**Old Woman Creek (OWC) NERR Meteorological Metadata**

**January – December 2017**

**Latest Update:** 27 August 2018

**I. Data Set and Research Descriptors**

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**2) Entry verification –**

Data are uploaded from the CR1000 data logger via a RS-232 cable connected to a laptop (IBM compatible). Files are exported from LoggerNet in a comma-delimited format and uploaded to the CDMO where they undergo automated primary QAQC and become part of the CDMO’s online provisional database. During primary QAQC, data are flagged if they are missing or out of sensor range. The edited file is then returned to the Reserve where it is opened in Microsoft Excel and processed using the CDMO’s NERRQAQC Excel macro. The macro inserts station codes, creates metadata worksheets for flagged data and summary statistics, and graphs the data for review. It allows the user to apply QAQC flags and codes to the data, append files, and export the resulting data file to the CDMO for tertiary QAQC and assimilation into the CDMO’s authoritative online database. For more information on QAQC flags and QAQC codes, see Sections 11 and 12.

Dr. Kristi Arend is responsible for data management.

**3) Research objectives –**

The objective of this work is to record weather data over a long time period for Old Woman Creek to look at long-term trends and seasonal variability in weather conditions. Weather conditions can be related to long-term trends and seasonal variability in estuary water quality. An added function is to provide the weather data so that researchers can examine the impact of changing weather conditions on the ecology of the estuary. Weather information is critical when studying the estuary, because the estuary is a storm-driven system and the source of water in the estuary is a function of both storm activity in the watershed and on the lake proper.

**4) Research methods –**

Campbell Scientific data telemetry equipment (Sutron Sat-Link2 transmitter) was installed at this station on 07/19/2006 and transmits data to the NOAA GOES satellite, NESDIS ID #3B017310. The transmissions are scheduled hourly and contain four (4) data sets reflecting fifteen-minute data sampling intervals. The time zone for Local Standard Time is Eastern Standard Time. Upon receipt by the CDMO, the data undergo the same automated primary QAQC process detailed in Section 2 above. The “real-time” telemetry data become part of the provisional dataset until undergoing secondary and tertiary QAQC and assimilation in the CDMO’s authoritative online database. Provisional and authoritative data are available at http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu.

The Wind Sentry, temperature and relative humidity sensor, barometric pressure sensor and the LiCor PAR sensor are located on a 10-meter tower following the descriptions outlined in the CDMO Manual V 4.0. The tipping rain gauge is located about 2-3 meters southeast of the tower. The sensors are wired to the CR1000 following the protocol in the CDMO Manual. A new CR1000 data logger was installed on 5 September 2013. New software was installed on 15 January 2014 at 15:30. The new software was altered by Mike Mensinger to include the new bp offset value (522), because Old Woman Creek is 604 feet above sea level.

Data collection information:

The 15-minute Data are collected in the following formats for the **CR1000**:

Averages from 5-second data:

Air Temperature (°C), Relative Humidity (%), Barometric Pressure (mb), Wind Speed (m/s), Wind Direction (degrees), Battery Voltage (volts)

Maimum and Minimum Air Temperature (°C) and their times from 5-second data (these data are available from the Reserve)

Maximum Wind Speed (m/s) and time from 5-second data

Wind Direction Standard Deviation (degrees)

Totals:

Precipitation (mm), PAR (millimoles/m2), and Cumulative Precipitation (mm) (Cumulative precipitation is no longer available via export from the CDMO. Please contact the Reserve or the CDMO for more information or to obtain these data.)

Calibration information:

Once a month, the sensors on the weather station are inspected for damage and cleaned, if necessary.

Calibration frequency is as follows:

- Temperature/Humidity- yearly recalibration

- Rain Gauge- yearly recalibration

- Wind Speed/Direction- yearly or every 2 years (depending on the sensor)

- Barometric Pressure- every 2 years recalibration

- PAR- every 2 years recalibration

- CR1000-every 5 years (required beginning 2014, one year initial grace period)

Data quality checks:

Ongoing checks of data quality include comparing data from nearby weather stations with OWC weather data a few days a week. Precipitation data are also compared to data collected by a manual and digital gauge on site and a local, privately owned weather station. When the data are downloaded monthly, a handheld Kestrel 4000 is run to provide a general check of the sensors.

