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# **Executive Summary**

The following report summarizes the monthly data generated as part of the Richmond Community Air Monitoring Program (RCAMP). RCAMP is an independent initiative designed to provide air quality readings to the general public and educate the community about what is in the air. The air quality monitoring equipment and its installation was funded by Chevron in consultation with the City of Richmond. Ongoing operation, maintenance and data reporting is managed by Argos Scientific, Inc., with direction from the City Manager's Office, and input from Chevron and community representatives.

This report details the information collected by the operation of the open path fence line monitoring systems installed near the perimeter of Chevron's Richmond Refinery. The report explains the data and measurements of target compounds (benzene, toluene, sulfur dioxide, p-xylene, carbon disulfide and hydrogen sulfide) for the month of November 2014, at the fence line monitoring locations located near the Richmond Refinery perimeter, adjacent to Point Richmond, Atchison Village and North Richmond.

#### **Operational Performance Events**

On November 21, 2014 there was a failure of the wind speed sensor at the monitoring system on the refinery perimeter adjacent to North Richmond. An Argos Scientific technician removed the faulty sensor and sent it to the manufacturer for repair. On November 27, 2014 there was a power spike that affected the UV source at the monitoring system on the refinery perimeter adjacent to Point Richmond. An Argos Scientific technician restarted the source once access to the site was possible.

#### **Maintenance Activities**

Routine maintenance and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) for the open path fence line monitoring systems occurred on November 4 and November 24 at the fence line monitoring locations located near the Richmond Refinery perimeter, adjacent to Point Richmond, Atchison Village and North Richmond.

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#### **Summary Findings**

The following was noted from the monthly results of the monitoring activities:

- At the refinery perimeter that is adjacent to Point Richmond, the
  maximum sulfur dioxide value was recorded when winds were from the
  Southwest. The maximum p-xylene value was recorded when winds were
  from the West-to-northwest. The maximum carbon disulfide value was
  recorded when winds were from the Northeast. The maximum hydrogen
  sulfide value was recorded when winds were from the Northeast;
- At the refinery perimeter that is adjacent to Atchison Village, the
  maximum benzene value was recorded when winds were from the Northto-northeast. The maximum sulfur dioxide value was recorded when
  winds were from the East. The maximum toluene value was recorded
  when winds were from the North. The maximum p-xylene value was
  recorded when winds were from the North;
- At the refinery perimeter that is adjacent to North Richmond, the
  maximum sulfur dioxide value was recorded when winds were from the
  South. The maximum p-xylene value was recorded when winds were from
  the South-to-southeast.

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# **1** Report Document Control

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#### 2 Introduction

Table 2.1 lists the target compounds monitored during the month of November 2014, at the fence line monitoring systems near the refinery perimeter and adjacent to Point Richmond, Atchison Village and North Richmond. Each site has an open path Ultra Violet (Open Path UV) air monitoring system and an open path tunable diode laser (TDL) air monitoring system, see Appendix C for an equipment location map.

Table 2.1: Target Compounds Measured by Fence Line System

Compound	Instrument
Benzene	Open Path UV
Toluene	Open Path UV
Sulfur Dioxide	Open Path UV
p-Xylene	Open Path UV
Carbon Disulfide	Open Path UV
Hydrogen Sulfide	TDL

In addition each site is equipped with a meteorological station measuring the following parameters:

- Wind speed
- Wind direction
- Temperature
- Relative humidity

The results of the measurements performed by the system for the month of November 2014, are presented in the sections that follow.

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## 3 Results

## **Monthly Maximum Fence Line Detections**

This section of the report presents the results for the monitoring performed for the month of November 2014. Tables 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 list the maximum monthly concentrations measured at each of the sites for the monitoring period.

