual completeness cover letter" for the ID and the year and "NC AQS Data Certification" for the Name / Subject. Enter the date on the document. Enter the chief, or whoever signed the letter as the author by selecting the person's name from the dropdown menu. Select the file to upload. In the description, type "Letter from" followed by whoever signed the letter followed by "to" and then whoever the letter is addressed to followed by "certifying" followed by the year followed by "data." If desired, enter the number of pages and the received date. Then hit the Save button. The first screen shot below shows the filled in data fields before the document is uploaded to IBEAM. Next, upload the email by selecting the saved email as the file to upload and changing "Cover Letter" to "email" in the ID and "Letter" to "email" in the description. After making those changes, hit the Save button. The second screen shot shows what the screen looks like after the cover letter file is uploaded and the changes are made to the form to upload the email. Once the files are uploaded, run a query as shown in the third screen shot to confirm the files are in IBEAM and properly indexed.



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## Appendix E: Generating the Statistician's Daily Reports

To use these instructions, template files will have to be obtained from the RCO statistician.

### Obtaining Site Hourly Data outside of NC PQAO Sites

1. Go to [airnowtech.org](http://airnowtech.org) and log in.
2. Along the header of the site, click **Data**
3. In the box labeled **Display Settings**, select the circle beside **Date Range** and pick a date range from the present day to 1 day before the last report. Check the box by **QC Code** and leave the dropdown box as '0 - Valid'.
  - For example, if the present day is November 07, 2019 and the last report made was the 6th, you would pick a date range of 11/05/2019 to 11/07/2019.
4. In the box labeled **Query Settings**, leave the **Query Type** set as 'Custom', select 'O3\_SO2\_NO2\_1h' for the **Parameter**, and select 'Envista + Meck' for the **Sites**. For both the Parameters and Sites selection there may be a version number in parentheses. Click the box with **two arrows pointing down**. Below is how the screen should appear.

The image shows two panels from the AirNowTech interface. The left panel, titled 'My Queries', has a 'Select:' dropdown set to 'New' and an empty 'Name:' text box. The right panel, titled 'Query Settings', has the following configuration: 'Query Type' is 'Custom'; 'Parameter(s)' is '1hr\_o3\_SO2\_NO2\_PM2.5 (2)'; 'Site(s)' is 'Envista + Meck (2)'. Below these are 'Filtered Data Set(s)' and 'Selected Data Set(s)' lists. The 'Selected Data Set(s)' list contains: HATTIEAVEN/O3 - 44201/1 Hr/1, HATTIEAVEN/NO2 - 42602/1 Hr/1, HATTIEAVEN/SO2 - 42401/1 Hr/1, and HATTIEAVEN/PM2.5-88101 - 88101/1 Hr/3. At the bottom are buttons for 'Run', 'Save', 'Delete', 'CSV' (dropdown), and 'Export'.