**5) Site location and character –**

The Old Woman Creek State Nature Preserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve is located on the southern shore of Lake Erie east of the City of Huron, Ohio. The reserve lies within the Lake Erie Biogeographic Region. Old Woman Creek drains a primarily row-crop agricultural watershed, with corn, soybeans, and winter wheat being the most important crops. The weather station is located within the boundaries of the reserve, due east of the parking lot at the Michael Dewine Center for Coastal Research in a field that is maintained in early succession. This ensures that no tall vegetation will interfere with the weather station. The tower is located within an approximately 5-m square fenced (6 foot chain link fencing) enclosure with a gravel base. The coordinates of the station are 41˚ 22’40” N and 82˚ 30’ 29”W. Wind speed and wind direction sensors are atop a 10 meter tower, while the PAR sensor is located off of the south-west edge of the tower at approximately 3 meters in height. The temperature/ RH sensor is located off the north-east edge of the tower at approximately 2.3 meters in height. The barometric pressure sensor is located within the instrument box on the tower at approximately 2 meters height. The sensor is vented to the outside through a hole in the bottom of the instrument box. The heated tipping rain gauge is located about 2-3 meters southeast of the tower on a platform about 1 meter above the ground. The weather station is located within 1 kilometer of three of the SWMP water quality data logger sites (WM, OL, and SU) and within 5 kilometers of the fourth water quality data logger site (BR). The site is 604 feet above sea level.

SWMP Station Timeline

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Station Code | SWMP Status | Station Name | Location | Active Dates | Reason Decommissioned | Notes |
| OW | P | Old Woman Creek | 41˚ 22’40” N  82˚ 30’ 29”W | 2002- present | NA | NA |

**6) Data collection period –**

Weather data were collected from 2 December (11:30 EST) 2016 through 2 January (10:30 EST) 2018; reported data begin 1 January (00:00 EST) 2017 and end 31 December (23:45 EST) 2017. An updated program was installed on 09/13/2017 with new PAR calibration coefficient; data collection was stopped, and data were downloaded on 09/13/2017 at 10:15 EST; data collection resumed at 16:00 EST. The CR1000 data logger malfunctioned starting 12/15/2017 00:45 and no data were collected until 12/18/2017 16:15, after the logger was restarted and the program was removed and re-uploaded.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| File Start Date and Time | File End Date and time | Download Date |
| 12/02/2016 11:30 | 01/03/2017 13:45 | 01/03/2017 |
| 01/03/2017 14:00 | 02/01/2017 16:15 | 02/01/2017 |
| 02/01/2017 16:30 | 03/01/2017 16:15 | 03/01/2017 |
| 03/01/2017 16:30 | 04/03/2017 14:30 | 04/03/2017 |
| 04/03/2017 14:45 | 05/01/2017 14:00 | 05/01/2017 |
| 05/01/2017 14:15 | 06/02/2017 16:00 | 06/02/2017 |
| 06/02/2017 16:15 | 07/03/2017 15:30 | 07/03/2017 |
| 07/03/2017 15:45 | 08/01/2017 15:00 | 08/01/2017 |
| 08/01/2017 15:15 | 09/01/2017 14:00 | 09/01/2017 |
| 09/01/2017 14:15 | 09/13/2017 10:15 | 09/13/2017 |
| 09/13/2017 16:00 | 10/02/2017 14:15 | 10/02/2017 |
| 10/02/2017 14:30 | 11/01/2017 13:15 | 11/01/2017 |
| 11/01/2017 13:30 | 12/01/2017 12:45 | 12/01/2017 |
| 12/01/2017 13:00 | 12/15/2017 00:45 | 12/18/2017 |
| 12/18/2017 16:15 | 01/02/2018 10:30 | 01/02/2017 |

**7) Distribution –**

NOAA retains the right to analyze, synthesize and publish summaries of the NERRS System-wide Monitoring Program data.  The OWC Research Coordinator (RC) and the NERRS retain the right to be fully credited for having collected and processed the data.  Following academic courtesy standards, the RC or Manager at the NERR site where the data were collected should be contacted and fully acknowledged in any subsequent publications in which any part of the data are used.

The data set enclosed within this package/transmission is only as good as the quality assurance and quality control procedures outlined by the enclosed metadata reporting statement.  The user bears all responsibility for its subsequent use/misuse in any further analyses or comparisons.  The Federal government and the State of Ohio do not assume liability to the Recipient or third persons, nor will the Federal government of State of Ohio reimburse or indemnify the Recipient for its liability due to any losses resulting in any way from the use of this data.