Table 3.1: Maximum Detected Concentrations Measured by the Fence Line Monitoring Equipment Located Adjacent to Point Richmond

Compound	Date	Time	Concentration	<b>Toxicity Summary</b>	Wind
Compound	Date	Time	(ppb)	(ppb)	Direction
				Short-term/acute	
				(for a 6-hour	
				exposure) 1: 433	
	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Long-	Nothing
Benzene	Detected	Detected	Detected	term/chronic <sup>2</sup> : 20	Detected
				Short-term/acute	
				(for a 1-hour	
Sulfur Dioxide	11/22/2014	9:40 AM	11	exposure)1: 230	Southwest
				Short-term/acute	
				(for a 1-hour	
				exposure) 1: 8600	
	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Long-	Nothing
Toluene	Detected	Detected	Detected	term/chronic <sup>2</sup> : 70	Detected
				Short-term/acute	
				(for a 1-hour	
				exposure)¹: 6285	
				I	XA7
p-Xylene	11/26/2014	7:05 PM	9	Long- term/chronic <sup>2</sup> : 200	West-to- northwest
p-Aylelle	11/20/2014	7:03 PW	9	Currently there are	northwest
				no standards set	
				for evaluating risks	
Carbon				of exposure to	
Disulfide	11/05/2014	11:40 AM	5	Carbon Disulfide	Northeast
Hydrogen				Long-	
Sulfide	11/17/2014	2:05 PM	121	term/chronic <sup>2</sup> : 8	Northeast

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Acute Toxicity Summary (http://oehha.ca.gov/air/hot\_spots/2008/AppendixD2\_final.pdf)
<sup>2</sup> California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Chronic Toxicity Summary

<sup>(</sup>http://oehha.ca.gov/air/hot\_spots/2008/AppendixD3\_final.pdf)

Table 3.2: Maximum Detected Concentrations Measured by the Fence Line Monitoring Equipment Located Adjacent to Atchison Village

Compound	Date	Time	Concentration (ppb)	Toxicity Summary (ppb)	Wind Direction
			(FF-)	Short-term/acute	
				(for a 6-hour exposure) <sup>3</sup> : 433	
				exposurej <sup>3</sup> : 455	
				Long-	North-to-
Benzene	11/26/2014	2:10 PM	5	term/chronic4: 20	northeast
				Short-term/acute	
Sulfur Dioxide	11/03/2014	2:35 AM	64	(for a 1-hour exposure) <sup>3</sup> : 230	East
Sullui Dioxide	11/03/2014	Z:33 AM	04	Short-term/acute	East
				(for a 1-hour	
				exposure) <sup>3</sup> : 8600	
,				Long-	
Toluene	11/27/2014	11:30 AM	12	term/chronic <sup>4</sup> : 70	North
				Short-term/acute (for a 1-hour	
				exposure) <sup>3</sup> : 6285	
				Long-	
p-Xylene	11/23/2014	11:10 PM	6	term/chronic4: 200	North
				Currently there are	
				no standards set for	
Carbon	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	evaluating risks of exposure to Carbon	Nothing
Disulfide	Detected	Detected	Detected	Disulfide	Detected
Hydrogen	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Long-	Nothing
Sulfide	Detected	Detected	Detected	term/chronic4: 8	Detected

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Acute Toxicity Summary

<sup>(</sup>http://oehha.ca.gov/air/hot\_spots/2008/AppendixD2\_final.pdf)

4 California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Chronic Toxicity Summary (http://oehha.ca.gov/air/hot\_spots/2008/AppendixD3\_final.pdf)

Table 3.3: Maximum Detected Concentrations Measured by the Fence Line Monitoring Equipment Located Adjacent to North Richmond

Compound	Date	Time	Concentration	Toxicity	Wind
<b>P</b>			(ppb)	Summary (ppb)	Direction
				Short-term/acute	
				(for a 6-hour	
				exposure) <sup>5</sup> : 433	
	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Long-	Nothing
Benzene	Detected	Detected	Detected	term/chronic <sup>6</sup> : 20	Detected
				Short-term/acute	
				(for a 1-hour	
Sulfur Dioxide	11/11/2014	5:30 AM	11	exposure)5: 230	South
				Short-term/acute	
				(for a 1-hour	
				exposure)5: 8600	
	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Long	Nothing
Toluene	Nothing Detected	Detected	Nothing Detected	Long- term/chronic <sup>6</sup> : 70	Nothing Detected
Totuette	Detected	Detected	Detected	•	Detected
				Short-term/acute (for a 1-hour	
				exposure) 5: 6285	
				exposurej 9: 0205	
				Long-	
				term/chronic <sup>6</sup> :	South-to-
p-Xylene	11/07/2014	4:30 PM	7	200	southeast
				Currently there	
				are no standards	
				set for evaluating	
	_	_	_	risks of exposure	_
Carbon	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	to Carbon	Nothing
Disulfide	Detected	Detected	Detected	Disulfide	Detected
Hydrogen	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing	Long-	Nothing
Sulfide	Detected	Detected	Detected	term/chronic <sup>6</sup> : 8	Detected

Tables 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 above indicate that the fence line equipment detected compounds at each location. The concentrations of these compounds were significantly lower than the toxicity standards established by the State of California.