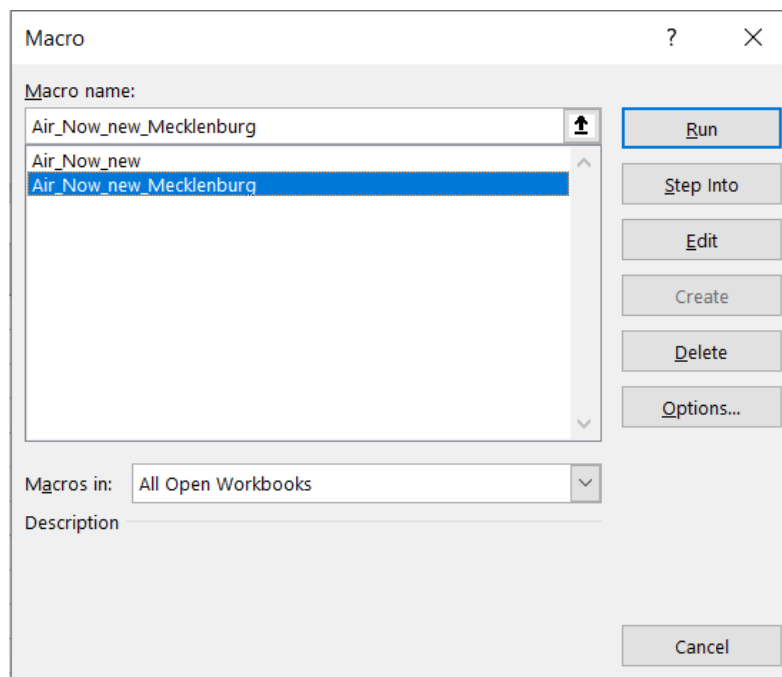
5. Leave the dropdown box beside the **Export** button as 'CSV', and then click the **Export** button.
6. Open the file and click the **Save As** command under the **File** menu. Save the file in a location that contains the file 'AirNow\_ENVISTA'. Save the file under the format of 'AirNow\_XXXYYZZ' where X is the current year, Y is the current month, and Z is the current day.
  - For example, the CSV generated on November 07, 2019 will be saved as AirNow\_20191107.
7. Close the browser with [airnowtech.org](http://airnowtech.org)
8. Open the file 'AirNow\_ENVISTA'. In the Cell B1 beside **File**, type in the name of the file that was saved in step 6. See Below:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	File:	AirNow_20191107				
2						
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5						
6						
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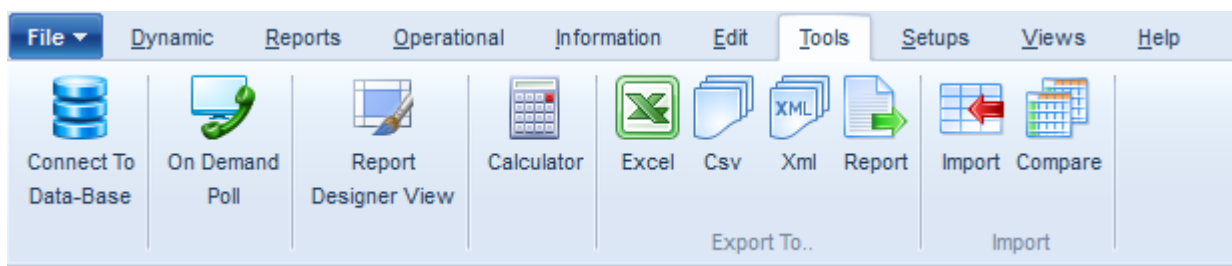
9. Open the Macro menu and run the Macro named 'Air\_Now\_new\_Mecklenburg'. This will produce a dat file.

Note: To open the Macro menu, you will need to have the 'View Macro' shortcut added to Excel's ribbon, enabled the developer tab, or press Alt+F8.

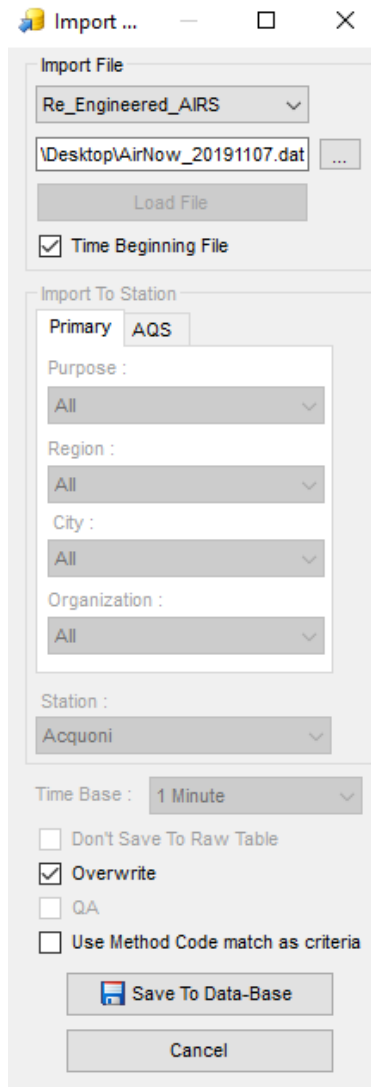
10. Close the 'AirNow\_ENVISTA' file.



11. Open Envista. Under the Tools tab, select Import.



12. In the Import window, select 'Re\_engineered\_AIRS' in the top dropdown box, click the button with ... , select the dat file generated in step 8, check the box beside **Overwrite** and click the button **Save To Data-Base**. The window should look like the image below.



