

# **South Dakota Ambient Air Monitoring Annual Plan 2016**



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## Executive Summary

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (department) develops an annual ambient air monitoring network plan which is a review of the ambient air monitoring network each year as required by Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Part 58. The review finds the state's ambient air quality concentrations are demonstrating attainment with EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

The annual plan is published in the department's air quality website to provide public review and comments so adjustments can be made to meet the needs of the general public before the annual plan is finalized. The public review period began on June 9 and ended on July 9, 2016. No comments were received during the review period. The annual plan includes the following major sections:

1. Ambient air monitoring goals, plans and needs are in Sections 3.0 through 5.0, respectively;
2. Proposed modifications to the ambient air monitoring network to meet the changing trends, national requirements, and state needs are in Section 6.0;
3. Sampling frequency waivers are identified in Section 7.0;
4. Purchase replacement plan is in Section 8.0;
5. Evaluation of collected data compared to the NAAQS is in Section 9.0;
6. Air pollution trends for each site are in Sections 10.0; and
7. Special air quality monitoring is identified in Section 11.0.

The department is planning the following site modifications in 2016 and 2017 based on the state's needs:

1. Continue to replace the old TA Series FH 62 C14 continuous particulate matter monitors with new BAM monitors as resources allow;
2. Replace the current single day Speciation monitor with a two day sampler if the equipment is available from EPA; and
3. Evaluate the need to move the air monitoring site in Aberdeen so air quality concentrations can be better characterized to determine:
  - a. Highest concentration for the area;
  - b. Improve location to evaluate the facilities with air quality emissions;
  - c. Allow the addition of continuous monitors to collect more data per year;
  - d. Alert the public when air quality concentrations exceed health impact levels; and
  - e. Continuous samplers so the public can view the current data on the DENR webpage and EPA AirNow site.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) and the Performance Partnership Agreement requires the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (department) to complete an annual ambient air monitoring plan. EPA's requirements for the annual plan are listed in 40 CFR § 58.10. The plan will cover a review of the ambient air monitoring sites and determine if the network is meeting the monitoring objectives in 40 CFR Part 58, Appendixes A, C, D, and E. The plan will identify needed modifications to the network such as the termination or relocation of a monitor, addition of new parameters, or the establishment of new stations. The plan will update compliance concentrations for comparison to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and to determine trends for each sampling parameter.

The department is required to take public comments on the plan for 30 days prior to submitting the plan to EPA. The department will comply with this requirement by posting this document on the department's Air Quality Program website at the following location for 30 days:

<http://denr.sd.gov/des/aq/airprogr.aspx>

All comments received by the department during this 30 day period will be addressed by the department and the appropriate changes will be incorporated into the plan. If a substantial change is made to the plan because of a comment, another 30 day public comment period will be completed. The final annual plan will be submitted to EPA for review including all public comments and the department's responses to the comments.

## **2.0 AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NETWORK HISTORY**

In 1972, South Dakota developed and EPA approved a State Implementation Plan (SIP) which included the establishment and operation of an ambient air monitoring network for the state. In 1980, South Dakota submitted a revision to its SIP to upgrade the program by establishing a network of state and local air monitoring stations (SLAMS) and special purpose monitoring (SPM) stations.

In the past EPA has changed the NAAQS several times. Currently, EPA has established NAAQS for particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), ozone, carbon monoxide (CO), and lead.

The particulate matter 10 microns in diameter or less (PM<sub>10</sub>) standard was set in 1987 setting a 24-hour level of 150 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m<sup>3</sup>) and an annual standard of 50 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. In 2006, EPA revoked the annual standard leaving only the 24-hour standard. The department began monitoring for PM<sub>10</sub> in 1987, and is currently monitoring PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations in Sioux Falls, Brookings, Watertown, Union County, Aberdeen, Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Black Hawk and Rapid City. The PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring network represents the most populated and rural areas of the state. South Dakota's ambient air monitoring network for PM<sub>10</sub> has continuously demonstrated attainment with the PM<sub>10</sub> standards.

The particulate matter 2.5 microns in diameter or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) standards for 24-hour and annual levels were set in 1997. EPA revised the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard significantly by reducing the 24-hour standard from 65 ug/m<sup>3</sup> to 35 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2006. The annual standard was revised from 15 ug/m<sup>3</sup> to 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2013. The department began monitoring for PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 1999, and is currently monitoring PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in Sioux Falls, Brookings, Watertown, Union County, Aberdeen, Pierre, Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, and Rapid City. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring network represents the most populated and rural areas of the state. South Dakota's ambient air monitoring network for PM<sub>2.5</sub> has continuously demonstrated attainment with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards.

EPA set the first SO<sub>2</sub> standards in 1971. The primary standards were 140 parts per billion (ppb) for the 24-hour average and 30 ppb for the annual average. The secondary standard was 500 ppb for the 3-hour average. The SO<sub>2</sub> standard was revised in 2010 setting a new primary 1-hour standard of 75 ppb and revoking the 24-hour and annual standards. The department began monitoring for SO<sub>2</sub> in 1974. All the bubbler method samplers were closed out in the 1980s because of problems with the test method in cold climates and low concentration levels. In 2002, the program began setting up continuous analyzers and currently operates SO<sub>2</sub> analyzers in Sioux Falls, Union County, Badlands, and Rapid City. The SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring network represents the highest population areas and rural areas of the state. South Dakota's ambient air monitoring network for SO<sub>2</sub> has continuously demonstrated attainment with the SO<sub>2</sub>.

The NO<sub>2</sub> standard was established in 1971 setting an annual average standard of 53 ppb. In 2010 EPA revised the standard by adding a one-hour standard of 100 ppb. The annual standard was retained without any change in concentration level. The department first tested for NO<sub>2</sub> in 1974. All the bubbler method samplers were closed out in the 1980s because of problems with the test method in cold climates and low concentration levels. The department started testing again for NO<sub>2</sub> in 2003 and currently operates continuous NO<sub>2</sub> monitors in Sioux Falls, Union County, Badlands, and Rapid City. The NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring network represents the most populated and rural areas of the state. South Dakota's ambient air monitoring network for NO<sub>2</sub> has continuously demonstrated attainment with the NO<sub>2</sub> standards.

The ozone standard was established in 1979, setting a 1-hour average standard of 0.120 parts per million (ppm). In 1997, the standard was revised setting an 8-hour average of 0.08 ppm. In 2008, EPA set the 8-hour average of 0.075 ppm. In 2015, EPA set the current 8-hour average of 0.070 ppm. South Dakota's ambient air monitoring network for ozone was established in 1999 and is currently monitoring concentrations in Sioux Falls, Union County, Brookings, Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, and Black Hawk (Rapid City). The ozone monitoring network represents the most populated and rural areas of the state. South Dakota's ambient air monitoring network for ozone has continuously demonstrated attainment with the ozone standards.

The CO standard was established in 1971. The primary and secondary standards were 35 ppm for the 1-hour average and 9 ppm for the 8-hour average. In 1985, the primary standards were retained without revision and the secondary standards were revoked and have not changed since then. The department began monitoring for CO in 2009 as part of collecting air monitoring data to show background levels for the criteria pollutants prior to the anticipated construction of the

Hyperion Energy Center. Three years of data was collected and monitoring was discontinued because concentrations were very low in 2013. A second site was added in 2011, at the SD School Site in Sioux Falls as part of the required testing at a National Core (NCore) site. South Dakota's ambient air monitoring network for CO has continuously demonstrated attainment with the CO standards.

The lead standard was established in 1978, with a concentration of  $1.5 \text{ ug/m}^3$ . In 2008, the standard was significantly revised setting a concentration level of  $0.15 \text{ ug/m}^3$ . EPA made changes to the air monitoring requirements for lead in 2009 to help determine where states would need to test. The final rule did not require lead monitoring at the NCore site and all sources in South Dakota have emission levels less than 0.5 ton per year. Therefore, testing for lead is not required at this time.

Data collected from the ambient air monitoring network is entered into the federal database called the Air Quality System (AQS). Individuals interested in reviewing the air quality data can go to the EPA website at the following address:

<http://www.epa.gov/airdata/>

### **3.0 AIR MONITORING GOALS**

The department's Air Quality Program was established with the primary goal of protecting the health, welfare and property of South Dakotans from the detrimental effects of air pollution. The Clean Air Act of 1970 and subsequent amendments define air quality standards for various air pollutants necessary to protect the public from injurious pollution concentrations. Air pollution concentrations that exceed these established standards can cause a public health hazard, nuisance, annoyance or damage buildings, property, animals, plants, forests, crops, exposed metals or otherwise interfere with the enjoyment of life or property.

In order to attain and maintain the NAAQS, the department developed regulations that restrict air pollution from sources, establishes these restrictions in an air quality permit, requires periodic inspections to ensure compliance, and maintains an ambient air monitoring network to provide air quality information and monitor the success of the Air Quality Program. Based on the ambient monitoring concentrations collected throughout the state, the department's Air Quality Program is meeting its goals.

### **4.0 AIR MONITORING PLAN**

In calendar year 2015, the ambient air monitoring network includes 13 ambient air monitoring sites run by the department. Figure 4-1 shows a map of the general locations and cities with ambient air monitoring sites at the beginning of 2015. The following types of ambient air monitors and monitoring sites are operated in South Dakota:

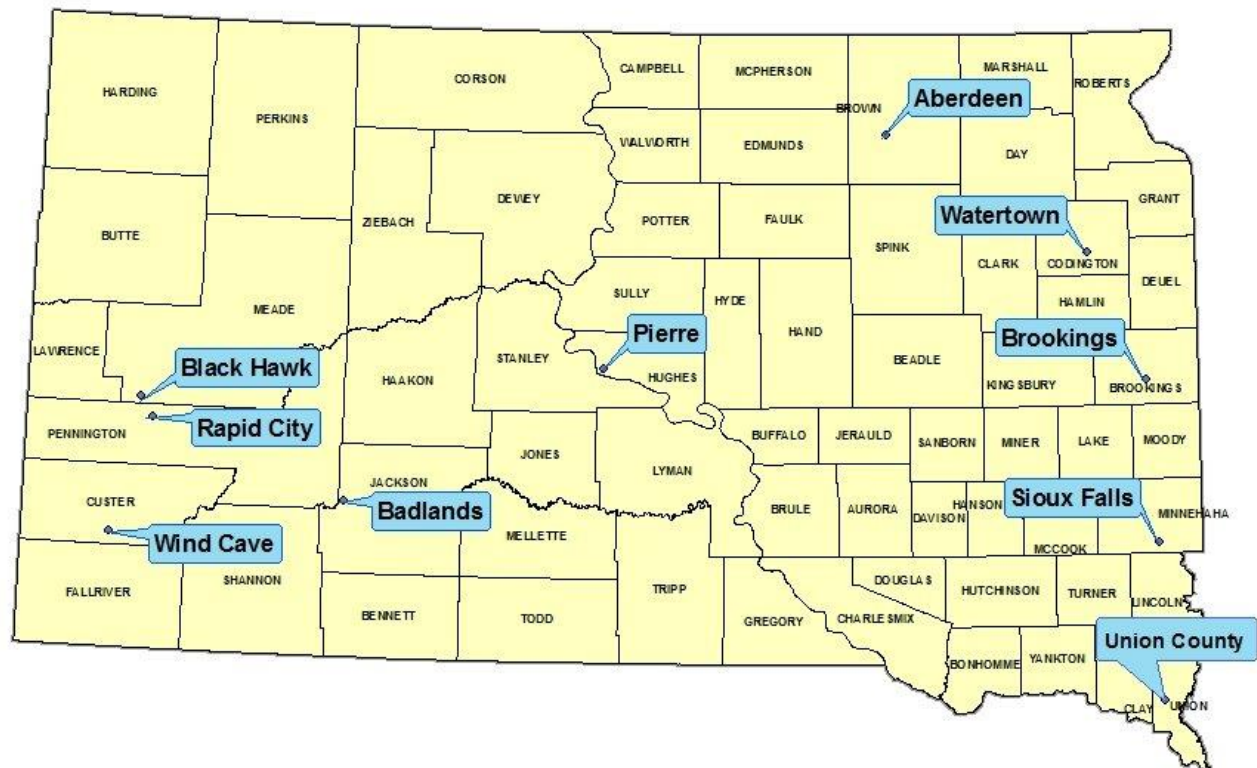
1. State and local air monitoring stations (SLAMS);
2. Special purpose monitors (SPM);
3. Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) monitors;

4. Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) sites;
5. Environmental radiation ambient monitoring systems; and
6. National Core (NCore) multi pollutant sites.

Ambient air monitoring site files are maintained in the department's Pierre office for the SLAMS and SPM sites. The ambient air monitoring site files are available for public review during normal working hours from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each workday. The monitoring site files contain at a minimum the following information for each site:

1. AQS site identification form;
2. Sampling location;
3. Sampling and analysis method;
4. Operating schedule;
5. Monitoring objective and spatial scale;
6. Beginning date of operation; and
7. Site maps.

**Figure 4-1 – South Dakota Air Monitoring Sites**



#### 4.1 State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS)

A State and Local Air Monitoring Station consists of an air monitor for at least one air pollutant parameter selected by the state or local air programs to determine compliance with the NAAQS. At the beginning of 2015, 11 of the networks sites were considered a SLAMS. The sites in the

network collected PM<sub>10</sub> data at 10 sites, PM<sub>2.5</sub> data at 10 sites, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> at four sites, ozone at six sites and CO at one site.

#### **4.2 Special Purpose Monitoring (SPM)**

A Special Purpose Monitoring is a generic term for all monitors not used to determine compliance with the NAAQS and used for special studies. The data is reported to EPA, the equipment is EPA or non-EPA designated monitoring methods, and the monitoring data is used for special circumstances or needs. Six of the ambient air monitoring network sites operated some kind of SPM monitor in 2015. The parameters tested by the SPM monitors in South Dakota include:

1. Weather stations were working for at least part of the year at the Black Hawk, SD School, Brookings Research Farm and UC #1 sites;
2. PM<sub>coarse</sub> monitor, NO<sub>y</sub> analyzer, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> speciation monitors at the SD School Site; and
3. Radiation monitors operated at the Pierre Quonset and RC National Guard sites.

Particulate matter coarse (PM<sub>coarse</sub>) is particulate matter 10 microns in diameter or less (PM<sub>10</sub>) minus particulate matter 2.5 microns in diameter or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

#### **4.3 Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Monitoring Sites**

In 2015, no Prevention of Significant Deterioration air monitoring projects were started or completed.

#### **4.4 IMPROVE Network**

Two Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) sites are being operated by the National Parks Service in South Dakota. The site locations are at the Badlands and Wind Cave National Park. Data results for parameters collected by the National Park Service can be requested from the individual national parks at:

<http://vista.cira.colostate.edu/views/Web/Data/DataWizard.aspx>.

#### **4.5 Radiation Network (RadNet)**

The RadNet sites in Pierre and Rapid City are being operated as a part of the national network of sampling sites. The Pierre Site has been operated since the early 1980s. The state has a limited role in operating the monitor. The state collects the samples, takes preliminary readings of radioactivity levels, and ships the samples to the EPA office of Radiation and Indoor Air. The type of sample collected is airborne particulates and measurements taken are gross beta radiation levels.

In 2009, EPA requested a second site in the state to be located in the Rapid City area. The new RadNet monitor was installed at the RC National Guard Site on May 7, 2009. The site is

operated by the department's Rapid City Regional Office in conjunction with the Rapid City National Guard.

The general objectives of the sampling sites are to provide a means of estimating ambient levels of radioactive pollutants in our environment, to follow trends in environmental radioactivity levels, and to assess the impact of fallout and other intrusions of radioactive materials. Specifically, the RadNet monitor was designed to:

1. Provide a direct assessment of the population's intake of radioactive pollutants due to fallout;
2. Provide data for developing a set of dose computational models for specific sources and a national dose computational model to aggregate all sources and determine total population dose;
3. Monitor pathways for significant population exposure from routine, accidental, and terrorist releases of radioactivity from major sources;
4. Provide data for indicating additional sampling needs or other actions required to ensure public health and environmental quality in the event of a major release of radioactivity to the environment; and
5. Serve as a reference for data comparison with other localized and limited monitoring programs.

The radiation data collected at this site may be reviewed at:

[http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/erams\\_query.simple\\_query](http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/erams_query.simple_query)

#### **4.6 National Core Multi-Pollutant Site**

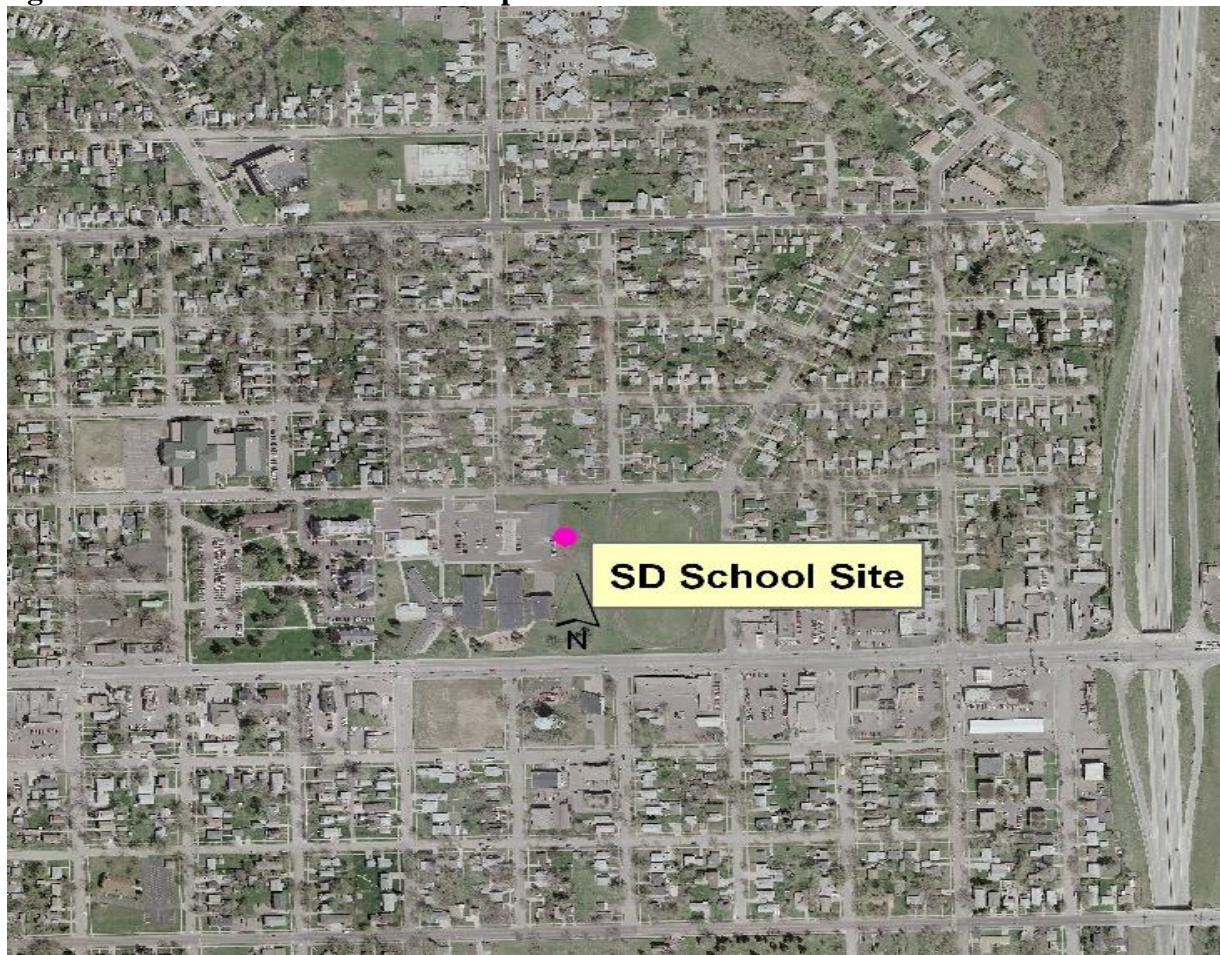
The National Core (NCore) multi-pollutant monitoring site will provide data on several pollutants at lower detection levels and replaces the National Air Monitoring Station (NAMS) sites that have existed for several years. Each state's ambient air monitoring network is required to have at least one NCore site. At the beginning of 2011, all required parameters were operating at the SD School Site. The NCore site addresses the following monitoring objectives:

1. Timely reporting of data to the public through AirNow for air quality forecasting and other public reporting mechanisms;
2. Support development of emission strategies through air quality model evaluation and other observational methods;
3. Accountability of emission strategy progress through tracking long-term trends of criteria and non-criteria pollutants and their precursors;
4. Support long-term health assessments that contribute to ongoing reviews of the NAAQS;
5. Compliance through establishing nonattainment/attainment areas by comparison with the NAAQS; and
6. Support multiple disciplines of scientific research including public health, atmospheric and ecological.



The NCore site in South Dakota is located on the School for the Deaf campus in Sioux Falls, which is identified as the SD School Site (46-099-0008). This site meets the location requirements to be in an urban residential area. Sioux Falls was selected as the NCore site for South Dakota because it is the largest city in the state and is one of the state's fastest growing communities. See Figure 4-2 for an aerial view of the city around the SD School Site.

**Figure 4-2 – SD School Site Area Map**



The NCore site collects data for trace level  $\text{SO}_2$ , nitrogen oxides ( $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , and  $\text{NO}_x$ ), all reactive oxides of nitrogen ( $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_{\text{difference}}$ , and  $\text{NO}_y$ ),  $\text{CO}$ , ozone,  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  continuous and filter based manual monitors,  $\text{PM}_{\text{PM10-PM2.5}}$ ,  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  speciated,  $\text{PM}_{10}$  and meteorological parameters of wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, and ambient temperature.

## **5.0 AMBIENT AIR MONITORING NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **5.1 Monitoring State's Largest Population Centers**

South Dakota's industrial base and population centers are typical of the northern plains states. The largest industry in the state is agriculture. Most of the other industries are located in several localized areas. The industries in these locations are typically small (less than 50 employees)



and generally do not produce large quantities of air pollutants. Most are considered service oriented businesses or light industrial. The only heavy industrial facilities are the Big Stone Power Plant in Grant County and the quarry area in Rapid City.

The population distribution of the state follows the general industrial distribution. Most of the state's population of 814,180, in the 2010 Census, lives either on the eastern or western third of South Dakota. Since 2010, there has been a modest population increase in South Dakota of about 4% according to estimates done in 2015. The two largest cities in South Dakota are Sioux Falls and Rapid City located in southeastern and western South Dakota, respectively. The remaining population is primarily spread across the eastern third of the state with the remaining portion of the state sparsely populated. See Table 5-1 for a list of the 10 largest cities and Table 5-2 for a list of the 10 largest counties in the state.

**Table 5-1 – 10 Largest Cities in South Dakota 2010**

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>City Name</b>	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>1</b>	Sioux Falls	Minnehaha/Lincoln	153,888
<b>2</b>	Rapid City	Pennington /Meade	67,956
<b>3</b>	Aberdeen	Brown	26,091
<b>4</b>	Brookings	Brookings	22,056
<b>5</b>	Watertown	Codington	21,482
<b>6</b>	Mitchell	Davison	15,254
<b>7</b>	Yankton	Yankton	14,454
<b>8</b>	Pierre	Hughes	13,646
<b>9</b>	Huron	Beadle	12,592
<b>10</b>	Vermillion	Clay	10,571

**Table 5-2 – 10 Counties with the Highest Populations 2010**

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>1</b>	Minnehaha	169,468
<b>2</b>	Pennington	100,948
<b>3</b>	Lincoln	44,828
<b>4</b>	Brown	36,531
<b>5</b>	Brookings	31,965
<b>6</b>	Codington	27,277
<b>7</b>	Meade	25,434
<b>8</b>	Lawrence	24,097
<b>9</b>	Yankton	22,438
<b>10</b>	Davison	19,504

Given South Dakota's population distribution, most of the air monitoring efforts of the state have in the past been concentrated in the areas of high population. Within these areas of high population, monitoring sites are chosen that will determine areas of high pollution concentration, determine if the NAAQS are being met, identify and attempt to quantify pollutant concentrations emitted by industries, and identify sources that have the potential to release highest amounts of

pollutants. A majority of the air monitoring sites are currently being operated in or near the five largest cities and seven largest counties in the state. However, as EPA continues to lower the NAAQS, the department has established some of the monitoring sites in rural areas such as the Wind Cave National Park, Badlands National Park, Union County, and Pierre. These sites are helping to determine long range impacts from other states and countries on South Dakota's rural and urban areas.

## **5.2 Real Time Data**

Air monitoring goals have shifted to the collection of data using continuous air monitoring samplers and providing the data as quickly as possible for the public to use. Continuous samplers provide more data at lower operational cost, which is necessary as EPA continues to expand ambient air monitoring programs for the same amount of funding or less. In many cases the continuous monitoring can be accessed by telephone and uploaded to a website for public use. The public can then use this data to determine if they need to take extra precautions when doing outdoor activities. The real time information is also used to monitor  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations when high wind dust alerts are forecasted for Rapid City and all parameters during national or international events such as wildfires impact South Dakota.

The sites reporting data to the department's real time webpage are Wind Cave National Park, Badlands National Park, Brookings (Research Farm), Union County (UC #1), Rapid City (RC Credit Union and Black Hawk), Watertown, Pierre, and Sioux Falls (SD School) sites. The data includes hourly concentrations of  $PM_{10}$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $NO_2$ , CO, and ozone. The South Dakota's air quality real time website is located at:

<http://denr.sd.gov/des/aq/aarealtime.aspx>

In 2015, data uploaded from the  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$  monitors and ozone analyzers at Wind Cave National Park, Badlands National Park, Brookings Research Farm, UC #1, Credit Union, Black Hawk, Watertown, Pierre, and SD School sites were reporting hourly data to EPA's AirNow website located at:

<http://www.airnow.gov/>

This data along with other monitoring sites around the nation provides the public and EPA with near real time data to show current air pollution levels and forecast levels for long range transport. The goal for the future is to add other locations in the state to this website and to the department's website.

## **5.3 Class I Areas**

With the development of coal bed methane and oil and gas production in North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Colorado there is a growing need for data in rural and small cities in the western part of the state. In addition, South Dakota has developed a plan to implement the regional haze regulations required by the federal Clean Air Act. The implementation of these

regulations will put more importance on air pollution levels in the state's two class I areas of Badlands and Wind Cave National Parks.

Ambient air monitors were placed in these areas in order to determine background levels and the impact of long range transport of air pollutants like particulate matter and ozone. In addition, continuous data is needed for modeling purposes to help in determining air quality permit requirements. The National Park sites collect data from IMPROVE monitors for PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and chemical analysis of the collected particulates. The department collects PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and ozone data at the Badlands Site and PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and ozone data at the Wind Cave Site.

#### **5.4 Ozone Monitoring**

Ozone monitoring is occurring in three sites on the eastern half of South Dakota and three sites on the western half of South Dakota and all sites demonstrate that South Dakota is attaining the current ozone standard. However, since EPA decided to lower the ozone standard in 2015, South Dakota may have areas that can exceed the lower ozone standard in both rural and urban areas of the state.

Modeling conducted by Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP), indicates that South Dakota contributes approximately 3 parts per billion to its ozone concentration. In 2015, South Dakota monitored ozone at six sites throughout South Dakota. Based on WRAP's modeling, South Dakota contributes approximately 5% to its ozone levels and the other 95% is from natural sources and transported into South Dakota from other states and countries. It will be important to maintain ozone monitoring in all areas of South Dakota to help demonstrate that long range transport of air pollution affects ozone concentration in South Dakota's rural and urban areas.

#### **5.5 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitoring**

In 2006, EPA significantly lowered the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard from 65 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m<sup>3</sup>) to 35 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. EPA also lowered the annual standard from 15 ug/m<sup>3</sup> to 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2012. These revisions of the standards brought the compliance levels close to the concentrations recorded at the monitoring sites in the state's network.

Testing for PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels is a higher priority in South Dakota because recorded concentrations are significantly closer and may exceed the current 24-hour standard since EPA lowered the standards. In 2015, South Dakota monitored PM<sub>2.5</sub> at ten sites throughout South Dakota.

#### **5.6 Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

40 CFR Part 58, Appendix D, contains information used to design an ambient air monitoring network and lists three basic objectives in designing an ambient air monitoring network. The three basic objectives are listed below:

1. Provide air pollution data to the general public in a timely manner. The department accomplishes this objective by providing near real time data on the department's website at:

<http://denr.sd.gov/des/aq/aarealtime.aspx>

The sites reporting data to the department's real time webpage are Wind Cave National Park, Badlands National Park, Brookings (Research Farm), Union County (UC #1), Rapid City (RC Credit Union and Black Hawk sites), Watertown, Pierre (Airport), and Sioux Falls (SD School) sites. Specifically in the Rapid City area, High Wind Dust Alerts are called when meteorological conditions are forecasted that could cause high PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations. This information along with a report graphing hourly concentrations recorded during the alert is also provided to the public through the department's website;

2. Support compliance with ambient air quality standards and emissions strategy development. The department accomplishes this objective by locating the sites throughout the state to assess the permit control measures and pollution emission impacts on the state. For example, the Rapid City air monitoring sites specifically evaluate the permit control measures and the special measures taken to reduce fugitive dust levels; and
3. Support for air pollution research studies. The department supports research by loading the air quality data into EPA's AQS database site and by supporting local studies when requested by the state's colleges.

EPA identified in Appendix D the air monitoring requirements for ozone, CO, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, particulate matter, and lead. The number of required air monitoring sites for ozone and particulate matter is based on the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (e.g., determined by the population of the MSA and each pollutant's design value in the MSA). Each design value is specific to the pollutant and form of the standard. To determine the number of monitoring sites for ozone and particulate matter, the design value is calculated based on the pollutant concentration and the applicable form of the standard in 40 CFR Part 50, divided by the applicable pollutant's standard in 40 CFR Part 50, and the results multiplied by 100. The percentage is compared to the values in Appendix D to determine the minimum number of monitoring sites for ozone and particulate matter.

If there is no ambient air monitoring data for the MSA, only the minimum number of sites listed in Appendix D is required to be operated. If there is a minimum of three years of air quality data for the MSA, a design value is calculated. If the MSA has a design value greater than 85% of the standards for ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> and if the MSA has a design value greater than 80% of the standard for PM<sub>10</sub> and the population is greater than 100,000 people a minimum of one site is required. The required number of sampling sites continues to increase as the population increases. If the highest concentration site in a MSA has a design value less than 80% for PM<sub>10</sub> and 85% for ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the required number of sites may be one or even zero depending on the design value and population of the MSA.

There is one additional ambient air monitoring requirement in Appendix D for an ozone network. If a MSA is required to have one or more ozone monitors, at least one of the ozone monitoring sites is required to be located at the expected high concentration area for the MSA.

Table 5-3 shows the population, design values as percent of the NAAQS and the minimum site requirements for the Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Sioux City MSAs in the state after adding the data for 2015 sampling year.

**Table 5-3 – 40 CFR Part 58, Appendix D Requirements for MSA**

<b>2010 MSA Population</b>	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>AQS ID</b>	<b>Design Values as % of the NAAQS <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>&gt; 85% <sup>2</sup> Criteria (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Minimum Sites Required</b>
<b>Sioux Falls MSA</b>						
169,468	Minnehaha	SD School	46-099-0008	PM <sub>10</sub>	No	0
44,828	Lincoln			24-hour = 55%		
5,618	McCook	SD School	46-099-0008	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	No	0
8,347	Turner			24-hour = 62%		
<b>228,261</b>	<b>Total</b>	SD School	46-099-0008	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	No	0
				Annual = 69%		
		SD School	46-099-0008	Ozone	Yes	1
				8-hr = 91%		
<b>Rapid City MSA</b>						
100,948	Pennington	RC Credit	46-103-0020	PM <sub>10</sub>	Yes	1
25,434	Meade	Union		24-hr = 96%		
<b>126,382</b>	<b>Total</b>	RC Credit	46-103-0020	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	No	0
		Union		24-hr = 57%		
		RC Credit	46-103-0020	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	No	0
		Union		Annual = 65%		
		RC	46-103-1001	PM <sub>10</sub>	No	0
		Library		24-hr = 47%		
		RC	46-103-1001	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	No	0
		Library		Annual = 47%		
		RC	46-103-1001	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	No	0
		Library		24-hr = 51%		
		Black	46-093-0001	PM <sub>10</sub>	No	0
		Hawk		24-hr = 26%		
		Black	46-093-0001	Ozone	No	0
		Hawk		8-hr = 84%		
<b>Sioux City MSA</b>						
14,399	Union, SD	UC #1	46-129-0001	PM <sub>10</sub>	No	0
6,000	Dixon, NE			24-hr = 60%		
21,006	Dakota, NE	UC #1	46-129-0001	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	No	0
102,172	Woodbury, IA			24-hr = 62%		
<b>143,577</b>	<b>Total</b>	UC #1	46-129-0001	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	No	0
				Annual = 70%		
		UC #1	46-129-0003	Ozone	Yes	1

<b>2010 MSA Population</b>	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>AQS ID</b>	<b>Design Values as % of the NAAQS <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>&gt; 85% <sup>2</sup> Criteria (Yes or No)</b>	<b>Minimum Sites Required</b>
				8-hr = 88%		

<sup>1</sup> – PM<sub>10</sub> sites are % of the NAAQS; and

<sup>2</sup> – The criteria for PM<sub>10</sub> is greater than 80% and the population of the MSA is 100,000 or greater.

As a result of evaluating the air monitoring site data, based on the design values and populations, South Dakota is required to have an ozone monitoring site in the Sioux Falls and Sioux City MSA (UC #1). The main change was not an increase in concentration levels but because the ozone standard was revised down to 0.070 ppm and these areas are now within 85% of the standard. With the increase in PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations during the last two years the Rapid City MSA one PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring site is now required.

The department operates the following additional types of monitors to meet the specific network requirements in 40 CFR Part 58, Appendix D:

1. PM<sub>2.5</sub> speciation monitor in Sioux Falls at the SD School Site; the largest urban area in the state and NCore Site;
2. PM<sub>2.5</sub> background and transport monitors at the Badlands and Wind Cave sites; and
3. NCore monitoring equipment located in the city of Sioux Falls at the SD School Site.

Another requirement in Appendix D is providing for a Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) which is required in areas classified as serious, severe, or extreme nonattainment for ozone. All areas in South Dakota are attaining the National Ambient Air Quality standard for ozone so no PAMS sites are required.

There is no Appendix D minimum requirement for air monitoring for CO. However, a CO air monitoring site is required at the NCore Site. CO air monitoring started at the NCore Site (SD School Site) in 2011.

There are population monitoring requirements for NO<sub>2</sub> in Appendix D. A NO<sub>2</sub> monitor is required when the core based statistical area (CBSA) has a population level of 500,000 or greater. There are no CBSAs with a population level greater than or equal to 500,000 in South Dakota. Therefore, there are no required NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring sites in South Dakota.

SO<sub>2</sub> has a population based monitoring requirement for a CBSA. The monitoring requirement is based on a calculation using the total amount of SO<sub>2</sub>, in tons, emitted within the counties in the CBSA area and the population within the CBSA counties. The calculation is called the population weighted emissions index for the CBSA. Union County is part of the Sioux City CBSA and is the only area in South Dakota with a population weighted emissions index that has a value high enough to require a monitoring site. Union County does not contribute significantly to the population weighted emissions index for SO<sub>2</sub> in the Sioux City CBSA. The EPA rules require the monitoring site to be located in the parent CBSA or Sioux City, Iowa area in this case. There are no SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring sites required in South Dakota.

The minimum requirements for lead are based on the lead air emissions from a source or airport with an annual emissions rate of 0.5 tons per year or greater. There are no sources with an annual emission rate at or over 0.5 ton per year so there are no required monitoring sites in South Dakota.

## **5.7 Future Monitoring**

There is currently minimal monitoring being completed in other parts of the state that have small, but expanding populations and industries. These areas include the northeastern and the northern Black Hills portions of the state. These areas will continue to be evaluated to determine whether additional monitoring efforts need to be conducted in those areas.

PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ozone will be the focus of the ambient air monitoring network as levels of these pollutants have the greatest potential to have concentrations close to the standard as EPA continues to lower the NAAQS for these pollutants.

EPA has also determined for large sources of SO<sub>2</sub> the area around the source needs to be characterized by either modeling the sources emissions or air monitoring to determine if there are short term high concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> that could affect public health. The rule requires states to model or monitor these source areas before EPA will determine the attainment status of the county or area. South Dakota has one large source of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions, Big Stone Power Plant, indicated by EPA in the rule that would be required to be characterized.

The department had made preparations to conduct air monitoring to characterize the SO<sub>2</sub> emissions following the data rule. But under a consent decree between EPA and environmental groups on March 2, 2015, with no state input, EPA is requiring states to update the recommendations for counties with large sources of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions. EPA will use the data to designate the counties for the 1-hour NAAQS for SO<sub>2</sub>. DENR had originally requested that Grant County along with the rest of the state be designated as attaining of the 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> standard. Grant County is impacted by the consent decree because of the Big Stone Power Plant is a large source of SO<sub>2</sub> emissions as specified by the consent decree. DENR provided EPA with updated information to show the Big Stone Power Plant is not causing the area to exceed the 1-hour standard by the deadline of September 2015. EPA sent back a reply they intended to designate Grant County as unclassifiable. DENR responded by sending EPA the companies modeling data showing Big Stone Power Plant is not causing the area to exceed the 1-hour standard in April 2016. EPA plans to make the final decision on the designation by July 1, 2016.

## **6.0 NETWORK MODIFICATIONS FOR 2016 and 2017**

### **6.1 New Sites**

The department will make the following changes and will continue to evaluate the following areas for the need to modify the ambient air monitoring network:

1. The department is evaluating setting up a new SLAMS site to be located in Aberdeen which would have continuous PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ozone samplers. This site would be setup either in 2017 or later.

## **6.2 Sites Closed**

No sites are planned to be closed in the 2016.

## **6.3 Modifications**

The department is planning the following site modifications:

1. The department will continue to evaluate locations where continuous PM monitors can replace manual monitors in the network;
2. Replace the Speciation SASS monitor with a Super SASS monitor; and
3. Continue to replace the old Thermo BETA PM<sub>10</sub> monitors.