#### 3.2 Monthly Fence Line Detections

The sections below detail the compounds detected at each of the monitoring locations. Where there were no detections for the month these graphs are not included. The data is grouped by sampling site with the associated meteorological data included.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Acute Toxicity Summary (http://oehha.ca.gov/air/hot\_spots/2008/AppendixD2\_final.pdf)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Chronic Toxicity Summary (http://oehha.ca.gov/air/hot\_spots/2008/AppendixD3\_final.pdf)

#### 3.2.1 Point Richmond

Figures 3.1 to 3.6 show the gas detections for the month of November 2014 at the fence line monitoring system near the refinery perimeter and adjacent to Point Richmond. In addition wind speed and wind direction data measured by the system is reported. For the month of November 2014, benzene and toluene were not detected by the system. The data is plotted on a logarithmic scale.

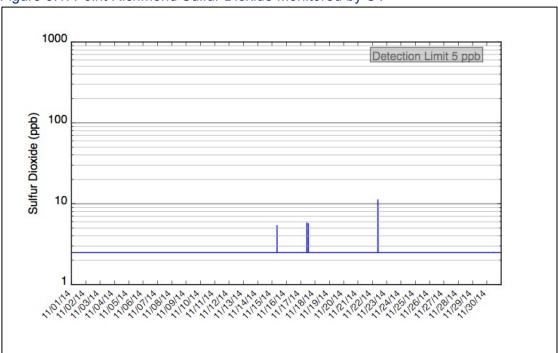


Figure 3.1: Point Richmond Sulfur Dioxide Monitored by UV

Figure 3.1 shows that the maximum concentration of 11 ppb was detected on November 22, 2014 at 9:40 AM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.1 above.

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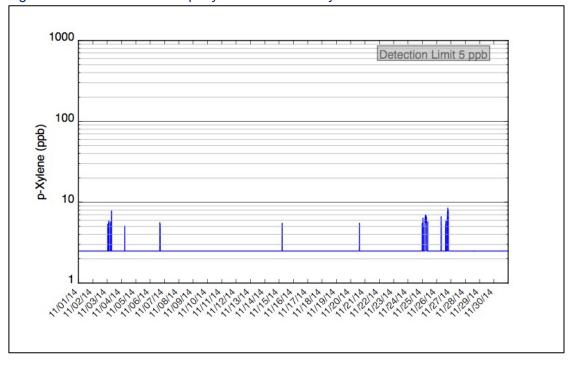


Figure 3.2: Point Richmond p-Xylene Monitored by UV

Figure 3.2 shows that the maximum concentration of 9 ppb was detected on November 26, 2014 at 7:05 PM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.1 above.

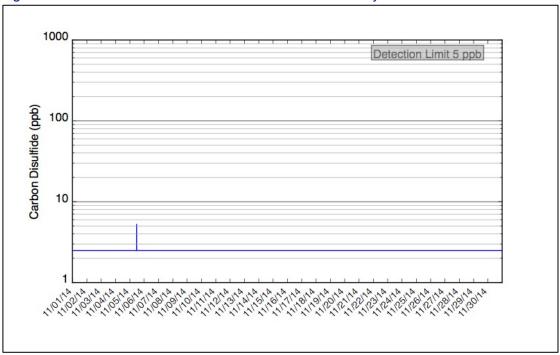


Figure 3.3: Point Richmond Carbon Disulfide Monitored by UV

Figure 3.3 shows that the maximum concentration of 5 ppb was detected on November 5, 2014 at 11:40 AM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.1 above.

