July 2023: Active Monitoring Program



Field Operations Summary (detailed field operations notes can be found in the monthly technical reports on the PRAMP website)

986-C Station

- No major operational issues this month that resulted in reportable downtime events. Measured parameters were below Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives (AAAQOs) where applicable.
- THC/CH4/NMHC: The Thermo 55i failed the shut-down calibration due to frequent injection issues on July 5. The analyzer was removed and a replacement was installed. One-minute data were reviewed and discarded if data quality was affected by injection issues. Two hours of data collected on July 1 were invalidated as a result. SO2: The expected zero value was entered incorrectly on July 7. The error was corrected on July 15. As a result, the value was not used for the baseline correction between July 7 and 15.

842-B Station

- No major operational issues this month that resulted in reportable downtime events. Measured parameters were below Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives (AAAQOs) where applicable.
- Reno-B Station
 - No major operational issues this month that resulted in reportable downtime events. Measured parameters were below Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives (AAAQOs) where applicable.
 - THC/CH4/NMHC: After a shut-down calibration on July 18, the contractor-owned Thermo 55i analyzer was removed, and PRAMP's Thermo 55i analyzer, was installed. The analyzer was allowed time to stabilize overnight. A successful installation calibration was completed on July 19. Twenty hours of downtime were recorded due to this event.

PRC Station

- No major operational issues this month that resulted in reportable downtime events. Measured parameters were below Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives (AAAQOs) where applicable. AQHI Station – Grimshaw
 - All parameters met the 90% operational uptime requirement, except NO_x/NO/N₀₂ (89.9%) and O₃ (58.5% in July and 24.7% in June). AEPA reference #: 417906 and 417907, respectively.
 - Measured parameters were below Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives (AAAQOs) and /or Alberta Ambient Air Quality Guidelines (AAAQGs) where applicable, except PM_{2.5}. One hundred sixty-three 1-hour PM_{2.5} exceedances and thirteen 24-hour PM_{2.5} exceedances were recorded this month. Both nearby and distant wildfires contributed to intense local wildfire smoke conditions.
 - NO_x/NO/NO₂: The analyzer failed both the daily zero-span check and the as-found points check on July 11. In the absence of a clear point of failure, data were discarded back to the last valid calibration, which was July 10. Thirty-five hours of downtime were recorded. With other events that led to an additional 30 hours of downtime, including the station HVAC failure and power outages, the 90% uptime requirement as not met.
 O₃: PRAMP's Teledyne T400 analyzer, failed the shut-down calibration on July 12 due to unstable/noisy readings. A contractor-owned Teledyne API 400A was installed and calibrated. In the absence of a clear point of failure, data were discarded back to the last valid multi-point calibration check, which was June 8. Two hundred seventy-two hours of data collected in July and five hundred forty-two hours of data collected in June were discarded.

NMHCs Canister Sampling Program

• Four canister events were collected in July 2023. The canister sampling program was temporarily paused between July 8 and July 31 due to wildfire smoke.



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