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NOAA National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS). System-wide Monitoring Program. Data accessed from the NOAA NERRS Centralized Data Management Office website: <http://www.nerrsdata.org/>; *accessed* 12 October 2016.

NERR meteorological data and metadata can be obtained from the Research Coordinator at the individual NERR site (please see Principal Investigators and Contact Persons), from the Data Manager at the Centralized Data Management Office (please see personnel directory under the general information link on the CDMO home page) and online at the CDMO home page [www.nerrsdata.org](http://www.nerrsdata.org).  Data are available in comma delimited format.

**8) Associated researchers and projects –**

As part of the SWMP long-term monitoring program, OWC NERR also collects 15-minute water quality data along with monthly grab samples and diel sampling for nutrient data at four stations within the estuary. 15-minute water level data are collected at the DR water quality station and adjacent to the WM water quality station. These data may be correlated with this meteorological dataset. Three of the four SWMP current water quality stations (WM, OL, DR) and one former station (SU) are located within 1 kilometer of this weather station; the fourth current station (BR) is located within 5 kilometers and has a USGS water gauge adjacent to it. The four sites were established to determine the role of the estuary in mitigating storm flow through the system and the impact of Lake Erie on the estuary. These data are available at [www.nerrsdata.org](http://www.nerrsdata.org).

**II. Physical Structure Descriptors**

**9) Sensor specifications –**

Parameter: PAR (Photosynthetically Active Radiation)

Units: mmoles m-2 (total flux)

Sensor type: High stability silicon photovoltaic detector (blue enhanced)

Model LiCor Quantum Sensor#LI190SB

Light spectrum waveband: 400 to 700 nm

Temperature dependence: 0.15% per 0C maximum

Stability: <+2% change over 1 year

Operating Temperature: -40° to +65° C; Humidity 0 to 100%

Sensitivity: typically 5 µA per 1000 µmoles s-1 m-2

Serial Number Q46576

Multipliers: 1.4273

Date of Last Calibration: 05/26/2015

Dates of Sensor Use: 08/13/2015 (12:30) – 09/13/2017 (10:15)

Serial Number Q49472

Multipliers: 1.1997

Date of Last Calibration: 03/10/2016

Dates of Sensor Use: 09/13/2017 (16:15) – current as of 12/31/2017 (23:45)

Parameter: Wind speed

Units: meters per second (m/s)

Sensor type: 18 cm diameter 4-blade helicoids propeller molded of polypropylene

Model: R.M. Young Model #05103 Wind Monitor

Range: 0-60 m/s (130 mph); gust survival 100 m/s (220 mph)

Accuracy: +/- 0.3 m/s

Serial Number WM75736

Date of last calibration: 10/05/2016 (serviced nose cone installed)

Dates of sensor use: 11/02/2006 – current as of 12/31/2017 (23:45)

Parameter: Wind direction

Units: degrees

Sensor type: balanced vane, 38 cm turning radius

Model: R.M. Young Model #05103 Wind Monitor

Range: 3600 mechanical, 3550 electrical (50 open)

Accuracy: + 5%

Serial Number WM75736

Date of last calibration: 10/05/2016 (serviced nose cone installed)

Dates of sensor use: 11/02/2006 – current as of 12/31/2017 (23:45)

Parameter: Temperature

Units: degrees Celsius

Sensor type: PT100 RTD, IEC 751 1/3 Class B, with calibrated signal conditioning

Model: Rotronic HC2-S3 Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe

Operating Temperature: -40°C to +60°C

Range: -40°C to +60°C

Accuracy: +0.1°C at 23°C

Serial Number 61115231

Date of Last Calibration: 07/21/2016

Dates of Sensor Use: 08/19/2016 (13:15) – 09/13/2017 (10:15)

Serial Number 60749921

Date of Last Calibration: 08/29/2017

Dates of Sensor Use: 09/13/2017 (16:15) – current as of 12/31/2017 (23:45)

Parameter: Relative Humidity

Units Percent

Sensor type: ROTRONIC® Hygromer IN-1

Model: Rotronic HC2-S3 Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe

Operating Temperature: -40°C to +60°C

Accuracy: +0.8% RH at 23°C with standard configuration settings

Temperature dependence of RH measurement +/- 3% (-40 to 60C)

Serial Number 61115231

Date of Last Calibration: 07/21/2016

Dates of Sensor Use: 08/19/2016 (13:15) – 09/13/2017 (10:15)