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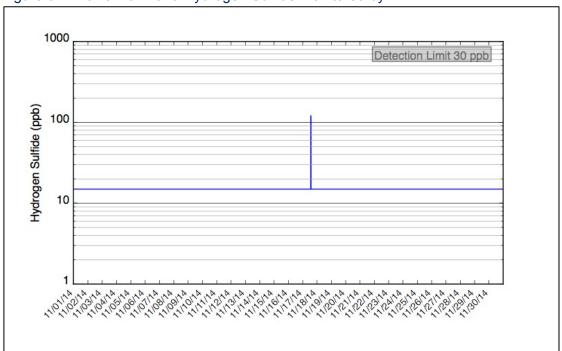


Figure 3.4: Point Richmond Hydrogen Sulfide Monitored by TDL

Figure 3.4 shows that the maximum concentration of 121 ppb was detected on November 17, 2014 at 2:05 PM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.1 above.

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## **3.2.1.1** Point Richmond Wind Speed and Wind Direction

Figure 3.5: Point Richmond Wind Speed

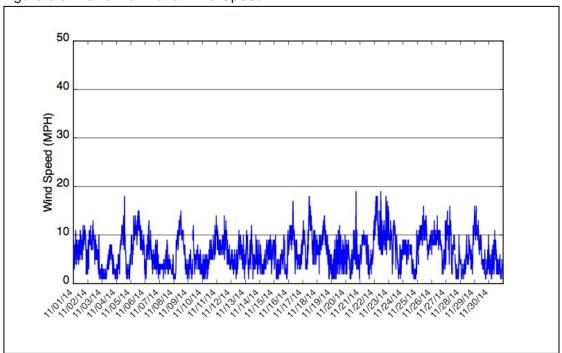
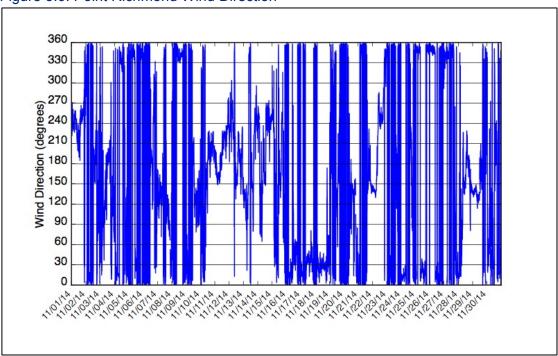


Figure 3.6: Point Richmond Wind Direction



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#### 3.2.2 Atchison Village

Figures 3.7 to 3.12 show the gas detections for the month of November 2014 at the fence line monitoring location located near the refinery perimeter and adjacent to Atchison Village as well as the wind speed and wind direction data measured by the system. For the month of November 2014, carbon disulfide and hydrogen sulfide were not detected. The gas data is plotted on a logarithmic scale.

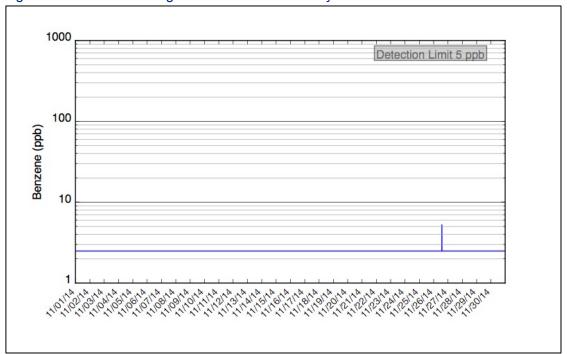


Figure 3.7: Atchison Village Benzene Monitored by UV

Figure 3.7 shows that the maximum concentration of 5 ppb was detected on November 26, 2014 at 2:10 PM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.2 above.

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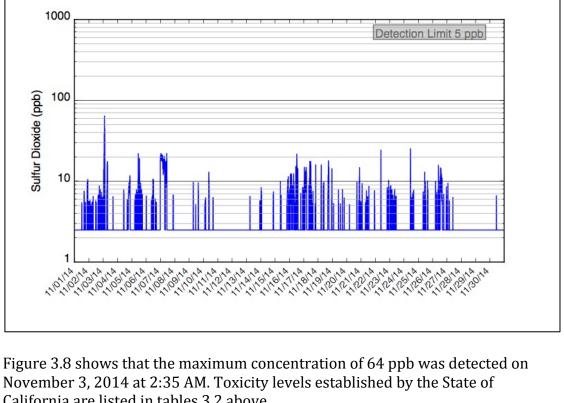


Figure 3.8: Atchison Village Sulfur Dioxide Monitored by UV

California are listed in tables 3.2 above.

