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

**January – December 2023**

**Latest Update:** 05/09/2024

Note: This is a provisional metadata document; it has not been authenticated as of its download date. Contents of this document are subject to change throughout the QAQC process and it should not be considered a final record of data documentation until that process is complete. Contact the CDMO ([cdmosupport@baruch.sc.edu](mailto:cdmosupport@baruch.sc.edu)) or reserve with any additional questions.

**I. Data Set and Research Descriptors**

**1) Principal investigator(s) and contact persons –**

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**2) Entry verification –**

Data are uploaded from the CR1000X data logger via a RS-232 cable connected to a laptop (with a Windows 7 or newer operating system). 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.

Steven McMurray is responsible for data management.

**3) Research objectives –**

The objective of this work is to record weather data over a long period of time for Old Woman Creek watershed to capture long-term trends and seasonal variability in weather conditions. Variation in weather that occurs throughout the watershed is captured by two weather stations, one located near the estuary mouth ("Old Woman"; owcowmet), and the other near the Old Woman Creek headwaters (“Western Reserve”; owcwrmet). Weather conditions can be related to long-term trends and spatiotemporal 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 (TX-325 transmitter) which transmits data to the NOAA GOES satellite, was installed at the owcowmet (NESDIS ID #3B017310) and owcwrmet (NESDIS ID #3B012DBE) stations on 05/25/2021, and 11/18/2022, respectively. 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 <https://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu>.

At both the owcowmet and owcwrmet stations, the Wind Sentry, temperature and relative humidity sensor, barometric pressure sensor and the PAR sensor are located on a 10 m tower following the descriptions outlined in the CDMO Manual V 4.1. For both stations, sensors are wired to the CR1000X following the protocol in the CDMO Manual. At owcowmet, the heated tipping bucket rain gauge is located 3 m southeast of the tower. The tipping bucket rain gauge at owcwrmet is located 3 m east of the tower and is not heated. Old Woman is 184 m above sea level, which makes the barometric pressure offset value for owcowmet equal to 522. The Western Reserve Local Schools campus is 270.3 m above sea level, which makes the barometric pressure offset value for owcwrmet equal to 532.

Data collection information:

The 15-minute Data are collected in the following formats for the **CR1000X**:

Averages from 5-second data:

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

Maximum 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- every 2 years nose cone replacement

- Barometric Pressure- every 2 years recalibration

- PAR- every 2 years recalibration

- CR1000X- 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 owcowmet and owcwrmet weather data approximately weekly. Precipitation data are also compared to data collected by a manual (OH-ER-49) and digital gauge on site and other local rain gauge monitors (OH-ER-11, OH-ER-18) through [CoCoRaHs](https://www.cocorahs.org/ViewData/StationPrecipSummary.aspx). When the data are downloaded monthly, a handheld Kestrel 5000 is used 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 predominant crops. Long-term weather monitoring at the reserve began in 2002 with the construction of a weather station (owcowmet) near the Visitor Center and was expanded in 2022 with the construction of a second station (owcwrmet) near the southern extent of the Old Woman Creek watershed (Table 1).

The owcowmet weather station is located within the boundaries of the Reserve, 60 m due east of the Visitor Center 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 a 5 m square fenced (1.8 m tall fence) enclosure with a gravel base. The anemometer (wind speed and wind direction) is atop a 10 m tower, while the PAR sensor is located off the south-west edge of the tower at 3 m in height. The temperature/ relative humidity sensor is located off the north-east edge of the tower at 2.3 m in height. The barometric pressure sensor is located within the instrument box on the tower at 2 m in 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 3 m southeast of the tower on a platform 1 m above the ground. The weather station is located within 1 km of three of the SWMP water quality data logger sites (WM, OL, and DR) and within 5 km of the fourth water quality data logger site (BR). The site is 184 m above sea level.