## **7.0 REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

There were no sampling frequency waivers requested for the 2016 sampling year and none are proposed for 2017.

## **8.0 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN**

### **8.1 Overview**

The department is tasked with sampling the ambient air quality throughout the state of South Dakota to demonstrate compliance with the NAAQS and to do special testing when needs arise or as required by EPA. In 2015, there were 11 active sites within South Dakota where criteria pollutants are monitored. The monitored pollutants include: particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>), NO<sub>2</sub>, Ozone, CO, and SO<sub>2</sub>.

The reliable operation of the monitors requires significant investment in both staff time and inventory for upkeep which tends to increase as the monitors age. Monitors should be replaced when they reach an age when cost of upkeep meets or exceeds the cost of new purchase and makes fiscal sense.

The average operational age of a PM monitor is about 10 years mainly due to detector and software board failures. With some major replacement of monitor components the operational age may be stretched to 14 years.

Monitors also experience catastrophic failures, at which time a determination is made whether replacing core components on an aging instrument is viable. Some instruments are of an age that parts are no longer available.



## 8.2 Data Loggers

The department currently operates eight ESC 8832 style data loggers and has two ESC 8816 style data loggers that are operational and used as backups. The average age of the ESC 8816 style data logger is 10 years and ESC has discontinued the 8816 style which makes it difficult to purchase replacement parts. In addition to the age of the data loggers, the department has lost a few data loggers to lighting strikes that come through the meteorological probes or down the power and phone lines.

Because of their age, the priority for the data loggers is to replace all the 8816 in the network of sites. Agile Air, which purchased ESC, is offering a newer data logger version 8864. The department has received reports from other states as well as from Agile Air that the computer-data logger interface is difficult or impossible to use. The department will continue to look for reliable replacement data loggers, but may need to look at the limited number of 8832's available through Agile Air.

Table 8-1 provides a location and service record of the existing data loggers at the time this document was written.

**Table 8-1 - Data Logger Service Records**

No.	S/N	Asset #	Purchased	Series	Purchase	Comments
1	3901	NA	<2006	8816	no data	backup
2	3802	none	<2006	8816	no data	backup
3	4159	NA	<2006	8816	no data	broken
1	2772	347247	2008	8832	\$8,485	
2	2771K	347248	2008	8832	\$8,485	
3	2770K	347249	2008	8832	\$8,485	
4	2331K	NA	2008	8832	\$8,485	
5	2431	NA	2008	8832	\$8,485	
6	3992K	NA	2011	8832	\$8,485	
7	4467K	351778	2012	8832	\$8,485	
8	4868		2015	8832	\$10,285	

## 8.3 Manual PM Monitors

### 8.3.1 Partisol Monitors

The department currently has eight Thermo Scientific Partisol 2000i manual monitors and five Thermo Scientific Partisol 2000 manual monitors (see Table 8-2). These Partisol manual monitors are Federal Reference Method (FRM) for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring.

In accordance with the 2015 annual plan, the department replaced two Hi-Vol PM10 monitors in Aberdeen with Partisol 2000i monitors. Two other Hi-Vol monitors at the Rapid City Library sites were also replaced with Partisol 2000 FRMs. These changes occurred on January 1, 2016 allowing for a full year of data collection.

**Table 8-2 – Partisol Service Record**

No.	S/N	Asset #	Purchased	Cost	Style	Comments
1	1041106	0350223	7/2011	\$7,271	2000i	
2	1031106	0350222	7/2011	\$7,271	2000i	
3	201021106	0350224	7/2011	\$7,271	2000i	
4	201011106	0350226	7/2011	\$7,271	2000i	
5	201881204	0351195	7/2011	\$9,580	2000i	
6	1751203	0351196	6/2012	\$9,580	2000i	
7	1891204	0351197	6/2012	\$9,580	2000i	
8	205631504		2016		2000i	
1	210881007	0349210	8/2010	\$6,818	2000FRM	
2	210851007	0349214	8/2010	\$6,818	2000FRM	
3	210811007	0349212	8/2010	\$6,818	2000FRM	
4	210771006	0349211	8/2010	\$6,818	2000FRM	
5	210801007	0349209	8/2010	\$6,818	2000FRM	

### **8.3.2 Hi-Vol PM<sub>10</sub> Monitors**

The department currently does not operate any Hi-Vol PM manual monitors. The remaining Hi-Vol monitors will be kept in case there is a need for collecting samples that can be analyzed for lead testing or for lab analysis to determine contribution from sources.

### **8.3.3 Speciation PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitors**

The department currently has one speciation monitor at its NCore site and it was purchased around 1999. The sampling lines have been replaced several times and the control unit was returned to the manufacturer for major repairs in past years.

When the monitor was purchased the required sampling frequency was every 6<sup>th</sup> day. In 2009, EPA required the speciation monitor to be located at the NCore Site and the sampling frequency changed to every 3<sup>rd</sup> day. This requires that a staff member go on weekends to setup the monitor for some of the sampling runs. This is a strain on resources and is one of the reasons the monitor will be replaced. EPA may be able to provide a SuperSASS monitor as a replacement in the fall of 2016.

## **8.4 Continuous PM Monitors**

The department operates three kinds of continuous PM monitors: FH64C14 BETA, 5014i BETA, and a Met One BAM. The FH64C14 BETAs are getting old and need to be replaced.

#### **8.4.1 Thermo FH64C14 BETA Monitors**

The department currently runs four BETA continuous monitors in the field, one in reserve, and two are located in our lab with systematic problems. Table 8-3 provides a description of each monitor and location.

This BETA continuous monitor fleet is aging with the oldest in operation over 14 years. The current average age of the monitors is twelve years old; the newest of these monitors is eleven years old. The expected lifespan of the detectors in the monitor is ten years. The detectors can be replaced at \$3,043 each. The problem remaining is the operating system is old and could malfunction at any time because of age making the repair costly with little or no additional operation time. In addition to the age, every two years, each monitor needs to be sent in to clean the measurement chamber at a current cost of \$909.87. No other monitor currently has this requirement. For these reasons, the department plans to continue the replacement of these BETA continuous monitors as a high priority.

**Table 8-3 - BETA Service Record**

<b>No.</b>	<b>S/N</b>	<b>Asset #</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Date Purchased</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	405	0339810	\$13,972	2002	spare
2	E1000	0343701	\$15,447	2005	
3	749	0341980	\$12,686	2004	
4	814	0341981	\$12,686	2004	
5	E1011	0343702	\$13,253	2005	broken
6	727	0341968	\$14,820	2004	
7	412	0339809	\$14,572	2002	broken

#### **8.4.2 Thermo 5014i BETA Monitors**

The department has two Thermo 5014i BETA continuous monitors. These are newer monitors. One unit has been placed in the field in Union County and the other is scheduled to replace an older Beta in Brookings during 2016 (see Table 8-4). The department does not anticipate significant upkeep costs associated with these monitors for several years.

**Table 8-4 - 5014 Service Record**

<b>No.</b>	<b>S/N</b>	<b>Asset #</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Date Purchased</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	CM13381007	353481	\$19,600	2014	
2	CM13361013	353480	\$19,600	2014	

#### **8.4.3 Met One BAM 1020 Monitors**

The department has eleven operating BAM continuous monitors and one in reserve (See Table 8-5). The oldest monitors are eight years old. The department has not had many problems with these monitors but expect to begin having more operational problems as the fleet ages. The

department would like to purchase two BAM's this year to use for PM2.5 sampling replacing older BAM samplers.

**Table 8-5 - BAM Service Record**

No	S/N	Asset #	Cost	Date Purchased	Comments
1	H2949	346880	\$21,192	2008	
2	H2972	346881	\$21,192	2008	
3	H7027	347244	\$19,159	2008	
4	H7028	347243	\$19,159	2008	
5	H7051	347246	\$19,159	2008	
6	H7236	347245	\$19,159	2008	
7	K1801	349383	\$17,027	2010	
8	M5333	350197	\$19,747	2011	
9	M12165	351076	\$19,597	2012	
10	T15065	355248	\$18,368	2015	
11	T19274	355390	\$18,343	2015	
12	T15079	355391	\$18,343	2015	

#### **8.4.4 PM Monitor Priorities for Equipment Replacement**

The Thermo FH64C14 BETA PM continuous monitor is the highest priority for upgrade of the PM monitoring network. This style of monitor has exceeded the useful life span. The purchase of the Thermo 5014 BETAs in 2014 is the start of that replacement process. If two new continuous monitors are purchased per year starting this year, it will take two more years to replace the older style Beta monitors.

### **8.5 Continuous Gas Analyzers and Calibrators**

The gaseous pollutant air monitoring network consists of continuous gas analyzers and calibrators that date back to 2003. The department has purchased various pieces of equipment nearly every year over the past decade with the last being a Teledyne-API NOx analyzer in 2015. The department typically purchases replacement equipment for instruments that are 7–10 years old, although some analyzers, such as ozone can have a longer lifespan. Most of the analyzers and calibrators can be purchased for between \$9,000 and \$13,000.

#### **8.5.1 Ozone Analyzers**

The department currently operates ozone analyzers at six sites throughout South Dakota. The ozone instruments have been the most reliable and durable instruments in the monitoring network. In fact, the three oldest instruments in the network are an ozone analyzer and two ozone calibrators purchased in 2003.

The department purchased a new ozone analyzer in 2014, with the anticipation of eventually needing to replace the ozone equipment at Badlands National Park. This purchase gave us two

backup ozone analyzers and one lab ozone analyzer. The lab ozone analyzer is also used to conduct checks on ozone transfer standards, which could be put in the field in case of an emergency.

On March 31, 2015 the department replaced both the ozone analyzer and ozone calibrator at the Badlands site. The two ozone instruments that were replaced at the Badlands were provided by the National Park Service, who operated them before the department took over the monitoring at this site. These instruments were altered by the National Park Service consultant, Air Resource Services, and operated a little differently, which made it difficult to make repairs. For this reason, the department used one of our backup ozone analyzers at the Badlands site. With this move, the department still has one backup ozone analyzer (see Table 8-6).

**Table 8-6 - Ozone Analyzers**

No.	S/N	Asset #	Purchase \$	Date Purchased	Comments
1	49c-78317-388	340664	\$6,345.00	2003	C-Series
2	0414006406	341964	\$6,596.00	2004	C-Series
3	0525812377	343703	\$7,081.20	2005	
4	0615817056	344589	\$7,069.00	2006	
5	0810029426	3M Project	\$7,137.00	2008	
6	08270002	347239	\$7,137.00	2008	
7	131057856	352631	\$9,450.00	2013	
8	1427262856	354125	\$9,150.00	2014	

### **8.5.2 SO<sub>2</sub> Analyzers**

The department operates SO<sub>2</sub> analyzers at four sites in South Dakota. The department also has several SO<sub>2</sub> backup analyzers housed in the lab for use when there is a major repair needed.

The SO<sub>2</sub> analyzers have been fairly reliable and seldom need to be sent in for repair. Occasionally a lamp or detector needs to be replaced, which is something the department can do in-house. As with most Thermo Scientific instruments, the department does replace the pumps and installs pump kits on occasion, which is also something the department does in-house. The oldest model is from 2004, but the department does have three backups from 2009 and 2011 (see Table 8-7).

**Table 8-7 - SO<sub>2</sub> Analyzers**

No.	S/N	Asset #	Cost	Date Purchased	Comments
1	0414006405	341883	\$8,585.00	2004	
2	0525112351	343645	\$9,292.50	2005	
3	0621217058	344692	\$12,865.00	2006	
4	0829531903	347356	\$11,079.00	2008	
5	0829531904	347357	\$11,079.00	2008	
6	0926837682	348300	\$11,079.00	2009	
7	1117348531	350199	\$12,065.00	2011	

### 8.5.3 NO<sub>2</sub> Analyzers

The department operates NO<sub>2</sub> analyzers at four sites in South Dakota. The department has two backup analyzers. One is located in the lab and the other is at the regional office in Sioux Falls. Our newest analyzer was purchased in 2015.

NO<sub>2</sub> analyzers have been the most difficult to maintain and operate of the gaseous pollutant analyzers. Replacement parts can be very expensive and if the instrument needs to go back to the factory for repair, the cost can easily reach \$1,000 - \$2,000. The oldest analyzer in our network, which is a C-Series instrument, was purchased in 2004. The department recently sent to surplus a 2005 analyzer that continually needed repairs and was costing a lot to maintain.

At 11 years of age, the 2004 analyzer should be replaced in the next year or two as Thermo Scientific has indicated they will stop producing parts for the older C-Series instruments (see Table 8-8).

**Table 8-8 - NO<sub>2</sub> Analyzers**

No.	S/N	Asset #	Location	Purchase \$	Date Purchased
1	0414006404	341932	Badlands	\$9,241.91	2004
2	0615817057	344588	SFSD	\$10,125.00	2006
3	0824131748	347241	UC 1	\$10,350.00	2008
4	0824131747	347242	RC Credit Union	\$10,350.00	2008
5	1018243236	349205	SFSD	\$22,475.45	2010
6	1116748523	350098	Rapid City	\$11,671.00	2011
7	1424162705	354197	Sioux Falls	\$13,100.00	2014

### 8.5.4 CO Analyzers

The department operates just one CO analyzer at our NCORE site in Sioux Falls. A CO analyzer was located at UC #1 for a few years, but has since been shut down and that analyzer is now the backup for the NCORE site. The Thermo Scientific CO analyzer in Sioux Falls has been very reliable with very few issues over the years. The monitor has never needed to go back to the factory for repair and very few replacement parts have been needed, making this instrument fairly inexpensive to operate. With no future expansion of CO sites in the plan for South Dakota there does not appear to be a need for additional CO analyzers at this time (see Table 8-9).

**Table 8-9 - CO Analyzers**

No.	S/N	Asset #	Location	Purchase \$	Purchase Date
1	0723923521	346191	SD School	\$13,320.00	2007
2	0174	347421	SD School	\$9,328.75	2008

### **8.5.5 Multi-gas/Ozone Calibrators**

The department operates either a multi-gas or ozone calibrator at each of the monitoring sites with gas analyzers. The department originally used primarily Thermo Scientific calibrators for weekly checks and quarterly audits. Since then, the department started purchasing Environics 6103 calibrators, which can be used for multi-gas, ozone and photometer operation and are much lighter and easier to transport. Both types of calibrators have been very reliable and inexpensive to operate. The annual calibration of the flow controllers in these instruments has been the only recurring cost. The department recently sent to surplus a Thermo Scientific 146 C that was costing too much to maintain and has another Thermo Scientific 146C and one 49C PS calibrator that need to be replaced in the next year or two (see Table 8-10).

**Table 8-10 - Multi-gas/Ozone Calibrators**

<b>No.</b>	<b>S/N</b>	<b>Asset #</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Date Purchased</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	49CPS-7832-388	340751	\$7,583.33	2003	C-Series
2	49CPS-78318-388	340753	\$7,583.33	2003	C-Series
3	0414006403	341965	\$9,235.00	2004	C-Series
4	0414006401	341967	\$7,871.00	2004	C-Series
5	0528713392	343674	\$9,778.00	2005	
6	0525812378	343830	\$8,942.85	2005	
7	0623018063	344875	\$10,350.00	2006	
8	0824131746	347240	\$9,630.00	2008	
9	0807328333	N/A	\$9,630.00	2008	
10	4290	347267	\$10,440.00	2008	
11	4298	347268	\$10,440.00	2008	
12	4299	347269	\$10,440.00	2008	
13	4561	348429	\$10,440.00	2009	
14	4562	348430	\$10,440.00	2009	
15	1353	350198	\$10,485.00	2011	
16	5881	352825	\$10,615.00	2013	
17	6223	354154	\$10,485.00	2014	

### **8.5.6 Gas Pollutant Sampling Priorities for Equipment Replacement**

The priority is to replace the older C Series NO<sub>2</sub> analyzers and calibrators before the manufacturer stops making replacement parts.

## **8.6 Meteorological Stations**

### **8.6.1 Overview**

The department currently has two meteorological (Met) stations: Blackhawk and SD School. Each Met station consists of a temperature sensor, barometric pressure sensor, wind direction

vane, and anemometer (wind speed) mounted on a 10 meter tower. The operation of each instrument on the tower is checked every month. The SD School Met station is audited once per quarter and the other Met station is audited biannually.

The department no longer supports the Met towers at Brookings Research Farm and UC #1 at the start of 2016, based on a decision weighing cost of upkeep versus currently available data and our monitoring needs. Our weather data needs at those locations are being met by reliable and available the National Weather Service data collected from nearby airports.

## 9.0 COMPLIANCE WITH NAAQS

This section provides a comparison of the collected data to the NAAQS. The comparison will determine if an area is attaining the standard. In addition, the comparison will assist in determining if more monitoring stations for certain parameters are needed in an area or an area no longer needs to monitor for a certain parameter or parameters.

### 9.1 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>)

The PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS is based on a 24-hour average concentration. The maximum 24-hour average concentration allowed is 150 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m<sup>3</sup>). Attainment with the 24-hour standard is demonstrated when there is less than or equal to one expected exceedance per year averaged over three years. A 24-hour average concentration of 154.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup> is the highest level that still attains the 24-hour standard for PM<sub>10</sub>.

In 2015, the statewide PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring network included 10 monitoring locations. Three of the sites recorded data using manual monitors providing 24-hour sample concentrations. Seven of the sites have continuous samplers providing 1-hour concentrations. Rapid City has two PM<sub>10</sub> air monitoring sites. Cities with one site include Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Watertown, Black Hawk, and Brookings. Rural sites are operated at Badlands, Wind Cave and Union County.

Table 9-1 contains a list of the expected exceedance rate, second maximum concentration, attainment status and percent of the standard for the PM<sub>10</sub> ambient air monitors throughout the state for calendar years 2013 to 2015. The percent of the standard is the second maximum concentration divided by the standard (150 ug/m<sup>3</sup>). Sites with a PM<sub>10</sub> percent standard greater than 80% of the NAAQS have a potential to have a 24-hour sample exceed the PM<sub>10</sub> standard. The Rapid City RC Credit Union Site is the only site that has a percent greater than 80%.

**Table 9-1 – Statewide PM<sub>10</sub> 24-Hour Concentrations**

Site	Expected Exceedance Rate	Second Maximum	Attainment?	Percent of the Standard
RC Library	0	37 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	32%
RC Credit Union	0.3	118 ug/m <sup>3*</sup>	Yes	82%
Black Hawk	0	32 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	21%
SD School	0	61 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	42%
Badlands	0	41 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	19%



Site	Expected Exceedance Rate	Second Maximum	Attainment?	Percent of the Standard
Brookings Research Farm	0	82 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	43%
Aberdeen	0	43 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	24%
Watertown	0	70 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	63%
Wind Cave	0	23 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	15%
UC #1	0	74 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	49%

\*Does not include concentration flagged as an exceptional event

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, one PM<sub>10</sub> concentration exceeded the 24-hour standard at the RC Credit Union Site, but was flagged in AQS as an exceptional event. Currently, all the sites in South Dakota are attaining the PM<sub>10</sub> 24-hour standard.

## 9.2 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)

The PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS consists of a 24-hour and annual standard. The 24-hour standard is 35 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Attainment of the 24-hour standard is achieved when the maximum 24-hour average concentration, based on the annual 98<sup>th</sup> percentile averaged over three years (24-hour average design value), is less than or equal to 35 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

The PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual standard is 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Attainment is demonstrated when the maximum annual arithmetic mean averaged over three consecutive years (annual design value) is equal to or less than 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

The testing for PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations continues to be a major priority for the state as EPA continues to lower the standard. EPA revised the 24-hour standard significantly lower, by 46%, in 2006. EPA then revised the annual standard in 2012 from 15 to 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup> which represents a 20% reduction in the annual standard. Sample concentrations that were well under the standard before now have levels near the revised standards.

In 2015, there were 10 PM<sub>2.5</sub> SLAMS sites operated in the state. Federal Reference Method (FRM) manual monitors, Partisol 2000, were operated at three of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> sites. Met One BAM continuous PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors with Federal Equivalent Method designation were operated at eight of the sites. The SD School Site operates both methods.

### 9.2.1 PM<sub>2.5</sub> 24-Hour Standard

Table 9-2 shows the yearly 24-hour 98<sup>th</sup> percentile for calendar years 2013 to 2015 used in the calculation of the 24-hour design value for PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2015, the 24-hour design value, designation status of each site, and the percent of the standard. The percent of the standard in this case and for the rest of the pollutants is the design value divided by the standard.

In 2015, the highest 24-hour 98<sup>th</sup> percentile concentration was 30.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup> or 87% of the standard and was recorded at the RC Credit Union Site in Rapid City on a Met One BAM continuous

PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor. The site with the second highest 24-hour 98<sup>th</sup> percentile concentration was at the Badlands Site with 23.3 ug/m<sup>3</sup> collected on a Met One BAM continuous PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor.

Starting in late May and continuing to the late summer in 2015, wildfires in Canada and the Pacific States had a big effect on concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The wildfires increased the design value levels by double or more from previous years at the sites located in the western half of the state. Smoke from the same wildfires had little effect on the design value concentrations in the eastern part of the state.

**Table 9-2 – Statewide PM<sub>2.5</sub> 24-Hour Concentrations**

Site	Yearly 98th Percentile	24-hour Design Value 2015	Attainment Status	Percent of the Standard
RC Library	2013 – 14.2 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 16.0 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 21.2 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	17 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	49%
RC Credit Union	2013 – 15.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 15.0 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 30.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	20 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	57%
Badlands	2013 – 13.9 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 11.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 23.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	16 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	46%
Pierre Airport	2015 – 15.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	15 ug/m <sup>3*</sup>	Yes	44%
SD School	2013 – 23.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 22.8 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 21.6 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	23 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	66%
Aberdeen	2013 – 21.1 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 17.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 13.8 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	17 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	49%
Brookings Research Farm	2015 – 18.8 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	19 ug/m <sup>3*</sup>	Yes	54%
Watertown	2013 – 21.0 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 15.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 18.2 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	18 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	51%
Wind Cave	2013 – 9.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 7.1 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 21.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	13 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	37%
UC #1	2012 – 19.7 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2013 – 22.6 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2011 – 23.1 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	22 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	63%

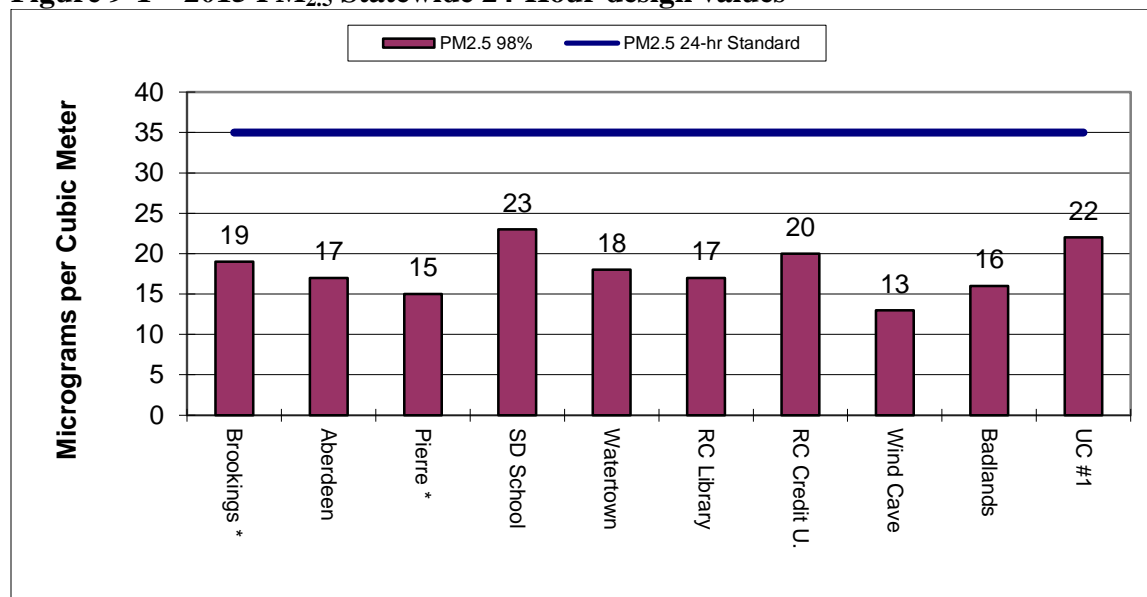
\*There is only one year of data available for the Pierre Airport and Brookings Research Farm sites.

Figure 9-1 contains a graph of the 24-hour design values for each site. The highest design value in 2015 was recorded at the SD School Site with a concentration of 23 ug/m<sup>3</sup> or 66% of the standard. The UC #1 had the next highest design value at 22 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. As expected, the background site of Wind Cave had the lowest 24-hour design values for PM<sub>2.5</sub> at 13 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. The

monitoring sites had a mixed change with some increasing, some decreasing, and others staying the same in concentration levels with the addition of the 2015 data. All sites are attaining the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard.

The design values for both regions of the state vary by about the same difference. In the east half of the state the sites are within 8 ug/m<sup>3</sup> of each other. In the west half of the state, they are within 7 ug/m<sup>3</sup> of each other.

**Figure 9-1 – 2015 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Statewide 24-Hour design values**



\*There is only one year of data available for the Pierre Airport and Brookings Research Farm sites.

In 2013, the two sites in Union County had levels greater than the standard on the same day. There were four sites with concentrations greater than the standard on the same day in eastern edge of the state in 2014. The remaining sites in the state had no exceedances of the standard in 2014. In 2015, there were 14 violations covering five violation days and all were flagged in AQS as exceptional events because of wildfires. On July 6, 2015, all eight sites in the state that have a continuous monitor exceeded the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard due to the wildfires in Canada and in the states along the west coast. The sites at Wind Cave, Union County, SD School, Badlands, Pierre, and RC Credit Union each had two exceedances.

When using the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile standard one or two 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations greater than the standard at a continuous monitoring site will not affect the 24-hour design value or the area attainment status because the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile may be the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> highest reading for the year. But these concentrations may affect the annual design value and need to be considered when evaluating the data results for each year.

### 9.2.2 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Standard

Table 9-3 contains a list of the annual averages, annual design values, attainment status, and percent of the standard for each of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> sites using the data from 2013 to 2015 in the state. The highest annual average concentration in 2015 was recorded at the RC Credit Union Site at 9.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. The second highest annual concentration was at the SD School site with an annual average of 8.6 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. The Wind Cave Site had the lowest annual average at 4.1 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2015.

**Table 9-3 – Statewide PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Concentrations**

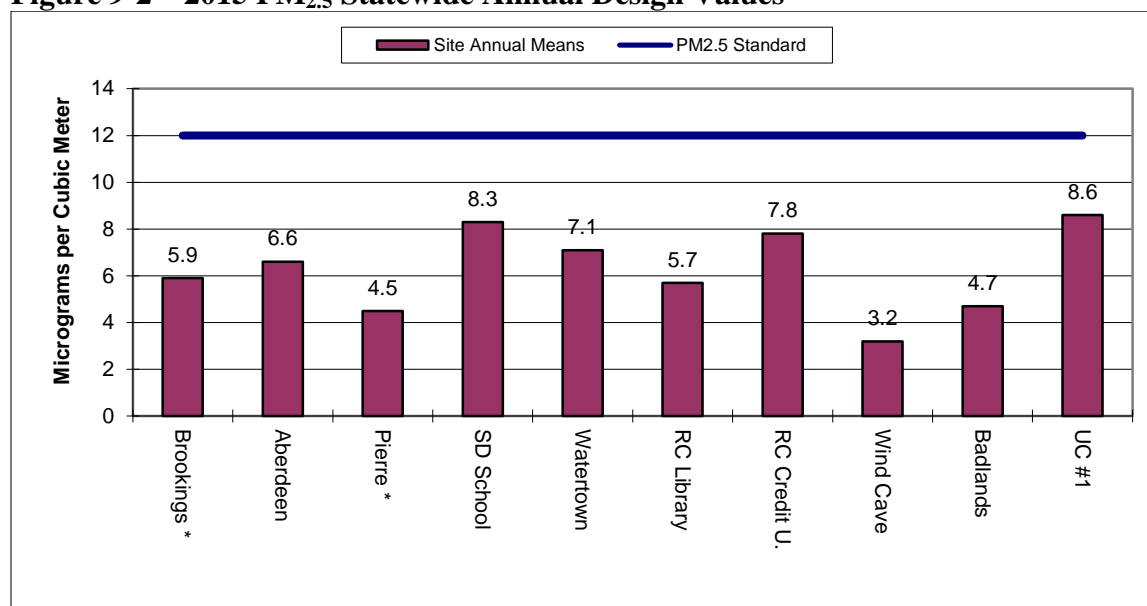
Site	Annual Averages	2015 Annual Design Values	Attainment Status	Percent of the Standard
RC Library	2013 – 6.1 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 5.8 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 5.6 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	5.7 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	48%
RC Credit Union	2013 – 7.9 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 4.5 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 9.5 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	7.8 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	65%
Badlands	2013 – 5.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 4.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 4.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	4.7 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	39%
Pierre Airport	2015 – 4.5 ug/m <sup>3*</sup>	4.5 ug/m <sup>3*</sup>	Yes	38%
SD School	2013 – 8.9 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 7.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 8.6 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	8.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	69%
Brookings Research Farm	2015 – 5.9 ug/m <sup>3*</sup>	5.9 ug/m <sup>3*</sup>	Yes	49%
Aberdeen	2013 – 7.3 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 6.2 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 6.2 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	6.6 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	55%
Watertown	2013 – 9.7 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 4.5 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 7.0 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	7.1 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	59%
Wind Cave	2013 – 3.1 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 2.4 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 4.1 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	3.2 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	27%
UC #1	2013 – 8.9 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2014 – 8.6 ug/m <sup>3</sup> 2015 – 8.2 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	8.6 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Yes	72%

\*There is only one year of data available for the Pierre Airport and Brookings Research Farm sites.

Figure 9-2 contains a graph of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual average design value for each site. None of sites in the network had a 2015 design value that exceeded the annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. The highest design values occur in the southeastern part of the state. The highest annual design value occurred at the UC #1 Site with a level of 8.6 ug/m<sup>3</sup> which is 72% of the annual standard. The

lowest PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual design value occurred at the Wind Cave Site with a concentration of 3.2 ug/m<sup>3</sup> which is 27% of the annual standard.

**Figure 9-2 – 2015 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Statewide Annual Design Values**



\*There is only one year of data available for the Pierre Airport and Brookings Research Farm sites.

### 9.3 Lead

During the early 1980's, the department conducted lead sampling. The levels detected were well below the NAAQS levels at that time. After passage of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, there were concerns with the way EPA had instructed states in determining if those areas were in attainment of the lead standard. For this reason, a monitoring site was established in April 1992, at the Jaehn's Site in Rapid City to determine compliance with the standard. This site was downwind of GCC Dacotah, which is a cement plant that burns coal and has the potential to emit lead. The results of the analyzed data from the second quarter of 1992 through the first quarter of 1994 showed lead levels well below the NAAQS. Due to the low concentrations of lead in Rapid City, the sampling site was terminated at the end of the first quarter in 1994.

EPA changed the lead NAAQS on October 15, 2008. The change significantly lowered the lead standard from 1.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup> to 0.15 ug/m<sup>3</sup> based on the annual maximum three month rolling average. Attainment of the lead NAAQS is achieved if the annual maximum three month rolling average, averaged over a three year period, is less than or equal to 0.15 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

In 2010, EPA completed a rule change that requires source type testing in addition to network testing if a source has emissions of 0.5 tons or greater per year. The rule originally required lead testing at the NCore Site. The final rule required lead testing at the NCore Site only if the site is located in a city with a 500,000 and greater population. None of the facilities in the South Dakota emissions inventory have lead emissions at or greater than 0.5 tons per year so no source related testing is required at this time. The NCore site is located in Sioux Falls and the city has a

population under 500,000 so no testing is required. Currently, there are no lead sampling sites planned for South Dakota because of the low potential for concentrations of lead pollution.

The lead sampling in the past and current emissions levels indicates that South Dakota is attaining the new lead standard.

#### **9.4 Ozone**

Ozone monitoring in South Dakota will continue to be one of the priority air pollutants because concentrations are getting close to the standard as EPA continues to lower the ozone standard. Ozone concentrations have not changed significantly in the state but the revisions of the standard brings the concentration closer to the state's background levels.

In 1999, the first ozone monitor was setup in South Dakota and was located at the Sioux Falls Hilltop Site. In 2000, a second ozone monitor was added at the Robbinsdale Site in Rapid City. In 2005, the Rapid City ozone monitoring site was moved to the RC Credit Union Site because of the planned move of the Robbinsdale sampling shelter to the Wind Cave Site.

In 2003, the National Parks Service added an ozone monitor to the Badlands Site. It is located in a shelter next to the IMPROVE monitors near the park visitor center/headquarters.

In 2005, a fourth ozone site was added at the Wind Cave Site. The Wind Cave Site was added to determine if a large increase in oil and gas production in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana would cause impacts on the Wind Cave National Park, which is a Class I area.

Air dispersion modeling results completed by the department showed the RC Credit Union Site does not meet location requirements in 40 CFR Part 58 because it is located in the middle of the one microgram impact area for NO<sub>2</sub> emissions from industrial sources in Rapid City. NO<sub>2</sub> emissions artificially lower ozone levels for a short distance from the source so concentrations will not reflect the actual area levels. Because of the NO<sub>2</sub> emissions the ozone analyzer was moved from the RC Credit Union Site to the Black Hawk Site in 2007.

Beginning in 2008, the Hilltop Site had to be moved and a new location was found at the School for the Deaf campus. The move to a new location was required because the city of Sioux Falls had to revert the Hilltop property back to the original owner when the water tower system was replaced ending the agreement to use the property.

In 2008, a fifth site was added north of Brookings at the Research Farm. The site was setup and operated in cooperation with the 3M Company and Valero Renewable Fuels Company as part of the issuance of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit.

In 2008, EPA adopted a new ozone standard at 0.075 ppm. The form of the standard remained as the fourth highest, daily 8-hour average, averaged over three years (ozone design value). In 2011, EPA implemented the 0.075 ppm standard. EPA completed a 5-year review of the ozone standard and in 2015 the standard was further lowered to 0.070 ppm.

In 2009, because of an application for a Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit a sixth site was added in the area of the proposed project in Union County UC #3 Site. After the permit expired with no renewal, the department closed UC #3 Site and moved the ozone analyzer to the UC #1 Site.

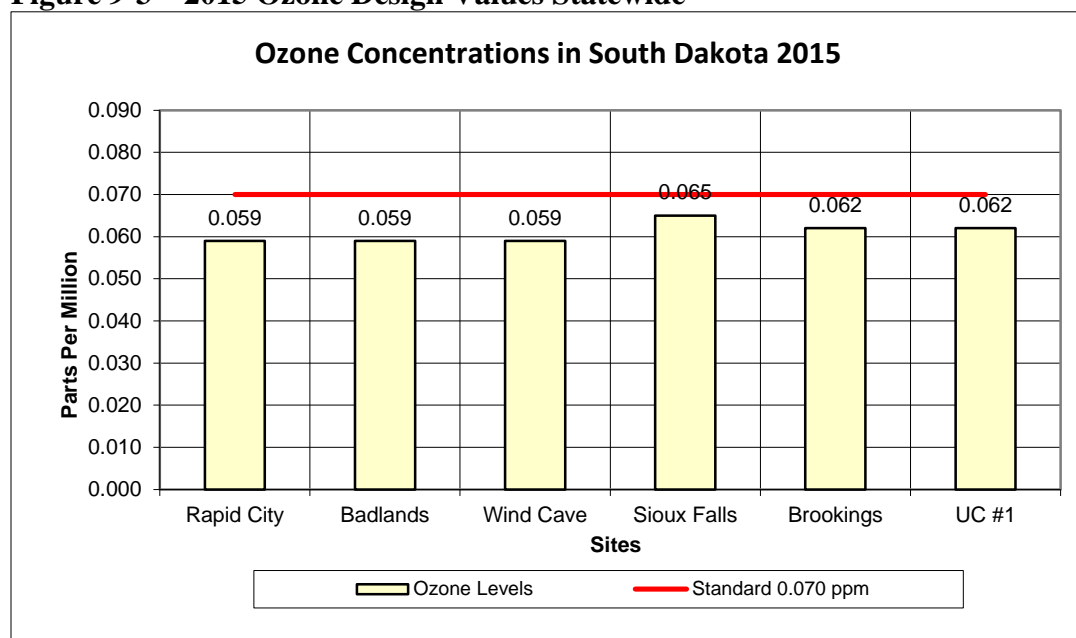
The 4<sup>th</sup> highest concentration for each year, 2015 design value in parts per million (ppm), attainment status, and percent of the standard for each of the sites can be seen in Table 9-4 and the 2015 design value is summarized in Figure 9-3. In 2015, the SD School Site had the highest 3-year average ozone concentrations in the state at 0.065 ppm, which is 93% of the 2015 revised ozone standard. The SD School Site continues to be the highest ozone highest concentration site in the state since 2010. The second highest locations were the Brookings Research Farm and the UC #1 sites both at 0.062 ppm also located in the eastern edge of the state. Wind Cave, Badlands, and Black Hawk sites are reporting the lowest ozone design values all with 0.059 ppm. Ozone concentrations had a lower 3-year average design value at all the sites except the UC #1 site which remained the same. However, while the yearly concentrations were generally lower in 2015, concentrations (Percent of the Standard) increased at all the sites due to the lower level of the standard in 2015.

**Table 9-4 – Statewide Ozone 4<sup>th</sup> highest Concentrations**

<b>Site</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Highest Concentration</b>	<b>3-year Average Design Values</b>	<b>Attainment Status</b>	<b>Percent of the Standard</b>
SD School	2013 – 0.067 ppm 2014 – 0.066 ppm 2015 – 0.061 ppm	0.065 ppm	Yes	93%
Brookings Research Farm	2013 – 0.063 ppm 2014 – 0.061 ppm 2015 – 0.063 ppm	0.062 ppm	Yes	89%
Black Hawk	2013 – 0.063 ppm 2014 – 0.056 ppm 2015 – 0.059 ppm	0.059 ppm	Yes	84%
Badlands	2013 – 0.062 ppm 2014 – 0.057 ppm 2015 – 0.057 ppm	0.059 ppm	Yes	84%
Wind Cave	2013 – 0.061 ppm 2014 – 0.057 ppm 2015 – 0.059 ppm	0.059 ppm	Yes	84%
UC #1	2013 – 0.063 ppm 2014 – 0.062 ppm 2015 – 0.061 ppm	0.062 ppm	Yes	89%

The data collected in the past three years demonstrates that South Dakota is attaining the national ozone standard but the sites located in the eastern part of the state are close to the new 2015 ozone standard.