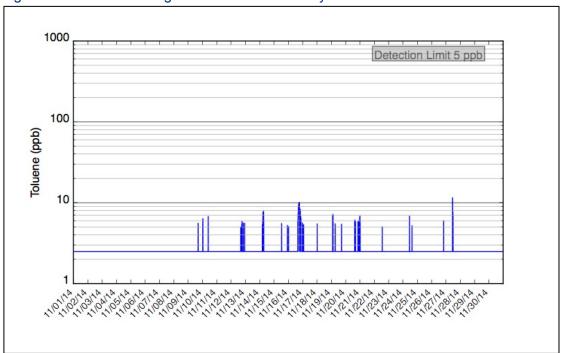


Figure 3.9: Atchison Village Toluene Monitored by UV

Figure 3.9 shows that the maximum concentration of 12 ppb was detected on November 27, 2014 at 11:30 AM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.2 above.

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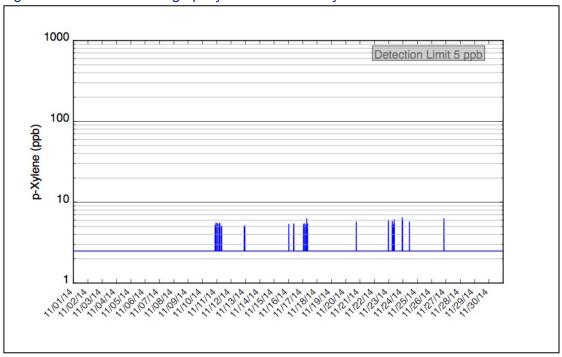


Figure 3.10: Atchison Village p-Xylene Monitored by UV

Figure 3.10 shows that the maximum concentration of 6 ppb was detected on November 23, 2014 at 11:10 PM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.2 above.

## 3.2.2.1 Atchison Village Wind Speed and Wind Direction

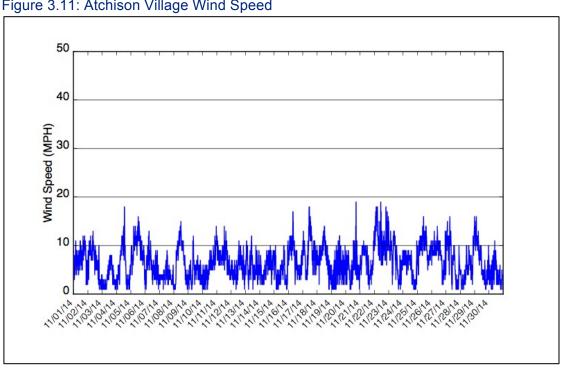
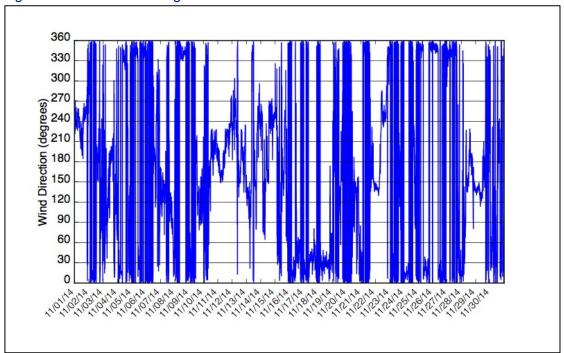


Figure 3.11: Atchison Village Wind Speed

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#### 3.2.3 North Richmond

Figures 3.13 to 3.16 show the gas detections for the month of November 2014 at the fence line monitoring location located near the refinery perimeter and adjacent to North Richmond as well as the wind speed and wind direction data measured by the system. For the month of November 2014, carbon disulfide and hydrogen sulfide were not detected. The gas data is plotted on a logarithmic scale.

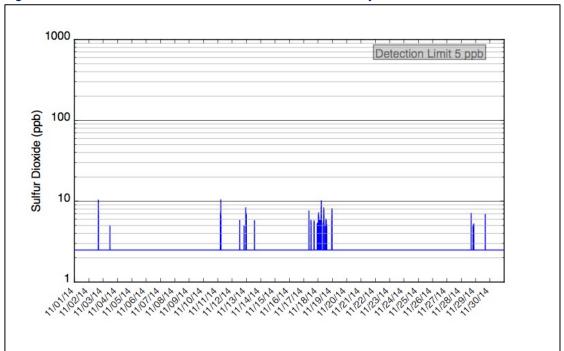


Figure 3.13: North Richmond Sulfur Dioxide Monitored by UV

Figure 3.13 shows that the maximum concentration of 10 ppb was detected on November 11, 2014 at 5:30 AM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.3 above.