The owcwrmet weather station is located outside of the Reserve boundaries on the Western Reserve Local Schools District campus in Collins, Ohio. It is located 15.3 km south southeast of the OWC Visitor Center and is 1.5 km east of the southernmost extent of Old Woman Creek’s watershed boundary. The 10 m tall tower is adjacent to the district’s parking lot and is contained within a 10 m square fenced enclosure (1.8 m tall) with gravel base, ensuring that no vegetation will interfere with measurements made by the weather station. The air temperature/ relative humidity sensor is 1.75 m above the ground, the PAR sensor is 2.7 m above the ground, and the barometer is 0.75 m above the ground. The barometer is contained within the instrument box and is vented to the outside through a hole in the bottom of the box. The anemometer (wind speed and wind direction) is at the top of the tower, 10 m above the ground. The rain bucket is 3 m west of the tower and is 1.55 m above the ground. The weather station is SSE from the OWC Visitor Center and existing SWMP stations. Specifically, it is 12.5 km from BR (owcbrwq), 14.0 km from DR (owcdrwq), 15.3 km from the OW weather station (owcowmet), and 16.0 km from OL (owcolwq) and WM (owcwmwq). The owcwrmet station is 270.3 m above sea level.

**Table 1:** Location of meteorological stations that are part of the Old Woman Creek System-Wide Monitoring Program (SWMP). Station Code refers to seven-letter site notation used by the CDMO while Station Name is the short-hand name for each site.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Station Code** | **SWMP Status** | **Station Name** | **Location** | **Active Dates** | **Reason Decommissioned** | **Notes** |
| owcowmet | P | Old Woman | Latitude 41° 22’ 42” N, Longitude 82° 30’ 30” W | 2002 – current | NA | NA |
| owcwrmet | S | Western Reserve | Latitude 41° 14’ 48” N, Longitude 82° 27’ 12” W | 11/18/2022 13:15 – current | NA | NA |

**6) Data collection period –**

Reported weather data for owcowmet began 1 January (00:00 EST) 2023 and ended 01 December (23:45 EST) 2024 (Table 2). Reported weather data for owcwrmet began 1 January (00:00 EST) 2023 and ended 31 December (23:45 EST) 2023 (Table 2).

**Table 2:** File start and end dates for meteorological files uploaded to the Centralized Data Management Office (CDMO) for Old Woman (OW) and Western Reserve (WR) stations in 2023. Upload date refers to the day when each downloaded file was uploaded to the CDMO.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Site** | **File Start Date / Time** | **File End Date / Time** | **Upload Date** |
| OW | 12/01/2022 12:45 | 01/09/2023 09:00 | 01/13/2023 |
| OW | 01/09/2023 09:15 | 02/02/2023 11:30 | 02/02/2023 |
| OW | 02/02/2023 11:45 | 03/02/2023 13:30 | 03/02/2023 |
| OW | 03/02/2023 13:45 | 04/10/2023 13:30 | 04/10/2023 |
| OW | 04/10/2023 13:45 | 05/09/2023 08:00 | 05/10/2023 |
| OW | 05/09/2023 08:15 | 05/31/2023 07:30 | 05/31/2023 |
| OW | 05/31/2023 07:45 | 07/18/2023 11:45 | 07/18/2023 |
| OW | 07/18/2023 12:00 | 08/25/2023 14:15 | 08/25/2023 |
| OW | 08/25/2023 14:30 | 09/28/2023 13:00 | 09/28/2023 |
| OW | 09/28/2023 13:15 | 10/13/2023 09:00 | 10/13/2023 |
| OW | 10/13/2023 09:15 | 11/22/2023 11:15 | 11/22/2023 |
| OW | 11/22/2023 11:30 | 12/21/2023 15:00 | 12/21/2023 |
| OW | 12/21/2023 15:15 | 01/30/2024 11:00 | 01/30/2024 |
| WR | 12/01/2022 14:30 | 01/09/2023 10:00 | 01/13/2023 |
| WR | 01/09/2023 10:15 | 02/03/2023 09:30 | 02/03/2023 |
| WR | 02/03/2023 09:45 | 03/01/2023 11:00 | 03/02/2023 |
| WR | 03/01/2023 11:15 | 04/12/2023 09:45 | 04/12/2023 |
| WR | 04/12/2023 10:00 | 05/09/2023 09:45 | 05/10/2023 |
| WR | 05/09/2023 10:00 | 05/30/2023 10:00 | 05/30/2023 |
| WR | 05/30/2023 10:15 | 06/22/2023 13:15 | 06/22/2023 |
| WR | 06/22/2023 13:30 | 07/21/2023 14:30 | 07/21/2023 |
| WR | 07/21/2023 14:45 | 08/21/2023 15:00 | 08/21/2023 |
| WR | 08/21/2023 15:15 | 09/05/2023 12:45 | 09/05/2023 |
| WR | 09/05/2023 13:00 | 10/04/2023 07:15 | 10/04/2023 |
| WR | 10/04/2023 07:30 | 11/07/2023 09:30 | 11/08/2023 |
| WR | 11/07/2023 09:45 | 12/06/2023 08:00 | 12/06/2023 |
| WR | 12/06/2023 08:15 | 01/03/2024 07:30 | 01/03/2023 |