**Figure 9-3 – 2015 Ozone Design Values Statewide**



## 9.5 Sulfur Dioxide

Concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> are low in the state where the department believes the greatest SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations should occur and the probability of exceeding the standard is very low. Based on the data collected statewide, testing for this parameter should remain a low priority.

Four SO<sub>2</sub> ambient air monitoring sites were operated in 2015. The analyzers were located at SD School, Badlands, RC Credit Union, and UC #1 sites. EPA made a major change to the SO<sub>2</sub> standard in 2009 replacing the 24-hour and annual primary standard with a new 1-hour standard. The 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> standard concentration is 75 parts per billion (ppb) based on the three year average of the yearly 99<sup>th</sup> percentile level (1-hour design value).

### 9.5.1 Sulfur Dioxide 1-Hour Standard

Table 9-5 contains the yearly 99<sup>th</sup> percentile concentration, the 3-year average 1-hour design value, the attainment status, and percent of the standard for each site. The site SO<sub>2</sub> design values are based on SO<sub>2</sub> data collected in 2013 to 2015. The highest 99<sup>th</sup> percentile 1-hour level in 2015 was recorded at the Badlands site with 7 ppb.

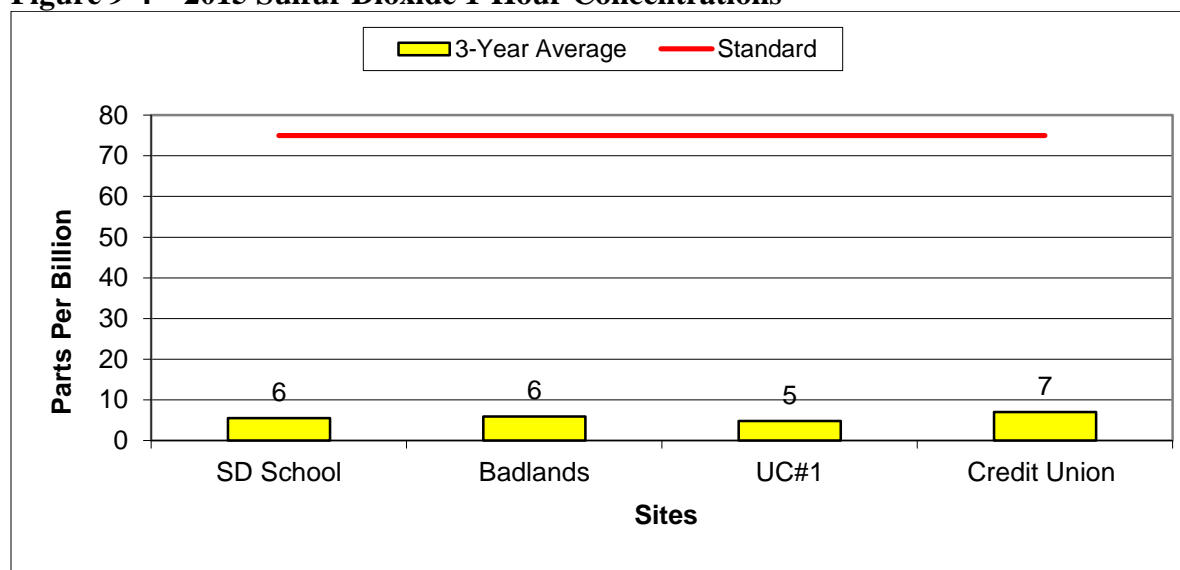


**Table 9-5 – 2013 Statewide Sulfur Dioxide 1-hour Design Values**

Site	99 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Concentration	3-year Average Design Values	Attainment Status	Percent of the Standard
SD School	2013 – 3 ppb 2014 – 11 ppb 2015 – 3 ppb	6 ppb	Yes	8%
RC Credit Union	2013 – 9 ppb 2014 – 7 ppb 2015 – 5 ppb	7 ppb	Yes	9%
Badlands	2013 – 9 ppb 2014 – 2 ppb 2015 – 7 ppb	6 ppb	Yes	8%
UC #1	2013 – 6 ppb 2014 – 4 ppb 2015 – 5 ppb	5 ppb	Yes	7%

Figure 9-4 shows the three year average of the yearly 99<sup>th</sup> percentile or design value for the 1-hour concentration for each of the sites in the network for 2015. All four of the sites recorded concentrations well under the 1-hour standard. The highest 1-hour design value was recorded at the RC Credit Union Site with a maximum concentration of 7 ppb which is 9% of the standard. The second highest was recorded at the Badlands and SD School sites with a concentration of 6 ppb which is 8% of the standard. All of the sites are within 2 ppb of each other so all are well under the current standard.

The data collected in the past three years demonstrates that South Dakota is attaining the new 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> standard.

**Figure 9-4 – 2015 Sulfur Dioxide 1-Hour Concentrations**

### **9.5.2 Sulfur Dioxide 3-Hour Secondary Standard**

The secondary SO<sub>2</sub> standard is based on a 3-hour average concentration of 0.500 ppm, not to be exceeded more than once per year. The EPA Air Quality Systems does not calculate the yearly 3-hour average so a comparison could not be made to the secondary standard for SO<sub>2</sub>. South Dakota has very low levels of SO<sub>2</sub> at the four monitoring sites. Therefore, the department has opted to use the maximum 1-hour concentrations as a comparison for the 3-hour standard for SO<sub>2</sub>. If the maximum 1-hour average does not exceed the secondary standard there should not be an issue with attainment.

The highest 1-hour average concentration was recorded at the Badlands Site at 0.080 ppm which is 16% of the SO<sub>2</sub> secondary standard. All four sites are attaining the secondary standard for SO<sub>2</sub>.

## **9.6 Nitrogen Dioxide**

Beginning in 2010 the standard for NO<sub>2</sub> was revised by adding a 1-hour standard of 100 ppb and keeping the annual arithmetic mean standard of 53 ppb. Attainment is demonstrated when the 3-year average of 98<sup>th</sup> percentile daily maximum 1-hour concentration is less than or equal to 100 ppb (1-hour design value) and the annual arithmetic mean is less than or equal to 53 ppb (annual design value).

There were four NO<sub>2</sub> ambient air monitoring sites operated in 2015. The sampling locations were at the SD School, Badlands, RC Credit Union, and UC #1 sites.

Levels of NO<sub>2</sub> remain low in the state. Rural sites like Badlands remain well below the standard. Future priority locations for testing will include one year of testing for current background levels and multiple years of testing near major sources of NO<sub>2</sub> emissions for compliance with the national standards.

### **9.6.1 Nitrogen Dioxide 1-Hour Standard**

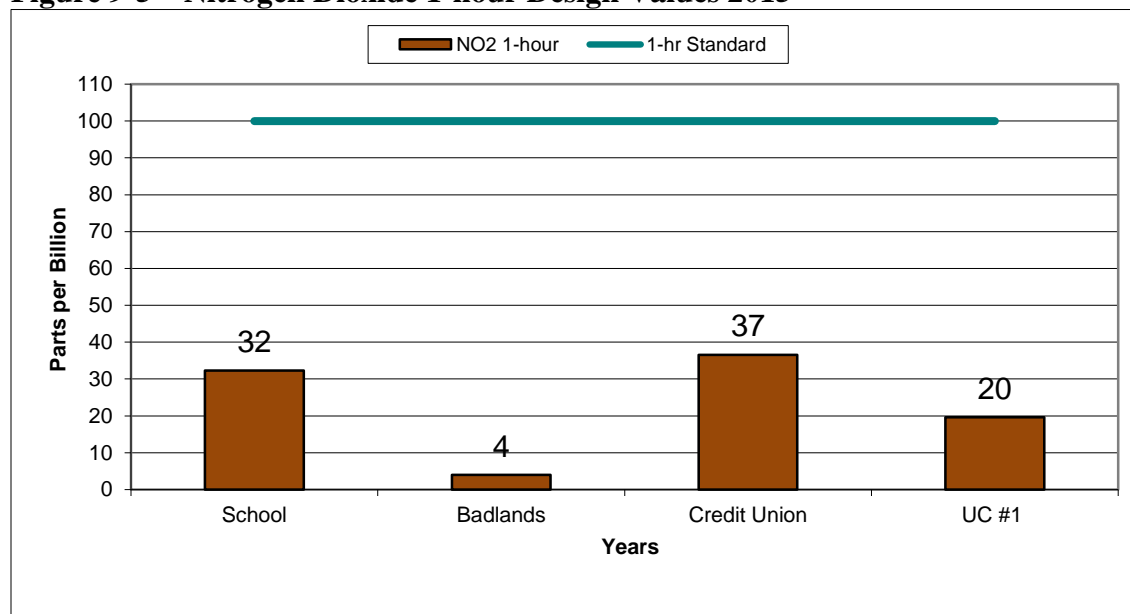
Table 9-6 contains the 1-hour 98<sup>th</sup> percentile concentration for each of the last three years, 1-hour design values, the attainment status, and the percent of the standard for each site. The RC Credit Union Site had the highest yearly 98<sup>th</sup> percentile 1-hour concentration at 37.3 ppb. The second highest 1-hour concentration for 2015 was recorded at the SD School Site at 29.7 ppb.

**Table 9-6 – Nitrogen Dioxide 1-Hour 98<sup>th</sup> Percentile Concentrations**

Site	98 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Concentration	3-year Average Design Values	Attainment Status	Percent of the Standard
SD School	2013 – 33.8 ppb 2014 – 33.3 ppb 2015 – 29.7 ppb	32 ppb	Yes	32%
Badlands	2013 – 6.0 ppb 2014 – 3.3 ppb 2015 – 2.7 ppb	4 ppb	Yes	4%
RC Credit Union	2013 – 38.6 ppb 2014 – 33.8 ppb 2015 – 37.3 ppb	37 ppb	Yes	37%
UC #1	2013 – 17.6 ppb 2014 – 20.7 ppb 2015 – 20.6 ppb	20 ppb	Yes	20%

Figure 9-5 shows the NO<sub>2</sub> 1-hour design values for each of the sites with three years of data. The RC Credit Union Site had the highest concentration at 37 ppb or 37% of the standard. The SD School Site recorded the 2nd highest 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> design value at 32 ppb or 32% of the standard. In general the rural areas with background levels have concentrations near the detection level. Rural areas impacted by a large source of NO<sub>2</sub> emissions like at UC #1 recorded higher concentrations than background sites but the levels are still well under the standard.

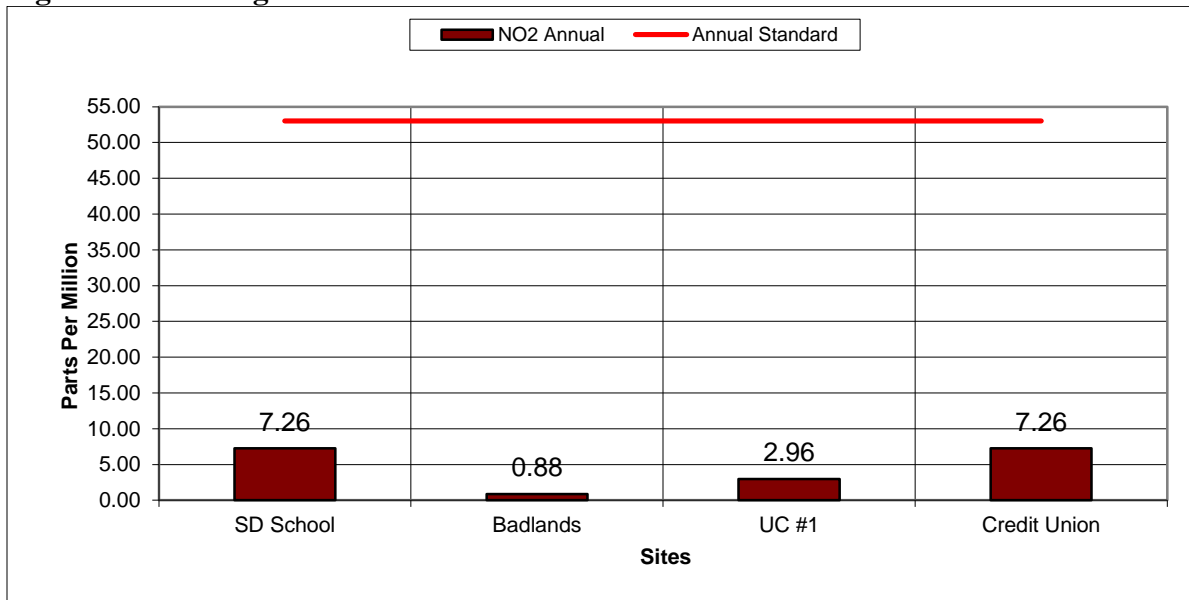
All sites had concentrations under the 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> standard and are attaining the standard using data from 2013 to 2015.

**Figure 9-5 – Nitrogen Dioxide 1-hour Design Values 2015**

### 9.6.2 Nitrogen Dioxide Annual Standard

Figure 9-6 shows the annual average for the four sites operated in 2015. The highest NO<sub>2</sub> annual average was recorded at the RC Credit Union Site and the SD School Site at 7.26 ppb. The Badlands Site remained at about same level near the detection level for the sampling method. In 2015, all four sites attained the annual standard for NO<sub>2</sub>.

**Figure 9-6 – Nitrogen Dioxide Annual Concentration 2015**



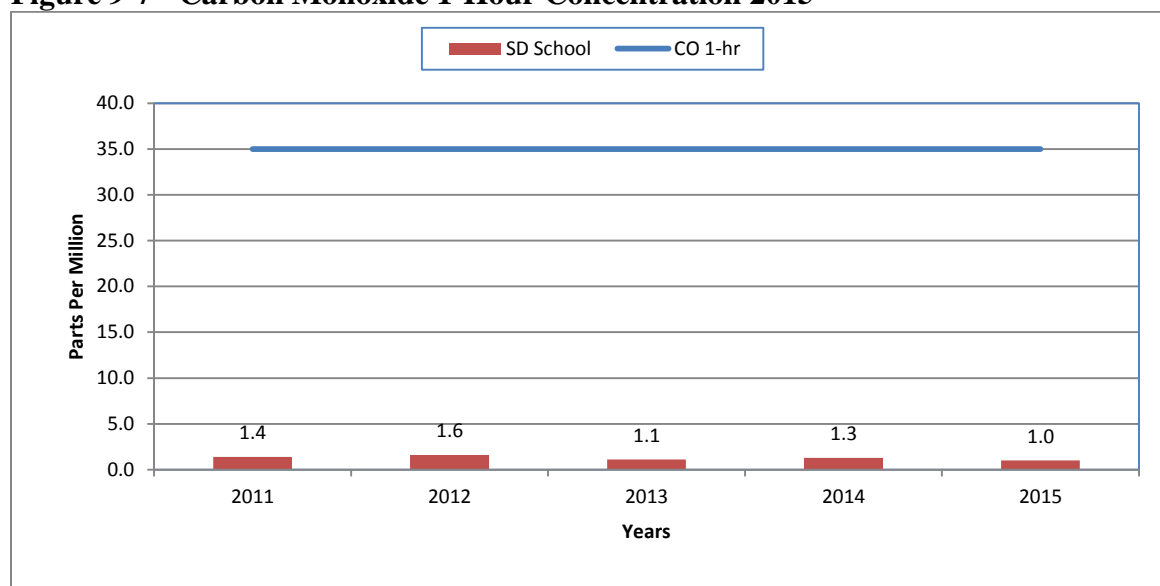
### 9.7 Carbon Monoxide

CO testing has a low priority in South Dakota. South Dakota's low population and traffic numbers on the state's roads keep the potential very low for concentrations near or over the standard.

The CO standard is based on two primary standards in the form of a one-hour and 8-hour average concentration. The department started the operation of the first CO analyzer in January of 2010 at UC #1 Site in Union County. A second analyzer was added to the SD School Site as required by the National Core sampling requirements and began testing at the start of 2011. Three years of testing show low concentrations at the UC #1 Site so testing for CO ended in 2013.

The one-hour standard is 35.0 ppm and is not to be exceeded more than once per year. The highest 1-hour concentration of CO recorded at the SD School Site was 1.0 ppm in 2015. Figure 9-7 shows the CO 1-hour maximum concentrations for the SD School Site from 2011 through 2015. The CO concentrations are very low. The CO data shows the area is attaining the 1-hour NAAQS.

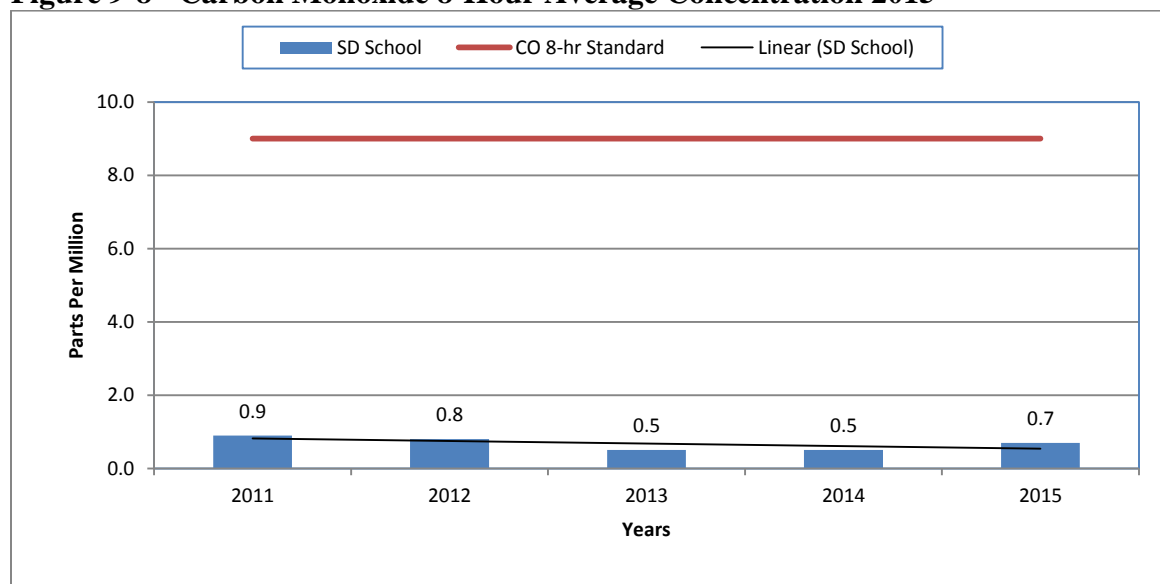
**Figure 9-7 - Carbon Monoxide 1-Hour Concentration 2015**



The other standard is an 8-hour average concentration of 9.0 ppm, not to be exceeded more than once per year. The highest 8-hour average recorded at the SD School Site was 0.7 ppm in 2015. The CO concentrations are very low so the area is attaining the NAAQS. Figure 9-8 shows the CO maximum 8-hour average concentrations from the SD School Site from 2011 to 2015.

The CO concentrations at the SD School Site represent urban areas being collected in an area that has some of the highest traffic counts in the state. Future sampling may be limited to the collection of a year of data to determine background and population exposure.

**Figure 9-8 - Carbon Monoxide 8-Hour Average Concentration 2015**



## 9.8 2015 High Concentrations Summary

Evaluating high concentration days are important because they affect the design values and need to be considered when evaluating the data results for each year. A conceptual theory on what caused the high concentrations can be formed and further developed in future years. In some cases, if local sources are causing the problem, early actions can be taken to reduce concentration levels and further protect public health from high levels. As EPA revises the national standards lower, information on the cause of the high concentration day needs to be collected soon after the event instead of three years after a standard revision. In some cases, the information may show long range transport or an exceptional event.

The department defined high concentration days as days where the concentration was 90% or greater than the applicable standard. The evaluation of high concentration day for each parameter is as follows:

1. Ozone  $\geq$  0.063 ppm 8-hour average
2. PM<sub>2.5</sub>  $\geq$  32 ug/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hour average
3. PM<sub>2.5</sub>  $\geq$  10.8 ug/m<sup>3</sup> annual average
4. PM<sub>10</sub>  $\geq$  135 ug/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hour average
5. NO<sub>2</sub>  $\geq$  90.0 ppb 1-hour max
6. SO<sub>2</sub>  $\geq$  67.0 ppb 1-hour max
7. CO  $\geq$  8.1 ppm 8-hour average
8. CO  $\geq$  31.5 ppm 1-hour max

A review of the data showed no high concentrations days at the following sites in 2015: Black Hawk and RC Library. None of the recorded samples at any of the locations throughout the state for PM<sub>2.5</sub> (annual), SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and CO had levels that exceeded the high concentration day listed above for these pollutants.

In 2015, PM<sub>2.5</sub> was the pollutant with the most high concentration days. There were high concentrations at all the PM<sub>2.5</sub> sites except the RC Library site. All eight sites with continuous monitors had a high concentration day on July 6, 2016. The high PM<sub>2.5</sub> readings are shown in Table 9-7.

**Table 9-7 – 2015 High PM<sub>2.5</sub> Readings**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Concentration (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
Wind Cave	Continuous	4/13/15	42.4
Aberdeen	Manual	6/29/15	32.4
SD School	Continuous	6/29/15	36.5
UC #1	Continuous	6/29/15	38.5
UC #1	Continuous	6/30/15	32.1
SD School	Continuous	6/30/15	32.3
RC Credit Union	Continuous	7/1/15	34.9
Badlands	Continuous	7/3/15	37.4
Pierre Airport	Continuous	7/3/15	41.8
RC Credit Union	Continuous	7/5/15	33.8
UC #1	Continuous	7/6/15	36.8
RC Credit Union	Continuous	7/6/15	42.1
SD School	Continuous	7/6/15	44.7
Brookings Research Farm	Continuous	7/6/15	46.9
Watertown	Continuous	7/6/15	50.7
Wind Cave	Continuous	7/6/15	48.5
Badlands	Continuous	7/6/15	52.0
Pierre Airport	Continuous	7/6/15	57.0
RC Credit Union	Continuous	7/7/15	34.7
RC Credit Union	Continuous	8/28/15	43.2
Badlands	Continuous	8/29/15	33.1
RC Credit Union	Continuous	8/29/15	35.3

Figures 9-9 to 9-28 show the AirNow and AirNow Tech maps for the days having high PM<sub>2.5</sub> readings. The AirNow Tech maps show smoke plumes on many of the maps and all sites and days were affected by fires either in Canada or from the west coast fires.

Figure 9-9 – AirNow Map for 4/13/15

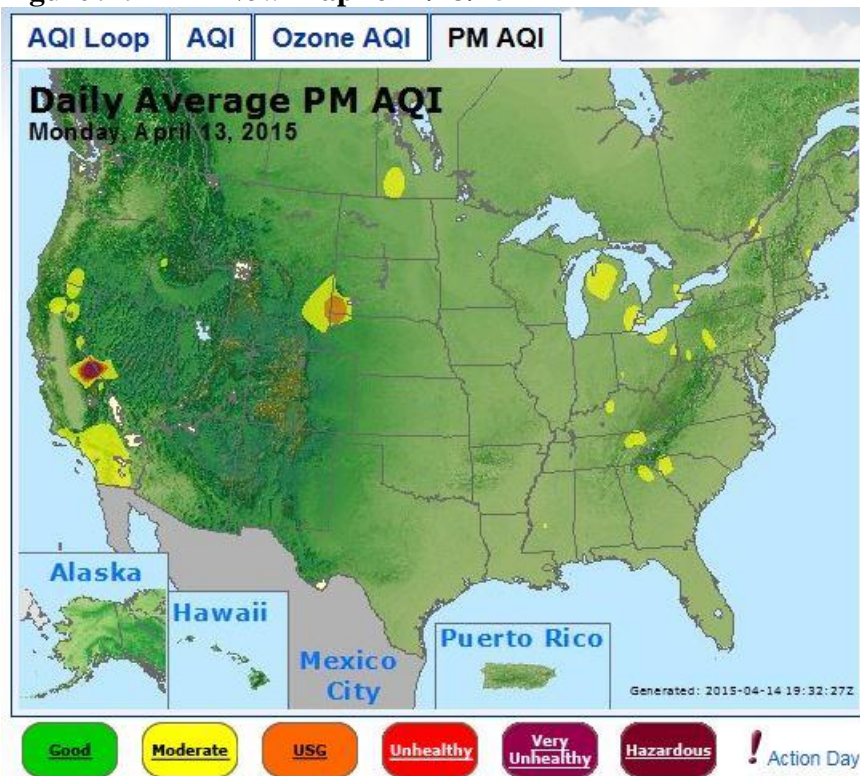


Figure 9-10 – AirNow Tech Map for 4/13/2015

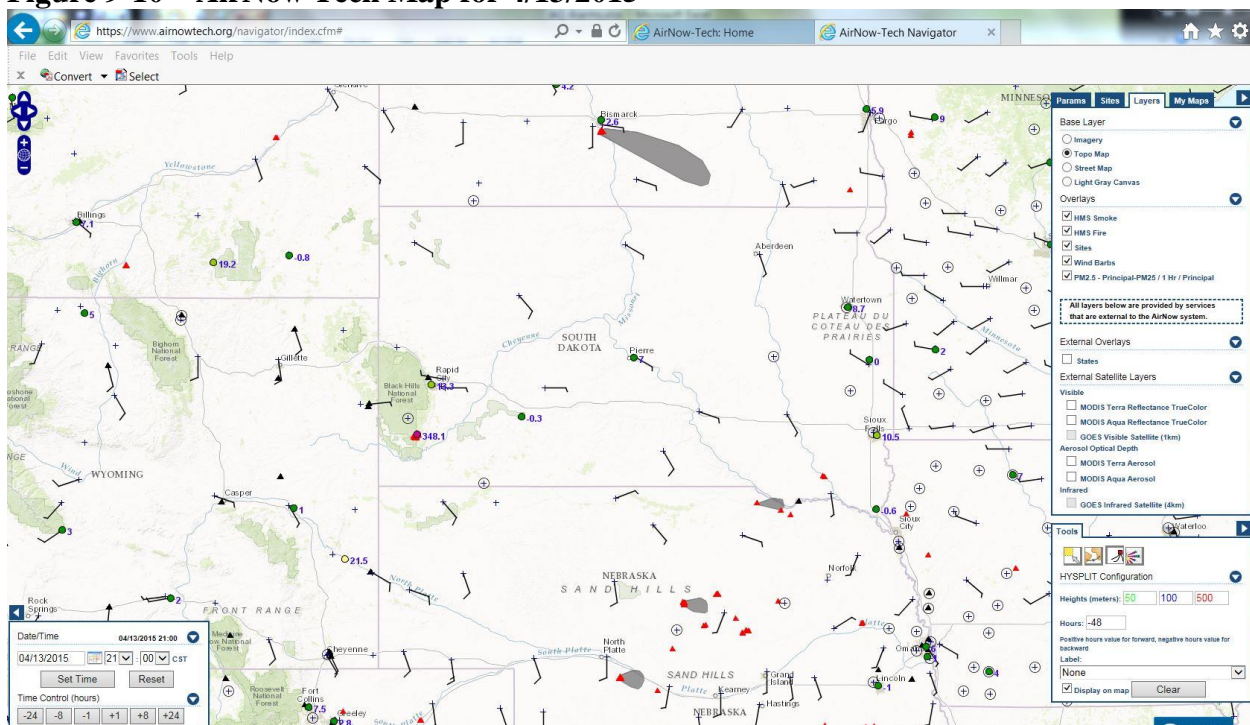




Figure 9-11 – AirNow Map for 6/29/15

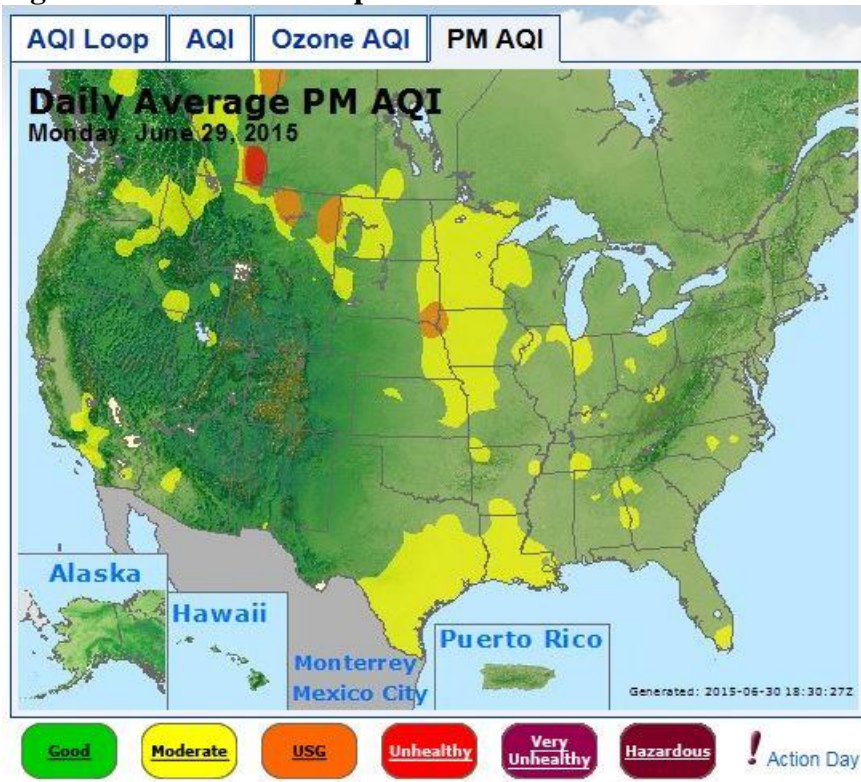


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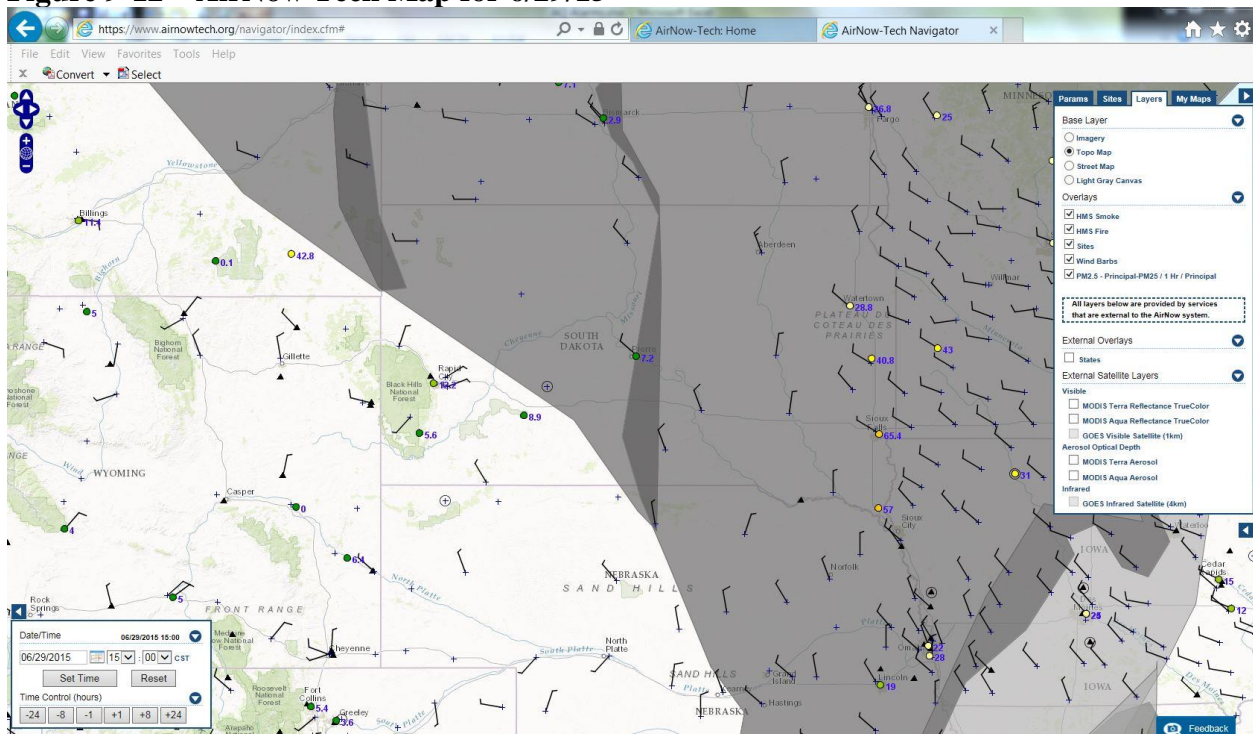


Figure 9-13 – AirNow Map for 6/30/15

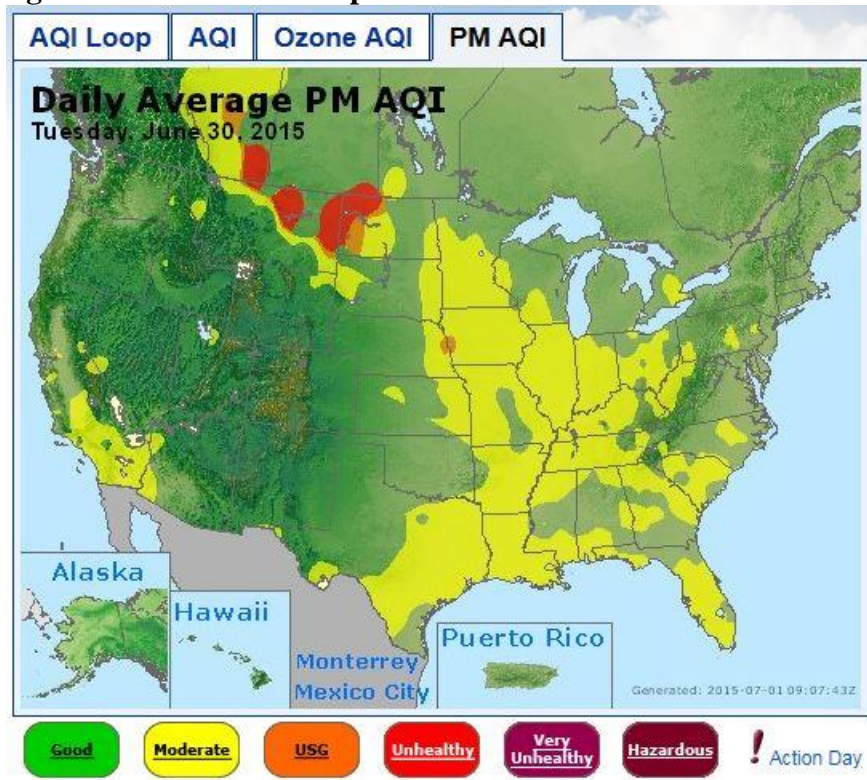


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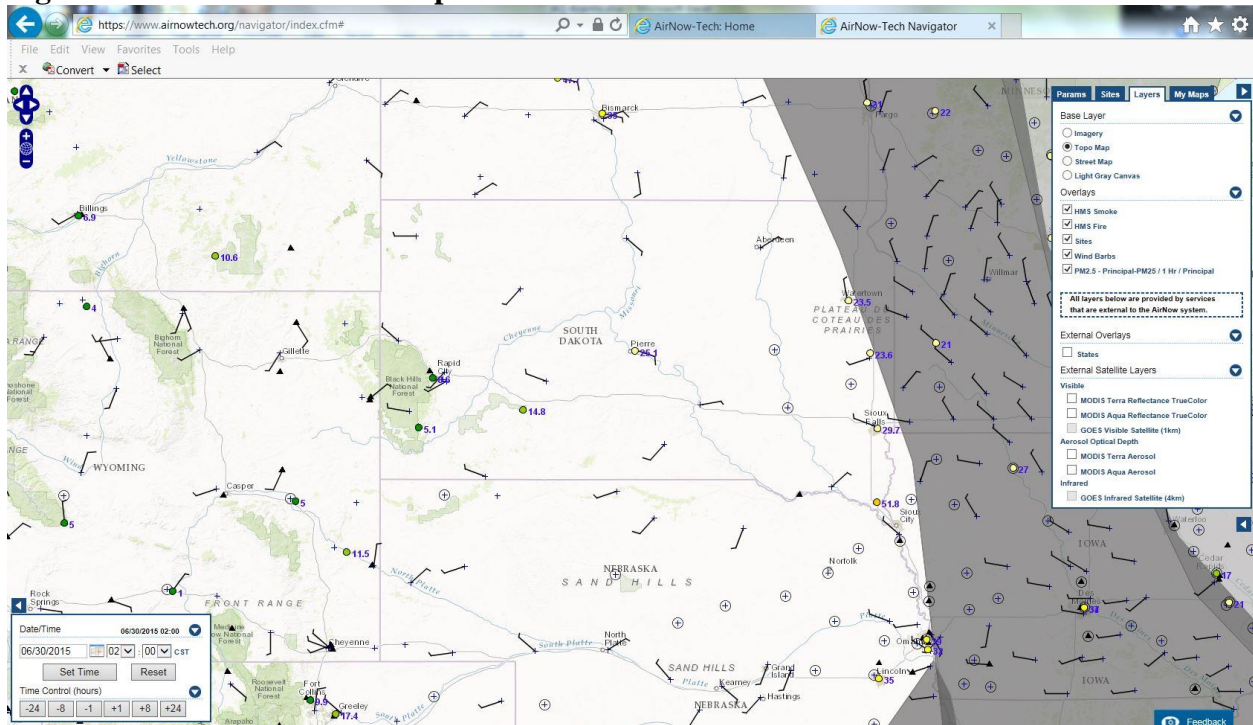