13. On completion of the upload, a window will pop up stating the number of records uploaded, the number of valid imported records, the number of invalid import records, and the number of blocked validation dates. If the number of records uploaded do not equal the number of valid imported records, start over from air now and reupload.

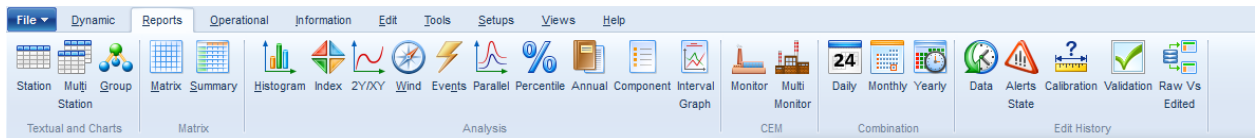
If after reupload the number of records uploaded do not equal the number of valid imported records, examine the dat file for errors in delimiter code. If there was a change at the site, the macro may have to be edited to account for it or the database manager may have to make an adjustment in Envista.

Alternatively, each time Envista encounters invalid import records, the program will produce a record. Examine this record for mistakes in delimiter code. If there was a change at the

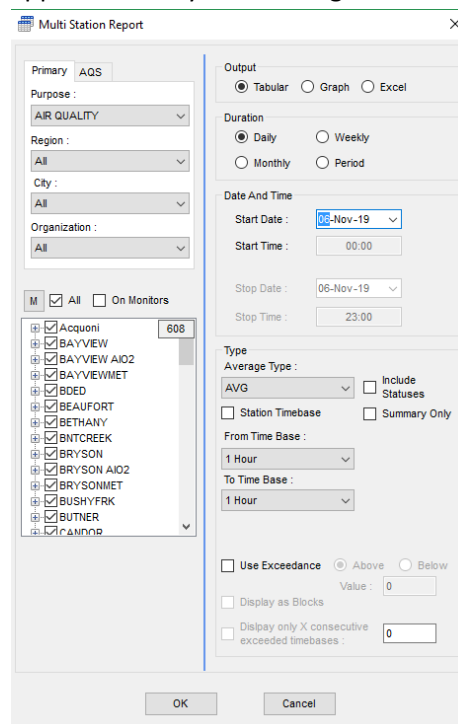
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## Generating Reports

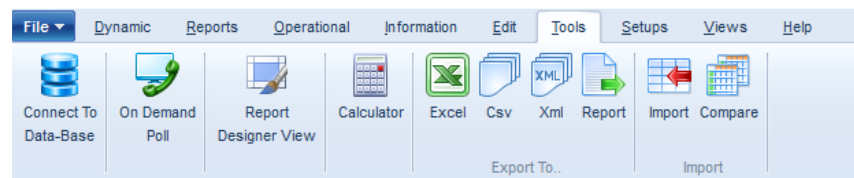
1. In Envista under the **Reports** tab, select the **Multi Station** button.



2. Select 'AIR QUALITY' in the **Purpose** drop down box and then check the box by 'All'. Leave the **Output** as 'Tabular' and the **Duration** as 'Daily'. Select the day of interest and select '1 Hour' for the **From Time Base** dropdown box. The window should appear similarly to the image below.



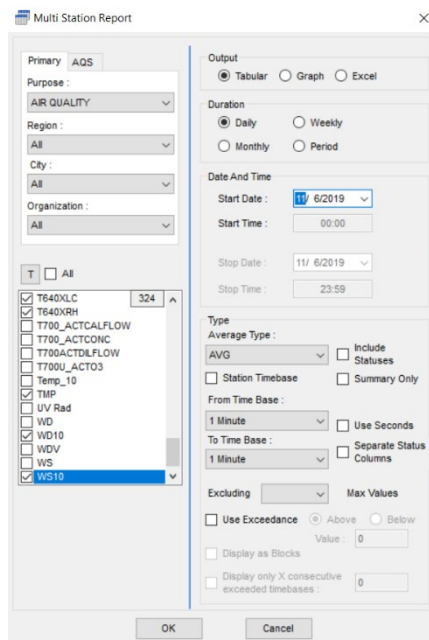
3. Under the **Tools** tab, select the **Csv** button.