**7) Distribution –**

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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 meteorological data. Four of the five current SWMP water quality stations (WM, OL, RR, DR) and one former station (SU) are located within 1 km of owcowmet station, while the fifth water quality station (BR) is located within 5 km and is adjacent to a USGS water gauge. The owcwrmet station is located 1.5 km east of the southernmost extent of the Old Woman Creek watershed. It ranges from 12.5 km to the closest SWMP water quality station (BR), to 16.0 km to the SWMP water quality station that is furthest away (WM). The five water quality sites (WM, OL, RR, DR, BR) 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). Periodic vegetation and habitat data and maps also exist and are available from the reserve.

**II. Physical Structure Descriptors**

**9) Sensor specifications –**

Parameter: Temperature

Sensor type: PT100 RTD, Class A, with calibrated signal conditioning

Model: EE181 Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe

Operating Temperature: -40°C to +60°C

Range: -40°C to +60°C

Accuracy: ±0.2°C at 23°C

Serial Number: 20021600052164 (owcowmet); 2218160019144B (owcwrmet)

Date of Last Calibration: 05/24/2022 (owcowmet); 5/10/2022 (owcwrmet)

Dates of Sensor Use: 05/24/2022 (09:15) – 03/20/2023 (14:30) (owcowmet); 11/18/2022 (13:15) – 11/07/2023 (09:30) (owcwrmet)

Serial Number 201816000716C (owcowmet); 22201600328048 (owcwrmet)

Date of Last Calibration: 06/01/2021 (owcowmet); 11/07/2023 (owcwrmet)

Dates of Sensor Use: 03/20/2023 (14:45) – current (owcowmet); 11/07/2023 (09:45) – current (owcwrmet)

Parameter: Relative Humidity

Units: Percent

Sensor type: HC101

Model #: EE181 Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe

Range: 0-100% non-condensing

Accuracy: -15 to 40 °C: ≤90% RH ± (1.3 + 0.003 • RH reading) % RH

-15 to 40 °C: >90% RH ± 2.3% RH

-25 to 60 °C: ± (1.4 + 0.01 • RH reading) % RH

-40 to 60 °C: ± (1.5 + 0.015 • RH reading) % RH

Temperature dependence of RH measurement: typically, 0.03% RH/°C

***Note:*** This sensor caps relative humidity values at 100%, measured values >100% are altered to 100%

Serial Number: 20021600052164 (owcowmet); 2218160019144B (owcwrmet)

Date of Last Calibration: 05/24/2022 (owcowmet); 5/10/2022 (owcwrmet)

Dates of Sensor Use: 05/24/2022 (09:15) – 03/20/2023 (14:30) (owcowmet); 11/18/2022 (13:15) – 11/07/2023 (09:30) (owcwrmet)