Figure 9-15 – AirNow Map for 7/1/15

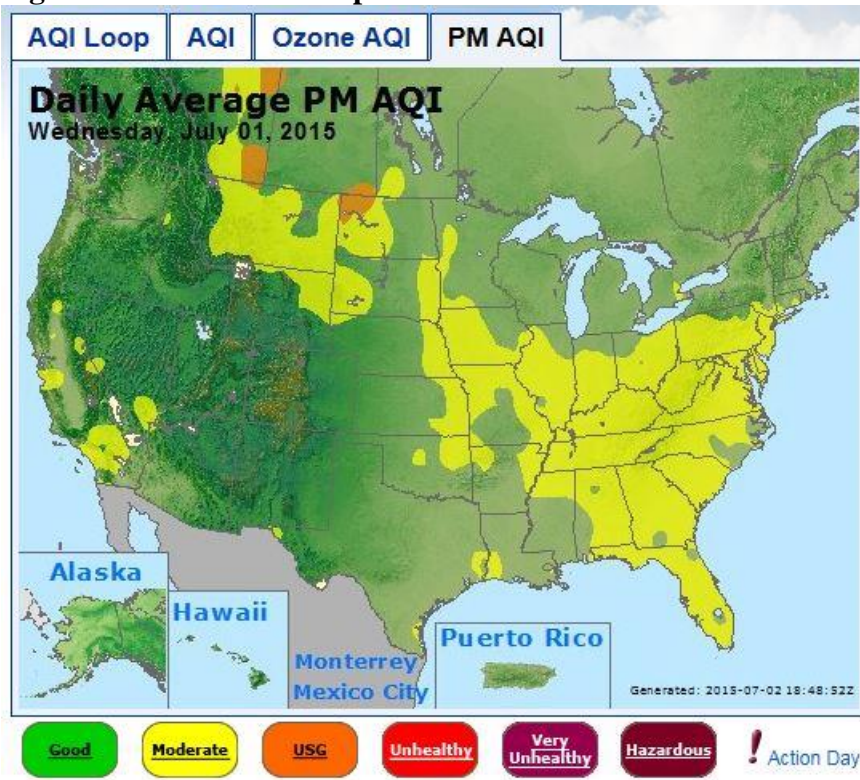


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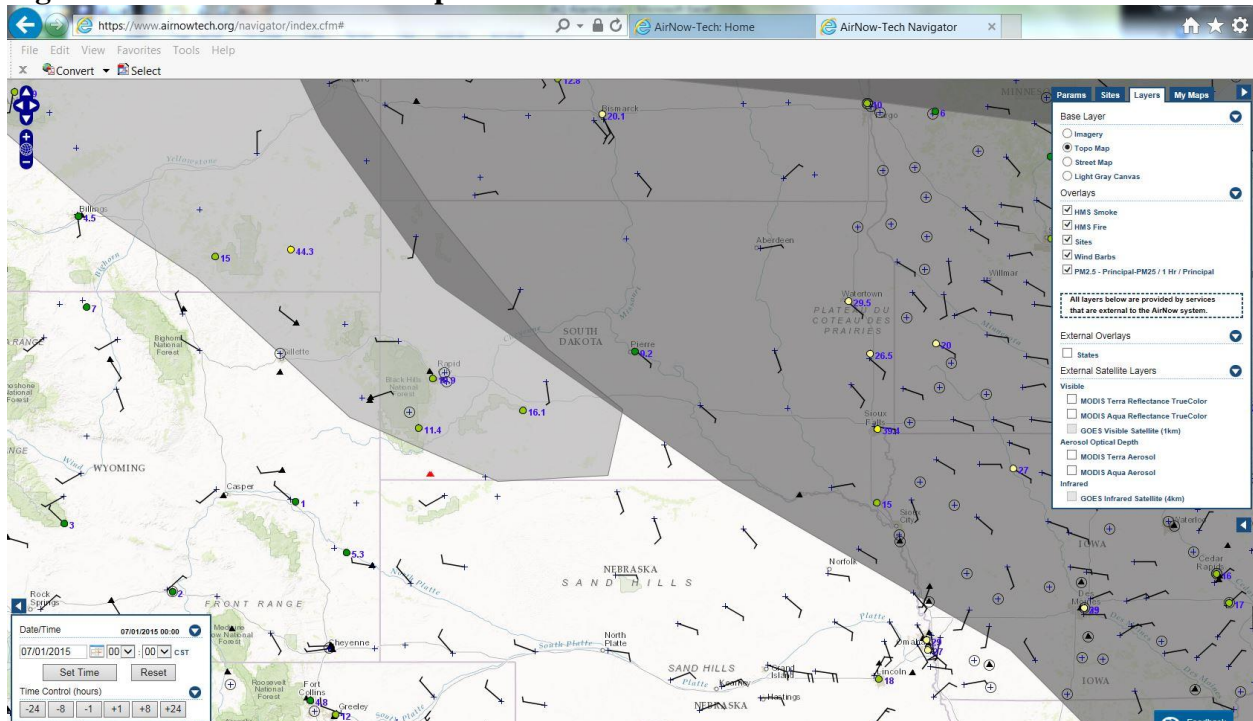


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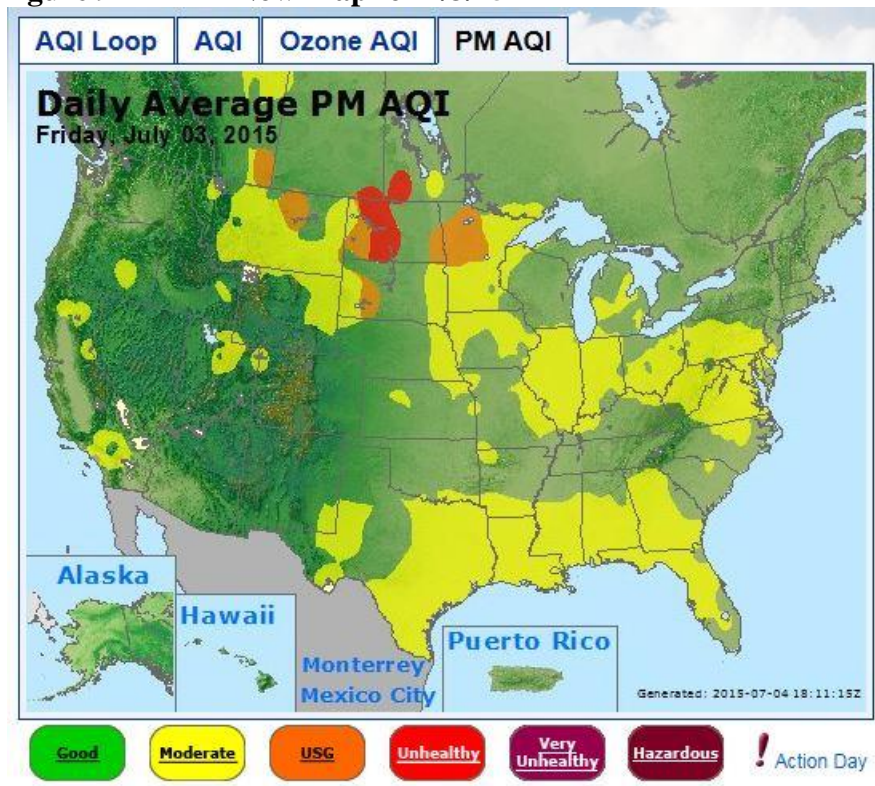


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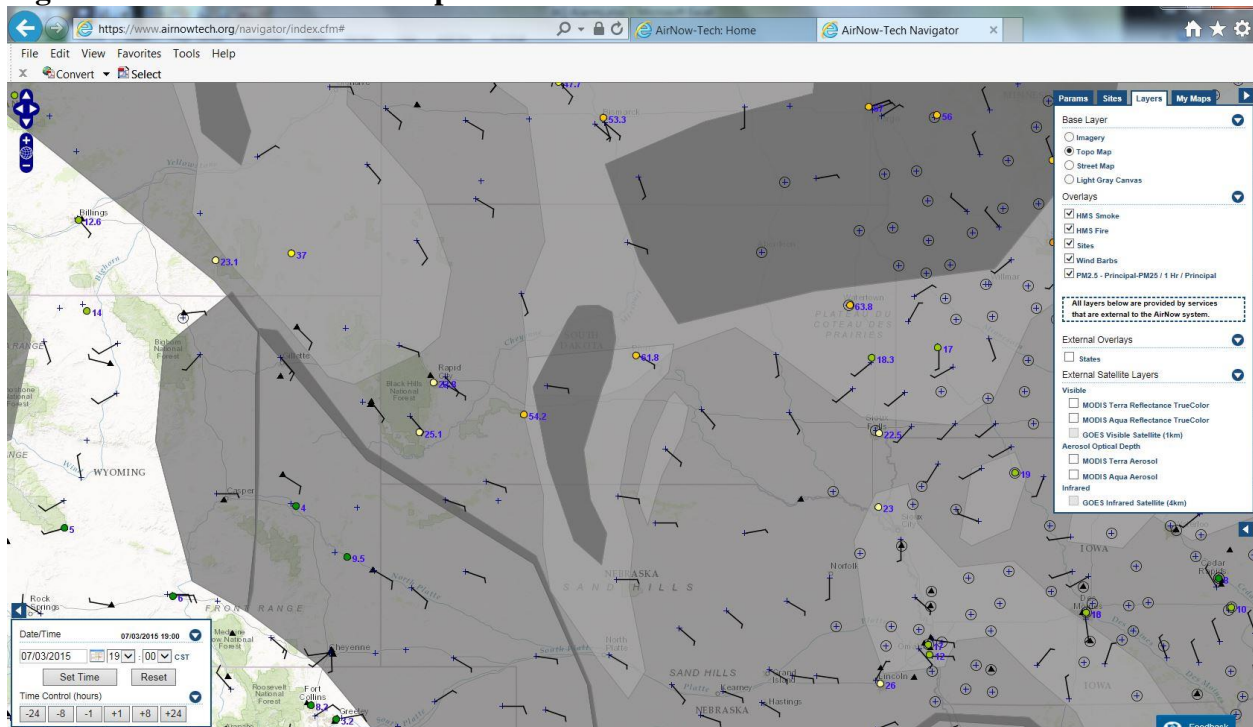




Figure 9-19 – AirNow Map for 7/5/15

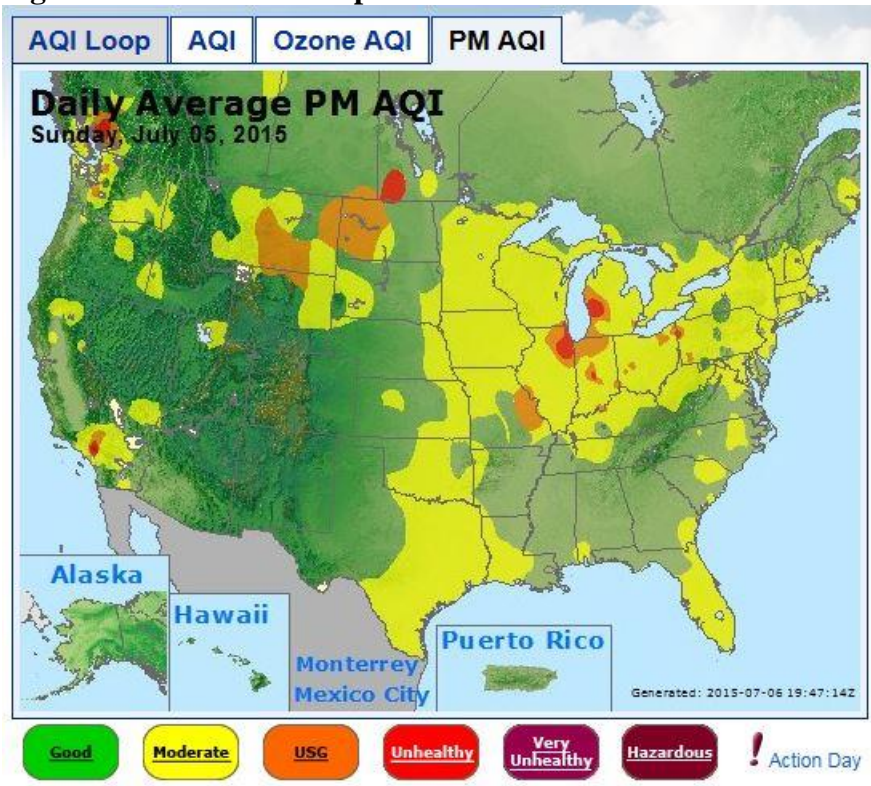


Figure 9-20 – AirNow Tech Map for 7/5/15

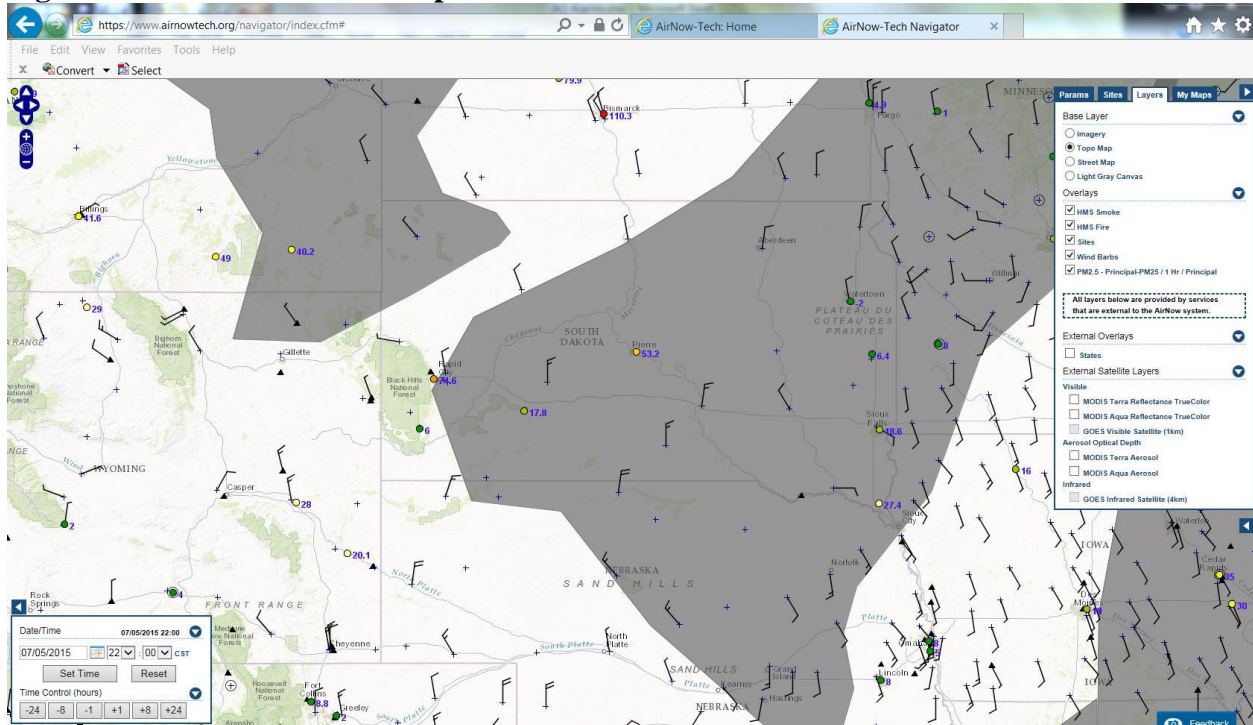


Figure 9-21 - AirNow Map for 7/6/15

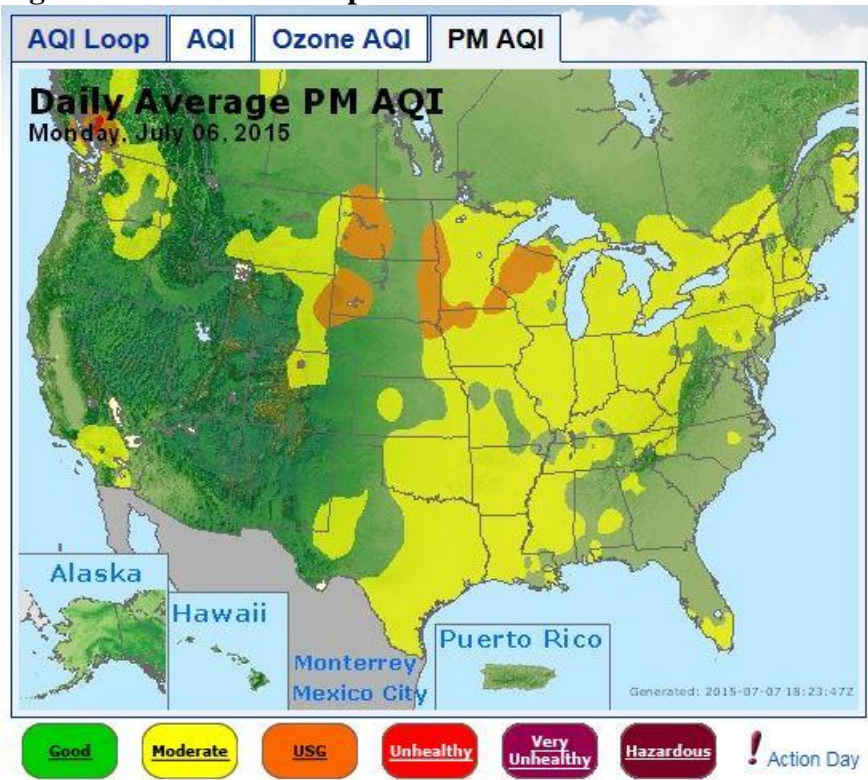


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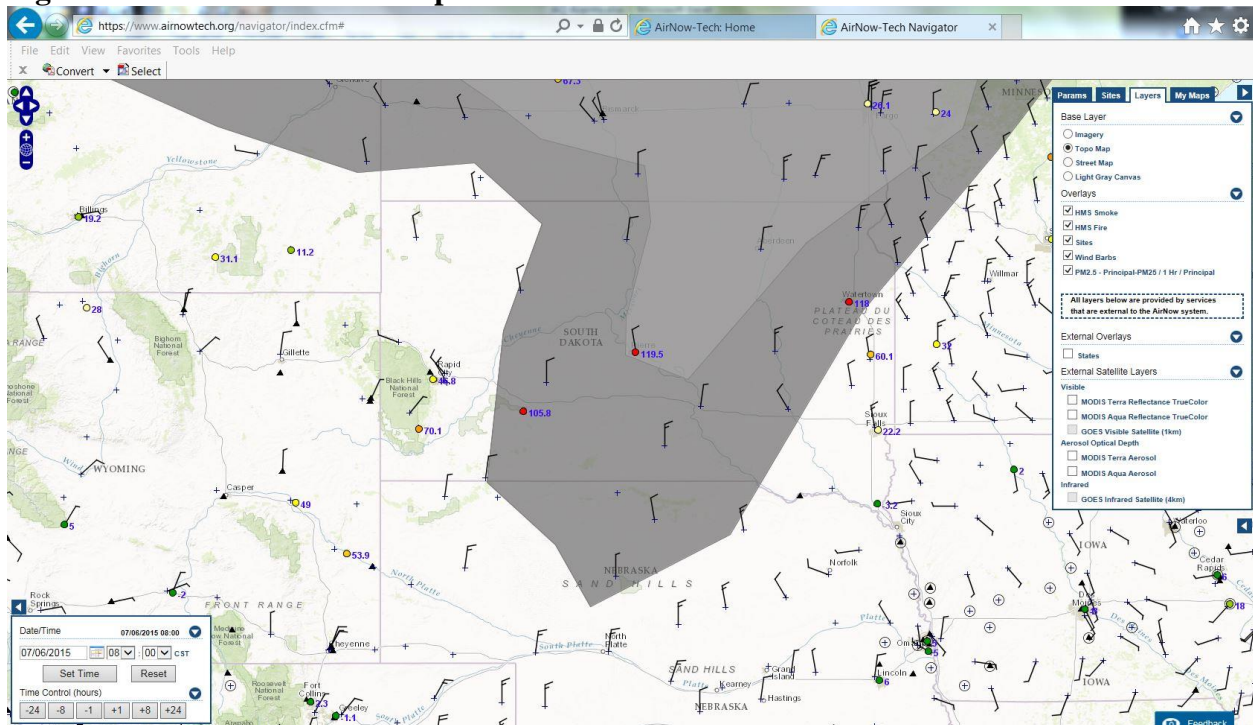
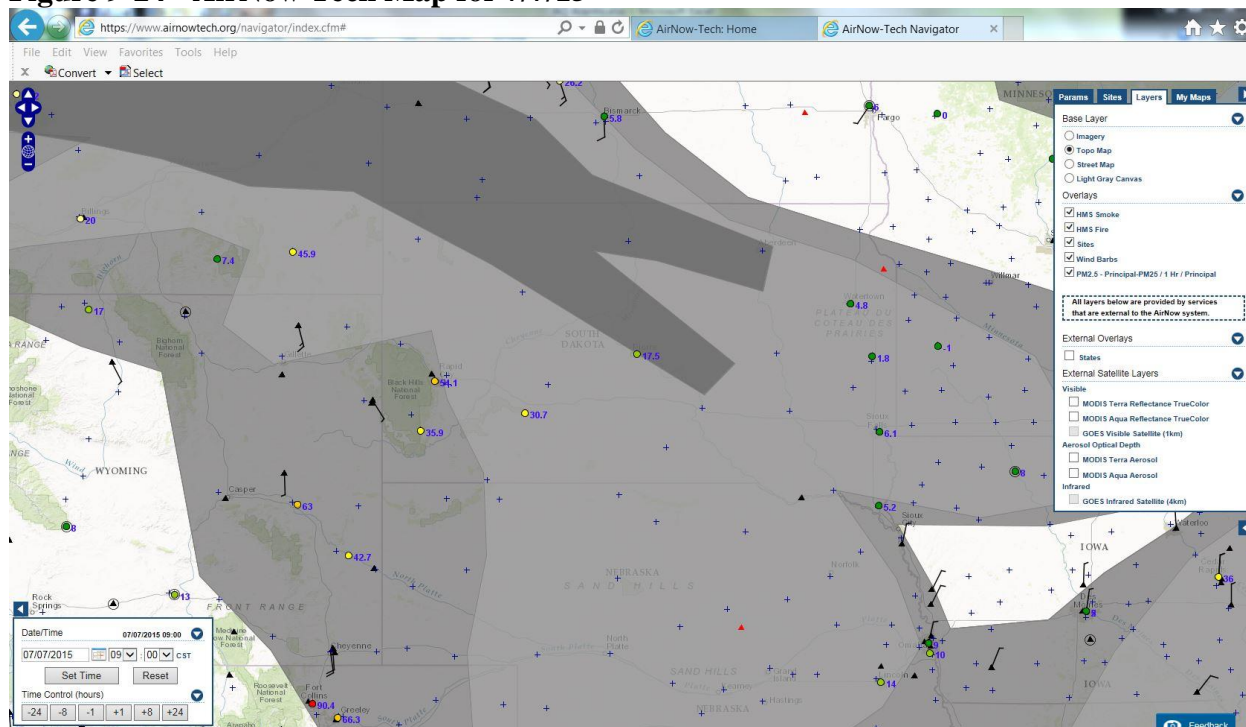




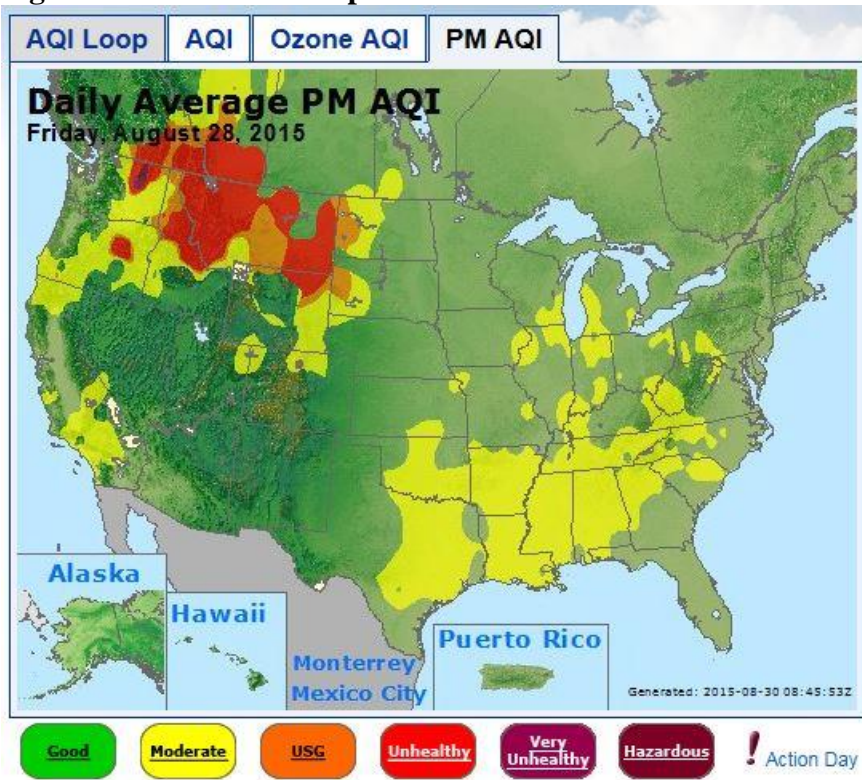
Figure 9-23 - AirNow Map for 7/7/15



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**Figure 9-25 - AirNow Map for 8/28/15**



**Figure 9-26 - AirNow Tech Map for 8/28/15**

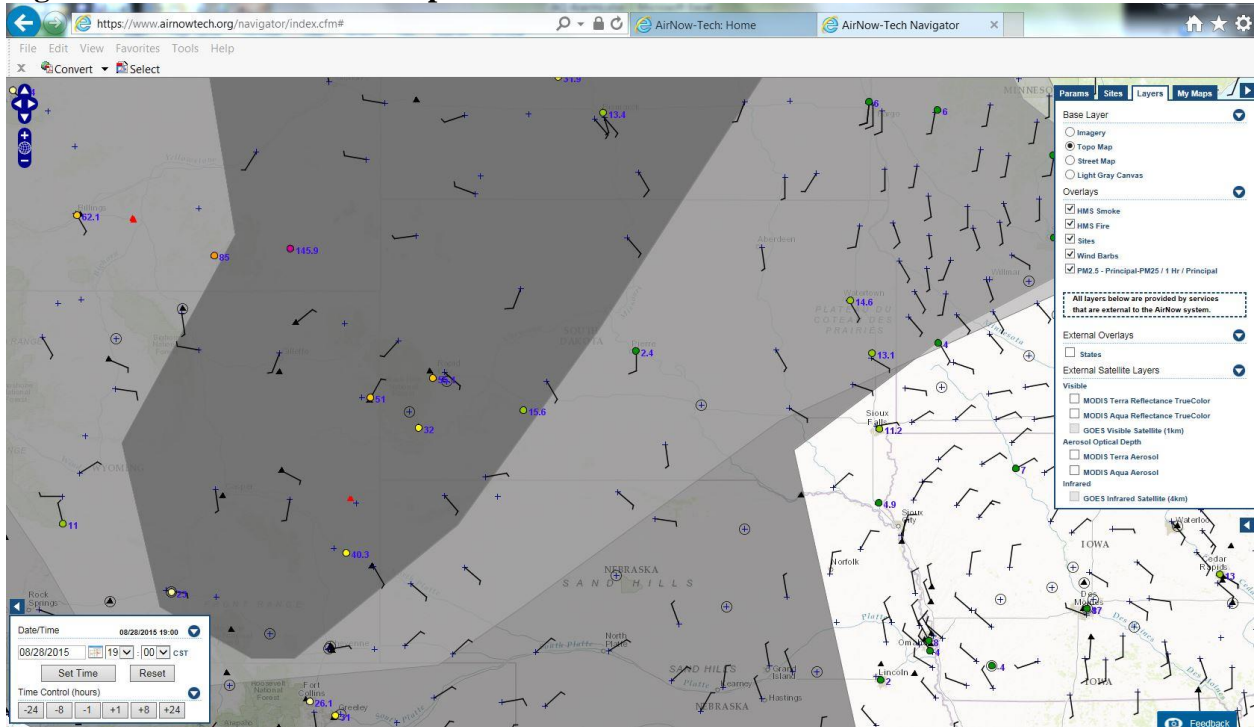




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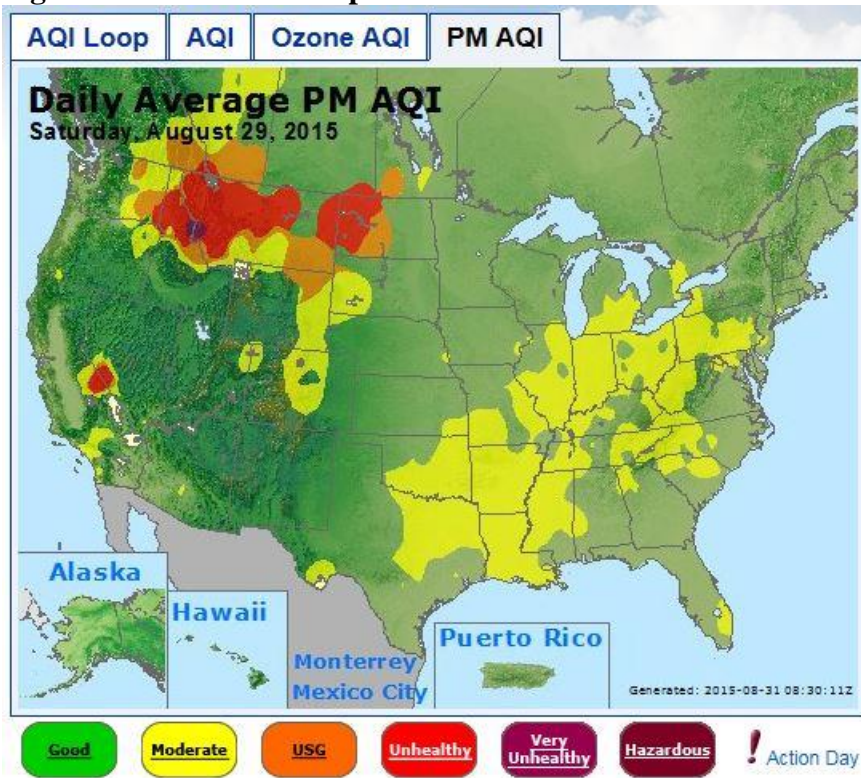
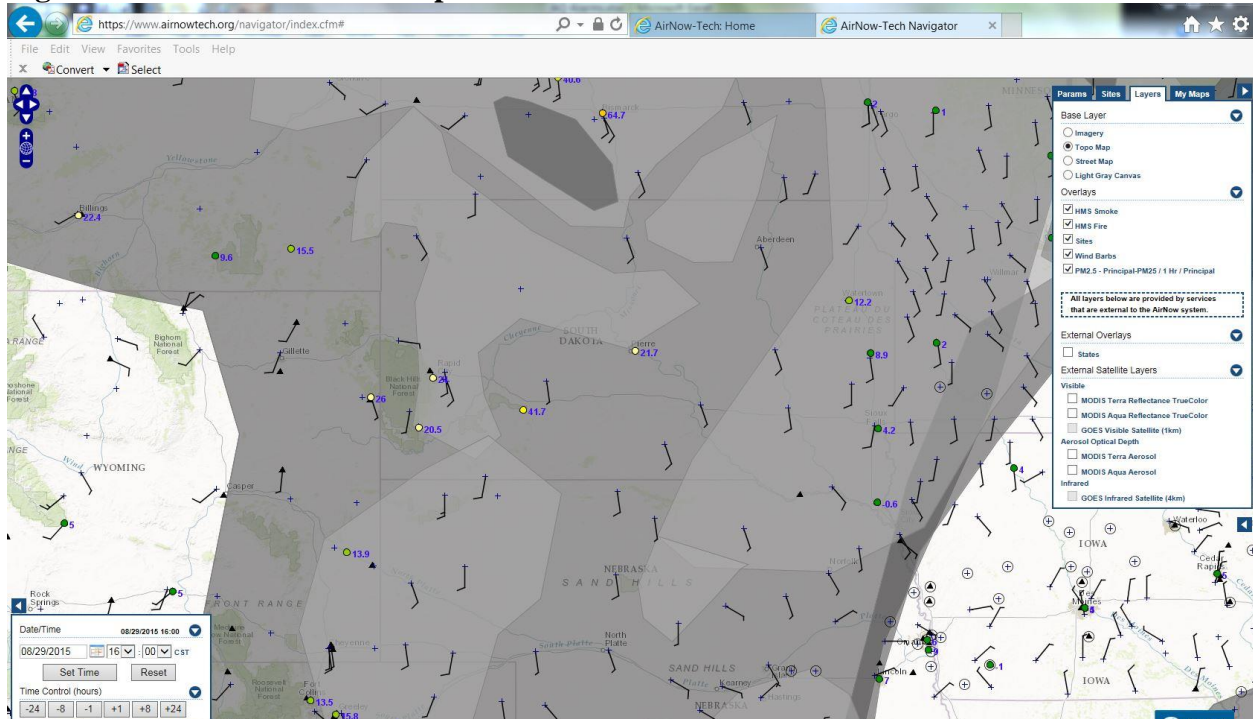


Figure 9-28 – AirNow Tech Map for 8/29/15



During 2015, there were five high concentration days for Ozone and all of them were at sites on the eastern part of the state. The highest concentration day occurred May 27<sup>th</sup> at the SD School Site in Sioux Falls with an 8-hour average of 0.077 ppm. The Brookings Research Farm Site in Brookings County also had a high concentration of 0.072 ppm on that day. Both sites had concentrations greater than the ozone 8-hour standard. Figures 9-29 and 9-38 show the AirNow and AirNow Tech maps for the days with a high ozone concentration. In most cases, the maps again show smoke plumes in the area.

