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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tersum A'res and EPA Systems, LLC were contracted by the Environmental Secretariat of the Government of the Federal District (*Secretaría del Medio Ambiente del Gobierno de la Ciudad de México, SEDEMA*) to support the SEDEMA in conducting Technical Systems and Performance (TS&P) audits of selected stations within the Mexico City ambient air monitoring network. EPA Systems has been performing these audits since 2009. Prior to EPA Systems, these audits were performed in 2003 and 2005 by the US EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) with follow-up audits conducted by GDF auditors. Prior to this, audits were performed as an adjunct to a research program in Mexico City by the US EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD).

This report details the results of the TS&P audits conducted between 22 and 26 October 2018 on nine of the GDF ambient systems plus the main laboratory's reference analyzers. The audits were performed using an independent Protocol 1 calibration standard and an Environics Model 6103 calibrator and Teledyne API Model 701 clean air source. Particulate matter monitors were flow and pressure checked using either a TetraCal (for TEOMs) or a DeltaCal (for Beta Gauges). The performance audit consisted of challenging each nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO) and ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) analyzer at four to five upscale data values plus zero. The nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) converter efficiency for each NO<sub>x</sub> analyzer was tested using a gas-phase titration approach using three different NO concentrations and three different ozone concentrations. This test is designed to create difference NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations by setting the O<sub>3</sub> and NO concentrations to yield approximately the same NO value (approximately 100 ppb). Finally, each particulate matter analyzer (either TEOM 1405DF or beta gauge) had their flows and barometric pressure measurements checked to ensure proper impactor cut-points and flowrate calculations.

The systems audit showed that GDF has an effective system for station operation and calibration. These operational protocols include:

- The instrument diagnostic information collected during each multipoint calibration is checked during each site visit;
- Technicians call the main laboratory each time work is done on the instruments so there is a record at the site and at the main laboratory;
- Control charts of all zero, span, and precision check sample data from each instrument calibration is kept and reviewed prior to each site visit;
- Each operator has access to 1-minute data for each site parameter and calibration point using TeamViewer, a software that allows them access to their desktop computer and direct database access;

- Each station is configured in the same manner with ozone analyzer on top and CO analyzer on bottom. The sample lines to the manifold are also configured similarly. This makes it quicker and easier to work on and service the analyzers.
- A master list of maintenance and calibration activities (along with frequency and dates of activities) is posted in each shelter so that the operators know what activities are needed during each site visit; and
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are available for many of the instruments, however the new Thermo analyzers do not have updated SOPs, the automatic verification of the analyzers is not properly described in the old version of the SOPs and there are no SOPs for the TEOM 1405DFs.

A review of the site log books showed the logs were signed and dated and that all activities during each site visit as well as arrival and departure times were recorded.

The sites were all very clean and well-kept and the site instrumentation was neatly plumbed and wired making maintenance and servicing of the instrumentation easier. The auditor had the opportunity to meet and interact with the operators who demonstrated a strong commitment to performing quality work and expressed a lot of pride with the jobs they did.

All the continuous monitoring sites that were audited are equipped with either Teledyne API 700 or Thermo 146i dynamic dilution calibrators and Teledyne API 701 or T701 clean air sources. The calibration equipment is configured with timers that turn on to remotely perform instrument calibrations every 6<sup>th</sup> day. These every 6<sup>th</sup> day calibration include zero, span, precision check sample and two GPT points. These calibrations are performed through the zero and span ports on the analyzers and not through the sample ports. Monthly, a zero, span, and precision check calibrations are performed manually through the sample ports with multi-point calibrations and three-point GPTs being performed on a quarterly basis.

The auditor noted one minor issue with the calibration frequency not strictly adhering to US EPA requirements. SIMAT is not currently performing manual, through the sample port calibrations, bi-weekly. This would only have a potential to impact data quality if the sample valve developed a leak allowing site air to be monitored instead of ambient air. It is a slight deviation from US EPA guidance and only has a slight potential to affect data quality. It should be noted, however, that SIMAT anticipates purchasing California Air Resources Board (CARB) designed octopus manifolds that will allow all calibrations to be performed through both the manifold and sample ports, which US EPA now suggests as a best practice. Not only will this allow better quality calibrations to be performed, but will allow all calibrations to be automated, saving operator time and effort. The US EPA definition of a “manual” calibration is one that goes through “as much of the sample inlet system as practical”, which mandates that the instrument sample port is used as the sample inlet as opposed to the zero/span ports.



