

APPENDIX B

PAMS Monitoring Network Plan Monitoring Organizations Required to Operate at NCore Sites

South Coast AQMD operates two Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) sites in the current air monitoring network. PAMS sites are located at the Los Angeles (Main St.) and the Rubidoux sites.

Network Locations

The NCore and NATTS sites are located at Los Angeles (Main St.) and Rubidoux and are collocated with the PAMS monitoring sites. These locations will measure the parameters outlined in Table 1. An inventory of equipment used at each site is provided in Attachment 1.

Auto GC

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) – A complete list of the targeted compounds are found in Table 1. South Coast AQMD will measure hourly speciated VOC measurements with an auto-gas chromatograph (GC) using an Agilent/Markes model 7890A/Unity Air Server 2.

Meteorology Measurements

South Coast AQMD will measure wind direction, wind speed, temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, solar radiation, ultraviolet radiation and mixing height. South Coast AQMD has elected to use the following instrumentation to measure the parameters described above: RM Young 5305VP anemometer, Rotronic HC2-S3 ambient temperature/humidity, Vaisala PTB 110 barometer, Kipp and Zonen CMP6 Pyranometer, Eppley TUVR Total Ultraviolet Radiometer and Vaisala CL51 Ceilometers.

South Coast AQMD requests waivers to allow precipitation and mixing height measurements to be obtained/measured from nearby sites. Rationale for this request is provided in the waiver Attachment 2.

Other Measurements

Carbonyls – South Coast AQMD will monitor Carbonyls at a frequency of three 8-hour samples on a one in-three day basis during the months of June, July, August and September (~120 samples per PAMS sampling season) using ATEC model 8000 Automated Sampler. A complete list of the target carbonyl compounds may be found in Table 1. The TO-11A test method, as used in the National Air Toxics Trends (NATTS) program will be used.

Nitrogen Oxides – South Coast AQMD will monitor for NO and NO_y (total oxides of nitrogen) in addition to true NO₂. The true NO₂ is measured with a direct reading NO₂ analyzer, cavity attenuated phase shift (CAPS) spectroscopy. South Coast AQMD has elected to use Teledyne CAPS T500U for the true NO₂ measurement. NO and NO_y will be measured using a Teledyne T200 U Ultra- Sensitive Trace-Chemiluminescence.

Table 1 PAMS Target Compound List^a

Priority Compounds				Optional Compounds			
1	1,2,3-trimethylbenzene ^a	19	n-hexane ^b	1	1,3,5-trimethylbenzene	19	m-diethylbenzene
2	1,2,4-trimethylbenzene ^a	20	n-pentane	2	1-pentene	20	methylcyclohexane
3	1-butene	21	o-ethyltoluene ^a	3	2,2-dimethylbutane	21	methylcyclopentane
4	2,2,4-trimethylpentane ^b	22	o-xylene ^{a,b}	4	2,3,4-trimethylpentane	22	n-decane
5	Acetaldehyde ^{b,c}	23	p-ethyltoluene ^a	5	2,3-dimethylbutane	23	n-heptane
6	acetone ^{c,d}	24	Propane	6	2,3-dimethylpentane	24	n-nonane
7	benzene ^{a,b}	25	propylene	7	2,4-dimethylpentane	25	n-octane
8	c-2-butene	26	styrene ^{a,b}	8	2-methylheptane	26	n-propylbenzene ^a
9	ethane ^d	27	toluene ^{a,b}	9	2-methylhexane	27	n-undecane
10	ethylbenzene ^{a,b}	28	t-2-butene	10	2-methylpentane	28	p-diethylbenzene
11	Ethylene			11	3-methylheptane	29	t-2-pentene
12	formaldehyde ^{b,c}			12	3-methylhexane	30	α/β -pinene
13	Isobutane			13	3-methylpentane	31	1,3 butadiene ^b
14	Isopentane			14	Acetylene	32	benzaldehyde ^c
15	Isoprene			15	c-2-pentene	33	carbon tetrachloride ^b
16	m&p-xylenes ^{a,b}			16	cyclohexane	34	Ethanol
17	m-ethyltoluene ^a			17	cyclopentane	35	Tetrachloroethylene ^b
18	n-butane			18	isopropylbenzene ^b		