**Table 9-8 - 2015 High Ozone Readings**

<b>Monitor</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Concentration (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>
Brookings Research Farm	5/2/15	0.063
Brookings Research Farm	5/13/15	0.064
UC #1	5/27/15	0.069
Brookings Research Farm	5/27/15	0.072
SD School	5/27/15	0.077
Brookings Research Farm	6/8/15	0.064
SD School	6/8/15	0.068
SD School	6/21/15	0.064

Figure 9-29 - AirNow Map for 5/2/15

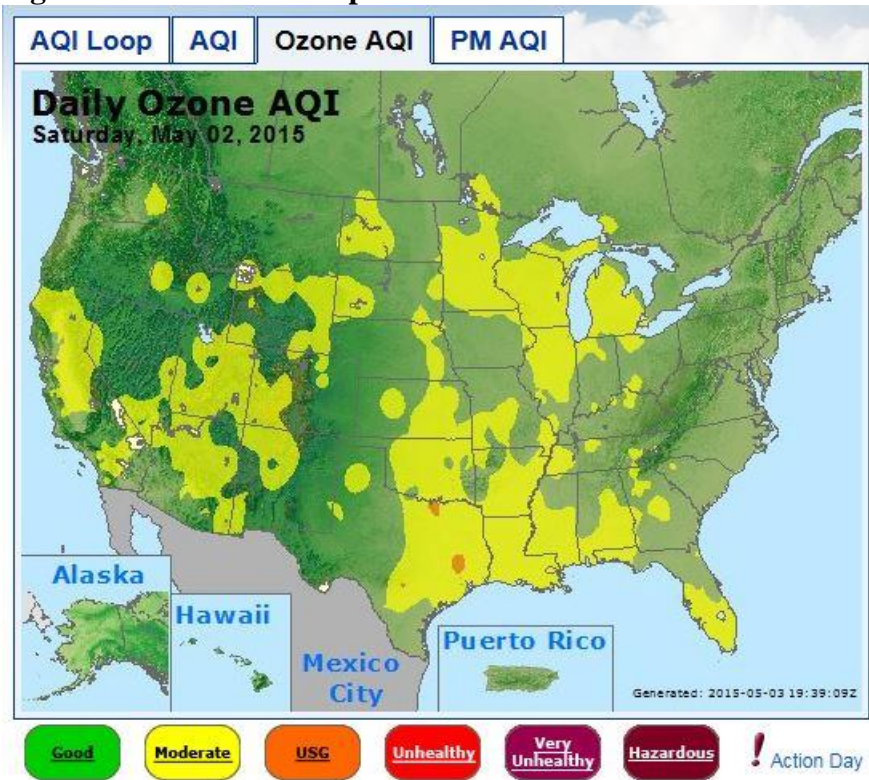


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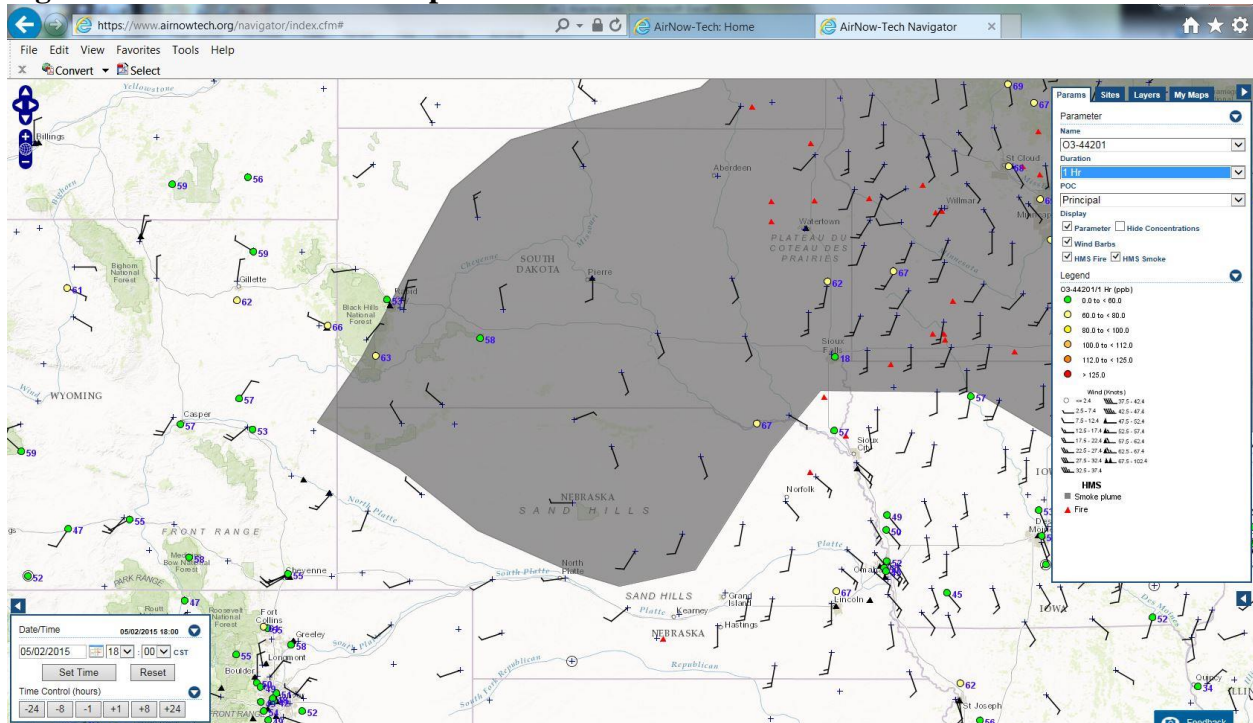




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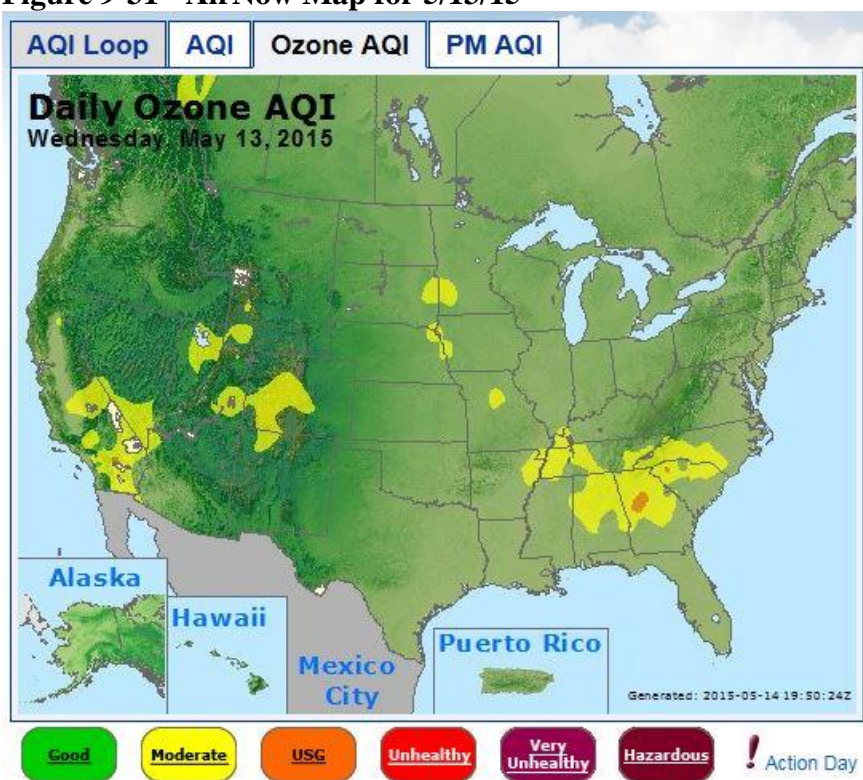


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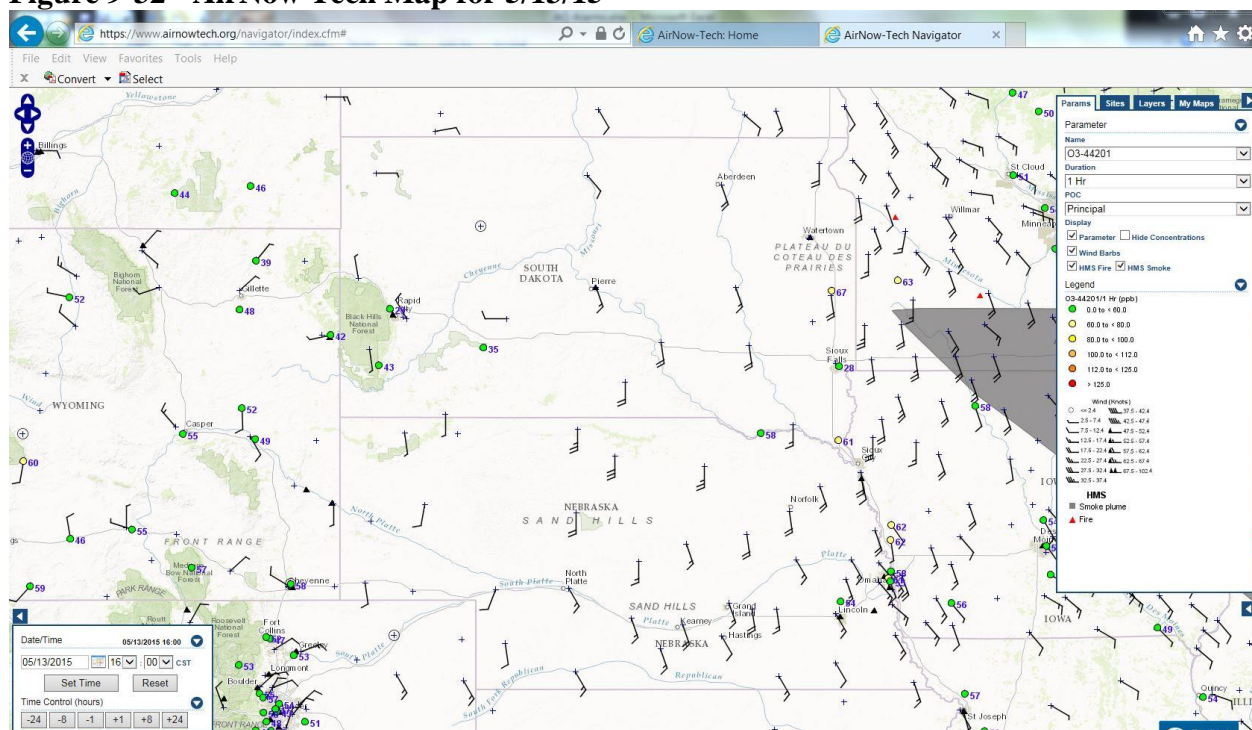


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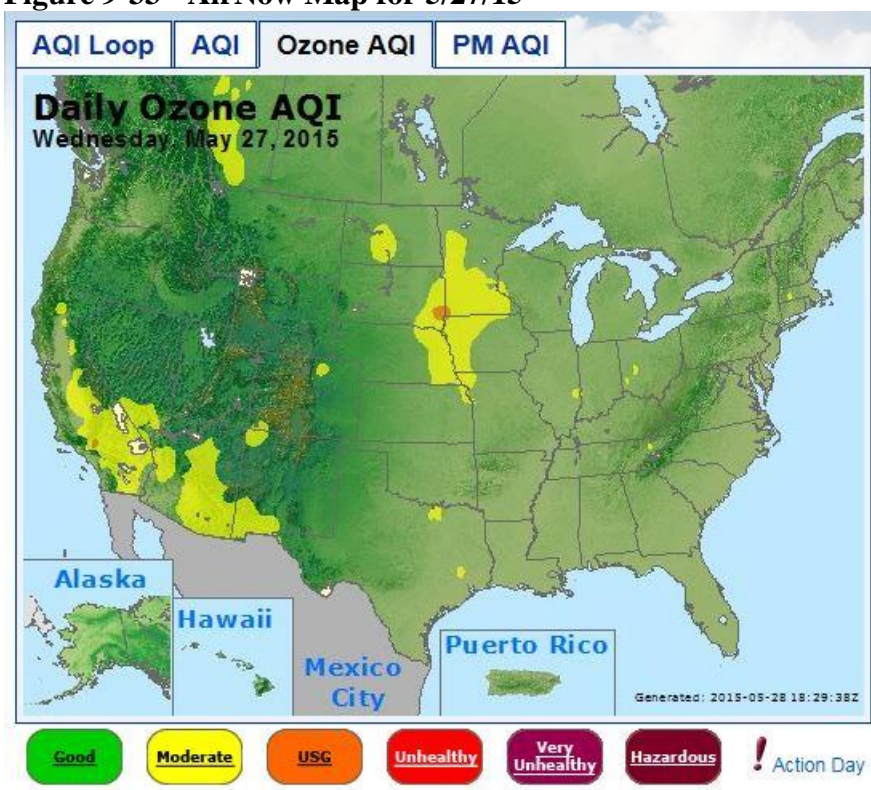


Figure 9-34 - AirNow Tech Map for 5/27/15

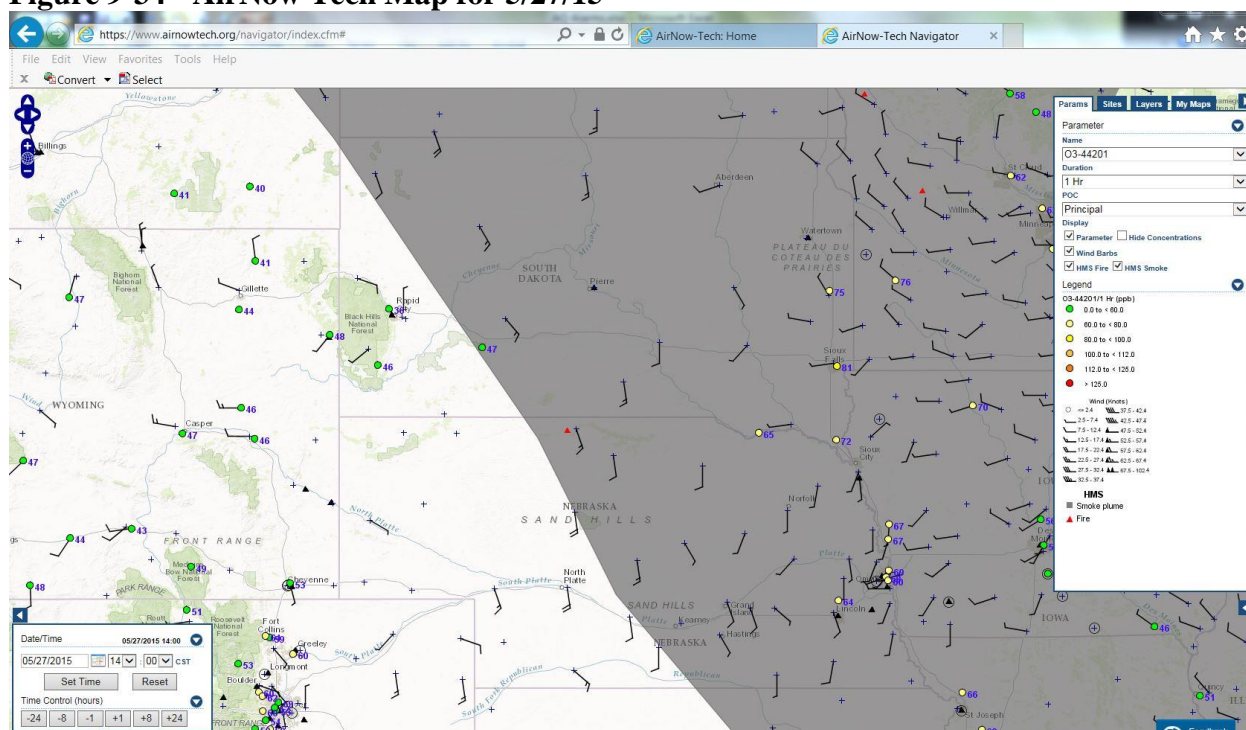




Figure 9-35 - AirNow Map for 6/8/15

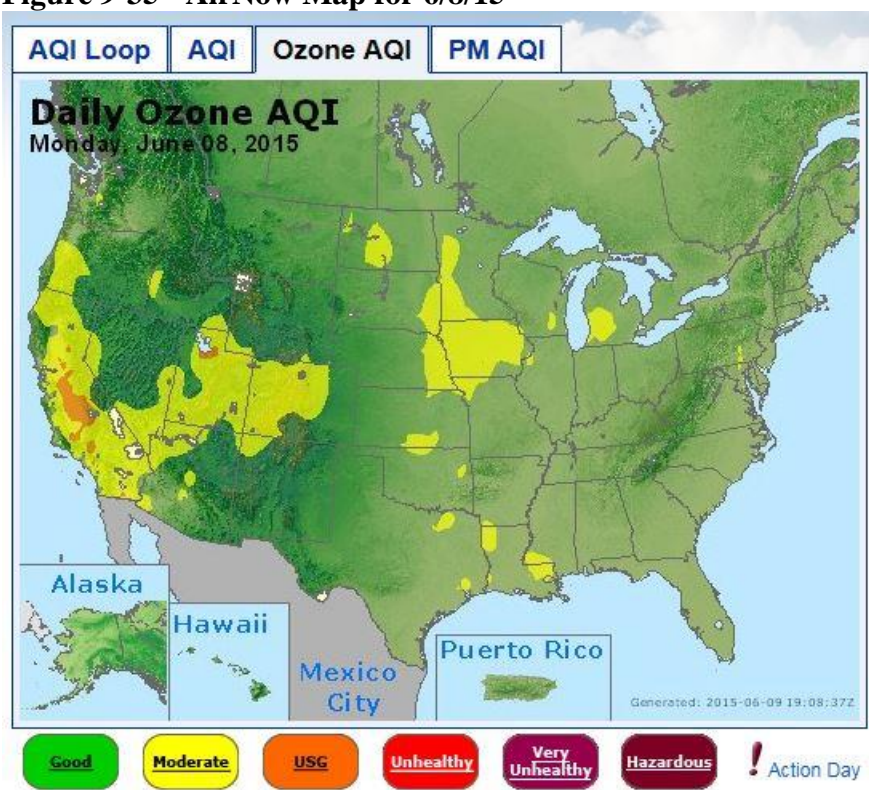


Figure 9-36 - AirNow Tech Map for 6/8/15

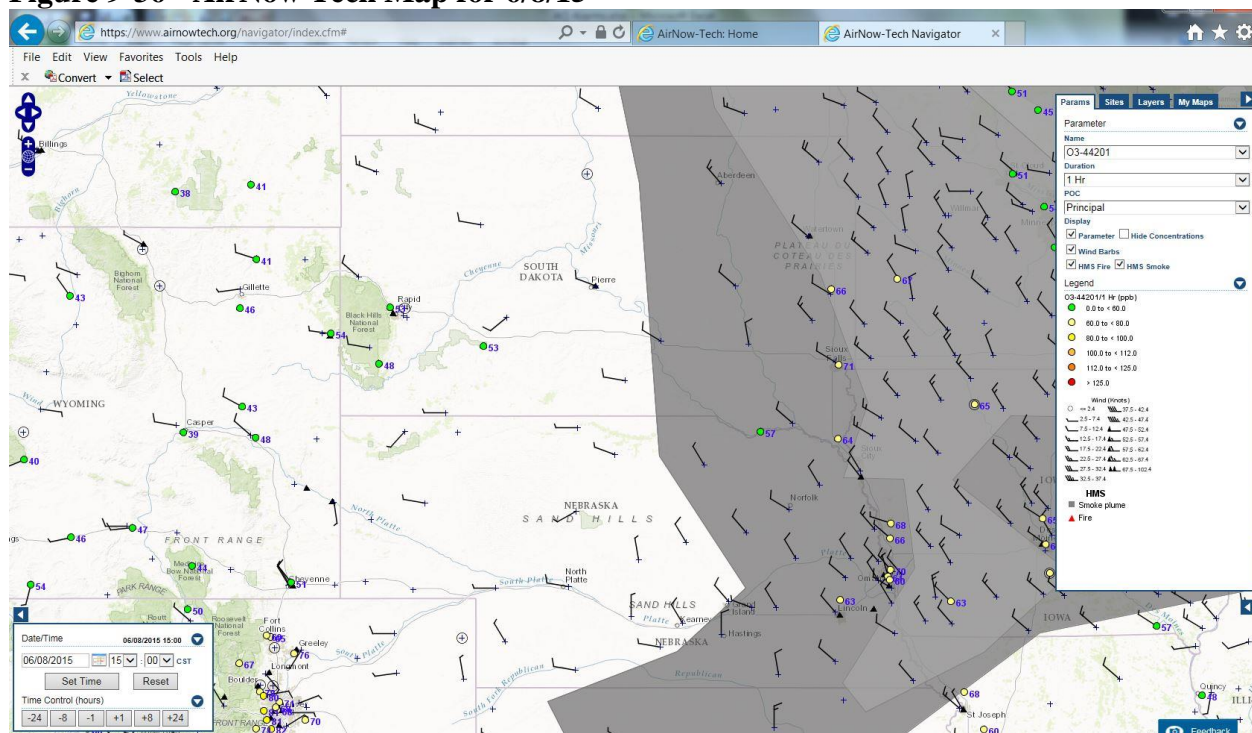
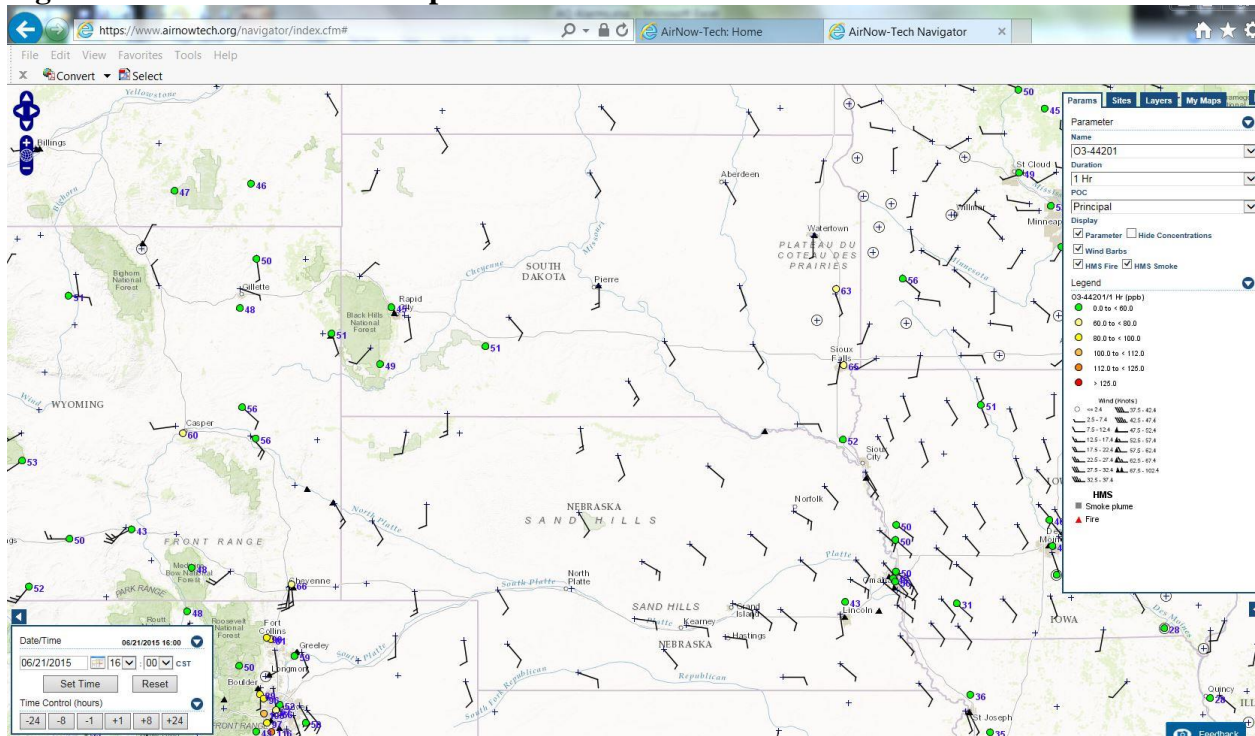


Figure 9-37 - AirNow Map for 6/21/15



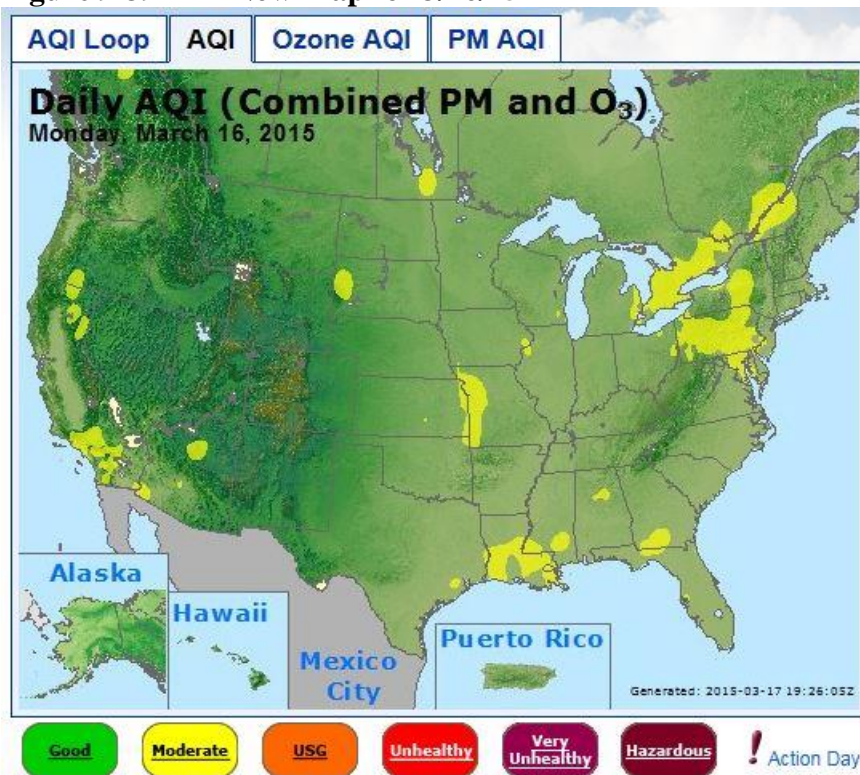
Figure 9-38 - AirNow Tech Map for 6/21/15





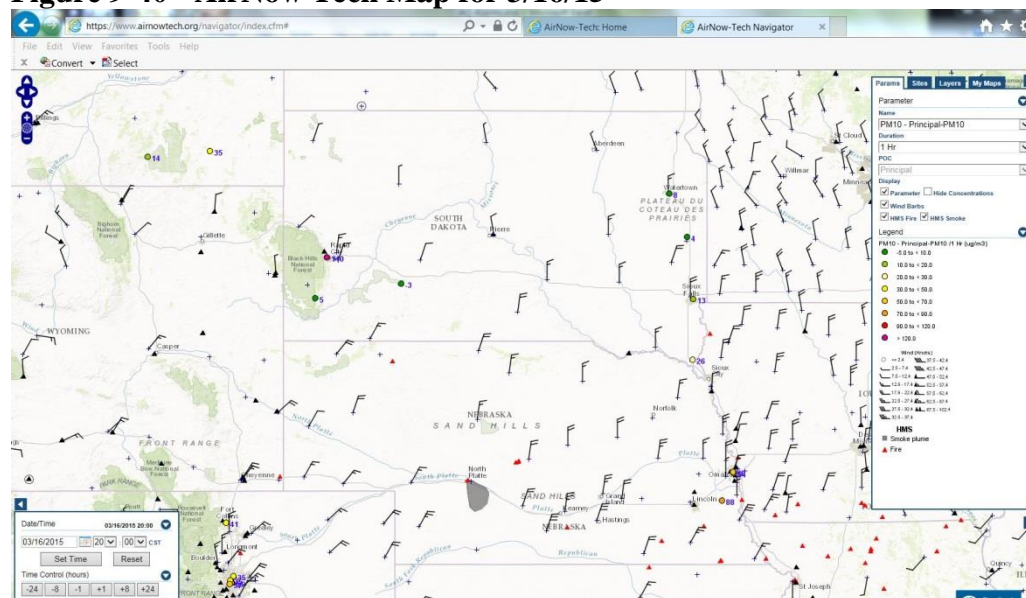
During 2015, there was one high concentration day for PM<sub>10</sub>. The high concentration day occurred at the RC Credit Union Site with a 24-hr average of 163 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. A High Wind Dust Alert was called for the Rapid City area. The day met the criteria for a high wind event for hourly average wind speed, and rain fall less than 5 days before event as specified by the Rapid City Natural Events Action Plan. Maximum wind gust was 35.7 miles per hour less than 40 mph but still caused significant wind erosion. Figures 9-39 and 9-40 show the AirNow and AirNow Tech maps for the high concentration day.

**Figure 9-39 - AirNow Map for 3/16/15**





**Figure 9-40 - AirNow Tech Map for 3/16/15**



## 10.0 AIR MONITORING SITE TRENDS

This section will evaluate each air monitoring site in the network, determine if the site will continue and examine trends for each pollutant. Through this evaluation a determination is made if site goals are being met and if each testing parameter is needed at the site. This section also has site specific information tables including AQS ID #, location, operation, data use, sampling schedule, monitoring objectives, spatial scale, and sampling and analytical methods required as part of the annual plan requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

### 10.1 Rapid City Area

The Rapid City area had a total of two monitoring sites collecting data in 2015. The high concentration site for PM<sub>10</sub> was located at the RC Credit Union Site and a continuous PM<sub>10</sub> monitor was used to determine compliance with the NAAQS standards. In addition, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> analyzers were operated to determine current concentration levels. The RC Library Site has manual Andersen PM<sub>10</sub> and Partisol 2000 PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors collecting 24-hour data using a filter based gravimetric sampling method.

In cooperation with the City, County, and industry, the department is implementing a Natural Events Action Plan for the Rapid City area. Part of this plan is to alert the public of the potential of high dust levels caused by high winds and to advise the public of precautions to take during the high wind events. Under this plan high wind dust alerts are called when the following forecast conditions occur:

1. Hourly wind speeds exceed 20 miles per hour;
2. Peak wind gusts are greater than 40 miles per hour; and

3. Five consecutive days of 0.02 inches or less of precipitation each day excluding dry snow.

During 2015, a total of 14 high wind dust alerts were called for the Rapid City area. One on March 16, 2015 exceeded the PM<sub>10</sub> 24-hour standard with a concentration of 163 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. The Natural Events Action Plan for the Rapid City area is working to maintain PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations below the NAAQS during the high wind events on most days but still concentrations can exceed the standard.

In the fall of 2008, a surface water quality problem was found when Rapid Valley began using Rapid Creek for a drinking water source. Testing indicated high levels of chlorides during snow melt events caused the drinking water to smell and the water treatment plant had to stop producing drinking water until chloride levels dropped. Testing indicated liquid deicer used on the streets during snow and ice events was causing the problem. The city of Rapid City began a process of reducing the use of liquid deicer and increasing the use of river sand in the eastern and south eastern parts of Rapid City to help reduce chloride levels in Rapid Creek. The department is working with Rapid City to determine which streets can be changed from chemical deicer to sand so air quality levels have not been affected. Currently, the changes in sanding material at these locations in the city have not cause high concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub>.

An attainment designation was requested in for PM<sub>10</sub> and was approved by EPA for the Rapid City area in 2006. An attainment designation for the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard was requested for the Rapid City area in 2008 and for the annual standard in 2014. EPA designated Pennington and Meade Counties as attainment/unclassifiable for both the 24-hour and the annual standards.

#### **10.1.1 RC Library Site**

The RC Library Site is located on the library building in Rapid City. The site was established in 1972, and it is the oldest sampling site in South Dakota still operating. The site is geographically located in the downtown area of the city east of the hogback and in the Rapid Creek river valley. The site purpose is to evaluate population exposure, fugitive dust controls, the success of the street sanding and sweeping methods employed by the city of Rapid City and general concentration levels in the eastern part of the city. Figure 10-1 shows a picture of the RC Library Site.

**Figure 10-1 – RC Library Site**



PM<sub>10</sub> sampling began at the site in 1985. The PM<sub>10</sub> Hi-vol monitors were replaced as planned at the start of 2016 with Partisol 2000 monitors. The change in monitoring equipment will bring the monitor flows rates to the similar rate for both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors were added to the site in 1999. In 2012, the Andersen RAAS 100 PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors were replaced with R&P Partisol 2000i monitors. Table 10-1 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Table 10-1 – RC Library Site Specifics**

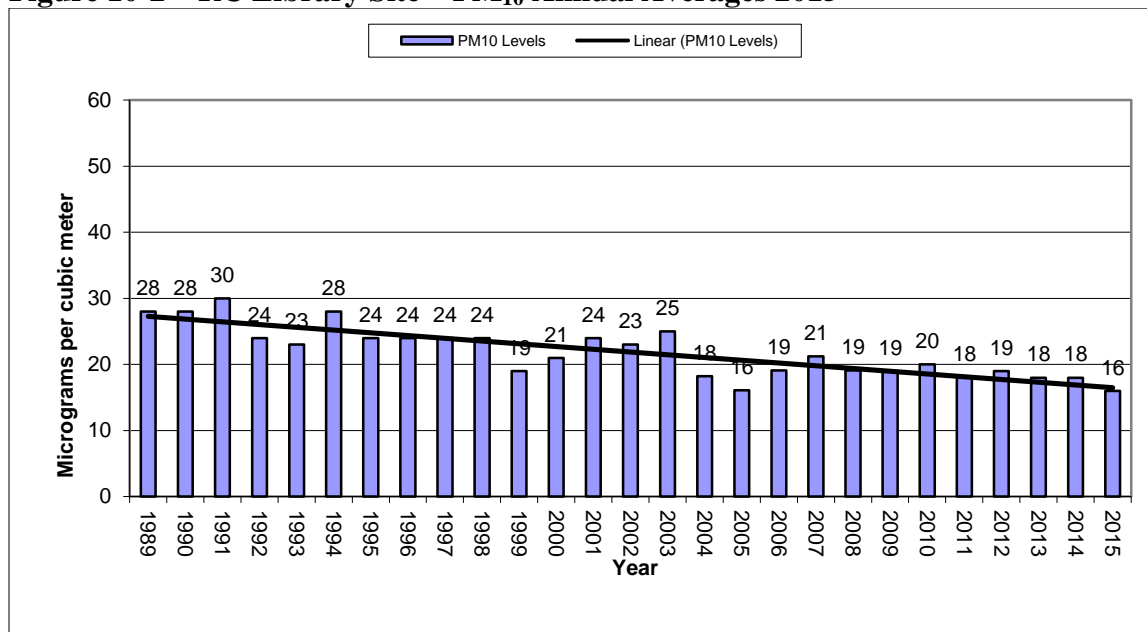
Parameter	Information
Site Name	RC Library
AQS ID Number	46-103-1001
Street Address	6 <sup>th</sup> and Quincy, Rapid City, South Dakota
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 13, NAD 83, E 641,837.99, N 4,882,111.77
MSA	Rapid City
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>(Manual)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFPS-1298-126
Operating Schedule	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Partisol 2000

Parameter	Information
Analysis Methods	Gravimetric
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS),
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Manual)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0202-143
Operating Schedule	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Partisol 2000i PM <sub>2.5</sub> w/VSC Cyclone
Analysis Methods	Gravimetric
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)

#### 10.1.1.1 RC Library Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data

Annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations for the RC Library Site are shown in Figure 10-2. The PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations show a decline of concentrations from a high of 30 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 1991, to a low of 16 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2005 and in 2015. The largest reduction in annual concentrations came when changes were implemented by the city on the street sanding and sweeping operations in the early 1990s. In the last 12 years, annual concentrations have leveled off and are almost steady with a 1 or 5 ug/m<sup>3</sup> change per year. The plan is to continue the PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring because this is the only site east of the hogback in Rapid City and the site will provide a check on PM<sub>10</sub> levels as the city of Rapid City adjusts its sanding techniques in eastern part of the city.

**Figure 10-2 – RC Library Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Averages 2015**

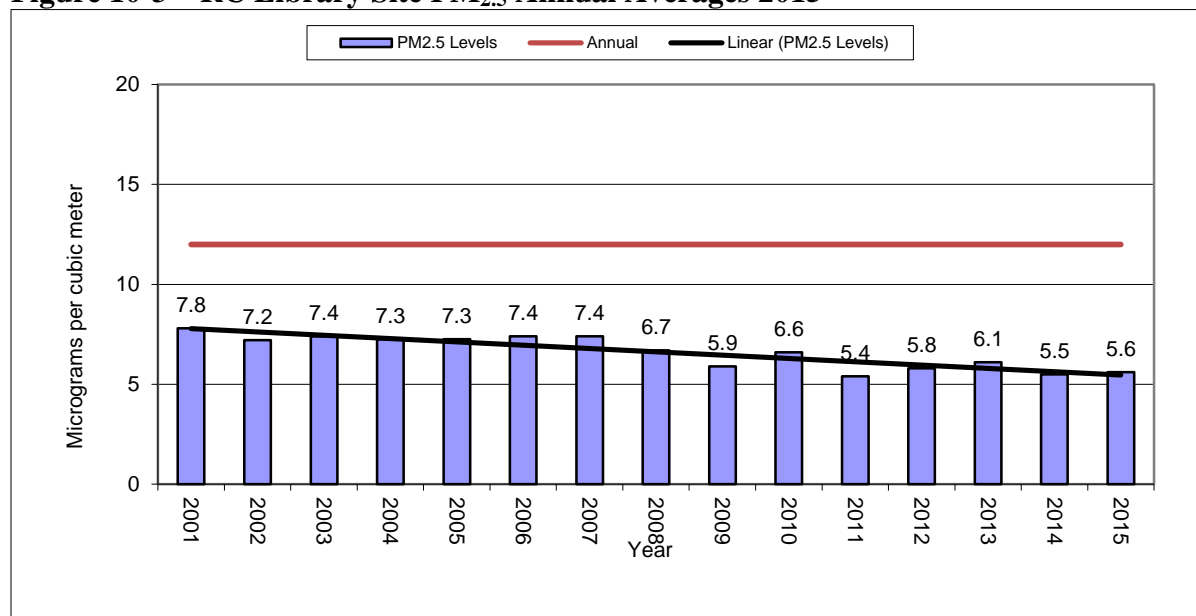


#### 10.1.1.2 RC Library Site – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data

The graph in Figure 10-3 shows the PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual average for each sampling year since 2001. The highest annual average was 7.8 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2001 and the lowest was 5.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2011. The

annual average concentrations vary in difference from the highest to lowest annual average by  $2.4 \text{ ug/m}^3$ . The trends indicate a declining  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  concentration levels for the site but for the past seven years the  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  concentrations like the  $\text{PM}_{10}$  concentrations have leveled off with 2011 recording the lowest annual average  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  concentration for this site. Plans are to continue testing for  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  at this site.

**Figure 10-3 – RC Library Site  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  Annual Averages 2015**



### 10.1.2 RC Credit Union Site

The RC Credit Union Site is located on a lot next to Fire Station #3 building. The RC Credit Union Site replaced the Fire Station #3 Site in October 2003 and is the high  $\text{PM}_{10}$  concentration location for the western part of Rapid City. The RC Credit Union Site is located just south of the quarry area and is centrally located in relation to the quarry facilities. Figure 10-4 contains a picture of the monitoring site looking in a northwest direction towards the quarry area. The goal of this site is to determine if the Rapid City area is attaining the  $\text{PM}_{10}$  standard and population exposure.



**Figure 10-4 – RC Credit Union Site**



Continuous samplers Thermo BETA PM<sub>10</sub>, Met One BAM PM<sub>2.5</sub>, Thermo SO<sub>2</sub> and Thermo NO<sub>2</sub> monitors were operated at this site in 2015. The BETA PM<sub>10</sub> monitor provides hourly concentrations on an everyday sampling schedule. The hourly readings from the continuous PM<sub>10</sub> monitor are used to assist in the calling of high wind dust alerts for Rapid City and to compare concentrations to the PM<sub>10</sub> NAAQS.

A continuous Met One BAM PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor is used to supply hourly data for investigation of high concentration days and to compare to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards. Table 10-2 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Table 10-2 – RC Credit Union Site Specifics**

Parameter	Information
Site Name	RC Credit Union
AQS ID Number	46-103-0020
Street Address	106 Kinney Ave.
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 13, NAD 83, E 638,199.75, N 4,882,811.92
MSA	Rapid City
PM <sub>10</sub>	(Continuous)
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0798-122
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood

Parameter	Information
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020
Analysis Methods	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) and Real-Time Data
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0308-170
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020
Analysis Methods	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-Time Data
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQSA-0486-060
Operation Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 43i
Analysis Method	Pulsed Fluorescent
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) and Real-Time Data
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFNA-1289-074
Operation Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 42i
Analysis Method	Chemiluminescence
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) and Real-Time Data

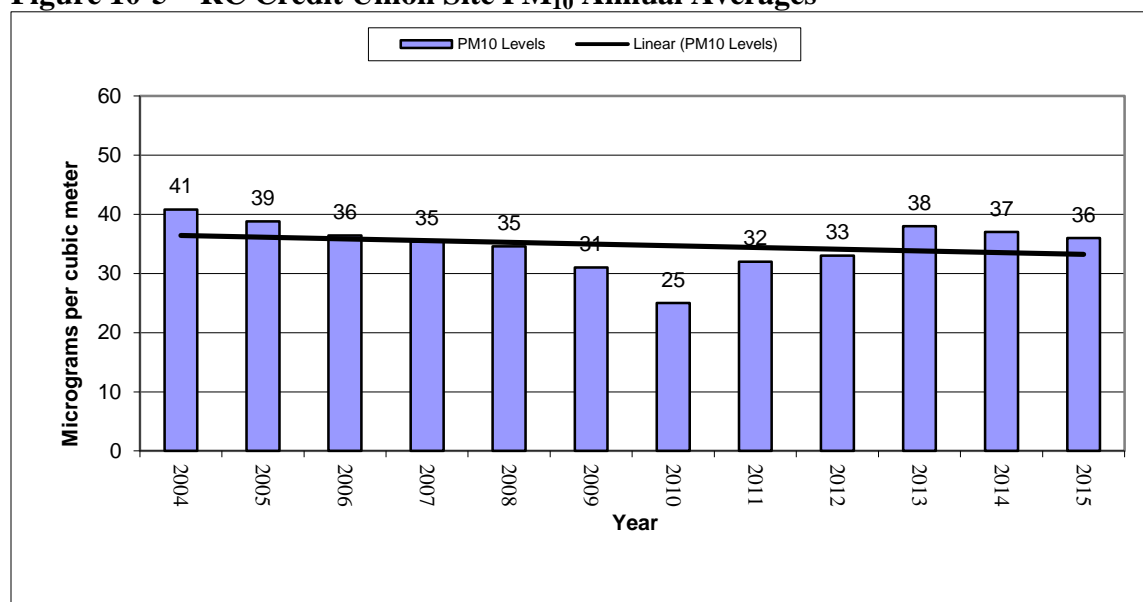
In 2011, continuous SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> analyzers were added to the RC Credit Union Site to provide data on population exposure and source oriented testing near the facilities in the quarry area. Five years of testing were completed at the end of 2015.

#### **10.1.2.1 RC Credit Union Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data**

The RC Credit Union Site began operation in October of 2003. Only three months of data was collected in 2003, so 2004 is the first complete sampling year. Figure 10-5 shows a graph of the annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentration.