Serial Number 60749921

Date of Last Calibration: 08/29/2017

Dates of Sensor Use: 09/13/2017 (16:15) – current as of 12/31/2017 (23:45)

Parameter: Barometric Pressure

Units: millibars (mb)

Sensor type Vaisala Barocap© silicon capacitive pressure sensor

Model # Vaisala PTB110 Barometer (PTB110 1B0CA)

Temperature Range: -40° to + 60°C

Accuracy: + 0.3 mb at 20°C; + 0.6mb at 0°C to 40°C; + 1mb at –20°C to 45°C; + 1.5mb at –40°C to 60°C

Stability: + 0.1 mb per year

Serial Number G4870077

Date of Last Calibration: 05/30/2015

Dates of Sensor Use: 08/13/2015 (12:30) – 09/13/2017 (10:15)

Serial Number J2060017

Date of Last Calibration: 08/29/2017

Dates of Sensor Use: 09/13/2017 (16:15) – current as of 12/31/2017 (23:45)

Parameter: Precipitation (heated rain gauge)

Units: millimeters (mm)

Sensor Tipping Bucket Rain Gauge

Model#: Met One Model 385Heated Rain Gauge

Sensitivity: 0.2mm

Rainfall per tip: 0.01 inch

Operating range: Temperature: -20° to 50°C; Humidity: 0 to 100%

Accuracy: + 0.5% < 0.5 in./hr rate; + 2.0% < 3 in./hr rate

Serial Number F5714

Date of Last Calibration: 09/21/2017

Dates of Sensor Use: pre 04/01/2007 – current as of 12/31/2017 (23:45)

The Campbell Scientific CR1000 has two MB Flash EEPROM that is used to store the Operating System. Another 128 K Flash is used to store configuration settings. Four MB SRAM is used for program storage (16K), operating system use, and data storage. Data are downloaded from the CR1000 to a laptop via RS-232 cable using LoggerNet software.

CR1000 Serial Number 57851

Date installed: 09/05/2013

Date calibrated: 2013

CR1000 Firmware Version (s): OS 26 (2013)

CR1000 Program Version(s):

10/01/2015 (12:45) – 09/13/2017 (10:15): owcowmet\_5.5\_100115.CR1

09/13/2017 (16:15) – 12/15/2017 (14:15): owcowmet\_5.5\_091317.CR1

12/18/2017 (16:30) - 12/31/2017 (23:45); owcowmet\_5.5\_091317\_2.CR1

**10) Coded variable definitions -**

Sampling station: Sampling site code: Station code:

Old Woman Creek OW owcowmet

**11) QAQC flag definitions –**

QAQC flags provide documentation of the data and are applied to individual data points by insertion into the parameter’s associated flag column (header preceded by an F\_). During primary automated QAQC (performed by the CDMO), -5, -4, and -2 flags are applied automatically to indicate data that are above or below sensor range, or missing. All remaining data are then flagged 0, as passing initial QAQC checks. During secondary and tertiary QAQC 1, -3, and 5 flags may be used to note data as suspect, rejected due to QAQC, or corrected.

-5 Outside High Sensor Range

-4 Outside Low Sensor Range

-3 Data Rejected due to QAQC

-2 Missing Data

-1 Optional SWMP supported parameter

0 Passed Initial QAQC Checks

1 Suspect Data

2 *Open - reserved for later flag*

3 *Open - reserved for later flag*

4 Historical Data: Pre-Auto QAQC

5 Corrected Data

**12) QAQC code definitions** –

QAQC codes are used in conjunction with QAQC flags to provide further documentation of the data and are also applied by insertion into the associated flag column. There are three (3) different code categories, general, sensor, and comment. General errors document general problems with the CR1000, sensor errors are sensor specific, and comment codes are used to further document conditions or a problem with the data. Only one general or sensor error and one comment code can be applied to a particular data point, but some comment codes (marked with an \* below) can be applied to the entire record in the F\_Record column.