Source: Revisions to the Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations Compound Target List.U.S. EPA, November 20, 2013

^a Important SOAP (Secondary Organic Aerosols Precursor) Compounds

^b HAP (Hazardous Air Pollutant) Compounds

^c Carbonyl compounds

^d Non-reactive compounds, not considered to be VOC for regulatory purposes

Attachment 1 Equipment Inventory

Region	9
State	California
AQS ID	06-037-1103, Los Angeles (Main St.)
CBSA	31080 – Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim

Parameter	Category	Detail
Site	Is the AQS site ID listed above the expected PAMS Core site location?	Yes
	What is the status of the decision for the expected PAMS Core site location (not started, draft, or final)?	Final
	Is there an alternate PAMS Core site location selected?	No
	Identify type of alternative site (existing PAMS, NATTS, etc.)	None
	Alternate site AQS ID (if known)	None
Mixing Height	Is there an existing functional ceilometer or other similar instrument available for use?	Yes
	Current location (at future PAMS Core site, at other site, not applicable)	Waiver previously approved for alternate location at North Hollywood AMS.
	Instrument type (ceilometer, radar profiler, etc.)	Ceilometer, radar wind profiler
	Manufacturer	Vaisala
	Model	CL51
	Date purchased	4/2016
	Comments	North Hollywood site ceilometer includes mixing height algorithm.
Auto GC	Is there an existing Auto GC available for use?	Yes
	Current location (at future PAMS Core site, at other site, not applicable)	At PAMS Core site – Los Angeles (Main St.)
	Manufacturer	Agilent/Markes
	Model	7890A/Unity Air Server 2
	Date purchased	07/2015
	Does it have a service contract?	GC under warranty – establishing service contract.
True NO2	Is there an existing true NO2 instrument available for use?	Yes
	Current location (at future PAMS Core site, at other site, not applicable)	At PAMS Core site – Los Angeles (Main St.)
	Instrument type (photolytic conversion, cavity ring down, CAPS, etc.)	CAPS
	Manufacturer	Teledyne
	Model	T500U
	Date purchased	06/2019
Carbonyls Sampling	Is there an existing sequential carbonyls sampling unit or similar instrument available for use?	Yes
	Current location (at future PAMS Core site, at other site, not applicable)	At Core PAMS site
	Manufacturer	ATEC
	Model	8000
	Date purchased	2017
	Comments	
Carbonyls Analysis	Does the site currently have a support laboratory for carbonyls or plans to use a support laboratory?	Samples to be analyzed at South Coast AQMD
	laboratory name	N/A
	comments	

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Barometric Pressure	Instrument type (aneroid barometer, etc.)	Barometer, Electronic
	Manufacturer	Vaisala
	Model	PTB110
	Date purchased	9/27/13
	Comments	Equivalent sensor also at LAX Upper Air Station
UV Radiation	Instrument type (UV radiometer, etc.)	Total Ultraviolet Radiation
	Manufacturer	Eppley
	Model	TUVR
	Date purchased	3/6/08
	Comments	Equivalent sensor also at LAX Upper Air Station
Solar Radiation	Instrument type (Pyranometer, etc.)	Pyranometer
	Manufacturer	Kipp and Zonen
	Model	CMP6
	Date purchased	3/6/08
	Comments	
Precipitation	Instrument type (tipping bucket, weighing, etc.)	Electronic Gauge - Weighing
	Manufacturer	
	Model	
	Date purchased	
	Comments	NWS/FAA precipitation nearby at Downtown LA (USC)

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Region	9
State	California
AQS ID	06-065-8001, Rubidoux
CBSA	40140 - Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario

Parameter	Category	Detail
Site	Is the AQS site ID listed above the expected PAMS Core site location?	Yes
	What is the status of the decision for the expected PAMS Core site location (not started, draft, or final)?	Final
	Is there an alternate PAMS Core site location selected?	No
	Identify type of alternative site (existing PAMS, NATTS, etc.)	None
	Alternate site AQS ID (if known)	None
Mixing Height	Is there an existing functional ceilometer or other similar instrument available for use?	Yes.
	Current location (at future PAMS Core site, at other site, not applicable)	At PAMS Core site - Rubidoux AMS.
	Instrument type (ceilometer, radar profiler, etc.)	Ceilometer, Radar Wind Profiler.
	Manufacturer	Vaisala
	Model	CL51
	Date purchased	1/2018
	Comments	Ceilometer includes mixing height algorithm.
Auto GC	Is there an existing Auto GC available for use?	Yes
	Current location (at future PAMS Core site, at other site, not applicable)	At PAMS Core site - Rubidoux AMS.
	Manufacturer	Agilent/Markes
	Model	7890A/Unity Air Server 2
	Date purchased	04/2016
	Does it have a service contract?	GC under warranty – establishing service contract.
True NO2	Is there an existing true NO2 instrument available for use?	Yes
	Current location (at future PAMS Core site, at other site, not applicable)	At PAMS Core site - Rubidoux AMS.
	Instrument type (photolytic conversion, cavity ring down, CAPS, etc.)	CAPS
	Manufacturer	Teledyne
	Model	T500U
Carbonyls Sampling	Is there an existing sequential carbonyls sampling unit or similar instrument available for use?	Yes
	Current location (at future PAMS Core site, at other site, not applicable)	At Core PAMS site
	Manufacturer	ATEC
	Model	8000
	Date purchased	2017
Carbonyls Analysis	Does the site currently have a support laboratory for carbonyls or plans to use a support laboratory?	Samples to be analyzed at South Coast AQMD
	Laboratory name	N/A
	Comments	

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	Comments	
UV Radiation	Instrument type (UV radiometer, etc.)	Total Ultraviolet Radiation
	Manufacturer	Eppley
	Model	TUVR
	Date purchased	3/6/08
	Comments	
Solar Radiation	Instrument type (Pyranometer, etc.)	Pyranometer
	Manufacturer	Kipp and Zonen
	Model	CMP6
	Date purchased	3/6/08
	Comments	
Precipitation	Instrument type (tipping bucket, weighing, etc.)	Electronic Gauge - Weighing
	Manufacturer	
	Model	
	Date purchased	
	Comments	NWS/FAA precipitation nearby at Ontario airport site

Attachment 2

Waiver Requests and Rationale

Meteorological Waiver Request

South Coast AQMD requests an extension of two previously submitted waiver requests:

1. **Upper Air Measurements (Mixing Height) – Los Angeles (Main St.):**
An extension of the waiver approved in the 2024 Annual Network Plan to continue obtaining mixing height measurements for the Los Angeles (Main St.) site from the North Hollywood air monitoring station.

2. **Precipitation Measurements – Los Angeles (Main St.) and Rubidoux:**
An extension of the waiver initially submitted in the 2019 Enhanced PAMS Plan to obtain precipitation data for the Los Angeles (Main St.) site from Downtown Los Angeles (USC) and for the Rubidoux site from Ontario International Airport.

Rationale for Waiver

Mixing Height – Los Angeles (Main St.)

The Los Angeles (Main St.) site is not suitable for direct upper air meteorological measurements due to physical obstructions and urban infrastructure limitations. The North Hollywood air monitoring station provides appropriate siting conditions, including unobstructed sky views, and is located within a reasonable distance to serve as a representative surrogate. The use of ceilometer-based mixing height data from North Hollywood was approved in the 2024 Annual Network Plan, and South Coast AQMD requests that this waiver be extended.

Precipitation – Los Angeles (Main St.) and Rubidoux

Neither the Los Angeles (Main St.) nor the Rubidoux monitoring sites have the space or conditions necessary to support accurate on-site precipitation measurements. To address this, South Coast AQMD requests to continue using nearby, high-quality precipitation data from trusted networks maintained by the National Weather Service (NWS) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Specifically:

- USC (Downtown Los Angeles) will be used for precipitation data representative of the Los Angeles (Main St.) site, and

- Ontario International Airport will be used for precipitation data representative of the Rubidoux site.

This approach, consistent with the 2019 Enhanced PAMS Plan, ensures reliable and representative precipitation data are available while avoiding the logistical and siting limitations at the monitoring locations.

These waivers continue to support the integrity of the air monitoring network while utilizing existing infrastructure in a cost-effective and scientifically valid manner.