The PM<sub>10</sub> annual average concentration trend shows a declining level each year from 2004 to 2010. In 2011, average concentration levels increased back to the level in 2009 and increased through 2013. Since 2013, average concentration levels declined slightly. Testing for PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations is a priority for this site and the parameter will be continued.

**Figure 10-5 – RC Credit Union Site PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Averages**



#### **10.1.2.2 RC Credit Union Site PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data**

The testing for PM<sub>2.5</sub> parameter using the manual method began at this site in October 2003 and completed the first full year of testing in 2004. The RC Credit Union Site records the highest PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in the Rapid City area for both 24-hour and annual concentrations using the manual FRM monitor.

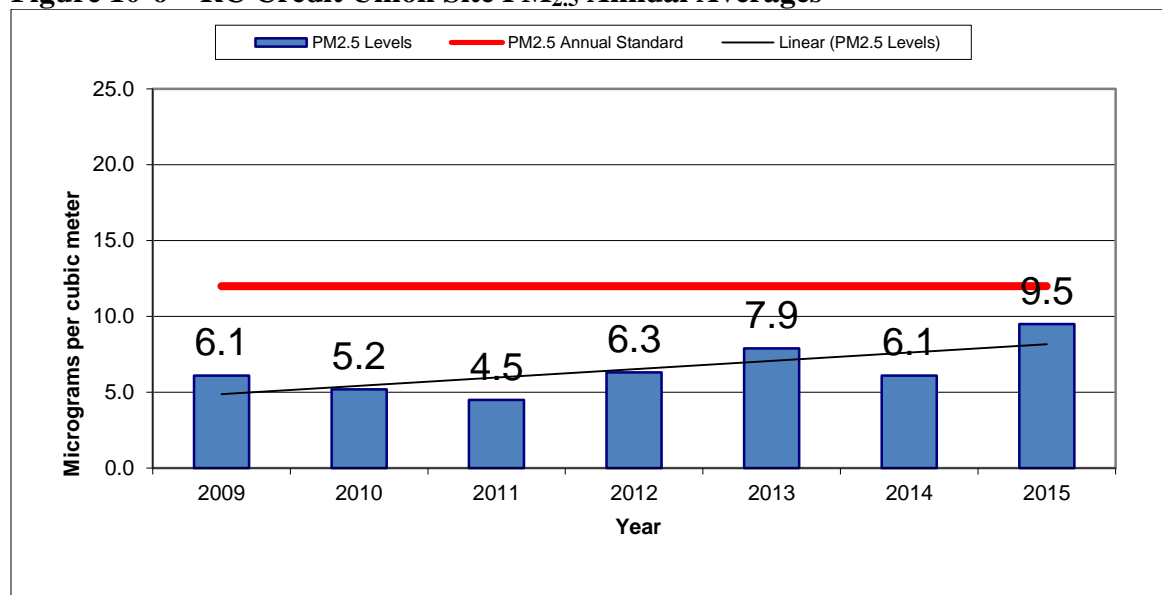
In 2009, a continuous method PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor was added to the site as a special purpose monitor. Because the continuous monitor was a new method, EPA allows the operation of the monitor as a special purpose method for up to three years before the data from the monitor is required to be compared to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. By the end of 2011 the continuous monitor had operated for three years and the Met One continuous PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor received the federal equivalent method number. Data was similar between the methods PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring data so as a cost savings measure the manual PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor was removed and the continuous monitor became the SLAMS monitor providing more valid data at a lower cost per year of operation.

Figure 10-6 shows the annual average for each sampling year since 2009 when the continuous monitor was setup. The annual average concentrations decreased over the first three years. In 2011, PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual concentrations declined to the lowest level since the site began operation with a concentration of 4.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup> for the annual average. The highest annual average for PM<sub>2.5</sub> at this site was 9.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2015. Smoke from wildfires in Canada and Pacific Northwest states had a large impact on the substantial increase in the PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual average concentration in 2015. Over the seven year period, annual concentrations changed by 5 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. The trends for the seven years since the continuous monitor was installed show the site concentration level to be steady. However, the wildfires in 2015 impacted 2015 annual average and the trend changed to an increase in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations.



The parameter of PM<sub>2.5</sub> will be continued at this site using the continuous monitor to determine compliance with the NAAQS and to determine any change in concentration levels.

**Figure 10-6 – RC Credit Union Site PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Averages**

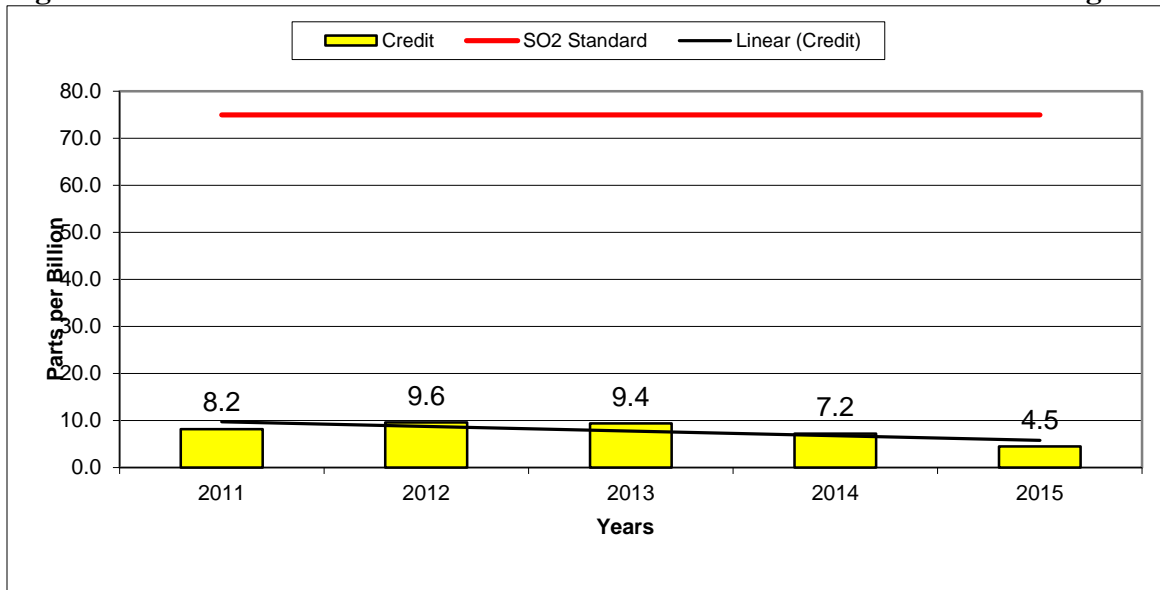


#### **10.1.2.3 RC Credit Union Site Sulfur Dioxide**

Testing for SO<sub>2</sub> started at the beginning of 2011 for this site. Some testing for the parameters was done in the 1990s but that data is old and there is need for the collection of new data. The annual standard for SO<sub>2</sub> was dropped when the standard was revised so the 1-hour, daily maximum, 99 percentile concentrations will be used to track trends.

See Figure 10-7 for the 1-hour daily maximum concentration of SO<sub>2</sub> recorded at the RC Credit Union Site. The concentration level is low at only 6% of the standard. Trends indicate a slightly decreasing SO<sub>2</sub> concentration level for this site. Testing for SO<sub>2</sub> will continue at this site to determine if the trend will continue.

**Figure 10-7 –RC Credit Union Site Sulfur Dioxide 99<sup>th</sup> Percentile 1-hour Averages**

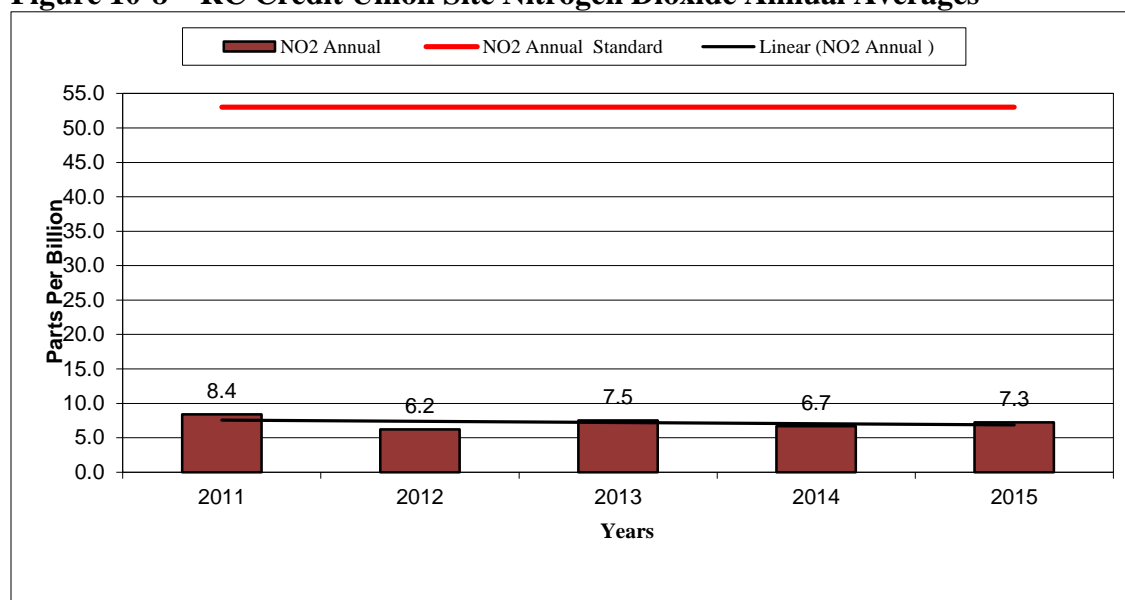


#### **10.1.2.4 RC Credit Union Site Nitrogen Dioxide**

Testing for NO<sub>2</sub> started at the beginning of 2011 for this site. Some testing for the parameters was completed in the 1990s but that data is old and there is a need for the collection of new data. The NO<sub>2</sub> standard includes a 1-hour and annual average concentrations so the annual will be represented to track trends.

See Figure 10-8 for concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> at the RC Credit Union Site. The concentration are low at 7% of the standard in 2015. The trend line shows a slightly declining concentration level for the annual average. Testing for NO<sub>2</sub> will continue at this site to further define the pollution level trend for this site.

**Figure 10-8 – RC Credit Union Site Nitrogen Dioxide Annual Averages**



## 10.2 Black Hawk Site

Black Hawk is a small town located just north of Rapid City in Meade County north of the quarry area. Black Hawk is not an incorporated city but is a growing subdivision and is part of the Rapid City MSA. The goal of the Black Hawk Site is to determine urban background concentrations for  $PM_{10}$  coming into the Rapid City area from the north and determine compliance with the ozone NAAQS in the Rapid City MSA.

The Black Hawk Site was setup in the fall of 2000. The site is located on a small hill east of the Black Hawk Elementary School.  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  monitors were located on a sampling shelter until October 2003 when the sampling shelter was moved to the RC Credit Union Site. The monitors were then located on scaffolding within a fenced area until the fall of 2006 when a shelter was added back to the site.

At the end of 2004 the  $PM_{2.5}$  monitors were removed because concentrations were the lowest in the area and the potential for concentrations over the NAAQS were very low. In 2007, the ozone analyzer was moved from RC Credit Union Site to the Black Hawk Site to operate the ozone parameter outside of the modeled one microgram  $NO_2$  influence area from air quality sources in western Rapid City. See Figure 10-9 for a current picture of the site looking to the northwest.

The land use around the site is mainly residential with a few service type businesses. There are no obstructions around the monitoring site. The limestone quarry industries are located to the south and southeast of the Black Hawk Site and are expanding to ore bodies located closer to this site. The closest new limestone quarry is currently operating about 1.5 miles south of the site.

**Figure 10-9 – Black Hawk Site**



The site's spatial scale is neighborhood for PM<sub>10</sub> and ozone sampling. The objectives of the PM<sub>10</sub> sampling are high concentration, population, and source impact. The objectives of the ozone sampling are high concentration and population. The goals are being met. Table 10-3 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Table 10-3 – Black Hawk Site Specifics**

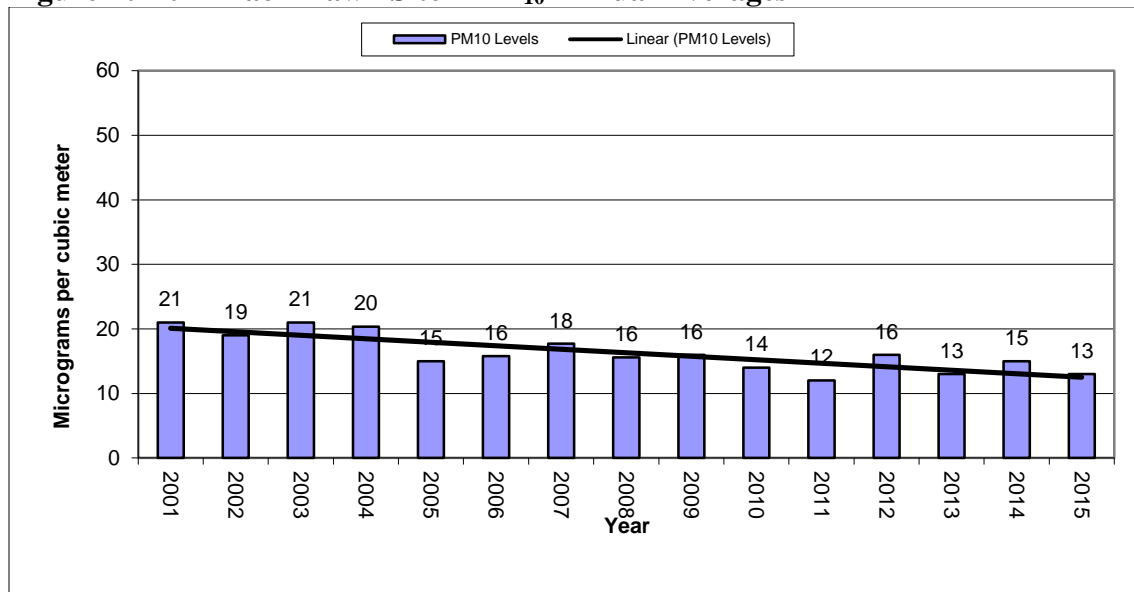
Parameter	Information
Site Name	Black Hawk Elementary
AQS ID Number	46-093-0001
Street Address	7108 Seeaire Street
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 13, NAD 83, E 634,683.07 N 4,890,309.65
MSA	Rapid City
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-1102-150
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population, Urban Background
Sampling Method	T A Series FH 62 C14 Continuous
Analysis Methods	Gravimetric
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>Ozone</b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQOA-0880-047
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood

Parameter	Information
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 49i
Analysis Methods	Ultraviolet
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) and Real-time Data

### 10.2.1 Black Hawk Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data

Figure 10-10 contains a graph showing the PM<sub>10</sub> annual averages for the Black Hawk Site. The first four years of PM<sub>10</sub> concentration levels remained about the same. In 2005, the annual average dropped significantly by approximately 5 ug/m<sup>3</sup> from the 2004 level. The highest annual average was 21 ug/m<sup>3</sup> recorded in both 2001 and 2003. The lowest level of 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in 2011. In 2015, the PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations decreased by 2 ug/m<sup>3</sup> from the concentration in 2014. The overall trend shows a decrease in concentrations over the fifteen year period.

**Figure 10-10 – Black Hawk Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Averages**

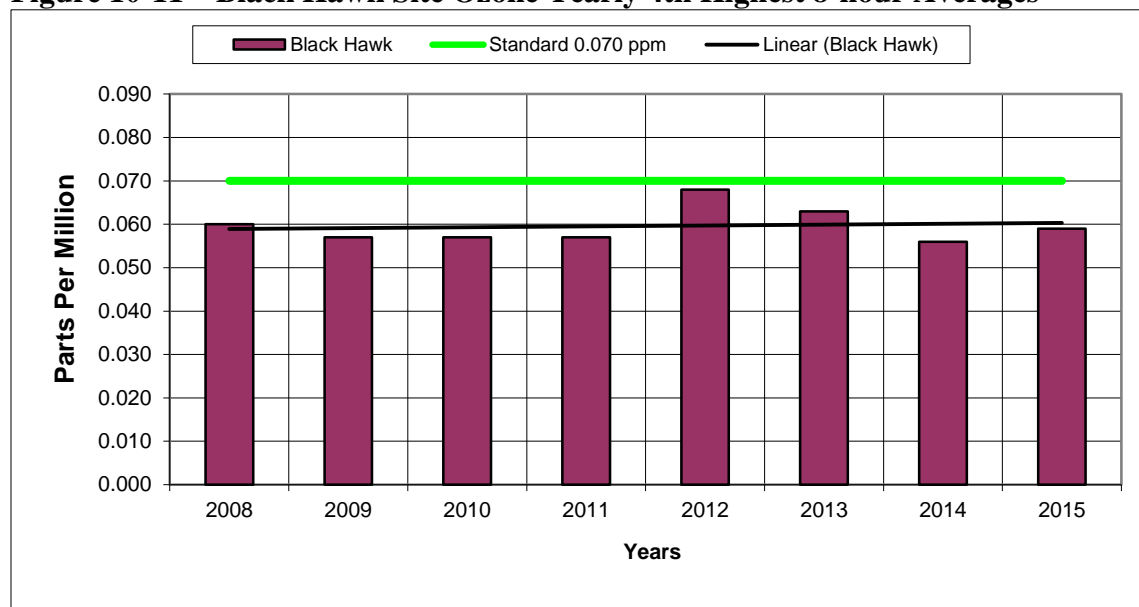


### 10.2.2 Black Hawk Site – Ozone Data

The 2015 sampling year is the eighth ozone season at the Black Hawk Site (see Figure 10-11). In the first year of testing (2008), the site recorded the second highest ozone level in the state. In 2012, the ozone levels were up statewide by 4 ppb and significantly at this site at 11 ppb. In 2015, ozone levels rose slightly from 2014. The overall trends show a steady ozone concentration level.

The testing results show the area is attaining the ozone standard. Plans are to continue to test for ozone at this location.

**Figure 10-11 – Black Hawk Site Ozone Yearly 4th Highest 8-hour Averages**



### 10.3 Badlands Site

The Badlands is one of two Class I areas in South Dakota designated for visibility protection under the Clean Air Act. The Badlands area is a large national park that attracts more than two million visitors each year. The Badlands area is a dry semi-desert area with short prairie grass and beautiful sandstone cliff vistas.

The Badlands Site was established in 2000, with manual monitors for  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ . The site is located next to the IMPROVE site which also included an ozone analyzer operated by the National Park Service. The site is in the southeast part of the park near the visitor center. Figure 10-12 shows a current picture of the Badlands Site.

In October of 2004, the number of pollutant parameters was increased by adding continuous monitors for  $PM_{10}$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$ ,  $SO_2$ , and  $NO_2$ . The changes increased the amount of data collected and provide additional information on transport of air pollution. At the end of 2007, the department took over the operation of the ozone monitor at this site upon the request made by the National Park Service.



**Figure 10-12 –Badlands Site**



The IMPROVE data is used to determine what type of sources are impacting the visibility of the national parks in South Dakota. The goal of having a SLAMS site next to the IMPROVE site is to determine air pollution background levels and to see if pollution trends show long range transport of air pollution into the state. Table 10-5 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Table 10-4 – Badlands Site Specifics**

Parameter	Information
Site Name	Badlands
AQS ID Number	46-071-0001
Street Address	25216 Ben Reifel Road, Interior, South Dakota 57750
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 14, NAD 83, E 263,173.81 N 4,847,799.95
MSA	None
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-1102-150
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	T A Series FH 62 C14 Continuous
Analysis Method	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-time Data

Parameter	Information
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b> (Continuous)	
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method RFPS-0308-170
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020 w/PM <sub>2.5</sub> VSCC
Analysis Method	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	Real-time Data and SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b> (Continuous)	
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQSA-0486-060
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 43c
Analysis Methods	Pulsed Fluorescent
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-time Data
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b> (Continuous)	
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFNA-1289-074
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 42i
Analysis Method	Chemiluminescence
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-time Data
<b>Ozone</b> (Continuous)	
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQOA-0880-047
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 49i
Analysis Method	Ultraviolet
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) and Real-time Data

### 10.3.1 Badlands Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data

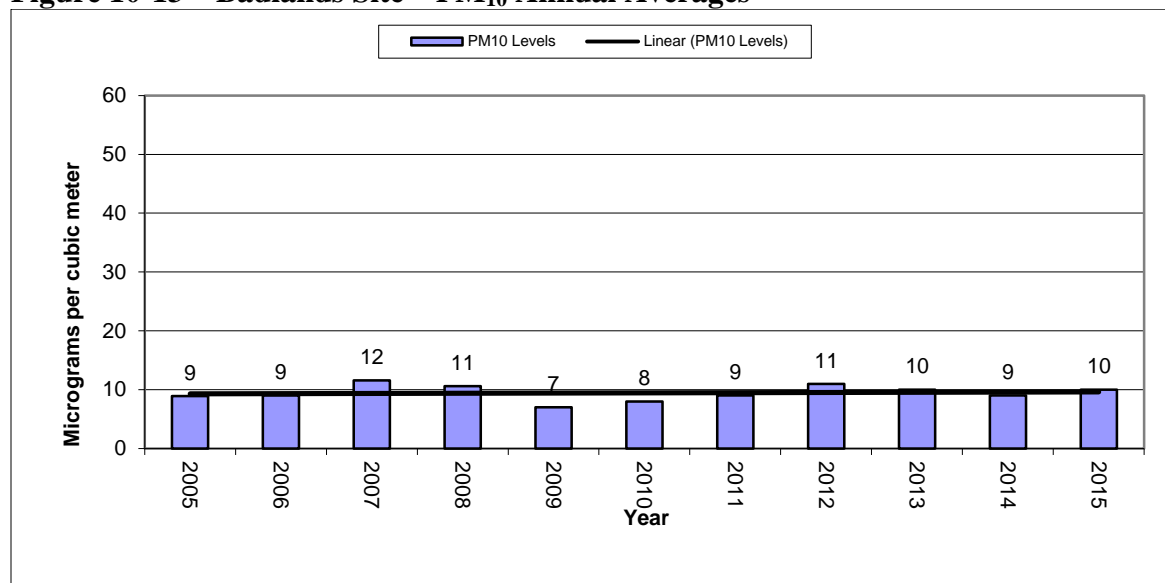
PM<sub>10</sub> data has been collected at this site since 2000. The PM<sub>10</sub> manual monitor was operated on an every sixth day schedule through 2004. Beginning in 2005, a continuous Thermo Beta Gauge PM<sub>10</sub> monitor replaced the manual monitors.

Figure 10-13 contains a graph of the annual averages for the Badlands Site. The annual average concentration over the last 11 years varied only slightly overall. The highest annual average concentration of 12 ug/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in 2007. The lowest annual average concentration of 7 ug/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded in 2009. Trends indicate a steady to slightly increasing concentration level over the 11 years of testing. The PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations recorded at this site are some of the lowest



levels in the state and are considered background for the western half of the state. This parameter is meeting the goals for testing at this site and will be continued.

**Figure 10-13 – Badlands Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Averages**

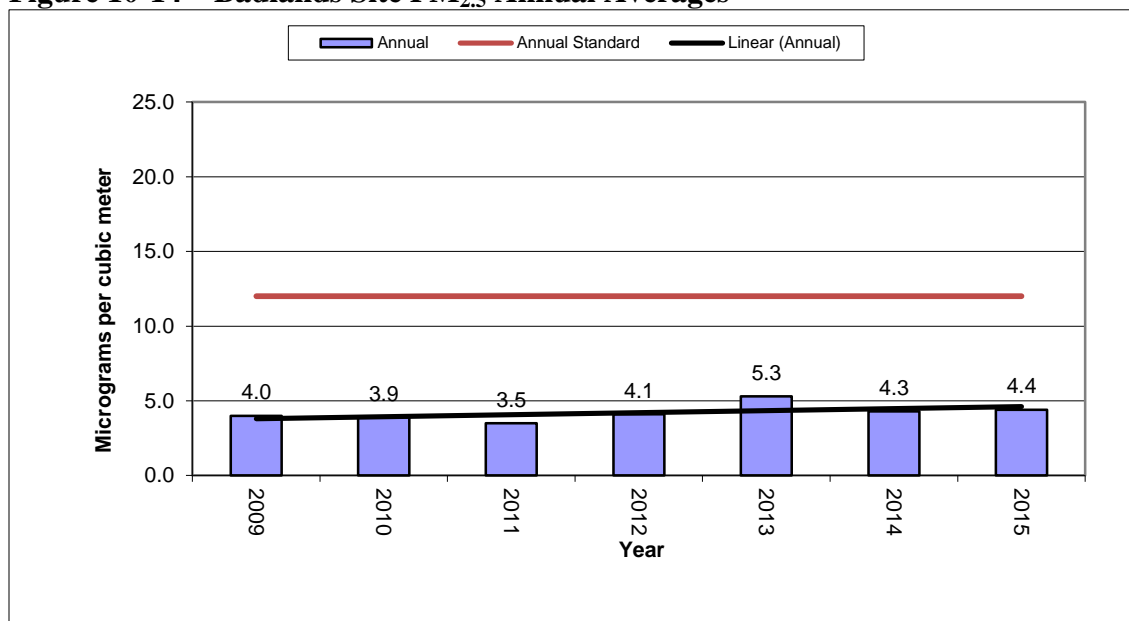


### **10.3.2 Badlands Site – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data**

The PM<sub>2.5</sub> manual monitors ran on an every third day schedule from 2001 to 2008. With the completion of the 2003 year, the site had three years of PM<sub>2.5</sub> data and the department was able to make a comparison of the concentration levels to the 24-hour and annual standards. The department determined that the area was attaining the standard. Beginning in 2009, the continuous Met One BAM-1020 Federal Equivalent Method replaced the manual RAAS 100 and the sampling schedule went to every day providing hourly and 24-hour average concentrations.

Figure 10-14 contains a graph of the annual averages. The annual averages for the Badlands Site show a concentration range with a high of 5.3 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2013 and a low of 3.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2011. The trend for the annual average is a slightly increasing concentration level. PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations at this site are the lowest in the state and represent background levels for western South Dakota. This parameter is meeting the goals for testing at this site and will be continued.

**Figure 10-14 – Badlands Site PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Averages**

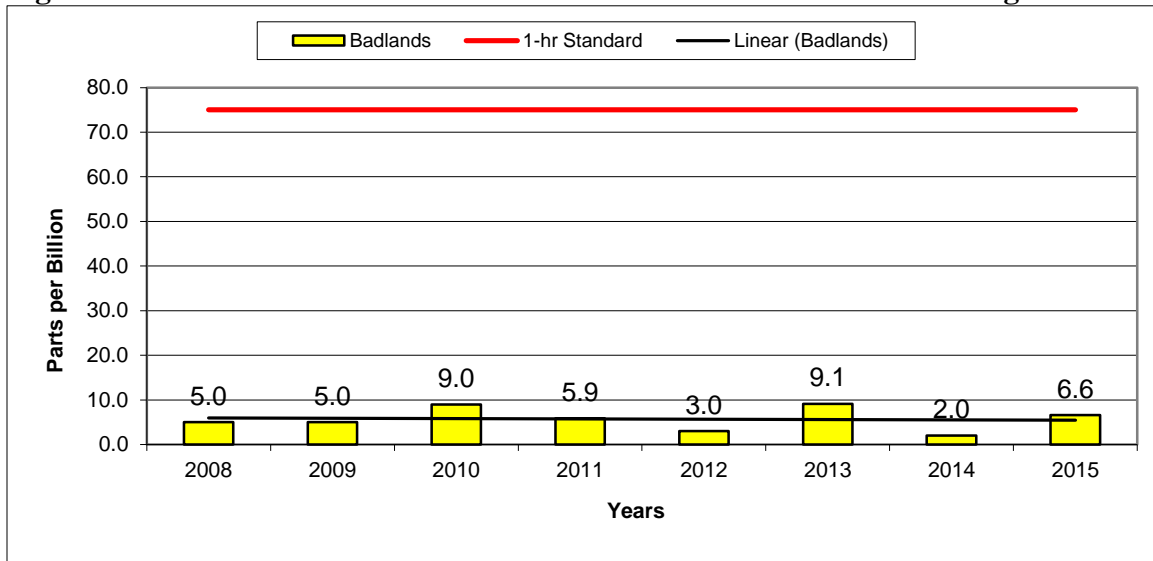


### **10.3.3 Badlands Site – Sulfur Dioxide Data**

The first year of testing at the Badlands Site for SO<sub>2</sub> occurred in 2005. As expected, concentrations for SO<sub>2</sub> are very low and represent background levels. Concentrations are at or near the detection limit for the analyzers at 0.1 ppb for the annual average levels for SO<sub>2</sub>.

In 2015, the annual average was up from 2014 from 2.0 ppb to 6.6 ppb. See Figure 10-15 to view a graph of the annual average concentrations for SO<sub>2</sub>. The linear trend line shows a steady level in concentrations but levels are very low and indicate minimal concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub>. This parameter is meeting the goals for testing at this site and will be continued but the department may consider moving it to another location in the future.

**Figure 10-15 – Badlands Site Sulfur Dioxide 99<sup>th</sup> Percentile 1-hour Average**



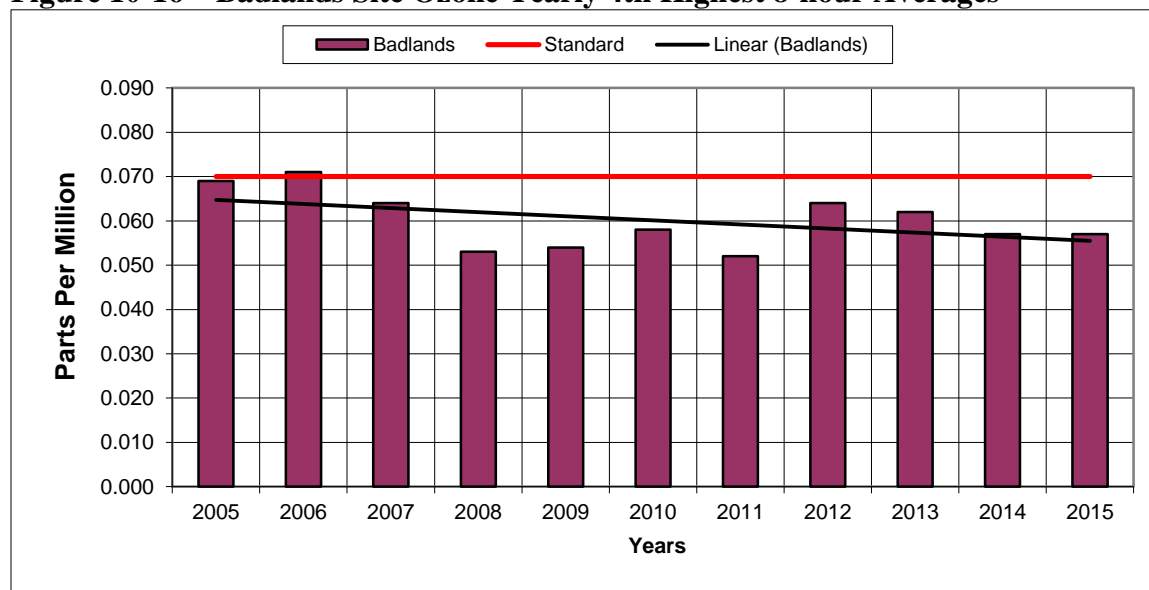
#### **10.3.4 Badlands Site – Ozone Data**

The first year of testing at the Badlands Site for ozone was in 2005, with equipment being operated by the National Park Service. The department completed quarterly audits of the ozone analyzer so data could be compared to the NAAQS. At the beginning of 2008 sampling year, the department took over the operation of the ozone analyzer.

Concentrations of ozone at this site have varied over the eleven years of testing. The yearly 4<sup>th</sup> highest 8-hour average ranged from a high of 0.071 ppm in 2006 to a low of 0.052 ppm in 2011. This trend is similar to most of the sites in the western part of the state with lower ozone levels since 2006 and concentrations in 2015 are the same as 2014. See Figure 10-16 to view a graph of the yearly 4<sup>th</sup> highest 8-hour average. The linear trends line shows a declining concentration level.

This parameter will continue to be a priority at this location because of past concentration levels and the testing is meeting the needs to continue the sampling effort.

**Figure 10-16 – Badlands Site Ozone Yearly 4th Highest 8-hour Averages**

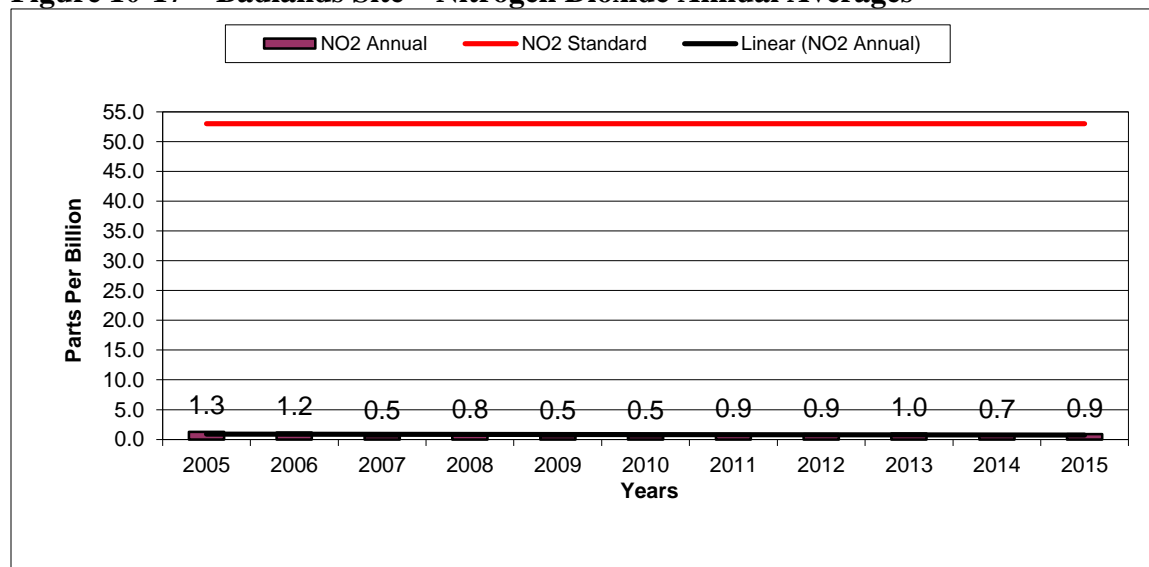


### **10.3.5 Badlands Site – Nitrogen Dioxide Data**

The first year of testing at the Badlands Site for NO<sub>2</sub> occurred in 2005. As expected, concentrations for NO<sub>2</sub> are very low and represent background levels. Many hourly concentrations are at the detection limit of the analyzer at 1.0 ppb. The calculated annual average levels for all nine years are close to the detection level for NO<sub>2</sub>.

See Figure 10-17 to view a graph of the annual average concentrations. The linear trends line shows a stable concentration level. This parameter will continue at this location providing background concentration levels and the testing is meeting the needs to continue the sampling effort.

**Figure 10-17 – Badlands Site – Nitrogen Dioxide Annual Averages**



## 10.4 Wind Cave Site

The Wind Cave National Park is one of two Class I areas in South Dakota designated for visibility protection under the Clean Air Act. The Wind Cave area is a large national park located in the southern Black Hills of South Dakota. The Wind Cave Site was established in 2005, with manual monitors for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and continuous monitors for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and ozone. At the end of 2010, the manual PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors were removed from the site leaving only the continuous PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor for this parameter.

The monitoring equipment is located in a sampling shelter next to the IMPROVE site operated by the National Park Service. The site is located a short distance west of the visitor center. Figure 10-18 shows a current picture of the Wind Cave Site.

**Figure 10-18 – Wind Cave Site**



The IMPROVE data will be used to determine what type of sources are impacting the visibility of the national parks in South Dakota. The purpose of having a SLAMS site next to the IMPROVE site is to determine air pollution background levels, and to see if pollution trends show long range transport of air pollution from outside of the state. Table 10-5 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Table 10-5 – Wind Cave Site Specifics**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Information</b>
Site Name	Wind Cave
AQS ID Number	46-033-0132
Street Address	290 Elk Mountain Camp Road, Hot Springs, South Dakota
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 13, NAD 83, E 622,471.56 N 4,823,856.93
MSA	None
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-1102-150
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	T A Series FH 62 C14 Continuous
Analysis Method	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-time Data
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0308-170
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020 FEM
Analysis Method	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	Real-time Data and SPMS
<b>Ozone</b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQOA-0880-047
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 49i
Analysis Method	Ultra Violet
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-time Data

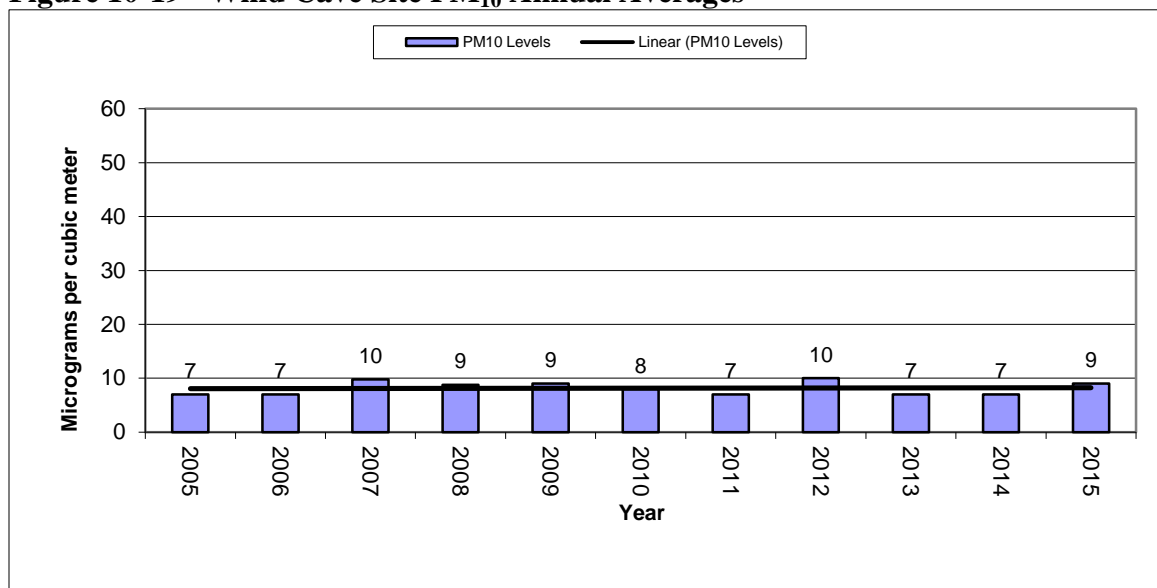
#### **10.4.1 Wind Cave Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data**

The PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations at this site are one of the lowest in the state and are similar in concentrations as the Badlands Site. The Wind Cave Site is the most remote site in the state and a site that has no influence from industry and agriculture activities near the location. Figure 10-19 contains a graph showing the annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations.