The audit data showed that all the instruments are operating well within specification and the slight procedural deviation noted above would only impact data if a sample valve malfunctioned. With the existing site protocols all required calibration information is being captured at levels above those required by US EPA. Because manual “through the system” zero, span, and precision check calibrations are performed monthly, any issues with the system performance (e.g., sample valve failure) will always be caught within a maximum of 30 days.

Overall, the performance audit demonstrated that the sites were extremely well run and were collecting valid and defensible data. Of the 39 criteria monitoring instruments audited, none of the analyzers had instrument responses that were outside of the audit objective acceptance criterion for gaseous pollutants. The audit objective criteria is 15% mean absolute percent difference and no more than 15% relative percent difference for each concentration level of each pollutant analyzer. The mean instrument response for the ozone, nitrogen oxides, and sulphur dioxide analyzers was less than  $\pm 5\%$ . The CO analyzers had a slightly high bias, averaging 5% across the 10 analyzers. This across all site bias has not been seen before, and, while well within the audit objectives, no other analyte had a similar pattern. It is possible that the new calibration standards acquired since the 2017 audit may have been blended using a primary standard a slight bias. Figures ES-1 through ES-4 show the average audit responses at the ten sites for each of the criteria pollutant analyzers.

In addition to conducting performance audits of the criteria pollutant monitors, a flow rate check of each particulate matter sampler was conducted. As it is critical that the samplers maintain proper flow through the sampling heads (which fractionate the particulate in the various size fractions) to ensure that the heads provide the proper particulate matter cut-points. At all sites, the flow rate audits of the TEOM 1405DFs or the beta gauges indicated that all sites were operating properly.

Based on the 10 sites audited, the audit demonstrated that the SIMAT monitoring network has a good QA/QC system in place to operate the network and that performance-wise, the instrumentation is operating well within acceptable limits.