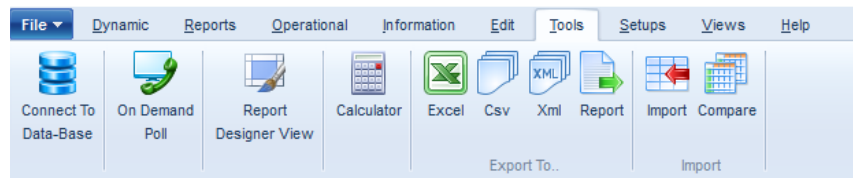
4. Save the file in the folder containing the excel file named 'ENVISTA'. The file should be named 'E\_daily\_summary\_XXXYYZZ' where X is the year, Y is the current month, and Z is the day after the day of interest. Repeat steps 1 through 4 for each day of interest.

- For example, if you are saving this file for November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the file would be named E\_daily\_summary\_20191107.
5. Under the **Reports** tab, select the **Multi Station** button.
  6. Leave 'AIR QUALITY' in the **Purpose** drop down box and then uncheck the box by 'All'. Click on the box with the 'M' to turn it into a 'T'. Then check the box by the following parameters:
    - AT
    - AT10
    - CO
    - Compass
    - COT
    - COT\_Bkg
    - NO
    - NO2
    - NO2 CAPS
    - NO2T
    - NOT
    - NOX
    - NOY
    - NOYT
    - O3
    - RH
    - RH10
    - SO2
    - SO2T
    - SOL\_RAD
    - T640X
    - T640X10
    - T640XAP
    - T640XAT
    - T640XCRS
    - T640XLC
    - T640XRH
    - TMP
    - WD10
    - WS10

Leave the **Output** as 'Tabular' and the **Duration** as 'Daily'. Select the day of interest and select '1 Minute' for the **From Time Base** dropdown box. The window should appear similarly to the image below.



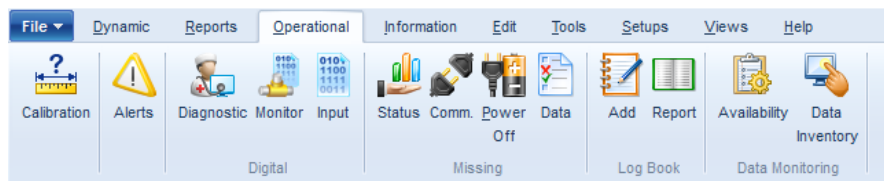
7. Under the **Tools** tab, select the **Csv** button.



8. Save the file in the folder containing the excel file named 'ENVISTA'. The file should be named 'E\_1min\_summary\_XXXYYZZ' where X is the year, Y is the current month, and Z is the day after the day of interest. Repeat steps 5 through 8 for each day of interest.

- For example, if you are saving this file on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the file would be named E\_daily\_summary\_20191107.

9. Under the **Operation** tab, Select the **Calibration** button.

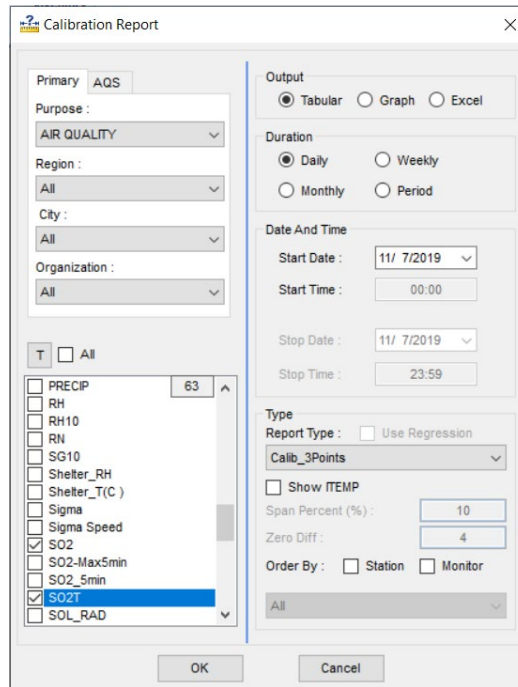


10. In the **Calibration Report** menu, select 'AIR QUALITY' in the **Purpose** drop down box and click on the box that contains an 'M' to Turn it to a 'T'. Select the following parameters:

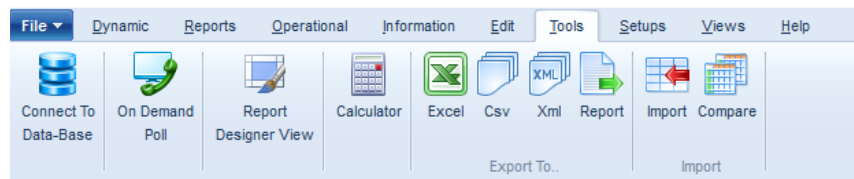
- O3
- SO2
- SO2T

Leave the **Output** as 'Tabular' and the **Duration** as 'Daily'. Select the day of interest, and change **Report Type** to 'Calib\_3Points'. The window should appear similarly to the image below.





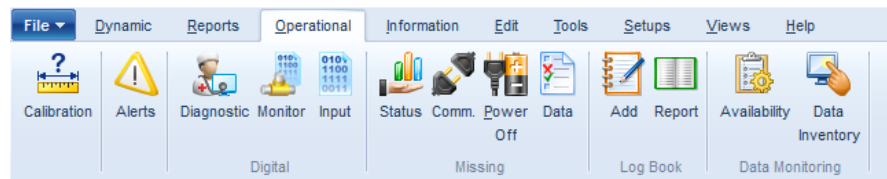
11. Under the **Tools** tab, select the **Csv** button.



12. Save the file in the folder containing the excel file named 'ENVISTA'. The file should be named 'E\_CalibrationReport\_XXYYZZ' where X is the year, Y is the current month, and Z is the day of interest.
- For example, if you are saving this file on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the file would be named E\_CalibrationReport\_20191107.

Note: Steps 9 through 12 will have to be repeated for each day of interest.

13. Under the **Operation** tab, Select the **Calibration** button.



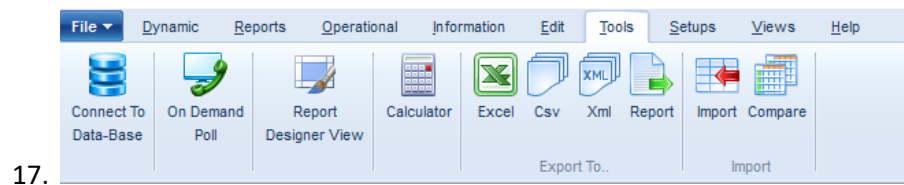
14. In the **Calibration Report** menu, select 'AIR QUALITY' in the **Purpose** drop down box and leave the box that contains an 'T'. Deselect any previously selected parameters. Then select the following parameters:
- COT
  - NO2 CAPS

15. Leave the **Output** as 'Tabular' and the **Duration** as 'Daily'. Select the day of interest, and change **Report Type** to 'All\_Calibrations'. The window should appear similarly to the image below.

The screenshot shows the 'Calibration Report' dialog box with the following settings:

- Primary:** AQS
- Purpose:** AIR QUALITY
- Region:** All
- City:** All
- Organization:** All
- Output:**  Tabular,  Graph,  Excel
- Duration:**  Daily,  Weekly,  Monthly,  Period
- Date And Time:** Start Date: 11/ 7/2019, Start Time: 00:00, Stop Date: 11/ 7/2019, Stop Time: 23:59
- Type:** Report Type:  Use Regression, All\_Calibrations,  Show ITEMp, Span Percent (%): 10, Zero Diff: 4, Order By:  Station,  Monitor, All
- Polynomial List:**  COT (6),  COT\_Bkg,  CPS,  E-BAM,  E-BAM Flow,  FRM1HR,  H2S,  NH3,  NO,  NO2,  NO2 CAPS,  NO2T,  NOT,  NOX

16. Under the **Tools** tab, select the **Csv** button.



- 17.
18. Save the file in the folder containing the excel file named 'ENVISTA'. The file should be named 'Cal\_COT\_NO2\_XXXYYZZ' where X is the year, Y is the current month, and Z is the day of interest.
- For example, if you are saving this file on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the file would be named Cal\_COT\_NO2\_20191107.

Note: Steps 13 through 18 will have to be repeated for each day of interest.