The 2015, PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations were slightly above those in 2014. The trend line indicates a steady concentration levels over the 11 years of testing. The concentrations ranged from 7 to 10 ug/m<sup>3</sup> and are very low representing background levels. This parameter is meeting the goals of background, visibility protection, long range transport, and will be continued.



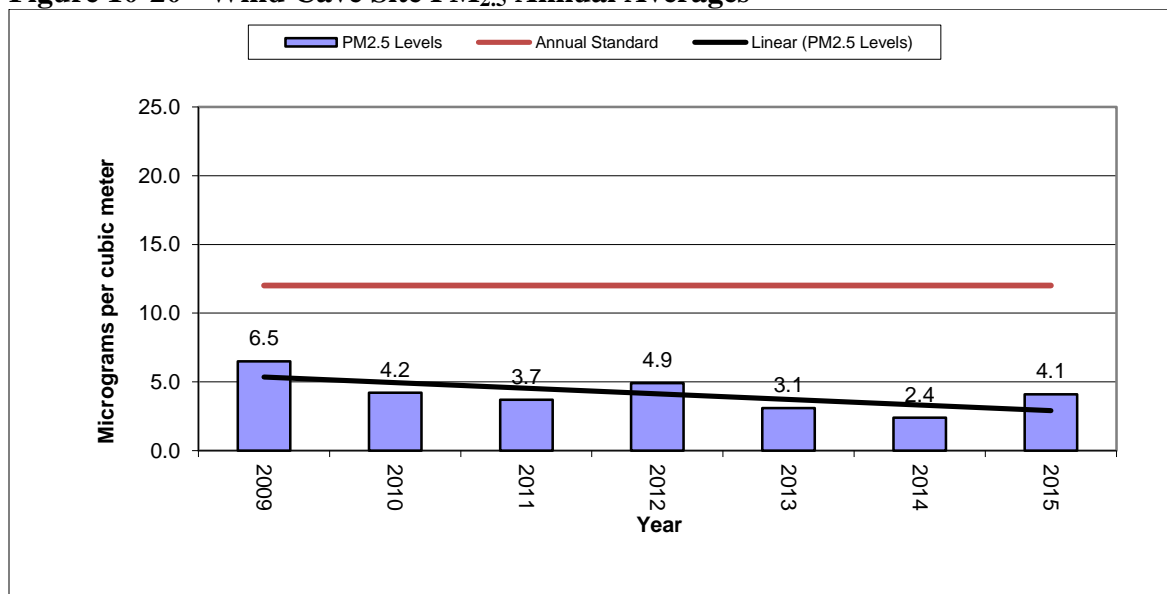
**Figure 10-19 - Wind Cave Site PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Averages**



#### **10.4.2 Wind Cave Site – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data**

The PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations are similar to the levels recorded at the Badlands Site and are some of the lowest in the state. Figure 10-20 contains a graph showing the annual average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration levels.

**Figure 10-20 - Wind Cave Site PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Averages**



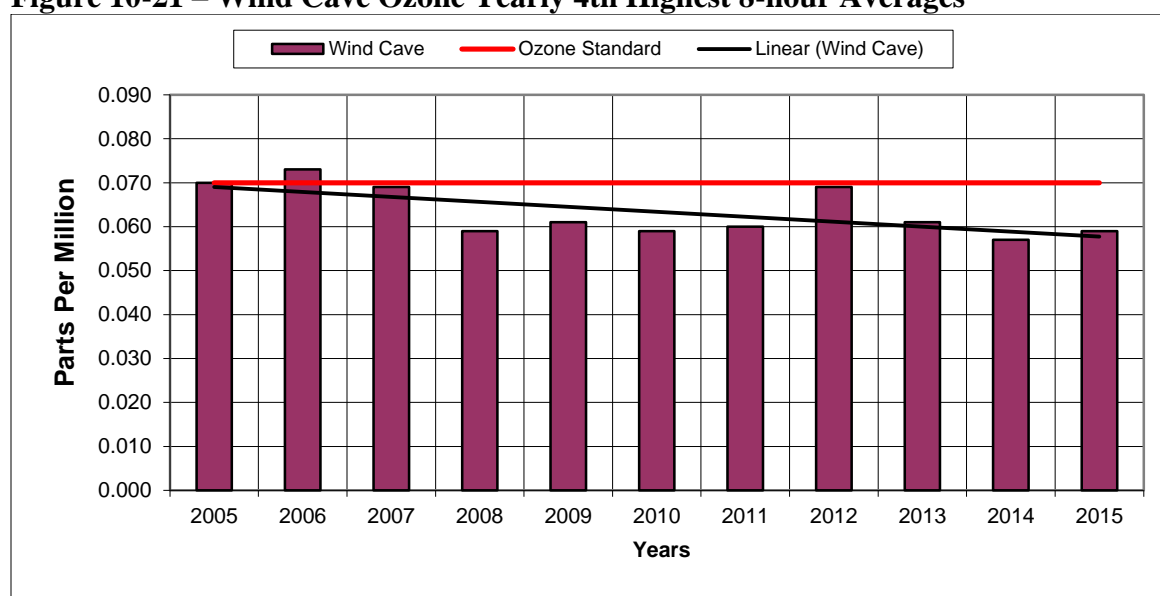
The linear trend line indicates a decrease in concentration levels during the last seven years of testing. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual average concentration range from 6.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2009 to 2.4 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2014. Concentrations were up slightly in 2015 for this site due to impacts from wildfire smoke

coming from fires in Canada and the Pacific Northwest states. This parameter is meeting the goals of background, visibility protection, and long range transport and will be continued.

### 10.4.3 Wind Cave Site – Ozone Data

Figure 10-21 contains a graph of the ozone 8-hour concentrations for the Wind Cave Site since 2005. The Wind Cave Site had the highest reported yearly 4<sup>th</sup> highest 8-hour ozone level in the state at 0.073 ppm recorded in 2006. Ozone levels began to fall in 2007 and the trend line shows decreasing concentrations. In 2012, Wind Cave ozone levels jumped back up to the approximate levels recorded when the department first started monitoring for ozone. During the last three years ozone concentrations have fallen and are similar to most of the years beginning in 2008. Overall Wind Cave ozone levels decreased significantly since testing began.

**Figure 10-21 – Wind Cave Ozone Yearly 4th Highest 8-hour Averages**



Testing for ozone is meeting the needs of the monitoring network by detecting transport pollution levels for this area of the state. Therefore, this parameter will be continued.

### 10.5 Sioux Falls Area

In 2015, one sampling site was operated in the Sioux Falls area, SD School Site. The criteria pollutant parameters tested at this site include PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, ozone, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub>. In addition, special purpose parameters are sampled including continuous PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>, speciation PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>y</sub>. Air monitoring data shows the Sioux Falls area is attaining all of the NAAQS set by EPA.

The city continues to grow and now includes residential areas in two counties: 1) Minnehaha and 2) Lincoln. Sioux Falls is the largest city in the state with a 2010 Census population of 169,468 for Minnehaha County and 44,828 in Lincoln County. The industrial base is mainly service oriented businesses with a small amount of heavy industry.

### 10.5.1 SD School Site

The SD School Site replaced the SF Hilltop Site on January 1, 2008. The site is the National Core site for the state. This is a very busy monitoring site collecting more than 140,000 data points per year all loaded to the EPA national database. Figure 10-22 shows a current picture of the SD School Site.

The SD School Site is located on the east central part of the city. The site is about 1.2 miles southeast of the main industrial area in Sioux Falls. The area around the site is mainly residential. Interstate 229 which is a major commuting road runs north and south about three city blocks east of the monitoring site. Table 10-7 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58. In addition to the parameters listed in Table 10-8, a PM<sub>2.5</sub> speciation monitor is operated at an every 3<sup>rd</sup> day sampling schedule.

**Figure 10-22 – SD School Site**



**Table 10-6 – SD School Site Specifics**

Parameter	Information
Site Name	SD School
AQS ID Number	46-099-0008
Street Address	2009 East 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 14, NAD 83, E 687,288.70 N 4,822,930.29

Parameter	Information
MSA	Sioux Falls
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0798-122
Operating Schedule	Every Daily/Hourly
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020
Analysis Methods	beta attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Manual)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFPS-0202-143
Operating Schedule	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Partisol 2000 w/VSCC
Analysis Methods	Gravimetric
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>PM<sub>10-2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0709-185
Operating Schedule	Every Daily/Hourly
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020
Analysis Methods	beta attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0308-170
Operating Schedule	Every Daily/Hourly
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020
Analysis Methods	beta attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>Ozone</b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQOA-0880-047
Operating Schedule	Hourly
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 49C
Analysis Methods	Ultraviolet
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS), Real-time Data
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFNA-1194-099
Operating Schedule	Hourly

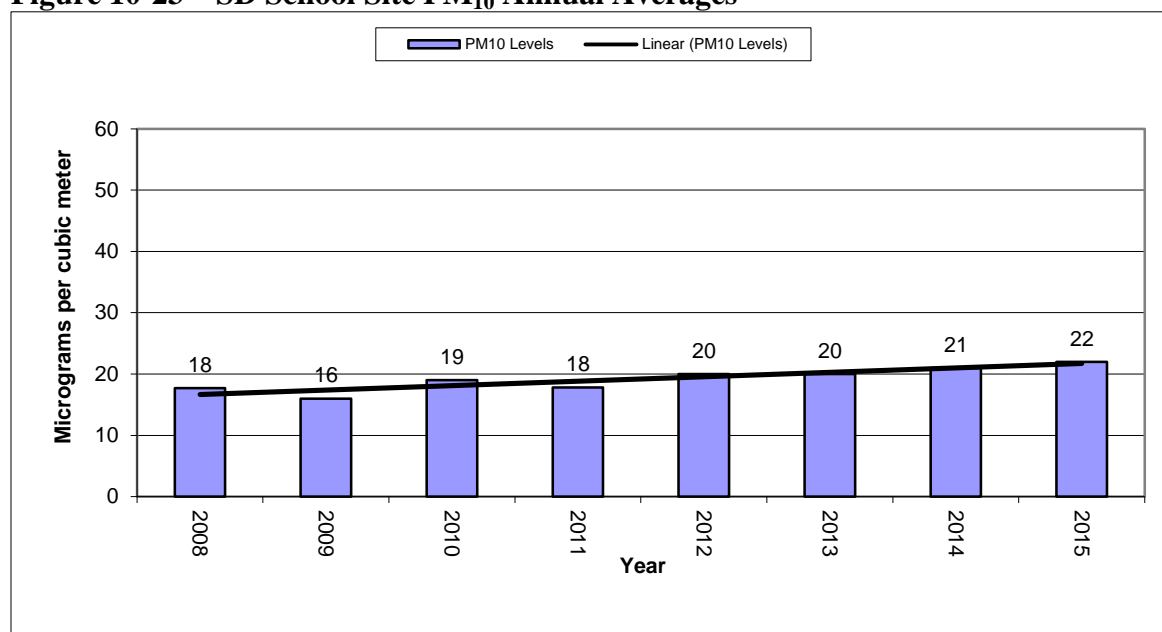
Parameter	Information
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Teledyne API's T200
Analysis Methods	Chemiluminescence detection
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS), Real-time Data
<b>NO<sub>y</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	None
Operating Schedule	Hourly
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population
Sampling Method	Automated Analyzer Thermo 42i
Analysis Methods	Chemiluminescence NO-Dif-NO <sub>y</sub>
Data Use	SPMs
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQSA-0486-060
Operating Schedule	Hourly
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 43i TLE
Analysis Methods	Pulsed Fluorescence
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS), Real-time Data
<b>CO</b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFCA-0981-054
Operating Schedule	Hourly
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Instrumental Thermo 48i TLE
Analysis Methods	Gas/Filter/Correlation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS), Real-time Data

#### 10.5.1.1 SD School Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data

Figure 10-23 shows a graph of the PM<sub>10</sub> annual averages since 2008. The annual averages at the SD School Site range from a high of 22 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2015 to a low of 16 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2009. The trend line indicates a slightly increasing concentration level. This parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population and will be continued.



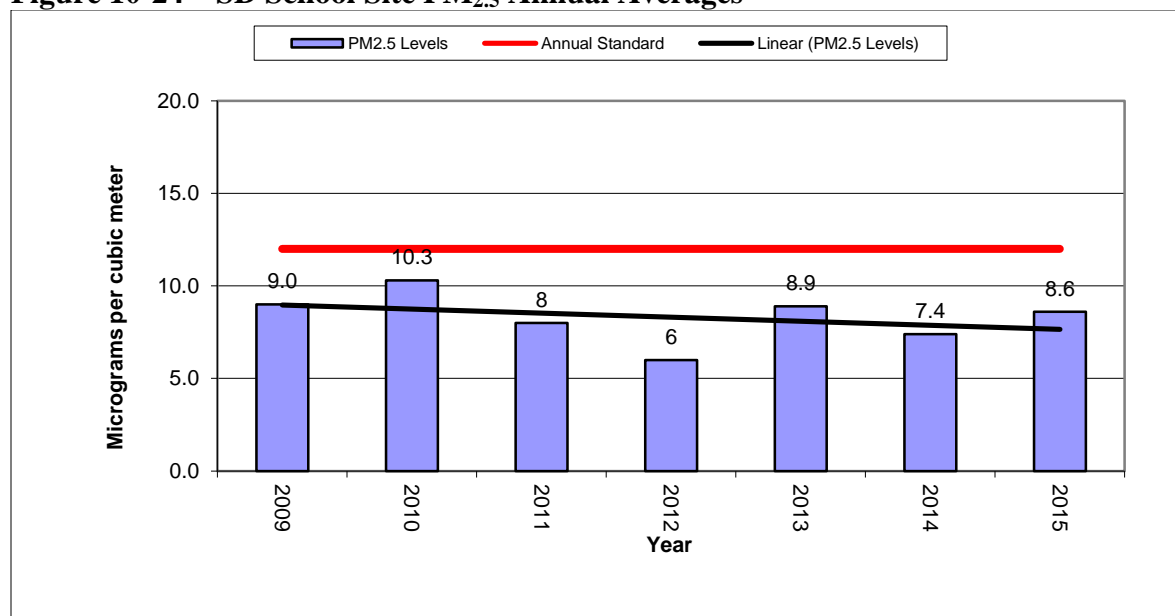
**Figure 10-23 – SD School Site PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Averages**



#### 10.5.1.2 SD School Site – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data

PM<sub>2.5</sub> data has been collected at this site since 2008. Annual averages for the SD School Site range from a low of 6 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2012 to a high of 10.3 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2010. The overall trend at this site shows a slight decrease in concentration levels. Figure 10-24 contains a graph of the annual averages.

**Figure 10-24 – SD School Site PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Averages**

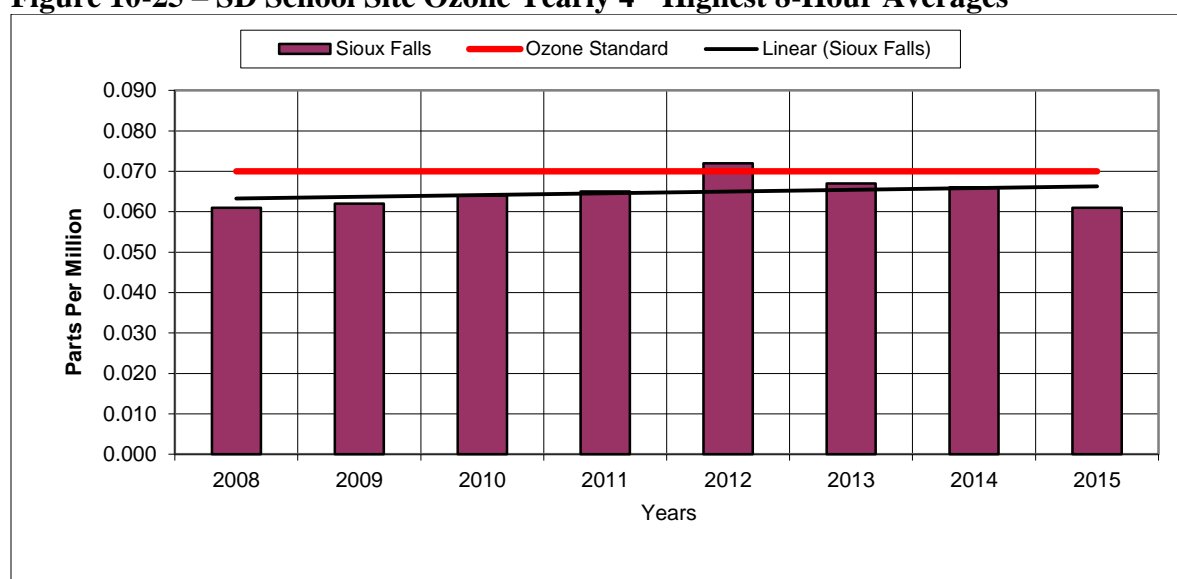


Concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> are some of the highest in the state at this site. In 2014, the SD School Site had concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> that ranked as the highest in the state along with the City Hall Site but in some previous years it has rank as low as the third highest site statewide. This parameter will remain a priority because of past high concentrations levels for the annual and 24-hour standards. Testing for this parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population and will be continued.

#### 10.5.1.3 SD School Site – Ozone Data

Figure 10-25 contains a graph of each year's 4<sup>th</sup> highest ozone concentration level. The ozone analyzer runs on a continuous sampling schedule providing hourly concentrations to the data logger. The official yearly ozone season for South Dakota runs from March 1 to October 31.

**Figure 10-25 – SD School Site Ozone Yearly 4<sup>th</sup> Highest 8-Hour Averages**



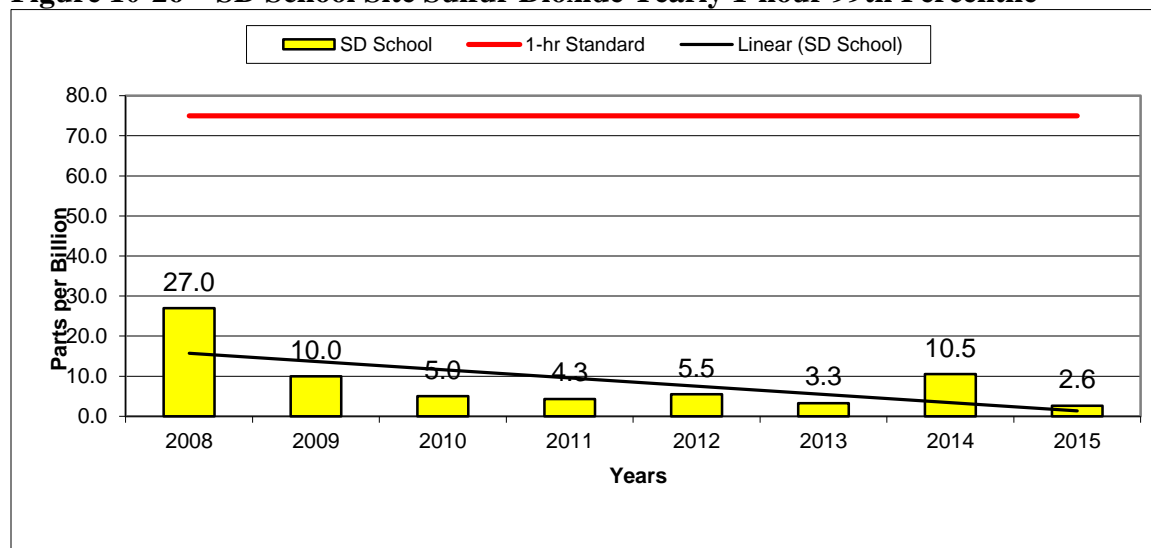
Sampling began for ozone at this site in 2008. The highest yearly 4<sup>th</sup> highest 8-hour ozone concentration recorded at this site was in 2012 at 0.072 ppm. The lowest yearly 4<sup>th</sup> highest 8-hour ozone concentration was recorded at 0.061 ppm in 2008 and 2015. The trend line shows a slightly increasing level of ozone over the eight years of testing mostly due to the 2012 sampling year. In 2015, concentrations of ozone decreased by 0.011 ppm from the level in 2012. This parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population testing and is one of the highest sites in the state so the testing will be continued at this site.

#### 10.5.1.4 SD School Site – Sulfur Dioxide Data

Testing for SO<sub>2</sub> started in 2008 at this site. A continuous analyzer is operated providing hourly concentration levels. The levels of SO<sub>2</sub> have dropped in concentration since the first year of testing. The type of analyzer was changed to a trace level SO<sub>2</sub> analyzer in 2011. The detection level of this analyzer is now 0.1 ppb.

In 2015, concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> decreased to the lowest level since testing began and are significantly below the national standard. The trend line shows a drop in concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> over the eight years of testing. This parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population and testing will be continued at this site. Figure 10-26 contains a graph of the SO<sub>2</sub> yearly 1-hour 99<sup>th</sup> percentile for each sampling year.

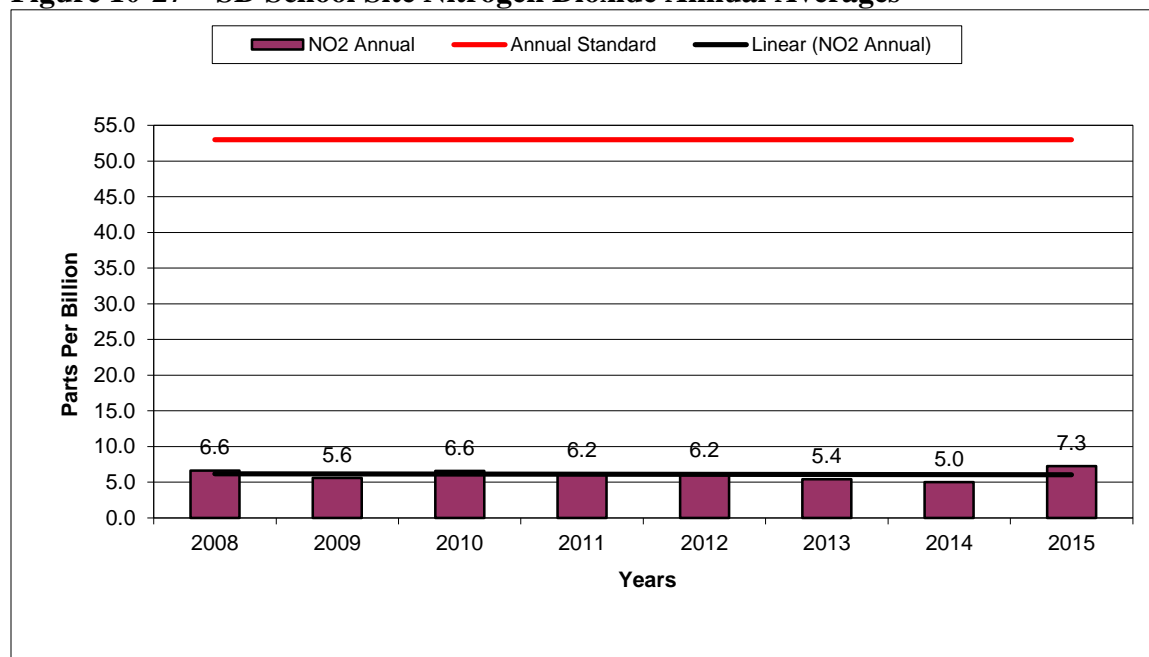
**Figure 10-26 – SD School Site Sulfur Dioxide Yearly 1-hour 99th Percentile**



#### 10.5.1.5 SD School Site – Nitrogen Dioxide Data

The SD School Site began testing for NO<sub>2</sub> in 2008. The NO<sub>2</sub> analyzer provides hourly concentration levels. The SD School Site is the second highest NO<sub>2</sub> concentration areas in the state. There is only 2.3 ppb difference in annual concentration levels from highest annual average of 7.3 in 2015 and the lowest of 5.0 in 2014. Trends show concentrations are remaining steady at this site. Figure 10-27 shows the annual average for each of the years that data was collected. This parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population and will be continued.

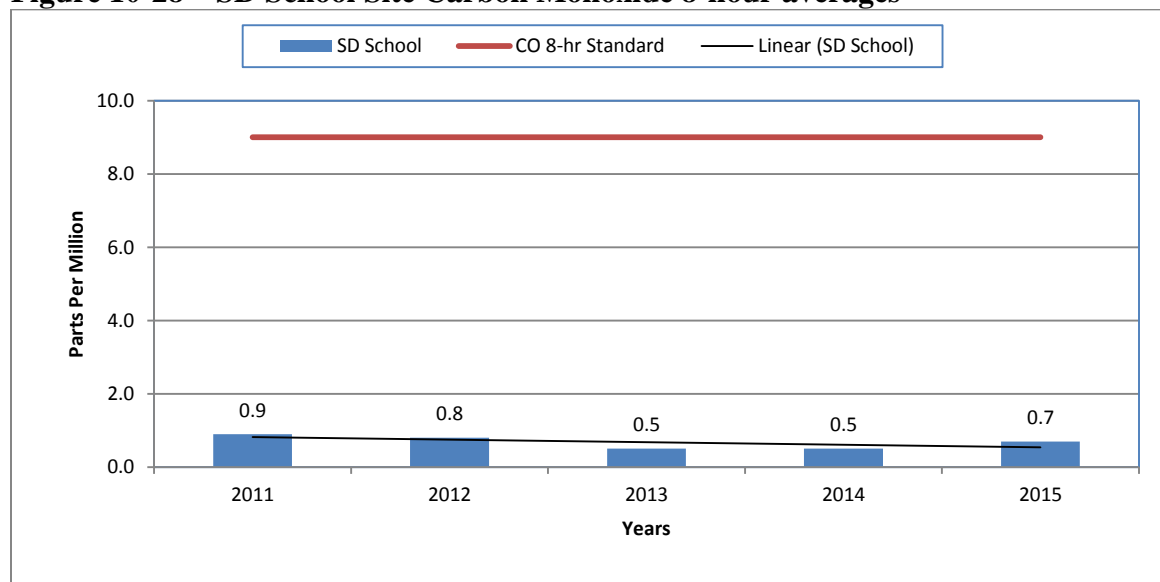
**Figure 10-27 – SD School Site Nitrogen Dioxide Annual Averages**



#### 10.5.1.6 SD School Site – Carbon Monoxide Data

The department operates just one CO analyzer at our NCORE site in Sioux Falls. A CO analyzer was located at UC #1 for a few years, but has since been shut down. The SD School Site began testing for CO in 2011. The CO analyzer provides hourly concentration levels. The highest 8-hour average recorded at the SD School Site was 0.9 ppm in 2011. Trends show concentrations are declining slightly at this site. The CO concentrations are very low so the area is attaining the NAAQS. Figure 10-28 shows the 8-hour average for each of the years that data was collected. This parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population and will be continued.

**Figure 10-28 – SD School Site Carbon Monoxide 8-hour averages**



## 10.6 Aberdeen Area

In 2014, one sampling site was operated in the city of Aberdeen at the Fire Station #1 Site. The Fire Station #1 Site was established in 2000 as part of the implementation of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> air monitoring network. The parameters tested at the site include PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The monitoring site is located in the center of the city on top of the fire station roof just east of the main downtown business area. The area around the site has service type businesses, county and city offices, and residential area to the east. See Figure 10-29 for a picture of the monitoring site.

**Figure 10-29 – Aberdeen’s Fire Station #1 Site**



In 2009, Fire Station #1 was renovated and a small addition was added to the south side of the building. The addition required no changes at the site so the location requirements in 40 CFR Part 58 are still met. Table 10-8 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Table 10-7 – Fire Station #1 Site Specifics**

Parameter	Information
Site Name	Fire Station #1
AQS ID Number	46-013-0003
Street Address	111 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, Aberdeen, SD
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 14, NAD 83, E 540,216.92 N 5,034,545.94
MSA	None
PM <sub>10</sub>	(Manual)
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFPS-1298-126

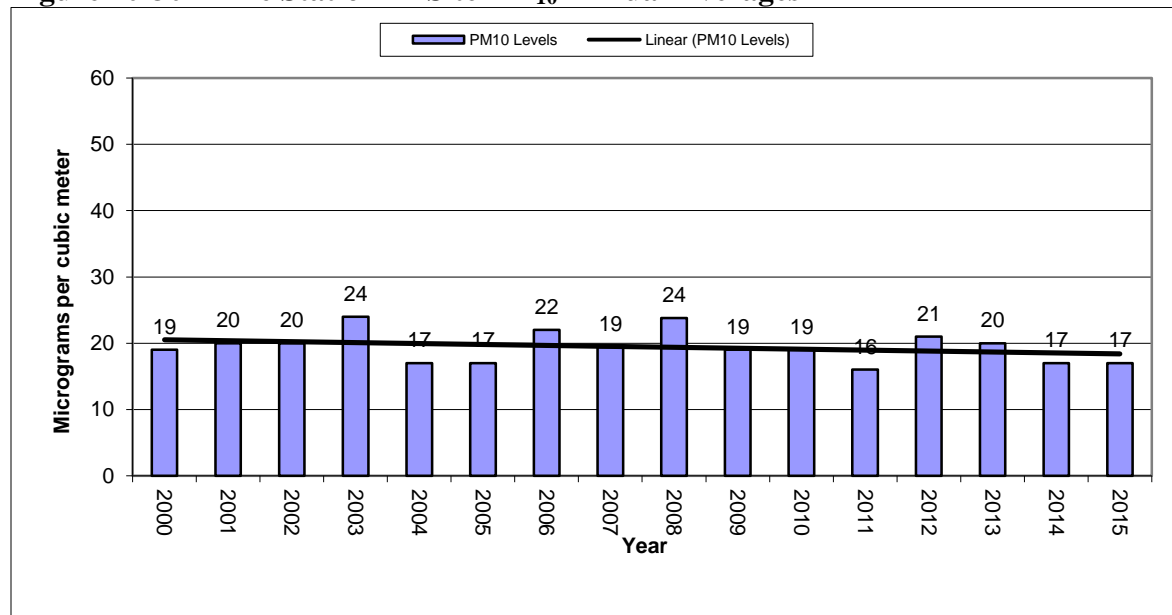


Parameter	Information
Operating Schedule	Every 6th Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Partisol 2000i
Analysis Methods	Gravimetric
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS),
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Manual)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFPS-0498-117
Operating Schedule	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Partisol 2000i w/VSCC
Analysis Methods	Gravimetric
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)

### 10.6.1 Fire Station #1 Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data

In 2009, the sampling schedule for PM<sub>10</sub> changed from every third day to every 6<sup>th</sup> day because concentrations at the site continue to be low and the chance of recording a concentration over the current standard is very low. Figure 10-30 contains a graph of the annual averages since the site was setup in 2000.

**Figure 10-30 – Fire Station #1 Site PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Averages**



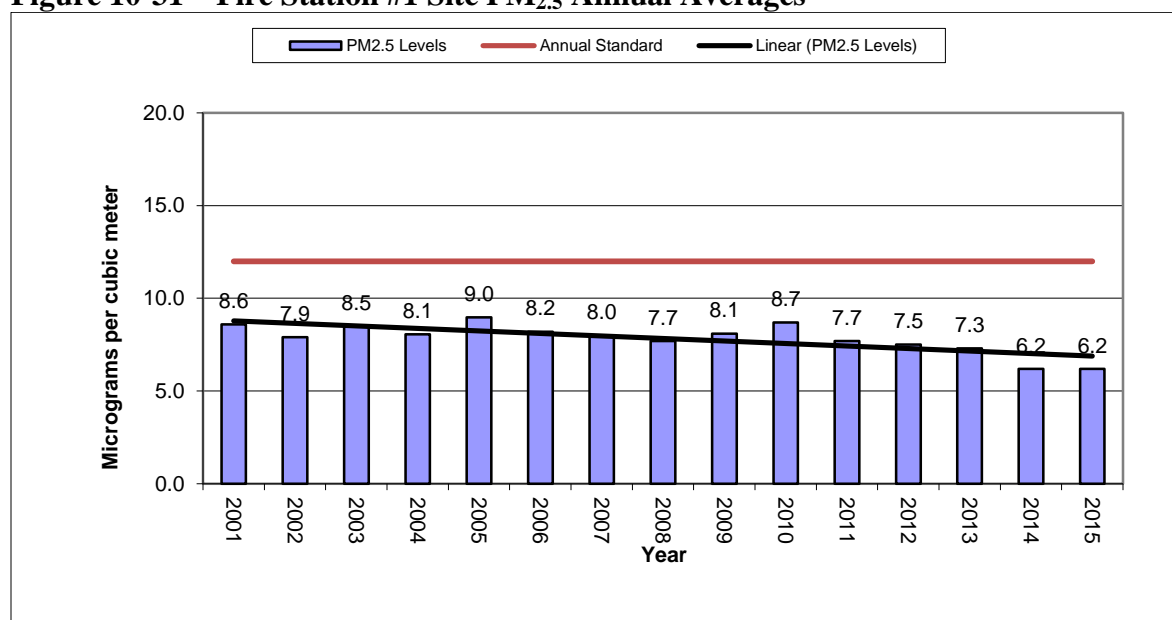
The annual average concentrations change from year to year but with the addition of the annual average for 2015 the trends line indicates a slight decrease in concentrations over the sixteen years of testing. The annual averages range from a low of 16 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2011 to a high

concentration level of 24 ug/m<sup>3</sup> recorded in 2003 and 2008. The testing for this parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population.

### 10.6.2 Fire Station #1 Site – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data

Sampling began for PM<sub>2.5</sub> at this site in 2001. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors run on an every third day sampling schedule. Annual averages for the Fire Station #1 Site in Aberdeen have ranged from 6.2 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2014 and 2015 to 9.0 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2005. The trend line shows that annual average is declining in concentration level over the last fifteen years. The testing for this parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population and will be continued. Figure 10-31 contains a graph of the annual average concentrations.

**Figure 10-31 – Fire Station #1 Site PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Averages**



Because of continued industrial growth, provide for the testing for other pollutants and to provide real time hourly data to the public the Aberdeen area will be evaluated to determine if a new site location would better represent the sampling needs of this area.

## 10.7 **Brookings Area**

In 2015, one air monitoring site was operated in the Brookings County. The older site located at the City Hall building in the center of the city of Brookings was discontinued. The Research Farm Site was setup in 2008 and is located at the Soil Conservation Farm northwest of the city of Brookings.

### 10.7.1 Brookings Research Farm Site

The Brookings Research Farm Site was set up in cooperation with the 3M Company in Brookings and Valero Renewable Fuels Company near the city of Aurora which provided the

equipment for the site. The sampling was a requirement of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration permits for both facilities. The department is operating the site and provided data to the facilities. The 3M Company has completed their air monitoring report using the data for 2008. Valero Renewable Fuels Company decided not to complete the facility upgrade under its Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit and no longer needs data from the Brookings Research Farm Site. Ozone data collected between 2008 and 2010 was added as a SLAMS site to the National Database in 2010 and the site was continued adding continuous PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2015.

The site location is outside of the NO<sub>2</sub> one microgram area modeled for the facilities in the Brookings area. The goals of the monitoring site were the evaluation of impacts to the ozone concentrations from modification at the 3M Company and Valero Renewable Fuels Company and to date the goals have been met. New goals have been added to collect ozone data downwind of a small city and for comparison to the NAAQS. The completion of the 2015 sampling year provides eight years of testing and a better idea of trends for the ozone data. Figure 10-32 shows a current picture of the monitoring site. Table 10-9 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Figure 10-32 – Brookings Research Farm Site**



**Table 10-8 – Brookings Research Farm Site Specifics**

Parameter	Information
Site Name	Brookings Research Farm
AQS ID Number	46-011-0003
Street Address	3714 Western Ave.
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 14, NAD 83, E 674766.316 N 4912930.911

Parameter	Information
MSA	None
<b>Ozone</b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQOA-0880-047
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration, Population, and Background
Sampling Method	Thermo 49i
Analysis Methods	ultraviolet
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS),
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-1102-150
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Thermo 5014i BETA
Analysis Methods	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-Time Data
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0308-170
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	Population and High Concentration
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020
Analysis Methods	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-Time Data

#### **10.7.1.1 Brookings Research Farm Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data**

PM<sub>10</sub> sampling began at this site in 2015. The annual average for 2015 was 18 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Testing for this parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population.

#### **10.7.1.2 Brookings Research Farm Site – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data**

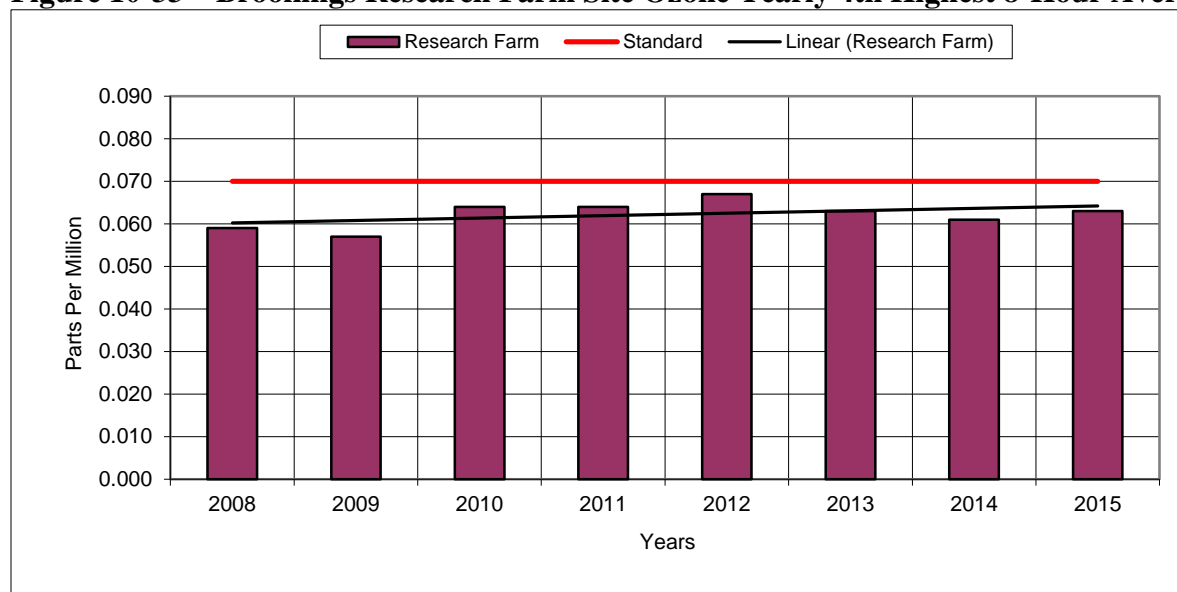
PM<sub>2.5</sub> sampling began at this site in 2015. The annual average for 2015 was 5.9 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Testing for this parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population. Most of the high 24-hour concentrations occur on days that are regional in scale. Annual averages are well under the standard and similar to the levels recorded at sites on the eastern edge of the.