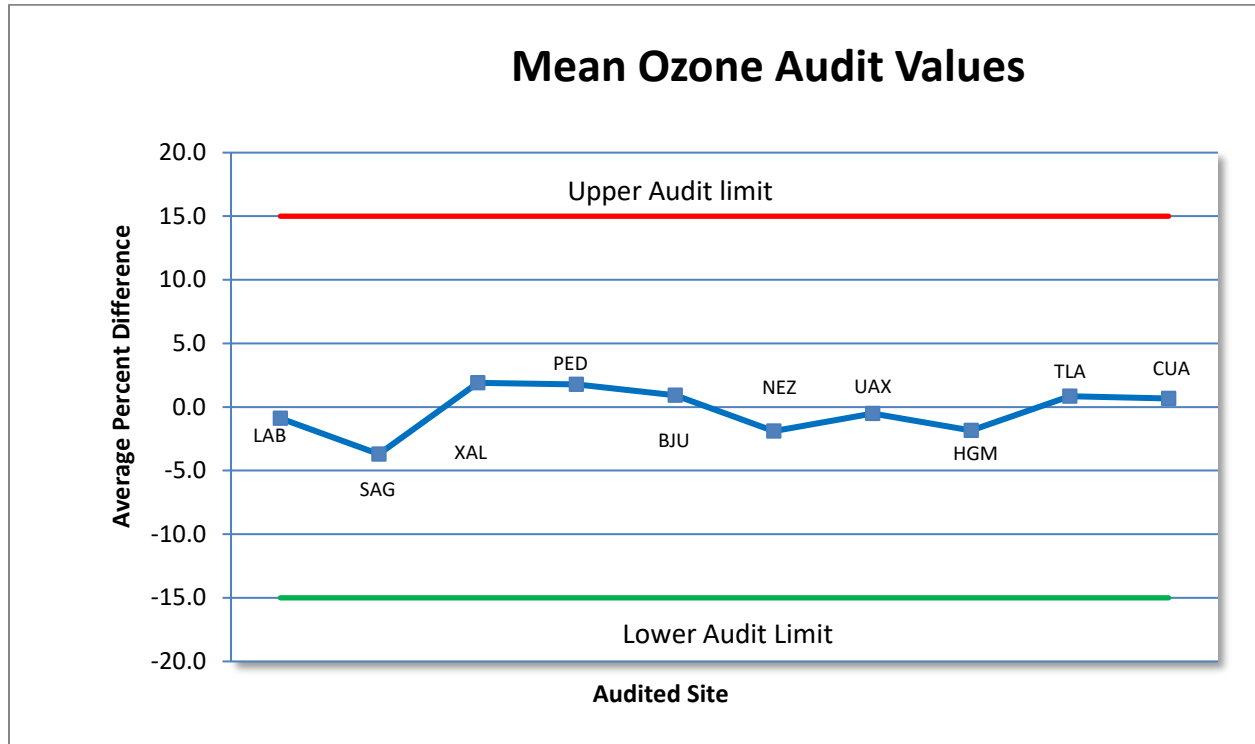


Figure ES- 1. Summary of Average Ozone Audit Results

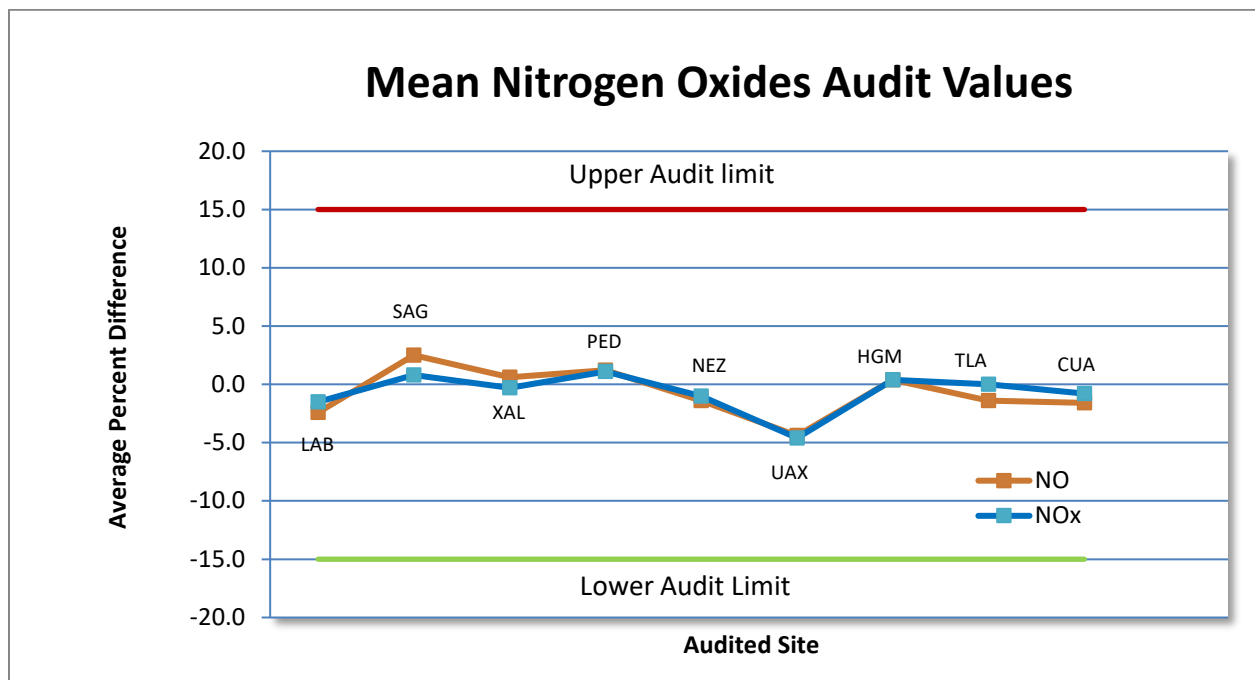


Figure ES- 2. Summary of Average Nitrogen Oxides Audit Results

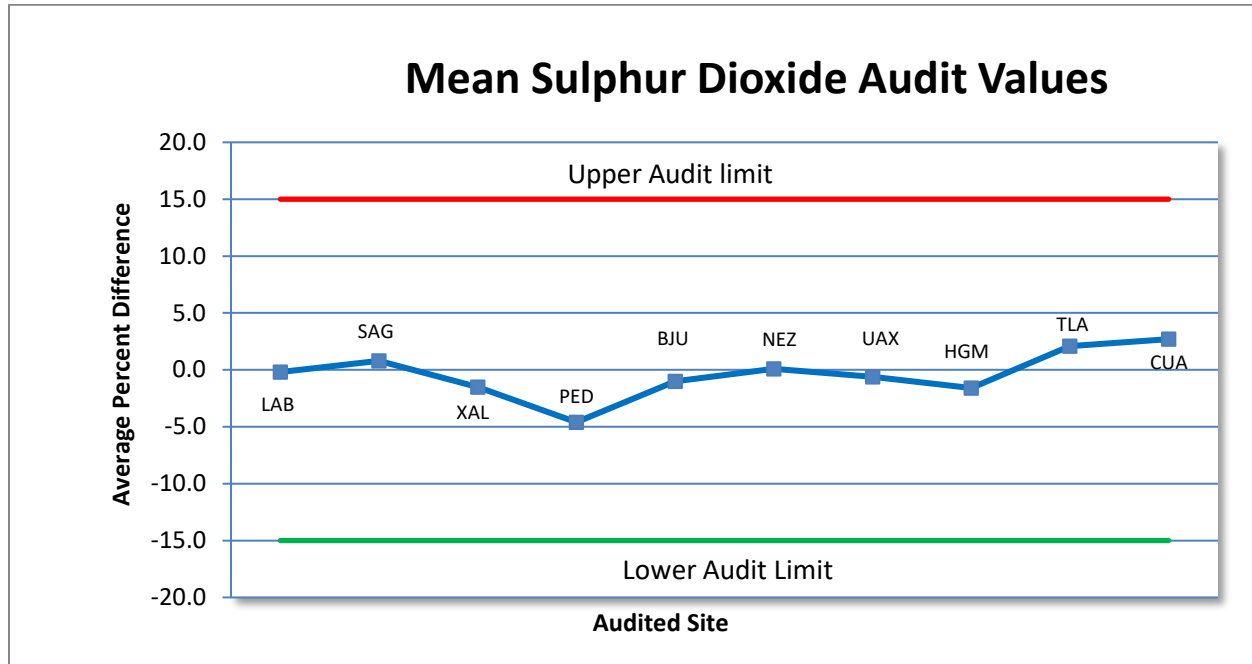


Figure ES- 3. Summary of Average Sulphur Dioxide Audit Results

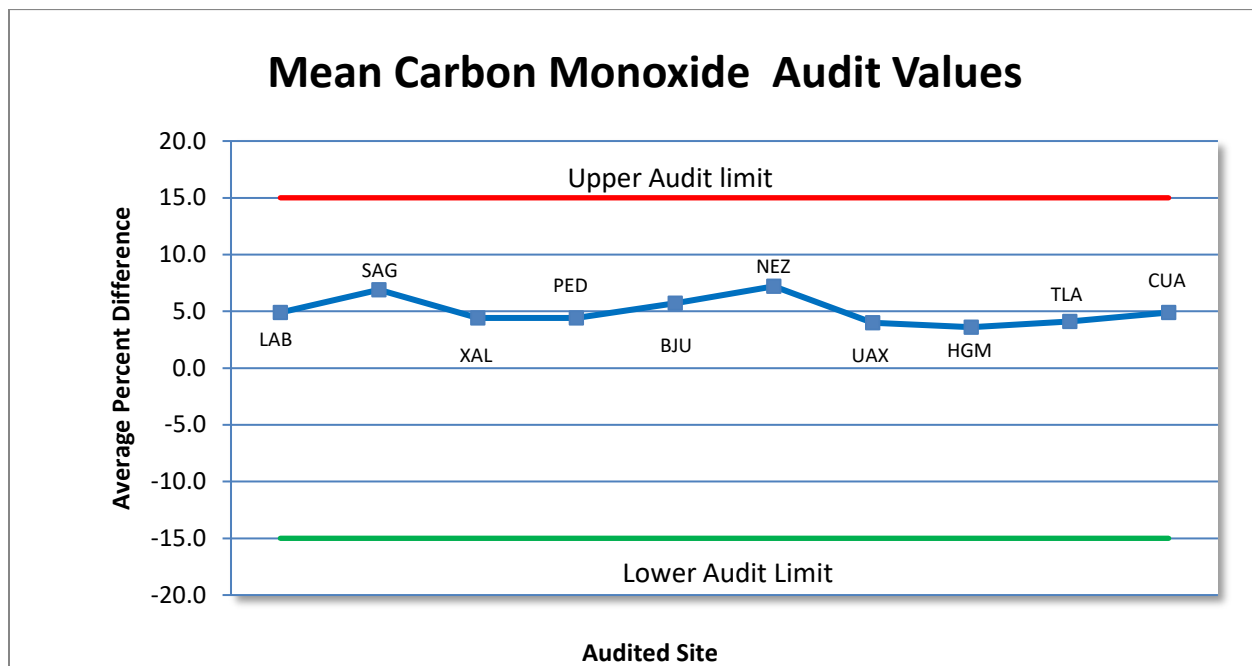


Figure ES- 4. Summary of Average Carbon Monoxide Audit Results

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report details the Technical Systems and Performance (TS&P) audit conducted on ten (10) ambient air monitoring sites operated by Ciudad de Mexico. At the time of the audit the Mexico City Atmospheric Monitoring System (Sistema de Monitoreo Atmosférico de la Ciudad de México, SIMAT) operates a total of 32 automated stations for criteria gases and PM in and around Mexico City. The audit was conducted 22 – 26 October 2018 and was designed to determine the operational state of the individual criteria monitors (performance audit) as well as evaluate the systems and procedures used to calibrate and operate the network. Some monitoring stations also had manual particulate monitoring and meteorological monitoring, but these parameters were not part of the audit.

### 1.1 MEXICO CITY METROPOLITAN AREA

The Mexico City Metropolitan Area (MCMA) lies in an elevated basin at an altitude of 2,240 meter above mean sea level (amsl), near the center of the country (19°25' N latitude, 99°10' W longitude). The floor of the basin is confined on