General Errors

GIM Instrument malfunction

GIT Instrument recording error, recovered telemetry data

GMC No instrument deployed due to maintenance/calibration

GMT Instrument maintenance

GPD Power down

GPF Power failure / Low battery

GPR Program reload

GQR Data rejected due to QA/QC checks

GSM See metadata

Sensor Errors

SDG Suspect due to sensor diagnostics

SIC Incorrect calibration constant, multiplier or offset

SIW Incorrect wiring

SMT Sensor maintenance

SNV Negative value

SOC Out of calibration

SQR Data rejected due to QAQC checks

SSD Sensor drift

SSN Not a number / unknown value

SSM Sensor malfunction

SSR Sensor removed

Comments

CAF Acceptable calibration/accuracy error of sensor

CCU Cause unknown

CDF Data appear to fit conditions

CML Snow melt from previous snowfall event

CRE\* Significant rain event

CSM\* See metadata

CVT\* Possible vandalism/tampering

CWE\* Significant weather event

**13) Other remarks/notes** –

General

Data are missing due to equipment or associated specific sensors not being deployed, equipment failure, time of maintenance or calibration of equipment, or repair/replacement of a sampling station platform. Any NANs in the dataset stand for “not a number” and are the result of low power, disconnected wires, or out of range readings. If additional information on missing data is needed, contact the Research Coordinator at the reserve submitting the data.

Data recorded for all parameters (with the exception of cumulative precipitation) at the midnight timestamp (00:00) are the 15-minute averages and totals for the 23:45-23:59 time period of the previous day. Cumulative precipitation data at the midnight timestamp (00:00) are the sum of raw (unrounded) precipitation data from 00:00 to 23:59 of the previous day. Summing each individual 15-minute total precipitation value from the same period will result in small differences from cumulative precipitation due to rounding. It is especially important to note how data at the midnight timestamp are recorded when using January 1st and December 31st data. **Note: Cumulative precipitation is no longer available via export from the CDMO. Please contact the Reserve or the CDMO for more information or to obtain these data.**

Missing data

Data are missing from 12/15/2017 01:00 – 12/18/2107 16:00 due to a CR1000 malfunction. Data collection resumed after restarting the CR1000 and removing and then re-uploading the program. Data at 16:15 were rejected due to the program re-upload.

Sensor exchange

The following sensors were exchanged on 09/13/2017: Temp/RH, Barometric pressure, and PAR. The rain gauge was calibrated between 09/13 – 09/21/2017. Data are missing due to the station being powered down from 10:30 - 15:45. All data are rejected at 16:00 due to a program re-upload.

Maintenance

A new rain gauge cover was installed on 05/23/2017 (11:45); the insulation inside the cover was modified on 10/07/2017, due to occasional interference with the tipping buckets (see below).

Precipitation

The electrical line that powers the heated precipitation gauge is not functioning. Precipitation data associated with snow events during these months are not likely to be accurate. Snow and/or melt occurred on the following dates: 1/10 (changed to rain); 1/29-1/30 (~ ¾”); 1/31 (changed to rain); 2/2; 2/3; 2/8; 2/9 (~5/8”; PAR not covered); 2/10; 3/3-3/4; 3/13-3/14 (~3”); 3/17 (changed to rain); 12/09 -12/10 (< ¼”); 12/12-14 (~ 3”); 12/24 (< ¼”); 12/25 (~3”); 12/29 (< ¼”); 12/31 (< ¼”). Since snow amounts are not accurate and times of snowfall were not always reflected in the precipitation recorded, all total and cumulative precipitation on the dates listed above were coded as CSM when the values were 0.0. Total precipitation values are flagged and coded as suspect due to snowmelt, <1> GSM CML, for the timestamps when precipitation was recorded. Cumulative precipitation data are flagged as suspect due to snowmelt through the end of the day when precipitation was recorded. These dates reflect snowfall and snowmelt; however, users should be aware that snow loss due to sublimation may have occurred.

Possible snow dates were December 12-13 and 23-25 with December 12, 14, and 24 being the only dates with total and cumulative precipitation flagged and coded as suspect for snow melt, <1> [GSM]CML. Timestamps with 0.0 recorded for precipitation were coded as <0> CSM All of 12/23/2017 was coded with CSM, including the times when precipitation occurred.

Total and cumulative precipitation data were corrected (i.e., changed to zero) for the following dates due to the tipping buckets being tipped during maintenance or calibration.

Maintenance: 05/23/2017 (new cover install; 11:45 and through the end of the day for cumulative precipitation); 06/02/2017(15:45 and through the end of the day for cumulative); 07/03/2017(15:00 and through the end of the day for cumulative)

Calibration of the rain gauge spanned several days. Calibration began on 09/13/2017 and was completed on 09/21/2017. All precipitation data collected during that time frame, 09/13/2017 16:15 - 09/21/2017 15:00 are flagged as rejected, although they were fairly similar to readings from an onsite manual rain gauge. The buckets were tipped during calibration on 9/15/2017 and 9/20/2017; those data were not corrected, because they were already rejected, or the sensor was disconnected. The sensor was not wired to the CR1000 on 9/15/2017 13:45 - 16:00 and 9/20/2017 08:45 - 9/21/2017 15:00.

