

Technical Evaluation of Sensor Technology (TEST) Program

Aeroqual Series 500 Sensor 2021 – 1st Quarter



Introduction and Sensor Profile

Between June and July 2019, the District installed three Aeroqual Series 500 sensors at the Clovis-Villa air monitoring site for the purpose of testing the Aeroqual sensor in the San Joaquin Valley by comparing the performance of the collocated Aeroqual sensor to the Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) ozone analyzer. The data sets analyzed for this report compare ozone data collected from the Aeroqual sensors and the Teledyne T265 FEM analyzer collocated at the regulatory air monitoring site. The scatter plots and time series graph below show how the hourly datasets compare for this period.

Background and Approach of Evaluation Test

In June 2019, one Aeroqual Series 500 sensor (Aeroqual1) began operating at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) Clovis air monitoring site to compare the sensor performance to the regulatory gaseous analyzer at the site. At the end of July, two more Aeroqual sensors (Aeroqual2 and Aeroqual3) began operating at the Clovis site. The data sets analyzed for this report compare O3 data collected from all three Aeroqual Series 500 sensors with the Teledyne T265 Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) monitor at the Clovis air monitoring site. The scatter plots and time series graphs below show how the datasets compare for hourly values.

Overview of Analysis Findings from Current Period

The analysis for this report covers the time period of January 2021 through March 2021 ($2021 - 1^{st}$). During this period, hourly data was removed from the calculation of bias when either the Aeroqual sensor or regulatory analyzer did not have a valid hourly sample. For the scatter plots and line graph, all available data are shown.

Weather systems can influence ozone levels by either trapping pollutants near the surface or dispersing them. California's weather pattern is characterized by high pressure systems and low pressure systems that move through the region every two to four days in alternating fashion. Typically, ozone formation is low during the 1st quarter.

The Aeroqual2 experienced a device failure and was removed from the site on December 8, 2020. The Aeroqual1 experienced a device failure and was removed from the site on April 8, 2021.

Sensor Specific Analysis of Aeroqual Sensor Performance

Aeroqual1

For the hourly ozone value, the Aeroqual1 sensor had a 20.6 ppb high bias and the max daily ozone had a 23.8 ppb high bias during the 1st quarter 2021 period. The Aeroqual1 was serviced on January 22, February 4, and March 23, 2021.



Aeroqual3

For the hourly ozone value, the Aeroqual sensor had a 22.8 ppb low bias and the max daily ozone had a 35.3 ppb low bias during the 1st quarter 2021 period. The Aeroqual3 experienced intermittent issues during the 1st quarter 2021 period. Data used in this analysis is from January 22 through February 4, 2021 when the instrument was working.





Non-Reporting Analyzers

Aeroqual2

Data from this sensor was not available for the January 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021, period.

Statistical Summary

The following table provides a statistical summary of the ozone data collected during the analysis period of this report.

| Clovis-Villa | Average | Max 1- | 1-hr | 1-hr | 1-hr | Max | Max | Max |
|--------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | 1-hr | hr | R2 | Slope | Intercept | R2 | Slope | Intercept |
| Aeroqual1 | 42.3 | 96.6 | 0.7183 | 1.413 | 11.303 | 0.4876 | 2.2564 | -27.576 |
| Aeroqual3 | 44.1 | 53.0 | 0.7262 | 0.8542 | 21.716 | 0.0063 | 0.1374 | 47.962 |
| FEM | 22.1 | 59.9 | | | | | | |