three sides by mountain ridges with a broad opening to the north and narrowed gap to the south-southwest. The surrounding peaks attain an elevation of nearly 4,000-meter asml. The metropolitan area is located on the southwest side of the basin and covers about 1500 km<sup>2</sup>. The MCMA includes the 16 “alcaldías” within the Mexico City and clusters of municipalities (municipios) including 37 in the State of Mexico. Mexico City is the country capital and is home to the national political institutions, the greatest concentration of economic investments and most of the country’s industrial and financial infrastructure. MCMA has 21.4 million inhabitants.

### 1.2 SECRETARÍA DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE DEL GOBIERNO DE LA CIUDAD DE MÉXICO

The Secretariat of the Environment of Mexico City Government (Secretaría del Medio Ambiente del Gobierno de la Ciudad de México) is responsible for environmental policies and programs, including implementing local and federal laws, in Mexico City. Since 1993, the Secretariat of the Environment has been the primary organization responsible for ambient air monitoring in the Mexico City Metropolitan Area and operates the Mexico City Atmospheric Monitoring System (Sistema de Monitoreo Atmosférico, SIMAT) for this purpose.

The Atmospheric Monitoring System consists of 43 monitoring stations, a support laboratory, an environmental information center, and an information technology support center. Monitoring is further segregated into an Automatic Ambient Air Monitoring Network (Red Automática de Monitoreo Atmosférico, RAMA), a Manual Particulate Monitoring Network, an Atmospheric Deposition Network, and a Meteorological Network. With the support of the environmental information center and the information technology support center, monitoring data are

transferred daily and hourly into the Metropolitan Area Air Quality Index (Índice Metropolitano de la Calidad del Aire, IMECA). The IMECA is widely distributed to public and private sector organizations in the Mexico City area to assist in making public health decisions.

Currently the SIMAT network consist of 34 automated stations ( $O_3$ ,  $NO_x$ ,  $SO_2$ , CO,  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ ), 10 manual stations (TSP,  $PM_{10}$ ,  $PM_{2.5}$  and heavy metals), 26 meteorological stations (RH, T, WDR, WSP, P and UV radiation) and 16 atmospheric deposition stations (wet and dry atmospheric deposition).

The audit was performed at 9 of the 34 automatic station sites operated as part of the SIMAT network. In addition, as part of the audit, the reference analyzers of the SIMAT laboratory were audited. A summary of the audit schedule along with the parameters audited is summarized in Table 1-1 below. Table 1-2 shows the make, model, and serial number (S/N) of each audited gas-phase analyzer at the 10 sites. A map showing the location of the 10 sites is presented in Figure 1-1. Site descriptions for the 10 sites are presented below in Section 1.3.