Serial Number 201816000716C (owcowmet); 22201600328048 (owcwrmet)

Date of Last Calibration: 06/01/2021 (owcowmet); 11/07/2023 (owcwrmet)

Dates of Sensor Use: 03/20/2023 (14:45) – current (owcowmet); 11/07/2023 (09:45) – current (owcwrmet)

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; + 0.6 mb at 0°C to 40°C; + 1 mb at -20°C to 45°C; + 1.5 mb at -40°C to 60°C

Stability: + 0.1 mb per year

Serial Number: G4870077 (owcowmet); U2331097 (owcwrmet)

Date of Last Calibration: 05/24/2022 (owcowmet); 11/18/22 (owcwrmet)

Dates of Sensor Use: 05/24/2022 (09:15) – current (owcowmet); 11/18/2022 (13:15) – current (owcwrmet)

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 (134 mph); gust survival 100 m/s (220 mph)

Accuracy: +/- 0.3 m/s

Serial Number WM75736 (owcowmet); WM186828 (owcwrmet)

Date of last calibration: 5/24/2022 (replaced nose cone; owcowmet); none (owcwrmet)

Dates of sensor use: 11/02/2006 – current (owcowmet); 11/18/2022 – current (owcwrmet)

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 (owcowmet); WM186828 (owcwrmet)

Date of last calibration: 5/24/2022 (replaced nose cone; owcowmet); none (owcwrmet)

Dates of sensor use: 11/02/2006 – current (owcowmet); 11/18/2022 – current (owcwrmet)

Parameter: PAR (Photosynthetically Active Radiation)

Units: mmoles m-2 (total flux)

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

Model: #SQ-500-SS Apogee Full-Spectrum Quantum Sensors

Light spectrum waveband: 370 to 650 nm

Temperature dependence: -0.04% per ˚C maximum

Stability: <2% change over 1 year

Operating Temperature: -10° to 60° C; Humidity 0 to 100%, Can be submerged up to 30m

Sensitivity: 0.1 mV per µmoles m-2 s-1

Serial Number: 3942 (owcowmet); 4235 (owcwrmet)

Multipliers: 1.0

Date of Last Calibration: 05/24/2022 (owcowmet); 11/18/2022 (owcwrmet)

Dates of Sensor Use: 05/24/2022 (11:30) – current (owcowmet); 11/28/2022 (13:15) – current (owcwrmet)

Parameter: Precipitation (heated rain gauge)

Units: millimeters (mm)

Sensor Tipping Bucket Rain Gauge

Model: Met One Model 385 Heated Rain Gauge (owcowmet); RainVUE 20\* (owcwrmet) \*not heated

Sensitivity: 0.2 mm (owcowmet)

Rainfall per tip: 0.01 inch (owcowmet, owcwrmet)

Operating range: Temperature: -20° to 50°C, Humidity: 0 to 100% (owcowmet); Temperature: -40°C to +70°C (owcwrmet)

Accuracy: + 0.5% < 0.5 in/hr rate, + 2.0% < 3 in/hr rate (owcowmet); 1% at 0-19.7 in/hr

Serial Number: A11740 (owcowmet); 230709 (owcwrmet)

Date of Last Calibration: 9/29/2023 (owcowmet); 02/16/2023 (owcwrmet)

Date of Sensor Use: 10/01/2021 – current (owcowmet); 11/18/2022 – current (13:15; owcwrmet)

**Datalogger:**

During the reporting period, the operating system (OS) on the CR1000X dataloggers at both the OW and WR stations were updated from 6.01 to 6.02. This update occurred at 04/10/2023 / 14:00 at OW, and at 04/12/2023 / 10:15 at WR.

**CR1000:**

The CR1000 has 2 MB of Flash EEPROM that is used to store the Operating System. Another 128 K Flash is used to store configuration settings. A minimum of 2 MB SRAM is (4 MB optional upgrade) available for program storage (16K), operating system use, and data storage. Additional storage is available by using a compact flash card in the optional CFM100 Compact Flash Module.