19. Close Envista.  
 20. Open the excel file 'ENVISTA'.

Note: The folder location containing the excel file 'ENVISTA' will also need the following excel files:

E\_O3\_calibration(days), E\_O3\_calibration(sites), E\_SO2\_calibration(days), E\_SO2\_calibration(sites), E\_NO2\_calibration, and E\_COT\_calibration.

21. On **E\_excel** worksheet, change the date to one day after the date of interest, open the Macro menu, and run the **E\_excel** macro. This will create an excel sheet named 'Envista YY ZZ, XXXX' where X is the year, Y is the current month, and Z is the day after the day of interest. Repeat this step for each report you need.

Note: In the event that a new site is added to Envista, the site will have to be added for it do show up correctly in the daily report. On the **E\_excel** worksheet, add the site name as it appears in Envista in column B at the bottom of the sites listed and in column A beside that entry add the abbreviation for what region that site belongs to.

22. On the **O3\_cal** worksheet, change the date to the date of interest. Then in an internet browser go to the North Carolina Air Quality Forecast Center (<https://xapps.ncdenr.org/aq/ForecastCenterEnvista>) and copy the corresponding Ozone AQI into the O3\_cal worksheet.
23. Open the Macro menu and run the **O3\_cal** macro. This macro adds data to the 'E\_O3\_calibration(days)' and 'E\_O3\_calibration(sites)' excel files. If those files for the correct month are not located in the folder with the 'ENVISTA' excel file, the macro will produce an error message. Repeat this for each day of interest.
24. On the **O3\_TMP\_cal** worksheet, change the date to one day after the date of interest, open the Macro menu, and run the **O3\_TMP\_cal** macro. This macro adds data to the 'E\_O3\_calibration(days)' and 'E\_O3\_calibration(sites)' excel files. If those files for the correct month are not located in the folder with the 'ENVISTA' excel file, the macro will produce an error message. Repeat this for each day of interest.
25. On the **SO2\_cal** worksheet, change the date to the date of interest, open the Macro menu, and run the **SO2\_cal** macro. This macro adds data to the 'E\_SO2\_calibration(days)' and 'E\_SO2\_calibration(sites)' excel files. If those files for the correct month are not located in the folder with the 'ENVISTA' excel file, the macro will produce an error message. Repeat this for each day of interest.
26. On the **SO2\_TMP\_cal** worksheet, change the date to one day after the date of interest, open the Macro menu, and run the **SO2\_TMP\_cal** macro. This macro adds data to the 'E\_SO2\_calibration(days)' and 'E\_SO2\_calibration(sites)' excel files. If those files for the correct month are not located in the folder with the 'ENVISTA' excel file, the macro will produce an error message. Repeat this for each day of interest.
27. On the **COT\_NO2\_cal** worksheet, change the date to the date of interest, open the Macro menu, and run the **COT\_NO2\_cal** macro. This macro adds data to the 'E\_NO2\_calibration' and 'E\_COT\_calibration' excel files. If those files for the correct month are not located in the folder with the 'ENVISTA' excel file, the macro will produce an error message. Repeat this for each day of interest.
28. On the **COT\_NO2\_TMP** worksheet, change the date to one day after the date of interest, open the Macro menu, and run the **COT\_TMP** macro. Then run the **NO2\_TMP** macro. These macros add data to the 'E\_NO2\_calibration' and 'E\_COT\_calibration' excel files. If those files for the correct month are not located in the folder with the 'ENVISTA' excel file, the macro will produce an error message. Repeat this for each day of interest.
29. Close the excel file 'ENVISTA'.
30. Open the excel file 'Pictures\_1\_min'.

31. In the 'Pictures\_1\_min' file, change the date to one day after the date of interest. Repeat this for each day of interest.
32. Close the excel file 'Pictures\_1\_min'.

### **Sending Reports**

1. Open E\_O3\_calibration(days), E\_O3\_calibration(sites), E\_SO2\_calibration(days), E\_SO2\_calibration(sites), E\_NO2\_calibration, and E\_COT\_calibration. Note any failures, missing data, and temperature exceedance for the day(s) of interest.

Note: any event that is a known issue does not have to reported.