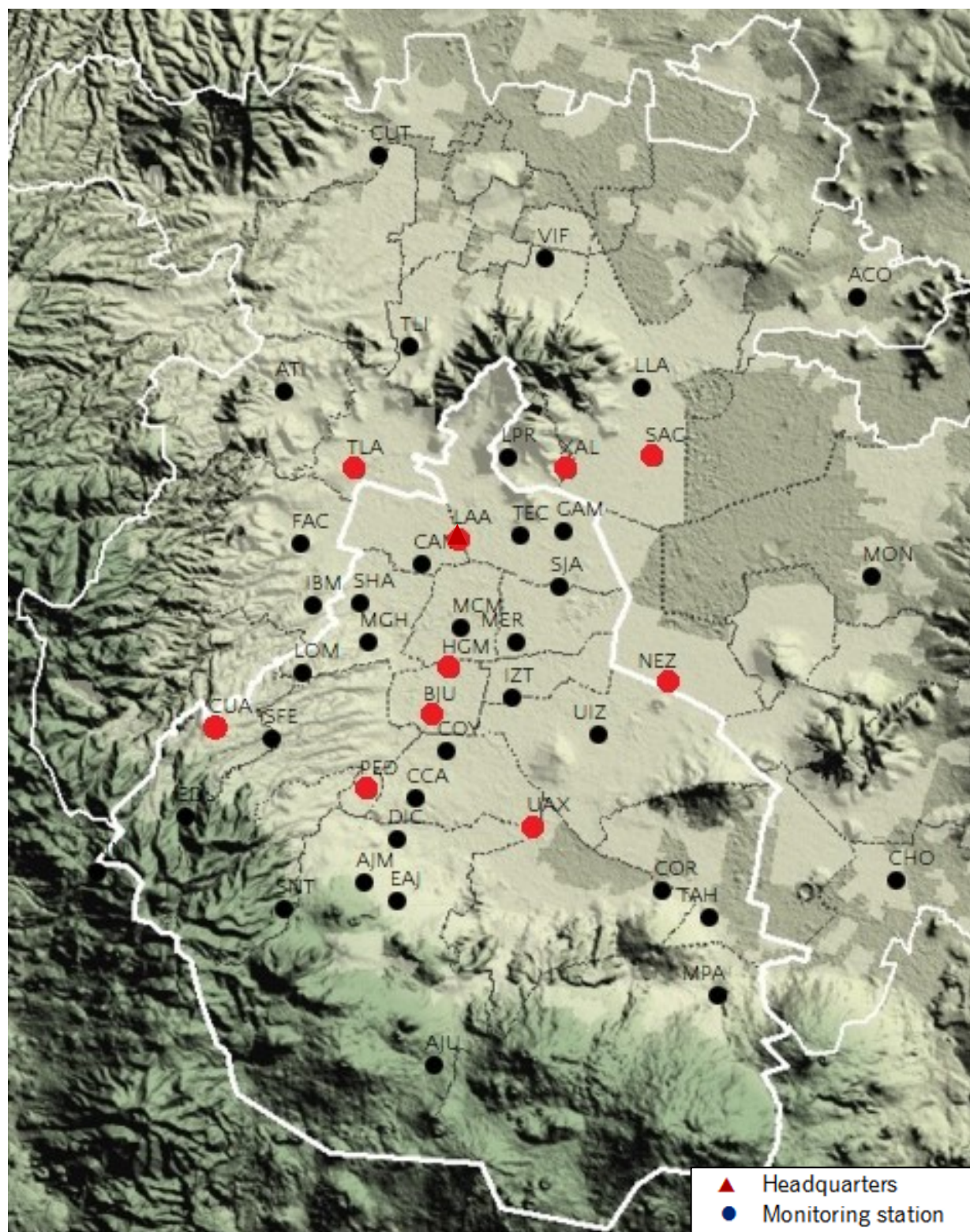
**Table 1-1. Summary of Site Parameters**

Site Name	Initials	Date Audited	Parameters Audited
SIMAT Laboratory	LAB	26/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO
San Agustín	SAG	22/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO, TEOM Flows
Xalostoc	XAL	22/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO, TEOM Flows
Pedregal	PED	23/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO,
Benito Juárez	BJU	23/10/2018	$O_3$ , $SO_2$ , CO, TEOM Flows
Nezahualcóyotl	NEZ	24/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO, Beta Flows
UAM Xochimilco	UAX	24/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO, Beta Flows
Hospital General de México	HGM	25/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO, TEOM Flows
Tlalnepantla	TLA	25/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO, TEOM Flows
Cuajimalpa	CUA	26/10/2018	$O_3$ , $NO_x$ , $SO_2$ , CO, Beta Flows