**CR1000X:**

The CR1000X has a total onboard memory of 128 MB of flash and 4MB of battery backed SRAM. There is 8 MB of flash memory reserved for loading the operating system and 1MB of flash reserved for configuration settings. SRAM is used for the CRBasic program operating memory, communication memory, and data storage, with 72 MB of flash for extended data storage. Additional data storage expansion is available with a removable microSD flash memory card of up to 16 GB.

CR1000 Serial Number 58337 (mislabeled as 57851 from 2013 – 2017), (Retired)

Site: owcowmet

Date installed: 09/05/2013

Date calibrated: 08/22/2013

Date removed: 09/12/2018 14:45

CR1000 Serial Number 72109 (Retired)

Site: owcowmet

Date installed: 09/12/2018 15:45

Date calibrated: 07/23/2018

Date removed: 10/18/2018 15:15

CR1000 Serial Number 58337 (Retired)

Site: owcowmet

Date installed: 10/19/2018 08:30

Date calibrated: 09/28/2018

Date Removed: 05/25/2021

CR1000X Serial Number: 23354 (owcowmet); 43560 (owcwrmet)

Date installed: 5/25/2021 (owcowmet); 11/18/2023 (owcwrmet)

Date Calibrated: 12/16/2020 (owcowmet); 8/30/2022 (owcwrmet)

Date Removed: Current as of present

OW Data Logger Firmware and Program Versions:

CR1000 Firmware Version (s): OS 26

CR1000x Firmware Version(s):

05/25/2021 (13:45) – 04/10/2023 (13:45): 6.01

04/10/2023 (14:00) – Current: 6.02

CR1000 Program Version(s):

12/18/2017 (16:30) – 12/02/2019 (13:15): owcowmet\_5.5\_091317\_2.CR1

12/02/2019 (14:00) – 06/25/2020 (08:30): owcowmet\_5.5\_120219.CR1 (updated with new PAR multiplier)

06/25/2020 (10:45) – 11/09/2020 (10:15): owcowmet\_6.1.2\_062520.CR1

11/09/2020 (14:00) – 05/25/2021 13:30: owcowmet\_6.1.2\_062520.110920.CR1

CR1000X Program Version(s):

05/25/2021 (13:45) – 08/05/2021 (07:30) OWCOCMET\_Cr1000x\_052521\_6.0.1.CR1X

*Never deployed:* OWCOCMET\_Cr1000x\_080421\_6.0.2.CR1X

*Never deployed:* OWCOCMET\_Cr1000x\_080421\_6.0.3.CR1X

08/06/2021 (08:45 – 08/06/2021 (15:00): OWCOCMET\_Cr1000x\_080421\_6.0.4.CR1X

08/06/2021 (15:15) – 05/23/2022: OWCOCMET\_CR1000x\_080621\_6.0.5.CR1X

05/23/2022 – 1/19/2023: OWCOCMET\_CR1000x\_052322\_6.0.6.CR1x

1/19/2023 – Current: OWCOCMET\_CR1000x\_011923\_6.0.6.CR1x

WR Data Logger Firmware and Program Versions:

CR1000x Firmware Version(s):

11/18/2022 – 04/12/2023 (10:00): 6.01

04/12/2023 (10:15) – Current: 6.02

CR1000X Program Version(s):

11/18/2022 – 01/19/2022 (17:00): OWCWRMET\_CR1000x\_052322\_6.0.6.1.CR1x

01/19/2022 (17:00) – 06/22/2023 (13:15): OWCWRMET\_CR1000x\_011923\_6.0.7.CR1x

06/22/2023 (13:30) – Current: OWCWRMET\_CR1000x\_061523\_6.0.8.CR1x

**10) Coded variable definitions -**

Sampling station: Sampling site code: Station code:

Old Woman OW owcowmet

Western Reserve WR owcwrmet

**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 is 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/CR1000X, 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** –

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.