#### **10.7.1.3 Brookings Research Farm Site – Ozone Data**

The 2015 sampling year is the eighth ozone season of testing. In 2015, the Brookings Research Farm Site had a fourth highest 8-hour average for the year under the standard of 0.070 ppm. The ozone data trend indicates an increasing level.

The testing for this parameter is meeting the goals of a SLAMS location and will be continued because it is one of three sites recording the highest concentrations in the state. It is meeting the goal of high concentration and population. The graph in Figure 10-33 shows the yearly 4<sup>th</sup> highest ozone concentration level for the last eight years.

**Figure 10-33 – Brookings Research Farm Site Ozone Yearly 4th Highest 8-Hour Averages**



## 10.8 Watertown Area

In 2015, one sampling site was operated in the city of Watertown. Watertown is the fourth largest city in South Dakota with a population of 21,482. The city has an increasing growth rate and industrial base. The industrial base is a mixture of service-oriented business and light industry. One other air monitoring site was operated in Watertown starting in 1974 and closed 1987. No other air monitoring data has been operated in the city. Figure 10-34 shows a picture of the monitoring site.

The current Watertown Site was established in 2003 as part of the implementation of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> network. In 2012, the manual PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors were replaced with a continuous monitor. The tested at the site includes the parameters of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> at a sampling frequency of every day.

The monitoring site is located in the western third of the city just east of an industrial park area. The site is located on City property in a monitoring shelter. The area around the site has service type businesses and light industry to the west and south. Residential areas are located to the north and east of the site. There have been no significant changes noted in buildings or trees around the site during this review. Table 10-10 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.



**Figure 10-34 – Watertown Site**



**Table 10-9 – Watertown Site Specifics**

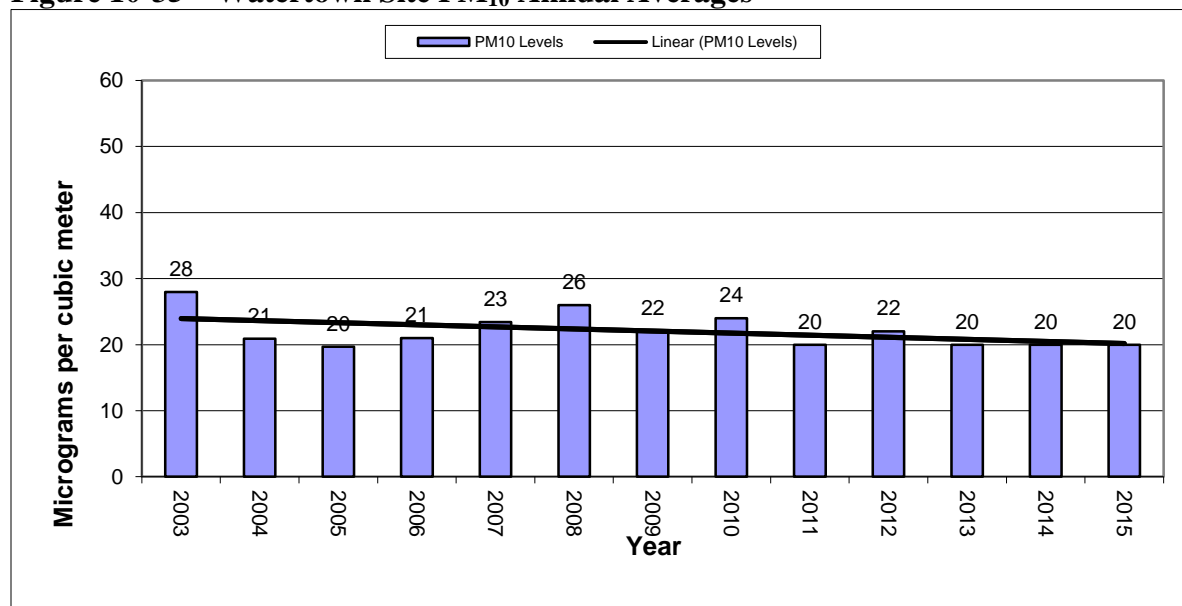
Parameter	Information
Site Name	Watertown
AQS ID Number	46-029-0002
Street Address	801 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Watertown, SD
Geographic Coordinates	UTM Zone 14, NAD 83, E 647,740.74 N 4,973,300.25
MSA	None
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0798-122
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Neighborhood
Monitoring Objective	High Concentration and Population
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020 Continuous
Analysis Methods	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-Time Data
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0308-170
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020 w/PM <sub>2.5</sub> VSCC
Analysis Method	Beta Attenuation

Parameter	Information
Data Use	SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS) Real-time Data

### 10.8.1 Watertown Site PM<sub>10</sub> Data

The PM<sub>10</sub> monitor operated on an every third day sampling schedule until 2006 when a continuous PM<sub>10</sub> monitor replaced the manual monitors and an everyday sampling schedule began. The highest recorded annual average for PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations was 28 ug/m<sup>3</sup> recorded in 2003. The lowest annual average concentration of 20 ug/m<sup>3</sup> was recorded on the manual monitor in 2005 and continuous monitor in 2011, 2013, 2014, and 2015. The annual average indicates concentration levels are slightly decreasing during the 13 years of testing but the last three years of testing concentrations have remained at the same level. PM<sub>10</sub> concentration levels can get close to and have exceeded the 24-hour standard. Testing for this parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population and will be continued. Figure 10-35 contains a graph of the annual averages.

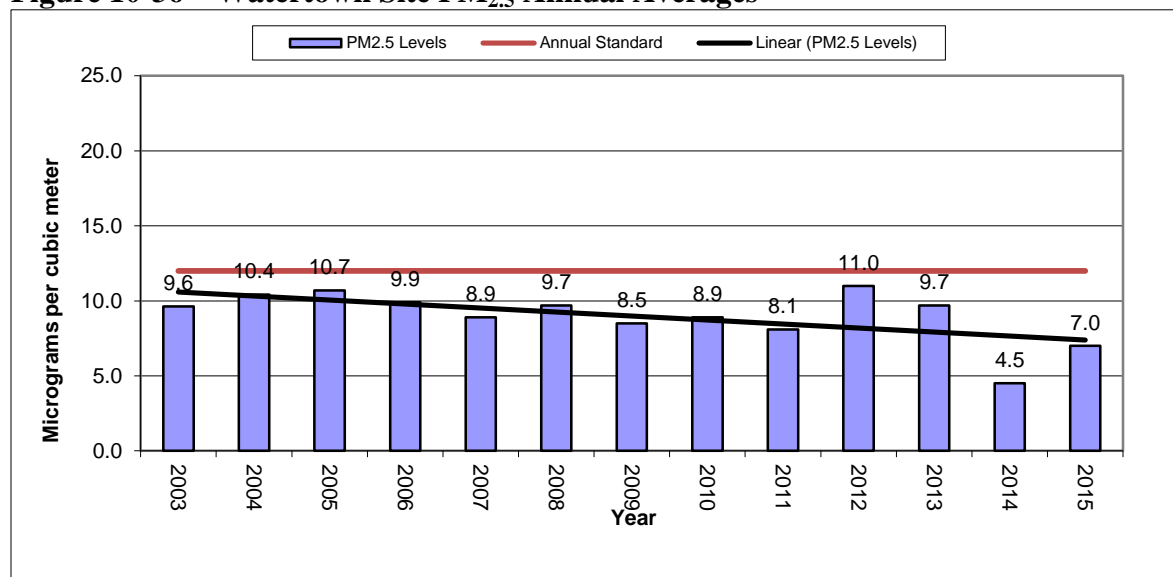
**Figure 10-35 – Watertown Site PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Averages**



### 10.8.2 Watertown Site PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data

The PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors were run on an every third day schedule since the PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors were setup in 2003. Beginning in 2012 a continuous monitor was installed and the site reported hourly concentrations on an everyday schedule. Annual averages for the Watertown Site range from a high of 11.0 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2012 to a low of 4.5 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2014. The annual average shows a decrease in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration levels over the 13 years of testing even when including the 2012 year. Testing for this parameter is meeting the goals of high concentration and population and will be continued. Figure 10-36 contains a graph showing the annual average concentration for each year of operation.

**Figure 10-36 – Watertown Site PM<sub>2.5</sub> Annual Averages**



## 10.9 Union County Area

At the beginning of 2009, three new monitoring sites were set up in Union County. No ambient air quality testing had ever been completed in this county. All three sites are located north of Elk Point. The sampling goals for the new sites were to determine air pollution levels near the location of the proposed Hyperion Energy Center prior to construction, during construction, and post construction. Currently, the proposed project's Prevention of Significant Deterioration air quality permit has expired, no new application was submitted by the company and purchase easements on the property in Union County have all expired. By the end of 2013, the sites have collected five years of data so there is an adequate amount of data for use to show background levels and the difference in sampling locations for future use. With no current project pending there is only need for one site to continue to show current levels in rural Union County.

In 2012, UC #3 Site was closed with the ozone parameter moved to UC #1. At the end of 2013 UC #2 was closed because it was a duplicate site to UC #1. At the end of 2013, the CO testing at UC #1 was discontinued because recorded concentrations were very low and there was no indication concentrations would ever get close to the standard level.

### 10.9.1 UC #1 Site

UC #1 Site is located about 4 1/2 miles north of Elk Point. Sampling began just before January 1, 2009. The goals for the site are background and for comparison to the NAAQS. Figure 10-37 provides a picture of the monitoring site looking to the North. Table 10-11 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Figure 10-37 – UC #1 Site**



**Table 10-10 – UC #1 Site Specifics**

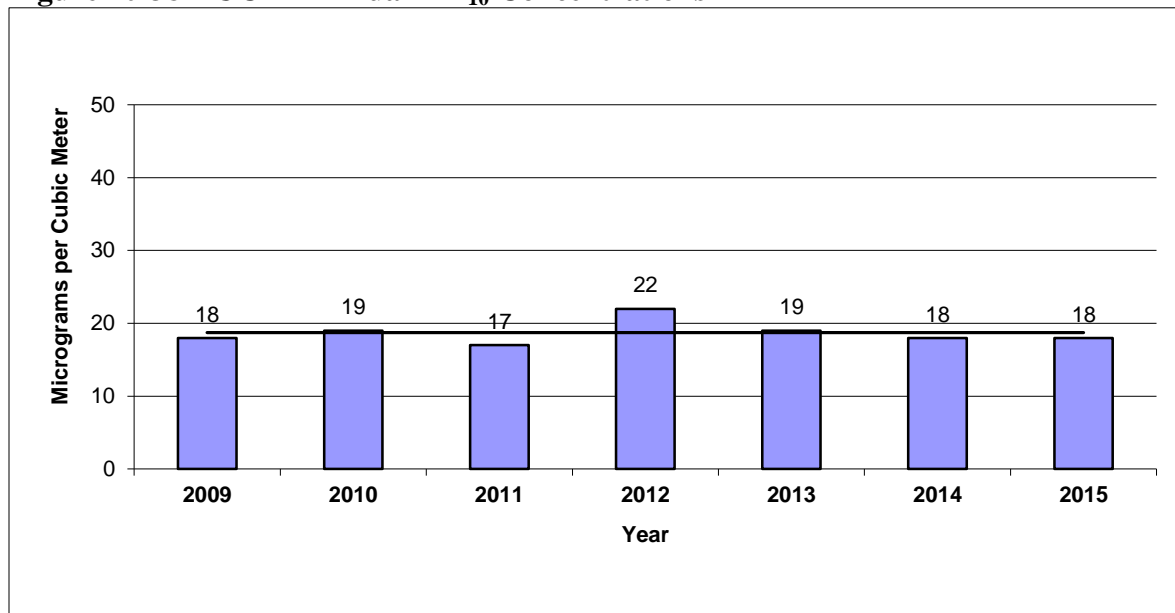
Parameter	Information
Site Name	UC #1
AQS ID Number	46-127-0001
Street Address	31988 457 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
Geographic Coordinates	Lat. + 42.751518 Long. – 96.707208
MSA	Sioux City, IA-NE-SD
PM <sub>10</sub>	(Continuous)
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-1102-150
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Thermo 5014i BETA Continuous
Analysis Method	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	Real-time Data and SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)

Parameter	Information
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0308-170
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020 w/PM <sub>2.5</sub> VSCC
Analysis Method	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	Real-time Data and SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQSA-0486-060
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Instrumental 43i Trace Level Thermo
Analysis Methods	Pulsed Fluorescent
Data Use	Real-time Data and SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Reference Method RFNA-1289-074
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Instrumental 42i Thermo/Fisher
Analysis Method	Chemiluminescence
Data Use	Real-time Data and SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)
<b>Ozone</b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQOA-0880-047
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Thermo 49i
Analysis Method	Ultraviolet
Data Use	Real-time Data and SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)

### **10.9.2 UC #1 Site – PM<sub>10</sub> Data**

The average concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> in UC #1 Site represent concentration levels similar to other sites in eastern South Dakota. The annual average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations at this site range from 17 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2011 to 22 ug/m<sup>3</sup> in 2012. Trends indicate concentrations show little change and are steady for UC #1 Site. See the annual averages for the UC #1 Site in Figure 10-38.

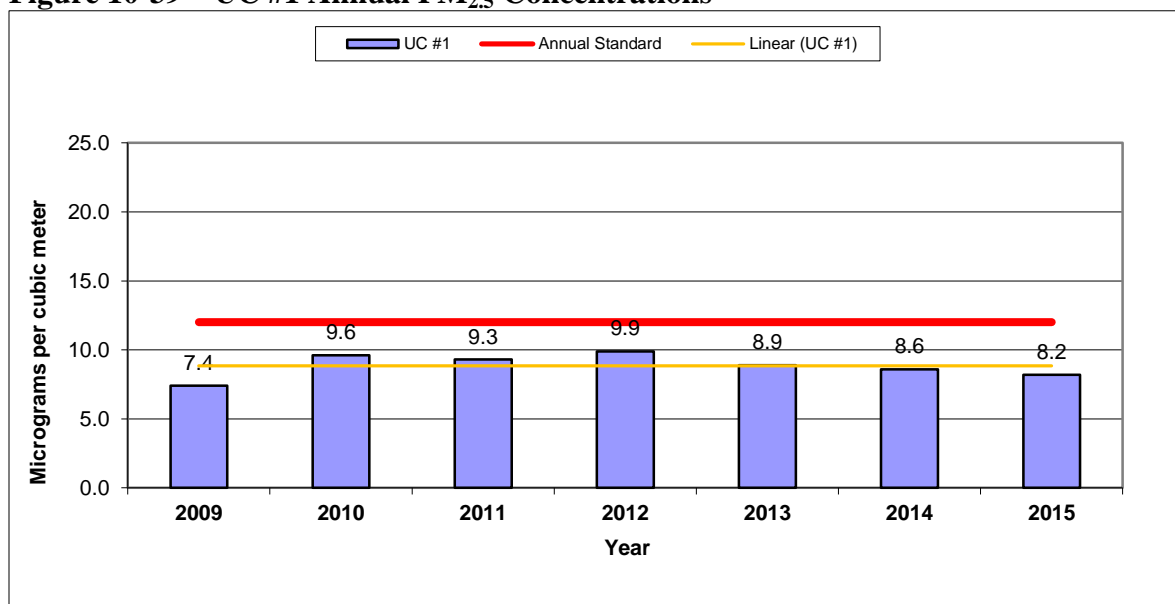
**Figure 10-38 – UC #1 Annual PM<sub>10</sub> Concentrations**



### **10.9.3 UC #1 Site – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data**

The UC #1 Site continues to be one of the highest annual average and 24-hour locations in the state and on some years is the highest concentration site in the state. The trend lines show concentrations to be slightly increasing over the seven years of testing. The last three years concentrations have decreased compared to levels in 2012. See Figure 10-39 to view a graph of the annual averages.

**Figure 10-39 – UC #1 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> Concentrations**

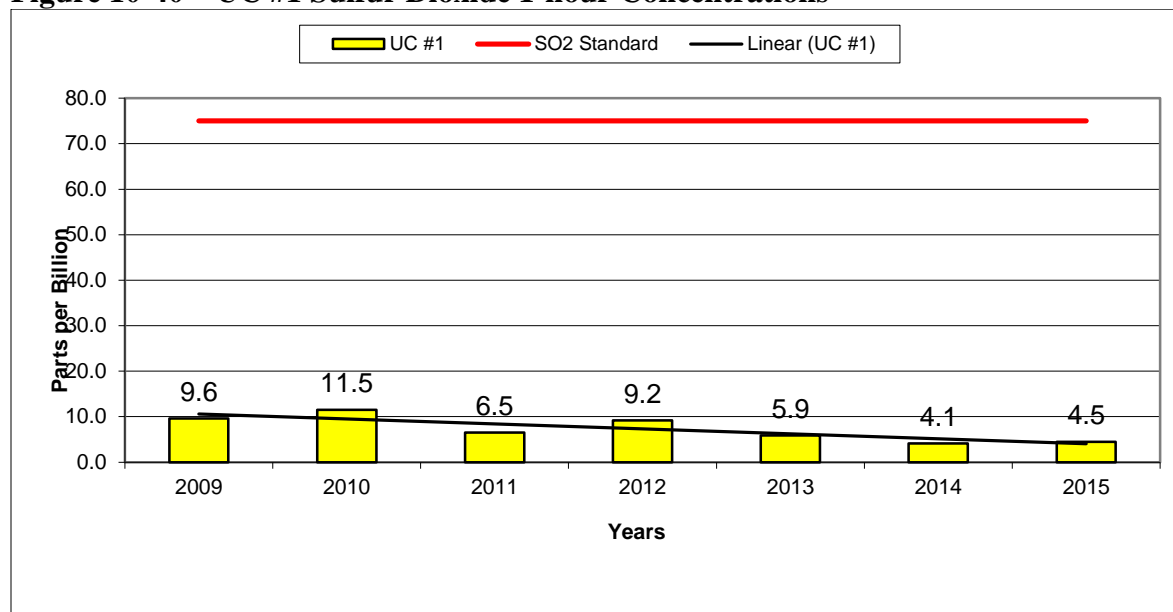




#### 10.9.4 UC #1 Site – Sulfur Dioxide Data

Concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> follow the same trend as other sites in the state with many hourly average concentrations low near the detection level (0.1 ppb) for the analyzer method being used to collect the data. A trace level SO<sub>2</sub> analyzer has operated at this site beginning in 2009. Trends indicate SO<sub>2</sub> levels are dropping slightly at this site. See Figure 10-40 for a graph showing the 1-hour 99<sup>th</sup> percentile for this site.

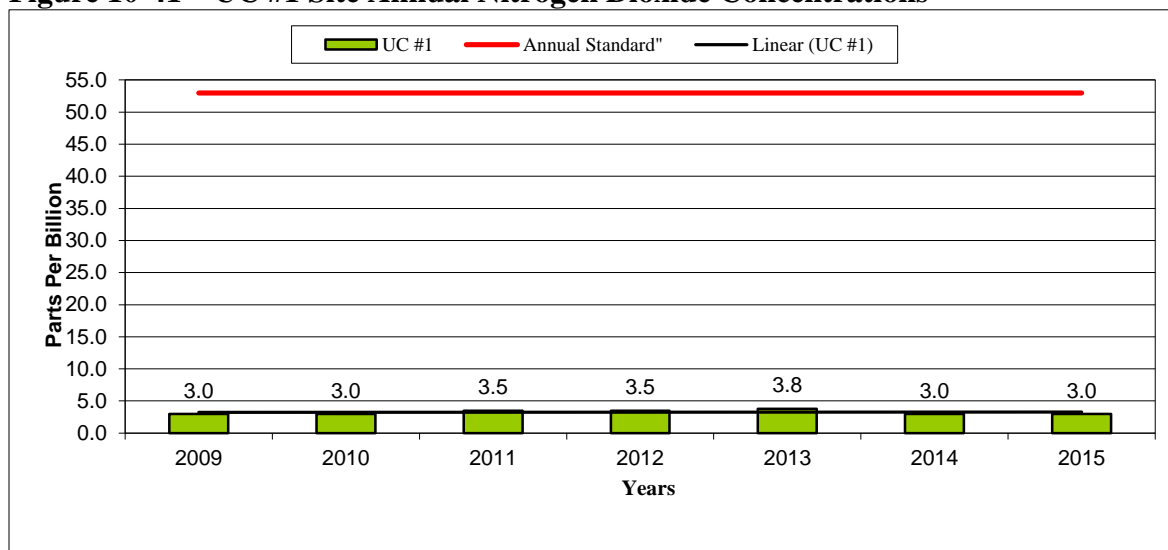
**Figure 10-40 – UC #1 Sulfur Dioxide 1-hour Concentrations**



#### 10.9.5 UC #1 Site – Nitrogen Dioxide Data

Concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> follow the same trends as other rural areas in the state like the Badlands and Wind Cave sites. Annual average concentrations are very low near the detection level for the analyzer method being used to collect the data. Just as the SO<sub>2</sub> parameter, the NO<sub>2</sub> parameter differences are noted from year to year when comparing a 1-hour average but the annual averages are very close in concentration. Trends indicate a steady concentration level for UC #1 over the six years of testing. Figure 10-41 shows a graph of the annual average concentrations for this site.

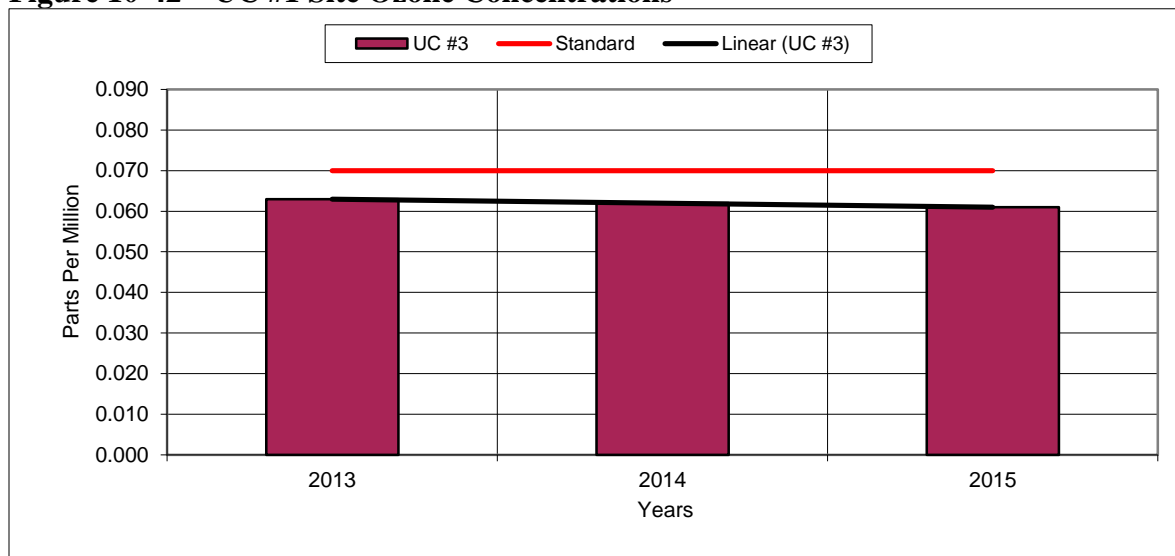
**Figure 10-41 – UC #1 Site Annual Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations**



### **10.9.6 UC #1 Site – Ozone Data**

The ozone 8-hour average for the UC #1 site recorded a concentration that was similar to levels recorded at the other two sites in the eastern part of the state in 2015. See Figure 10-42 for a graph of the ozone concentrations at the UC #1 Site. The addition of the 2015 sampling year provided the first 3-year average to be compared to the national standard for ozone and the trend is slightly decreasing in concentration levels.

**Figure 10-42 – UC #1 Site Ozone Concentrations**



## 10.10 Pierre Area

Pierre is the capital city of South Dakota. It is located in the center of the state along the rough river bluffs overlooking the Missouri River. The population was 13,646 at the 2010 census. Pierre has a relatively dry, four-season climate with long, dry, cold winters, hot summers and brief spring and autumnal transitions.

### 10.10.1 Pierre Airport Site

At the beginning of 2015, a new monitoring site was set up in Pierre. The site is located at the Pierre Regional Airport Industrial Park in northeast Pierre. The sampling goal for the new site was to test in a new area of the state with no past PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring. Figure 10-43 provides a picture of the monitoring site looking to the North. Table 10-11 contains details on the monitoring site specific to the requirements in 40 CFR Part 58.

**Figure 10-43 – Pierre Airport Site**



**Table 10-11 – Pierre Airport Site Specifics**

Parameter	Information
Site Name	Pierre Airport
AQS ID Number	46-065-0003
Street Address	4293 Airport Road
Geographic Coordinates	Lat. + 44.373786 Long. – 100.287269
MSA	None

Parameter	Information
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	<b>(Continuous)</b>
Sampler Type	Federal Equivalent Method EQPM-0308-170
Operating Schedule	Every Day
Scale Representation	Regional
Monitoring Objective	Background, Transport
Sampling Method	Met One BAM-1020 w/PM <sub>2.5</sub> VSCC
Analysis Method	Beta Attenuation
Data Use	Real-time Data and SLAMS (Comparison to the NAAQS)

### **10.10.2 Pierre Airport Site – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data**

2015 was the first year of monitoring at the Pierre Airport Site. The annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration at the site was 4.45 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. After three years of data is collected a graph with a trend line will be shown. The Pierre Airport site shows relatively low concentrations, just above those at the National Parks sites.

## **11.0 SPECIAL AIR QUALITY MONITORING**

### **11.1 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Speciation Monitoring Program**

#### **Speciation Monitoring Program**

The chemical speciation network will quantify mass concentrations and significant PM<sub>2.5</sub> constituents which include trace elements, sulfate, nitrate, sodium, potassium, ammonium, and carbon. This series of analytes is very similar to those measured within the Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) program.

Physical and chemical speciation data are anticipated to provide valuable information for:

1. Assessing trends in mass component concentrations and related emissions, including specific source categories.
2. Characterizing annual and seasonal spatial variation of aerosols.
3. Determining the effectiveness of implementation control strategies.
4. Helping to implement the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard by using speciated data as input to air quality modeling analyses.
5. Aiding the interpretation of health studies by linking effects to PM<sub>2.5</sub> constituents.
6. Understanding the effects of atmospheric constituents on visibility impairment and regional haze.

South Dakota has one site that collects samples as part of the Speciation Network. This site collects 24-hour air samples on a 3-day schedule. The site is in Sioux Falls, located in southeastern South Dakota. Sioux Falls is the largest city in the state. The speciation monitor was moved from the KELO site to the SD School Site at the beginning of 2009. The SD School Site is located on the east central part of the city. The site is about 1.5 miles southeast of the main industrial area in Sioux Falls. The area around the site is mainly residential. Interstate 229 which is a major commuting road runs north and south about three city blocks east of the

monitoring site. The predominant wind direction is northwest for most of the year with southeast winds during the summer months. Carbon samples were taken by the Met One SASS monitor. In September 2009, the Improve URG 3000N sampler was set up to do the carbon sampling.

Figure 11-1 shows a comparison of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations between the speciation monitor, the manual monitor, and the continuous monitor located at this site (in 2015 the speciation mass was discontinued). Figure 11-2 shows the average total Organic Carbon & Elemental Carbon concentrations for the URG monitor. Figure 11-3 shows the average Nitrate and Sulfate concentrations.

It appears that sampling frequency and method type is affecting the difference in concentration levels and overall trend for the speciation monitor. The first two years of testing the speciation monitor ran on an every sixth day schedule. In 2011 to 2015, the schedule was changed to every third day. This reduced some of the difference in annual average concentration and brings the speciation monitor annual average comparable to the manual monitor annual average. The continuous monitor annual average is calculated using three times more samples so a difference in the annual mean is expected.

**Figure 11-1 – Average PM<sub>2.5</sub> Concentration**

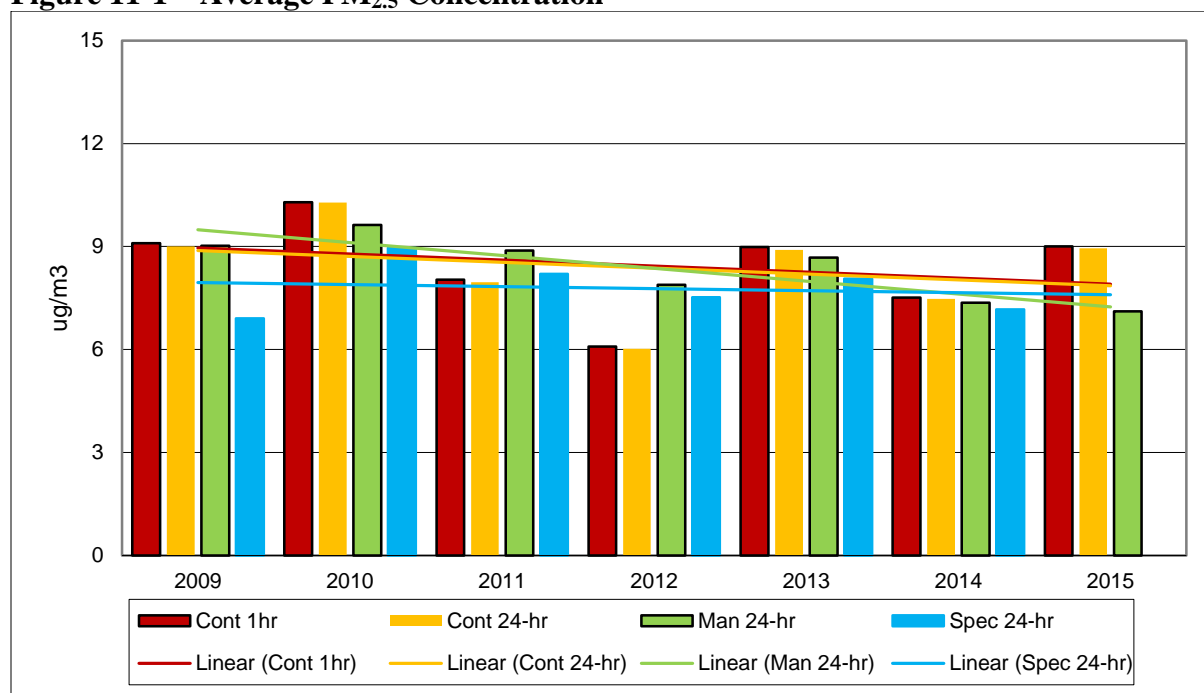


Figure 11-2 shows the average total organic carbon and elemental carbon concentrations for the URG monitor. Concentrations of carbon are low. The organic carbon concentrations are higher than the elemental carbon. The average contribution of elemental carbon to the overall concentration remained about the same. The overall trend for total carbon shows a slight increase in total carbon levels in the seven years of testing.

**Figure 11-2 – Average URG Monitor Total Carbon Concentrations**

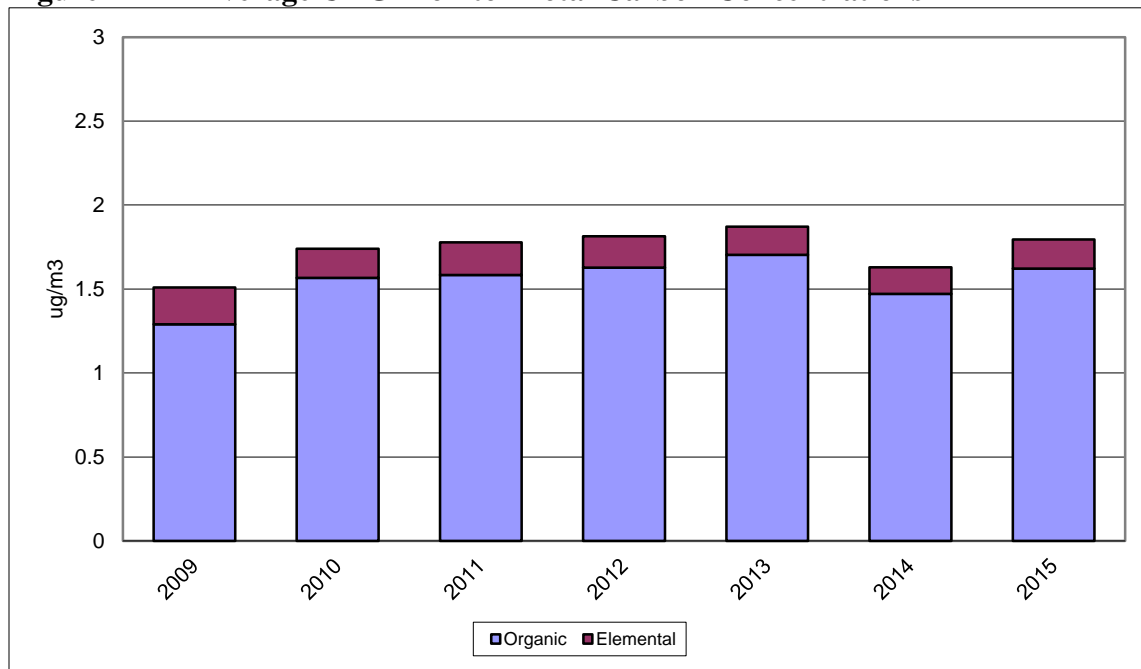
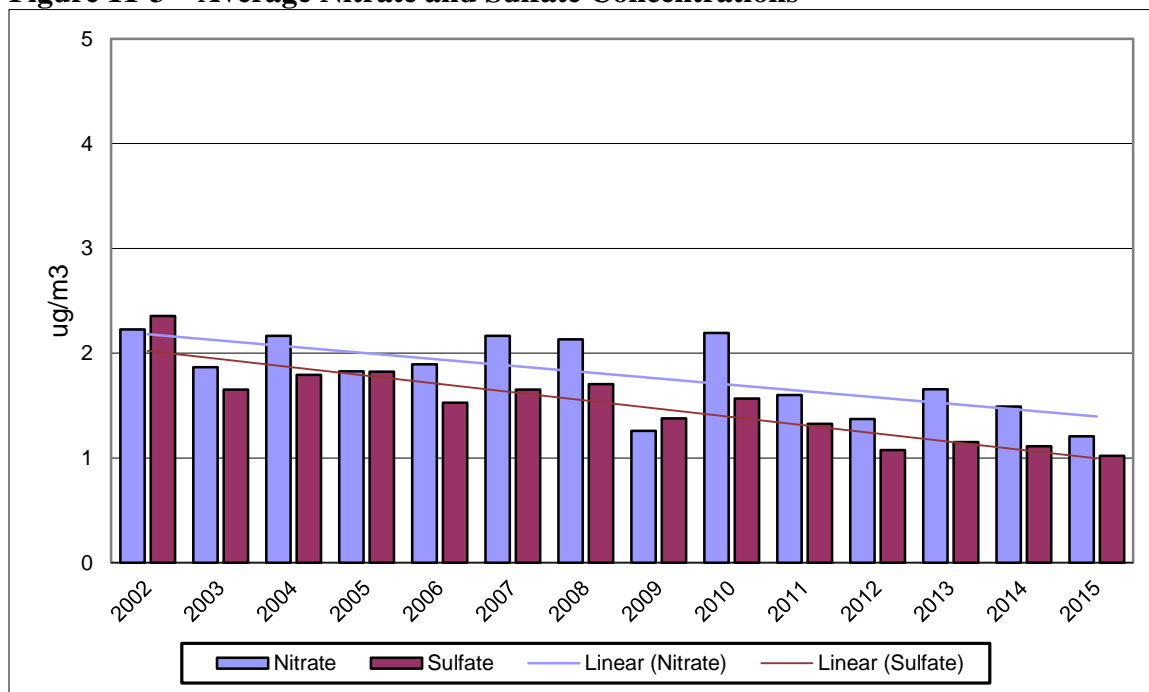


Figure 11-3 shows the average nitrate and sulfate concentrations analyzed from the  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  samples. The graph shows trends for the concentration of nitrates and sulfates are declining overall. 2015 had the lowest concentrations during the fourteen years of testing in Sioux Falls.

**Figure 11-3 – Average Nitrate and Sulfate Concentrations**





## 12.0 CONCLUSIONS

The ambient air quality monitoring network has demonstrated that South Dakota is currently attaining the federal NAAQS. The Air Quality Program is working to ensure that any changes in the air quality of the state are reviewed for possible health effects to the public. The ambient air quality monitoring network is continually reviewed to ensure that there is adequate coverage of populated areas in the state. As the state's population and industry changes, monitoring sites will be added or moved to new locations.

Major modifications to the sampling network include:

1. Evaluate the Aberdeen area and determine if current site meets the testing needs; and
2. Evaluate the state's sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide monitor sites to determine if analyzers need to be moved to areas of the state with no data for these pollutants.

Equipment Purchase Priorities include the following items:

1. Replace old Thermo FH 62 C14 PM BETA monitors;
2. Replace ESC 8816 data loggers;
3. Replace C series calibrators and analyzers;
4. Maintain the NCore site; and
5. Purchase new equipment as required to meet EPA requirements.

There is an ongoing effort to maintain staff training regarding the latest monitoring techniques and procedures to perform these studies. It is anticipated that the ambient air monitoring network will operate in much the same manner as it has in the past. This will include the identification of pollution problems, measurement and evaluation of the extent of the problem, and determination of action to be taken to protect the environment and the health of the people of South Dakota.

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