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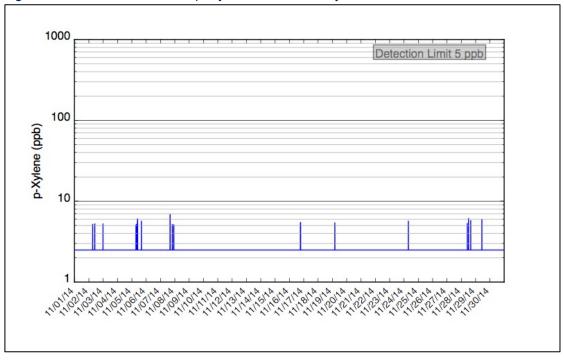


Figure 3.14: North Richmond p-Xylene Monitored by UV

Figure 3.14 shows that the maximum concentration of 7 ppb was detected on November 7, 2014 at 4:30 PM. Toxicity levels established by the State of California are listed in tables 3.3 above.

#### 3.2.3.1 North Richmond Wind Speed and Wind Direction

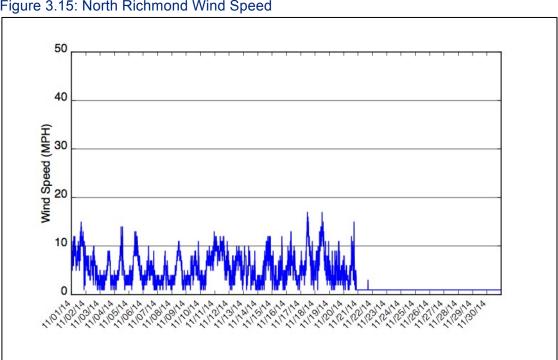
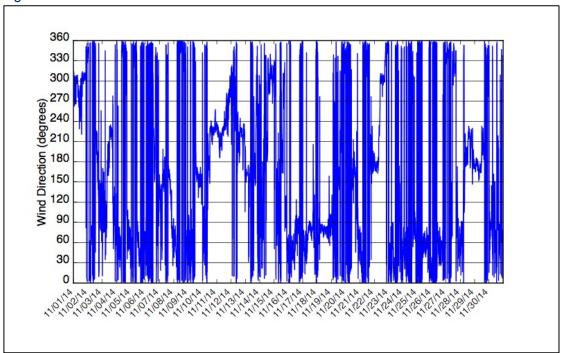


Figure 3.15: North Richmond Wind Speed

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## 3.3 QA/QC Checks

Figure 3.17: Point Richmond Ozone by UV

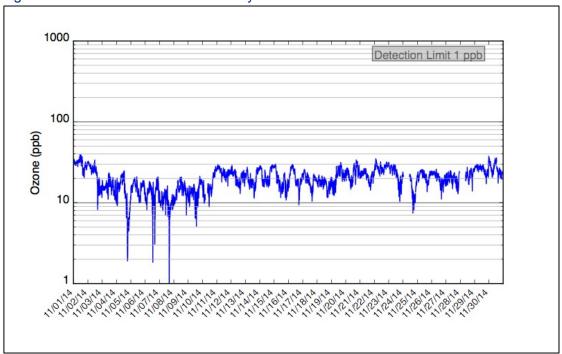
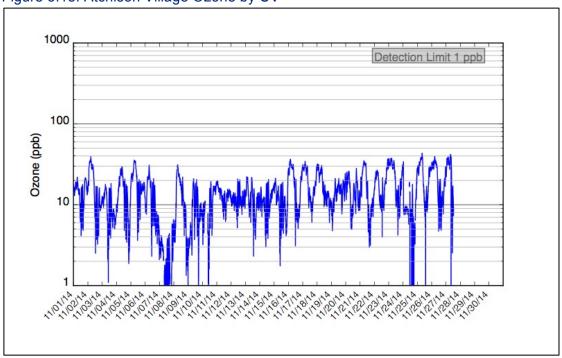
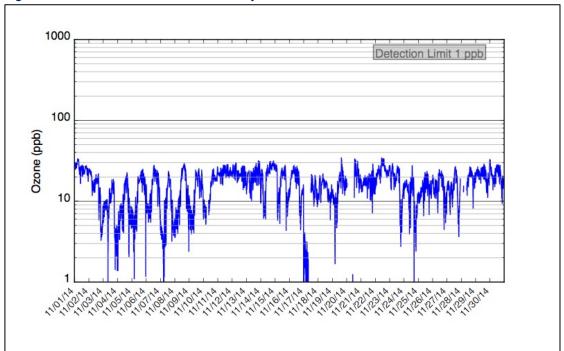