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>.

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.**

Precipitation

Local [CoCoRaHs](https://www.cocorahs.org/ViewData/StationPrecipSummary.aspx) stations (OH-ER-18, OH-ER-11, OH-ER-49) were referenced for snowmelt and for accuracy checks.

Wind data

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

***Site specific events:***

Old Woman (OW)

A new program was uploaded to the datalogger on 01/19/2024; the affected timestamp at 15:00 was flagged <-3>[GPR] for all parameters.

On 01/26/2023 at 10:15, the temperature/relative humidity sensor recorded anomalous minimum and maximum air temperatures; this timestamp was therefore flagged <1>[SDG](CSM).

The temperature/relative humidity sensor started experiencing malfunctions on 02/09/2023 8:45 until the sensor cable connection was tightened on 03/02/2023 13:30; however, malfunctions resumed between 03/10/2023 at 20:00 to 03/20/2023 14:45 before being replaced. Affected timestamps were marked <-3>[SSM](CSM) and timestamps between these two periods (i.e. 03/02/2023 13:45 to 03/10/2023 at 19:45) were marked <1>[SSM](CSM).

A new operating system was uploaded to the datalogger on 04/10/2023; the affected timestamp at 14:00 was flagged <-3>[GPR](CSM).

During a station check on 05/09/2023 at 08:15, the tipping mechanism inside the rain gage was inadvertently activated; therefore, both total precipitation at this timestamp and cumulative precipitation from 05/09/2023 at 08:15 to 05/10/2023 at 00:00 was corrected and flagged <5>(SMT)(CSM)

The rain gage was found to not accurately report precipitation data after calibration on 09/28/2023. A heating element wire inside the rain gage bucket was later found to have become loose and in a position to obstruct the tipping mechanism. All affected total precipitation and cumulative precipitation timestamps from 09/28/2023 at 13:30 to 12/11/2023 at 08:45 were therefore flagged <-3>[SSM](CSM).

The rain gage was tested on 12/11/2023 between 09:00-09:15 after repairs were made to the internal heating element wire. Total precipitation during this time and cumulative precipitation between 12/11/2023 9:30 – 12/12/2023 0:00 have been corrected and these timestamps were flagged <5>(SMT)(CSM).

On 11/05/2023 at 14:00, the station reported anomalous temperature, barometric pressure, and voltage readings. Temperature, relative humidity, and barometric pressure were therefore flagged as <-3>[SQR](CCU); all other parameters at this timestamp do not appear to be affected but were nonetheless flagged <1>[SQR](CCU).

Western Reserve (WR)

A new program was uploaded to the datalogger on 01/19/2024; the affected timestamp at 17:00 was flagged <-3>[GPR] for all parameters.

A non-functional rain gage was removed from the station and a new operating system was uploaded to the datalogger on 04/12/2023; the affected timestamp at 10:30 was flagged <-3>[GPR](CSM).

The rain gage on the station was not operational; therefore, the timestamps 01/01/2023 00:00 through 06/22/2023 13:15 were marked <-3>[GMC](CSM).

A new program was uploaded to the datalogger on 06/22/2023; the affected timestamp at 13:30 was flagged <-3>[GPR](CSM) for all parameters.

A new rain gauge was installed on the station on 06/22/2023; the affected timestamp at 13:45 was flagged <-3>[GMT](CSM).

The rain gauge was tested after installation on 06/22/2023, over 14:00–14:15; total precipitation during this time and cumulative precipitation between 06/22/2023 14:00 – 06/23/2023 00:00 have been corrected and these timestamps were flagged <5>(SMT)(CSM)

The temperature/relative humidity sensor and associated wiring was removed and replaced with a freshly-calibrated sensor between 09:45-11:30 on 11/07/2023; temperature and relative humidity data for these timestamps were flagged <-3>[GMT](CSM).