2. Open the Envista report for each day of interest. Look for missing data, outliers, and exceedances. Determine if any of the outliers are significant and remove the outlier flag from any that are not. Highlight and Note any exceedances. Save and close those files when finished.
3. Place a copy of E\_O3\_calibration(days), E\_O3\_calibration(sites), E\_SO2\_calibration(days), E\_SO2\_calibration(sites), the 1min summary excel file for the day of interest and the Envista excel file for the day of interest on the P drive at <\\wv1dnfp01.eads.ncads.net\AQGroup\Ambient\Pub\RegOffices.NC\Monthly Airs Output\INBOX\Envista> in the folder with the appropriate year.
4. Send one email to the following email addresses: '[DENR.DAQ.AMBIENT-MONITORING.REGIONALOFFICES@lists.ncmail.net](mailto:DENR.DAQ.AMBIENT-MONITORING.REGIONALOFFICES@lists.ncmail.net)', '[Kelly.Grass@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:Kelly.Grass@mecklenburgcountync.gov)', '[Suzanne.Hollenbeck@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Hollenbeck@mecklenburgcountync.gov)'. Attach the E\_O3\_calibration(days), E\_O3\_calibration(sites), E\_SO2\_calibration(days), E\_SO2\_calibration(sites), and the Envista excel file for the day of interest. Add any notes from step 1 and step 2 to the email.
5. Send a second email to the mailing lists '[DEQ.AQ.Ambient-Monitoring.PPB.CO@ncdenr.gov](mailto:DEQ.AQ.Ambient-Monitoring.PPB.CO@ncdenr.gov)' and '[DEQ.AQ.Ambient.ECB.GS.Group@ncdenr.gov](mailto:DEQ.AQ.Ambient.ECB.GS.Group@ncdenr.gov)' and Carbon Copy the Ambient Air Monitoring chief as well as the Database Manager. Include any notes from step 1 and step 2 and the link to the location on the P drive.

## Appendix F: List of Acronyms

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ABAQA – Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency	PM <sub>10c</sub> or PM <sub>10-2.5</sub> – Coarse particles defined as particles with an average aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM <sub>10</sub> ) but greater than 2.5 microns (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) generally measured by subtracting PM <sub>2.5</sub> measured at local conditions from PM <sub>10</sub> measured at local conditions.
AQS - Air Quality System (EPA's Air database)	POC – Parameter Occurrence Code
ARM – Air Resources Manager	ppb – parts per billion
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations	% - percent
Chief – Ambient Monitoring Section chief	± - plus or minus
CPU – central processing unit	PPB – Projects and Procedures Branch
CTS – certified transfer standard	ppm – parts per million
DAQ - North Carolina Division of Air Quality	PQAO – Primary quality assurance organization
°C – degrees Celsius	PZS – precision-zero-span
DEQ – North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality	QA – Quality assurance
DIT – Department of Information Technology	QA/QC - Quality assurance/quality control
DQO - Data quality objective	QAPP - Quality assurance project plan
ECB – Electronics and Calibration Branch	QC – Quality control
e-log – electronic logbook	R <sup>2</sup> – coefficient of determination
EPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency	RCO – Raleigh Central Office
hPa – hectopascals (equivalent to millibars)	RH – relative Humidity
IBEAM – Internet-Based Enterprise Application Management	SLAMS - state and local air monitoring station
≤ - less than or equal to	SO <sub>2</sub> – sulfur dioxide
m/s – meters per second	SOP - standard operating procedure
MQO – Measurement quality objective	SPM – Special purpose monitor
NA – not applicable	TMP – shelter temperature
NAAQS - National ambient air quality standards	
NCore- National Ambient Air Monitoring Strategy - National Core Monitoring	
NO – nitric oxide	
NO <sub>2</sub> – nitrogen dioxide	
NO <sub>2</sub> T – the measured difference from the NO <sub>y</sub> T and NOT channels, DAQ does not report NO <sub>2</sub> T to AQS	
NOT – trace-level nitric oxide	
NO <sub>x</sub> – oxides of nitrogen	
NO <sub>y</sub> – reactive oxides of nitrogen	
NO <sub>y</sub> T – trace-level reactive oxides of nitrogen	
NPAP – National Performance Audit Program	
O <sub>3</sub> - ozone	
PEP – Performance evaluation program	
pm – post meridiem	
PM – Particulate matter	
PM <sub>2.5</sub> – Particles with an average aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 microns or less, also known as fine particles	
PM <sub>10</sub> – Particles with an average aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less	