Figure 3.18: Atchison Village Ozone by UV



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# **4 Operational Performance Events**

On November 21, 2014 there was a failure of the wind speed sensor at the monitoring system on the refinery perimeter adjacent to North Richmond. An Argos Scientific technician removed the faulty sensor and sent it to the manufacturer for repair. On November 27, 2014 there was a power spike that affected the UV source at the monitoring system on the refinery perimeter adjacent to Point Richmond. An Argos Scientific technician restarted the source once access to the site was possible.

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# **5** Maintenance Activities

Routine maintenance and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) for the open path fence line monitoring systems occurred on November 4 and November 24 at the fence line monitoring locations located near the Richmond Refinery perimeter, adjacent to Point Richmond, Atchison Village and North Richmond.

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# 6 Summary of Findings

The following was noted from the monthly results of the monitoring activities:

- At the refinery perimeter that is adjacent to Point Richmond, the
  maximum sulfur dioxide value was recorded when winds were from the
  Southwest. The maximum p-xylene value was recorded when winds were
  from the West-to-northwest. The maximum carbon disulfide value was
  recorded when winds were from the Northeast. The maximum hydrogen
  sulfide value was recorded when winds were from the Northeast;
- At the refinery perimeter that is adjacent to Atchison Village, the
  maximum benzene value was recorded when winds were from the Northto-northeast. The maximum sulfur dioxide value was recorded when
  winds were from the East. The maximum toluene value was recorded
  when winds were from the North. The maximum p-xylene value was
  recorded when winds were from the North;
- At the refinery perimeter that is adjacent to North Richmond, the maximum sulfur dioxide value was recorded when winds were from the South. The maximum p-xylene value was recorded when winds were from the South-to-southeast.

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# Appendix A: Maintenance and Calibration Activities

The following calibration activities were recorded at the site.

# Point Richmond QA/QC

Instrument	Compound	Date	Time	Passed Yes/No
UV	Benzene, Toluene, Sulfur Dioxide, p-Xylene	11/04/2014	1:23 PM	Yes
TDL	Hydrogen Sulfide	11/04/2014	1:23 PM	Yes
UV	Benzene, Toluene, Sulfur Dioxide, p-Xylene	11/24/2014	12:06 PM	Yes
TDL	Hydrogen Sulfide	11/24/2014	12:08 PM	Yes

# Atchison Village QA/QC

Instrument	Compound	Date	Time	Passed Yes/No
UV	Benzene, Toluene, Sulfur Dioxide, p-Xylene	11/04/2014	1:11 PM	Yes
TDL	Hydrogen Sulfide	11/04/2014	1:11 PM	Yes
UV	Benzene, Toluene, Sulfur Dioxide, p-Xylene	11/24/2014	11:41 AM	Yes
TDL	Hydrogen Sulfide	11/24/2014	11:39 AM	Yes

# North Richmond QA/QC

Instrument	Compound	Date	Time	Passed Yes/No
UV	Benzene, Toluene, Sulfur Dioxide, p-Xylene	11/04/2014	1:56 PM	Yes
TDL	Hydrogen Sulfide	11/04/2014	1:56 PM	Yes
UV	Benzene, Toluene, Sulfur Dioxide, p-Xylene	11/24/2014	1:37 PM	Yes
TDL	Hydrogen Sulfide	11/24/2014	1:25 PM	Yes

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# Appendix B: Website Message Board Logs

The following operational issues were noted on the Richmond Refinery Community Website:

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# Appendix C: Equipment Location

The location of the sampling systems is shown in Figure C.1 below:



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