Pre-calibration readings:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Date | 9/13/2017 | 10:15-16:00 EST |
| Technicians | Arend |  |
| West bucket |  | East bucket |
| 17.7 |  | 19.2 |
| 18.1 |  | 19.2 |
| 18.2 |  | 20.2 |
| 18.2 |  | 19.4 |
| 18.2 |  | 19 |
| 18.1 |  | 19.6 |
| 18.1 |  | 18.1 |
| 17.8 |  | 20.3 |
| 18 |  | 19 |
| 18.4 |  | 20.5 |
|  |  |  |
| **18.08** |  | **19.45** |

Post-calibration readings:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Date | 9/20-9/21/2017 | 08:45-15:00 EST |
| Technicians | Arend |  |
|  |  |  |
| West bucket |  | East bucket |
| 17.7 |  | 18.5 |
| 18.5 |  | 18.1 |
| 19 |  | 19.1 |
| 18.8 |  | 18.9 |
| 18.7 |  | 18.2 |
| 18.3 |  | 18.1 |
| 18.5 |  | 18.6 |
| 18.5 |  | 18.1 |
| 17.9 |  | 18.2 |
| 19.4 |  | 18.2 |
|  |  |  |
| **18.53** |  | **18.40** |

After calibration, the insulation inside of the cover on the rain gauge appeared to sometimes catch the tipping buckets, preventing them from tipping. Total precipitation and Cumulative precipitation data for 10/04/2017 07:15 – 10/05/2017(10:15 for total, through the end of the day for cumulative), were marked as rejected due to precipitation gauge measurements lower than those of an onsite, manual gauge on 10/05/2017. Sections of insulation were trimmed to accommodate the tipping buckets. Precipitation readings starting 10/07/2017 are very comparable to an onsite manual rain gauge (no precipitation occurred on 10/06). Based on precipitation data quality checks since installation of the cover, the insulation did not appear to be causing any problems before calibration.

PAR data

Small negative PAR values are within range of the LI-COR sensor and are due to normal errors in the sensor and the CR1000 Datalogger. The Maximum signal noise error for the Licor sensor is +/- 2.214 mmoles/m2 over a 15 minute interval. These values are automatically flagged and coded as <1> (CAF).

PAR values were noticeably different following the swap to a freshly calibrated sensor (assumed to be accurate) on 09/13/2017. Apogee Instruments reported a -20.0% post cal drift(-7.8% per year) for the LI-COR sensor that was installed from 08/13/2015 to 09/13/2017 (Q46576). Acceptable drift is +/- 2% for this sensor. All PAR data 1 year prior the sensor swap, from 09/13/2016 to 09/13/2017 10:15 are flagged and coded as <1> SSD CSM. PAR data for the remainder of this deployment are flagged and coded <0> CSM (unless otherwise flagged or coded) and users should note that drift for that period may have exceeded acceptable limits as well. If users are comfortable assuming that drift was linear (in a real-world environment it is unlikely to be entirely linear), these data may be ‘corrected’ for assumed linear drift at the user’s discretion using manufacturer’s instructions.

Elevated nighttime PAR data are flagged as <1> CSM if values are > 0.1 and < 2.214 mmoles/m2 and as <-3> CSM if values are >2.214 mmoles/m2.

A solar eclipse on 08/21/2017 reduced PAR from approximately 12:45 – 16:00; the full eclipse occurred at 13:30. These data are included in the sensor drift flagging and coding.

PAR data flagged as <1> (CSM) on December 13 10:00 - 17:15, December 14 07:45 - 17:30, December 24 07:45 - 17:15, and December 25 08:00 - 17:30 could have been compromised due to snow covering the sensor. We cannot be absolutely sure whether the lower PAR values are from snow cover or cloud cover; other days may have been missed.

Temperature/RH

Relative Humidity data greater than 100 are within range of the sensor accuracy of +/-3% and are flagged and coded as suspect, <1> (CAF). Values greater than 103 are rejected <-3>.

Wind data

Birds of various sizes and weights (e.g., bluebird, hawk) will occasionally sit on the wind sensor to look for prey. These data are not flagged or coded.