**Table 1-2. Summary of Analyzer Make, Model, and Serial Number at Each Site**

Site	Analyte	Analyzer Make	Analyzer Model	Analyzer S/N
SAG	O <sub>3</sub>	API	400	448
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Teledyne API	200E	1630
	SO <sub>2</sub>	API	100	494
	CO	API	300	1163
	TEOM	Thermo	1405DF	1405A204770905
XAL	O <sub>3</sub>	Teledyne API	400E	1201
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Teledyne API	T200	69
	SO <sub>2</sub>	Teledyne API	100E	1359
	CO	Teledyne API	T300	1146
	TEOM	Thermo	1405DF	1405A204750905
PED	O <sub>3</sub>	Teledyne API	T400	76
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Teledyne API	200E	1625
	SO <sub>2</sub>	Teledyne API	100E	1336
	CO	Teledyne API	T300	1566
	TEOM	Thermo	1405DF	Out for Maintenance
BJU	O <sub>3</sub>	Teledyne API	T400	1594
	SO <sub>2</sub>	Teledyne API	100E	1358
	CO	Teledyne API	T300	66
	TEOM	Thermo	1405DF	1405A229801410
NEZ	O <sub>3</sub>	API	400	438
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Teledyne API	200E	1609
	SO <sub>2</sub>	API	100	465
	CO	API	300	1164
	Beta Gauge	Thermo	FH 62 C-14	471
UAX	O <sub>3</sub>	Thermo	49i	1403660578
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Thermo	42i	1034445700
	SO <sub>2</sub>	Thermo	43i	1034445694
	CO	Thermo	48i	1403660605
	Beta Gauge	Thermo	FH62C-14	1361
HGM	O <sub>3</sub>	Thermo	49i	1403660577
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Thermo	42i	1034445699
	SO <sub>2</sub>	Thermo	43i	1034445697
	CO	Thermo	48i	1034445702
	TEOM	Thermo	1405DF	1405A226221310
TLA	O <sub>3</sub>	Teledyne API	400E	1199
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Teledyne API	T200	73
	SO <sub>2</sub>	Teledyne API	100E	1361
	CO	Teledyne API	T300	1148
	TEOM	Thermo	1405DF	1405A204730904
CUA	O <sub>3</sub>	Teledyne API	400E	1192
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Teledyne API	200E	1629
	SO <sub>2</sub>	Teledyne API	T100	71
	CO	Thermo	48i	1034445703
	Beta Gauge	Thermo	FH62C-14	485
LAB	O <sub>3</sub>	API	400A	888
	NO <sub>x</sub>	API	200A	2356
	SO <sub>2</sub>	API	100A	1707
	CO	API	300	1781





**Figure 1-1. Map of the Air Quality Monitoring Network During 2018, Audited Sites Highlighted in Red.**

### 1.3 SITE INFORMATION

#### Site: SIMAT Laboratory

Address:

Avenida Sur de los Cien Metros s/n, Colonia Nueva Vallejo, Alcaldía Gustavo A. Madero, Ciudad de México, CP 07750.

Geographic Location:

19°29'1.34" N latitude, 99°08'50.12" W longitude.

Description:

This is the headquarters of the Sistema de Monitoreo Atmosférico de la Ciudad de México and houses some of the network's reference analyzers. These units are not typically used to monitor ambient air but rather are used to do comparisons to field analyzers.

#### Site: San Agustín (SAG)

Address:

Santa Rita S/N esquina Sur 90, Colonia Nuevo Paseo de San Agustín, Municipio de Ecatepec de Morelos, Estado de México, C.P. 55130

Geographic Location:

19°53'29.40 " N latitude, 99°03'03.08" W Longitude

Description:

This station is situated on the roof of a one-story community healthcare center (centro de salud comunitario) in a generally residential neighborhood. The neighborhood is generally small side streets with no major roadways or rail lines in direct proximity to the site. Sample inlet is approximately 9 meters above ground level.

#### Site: Xalostoc (XAL)

Address:

Vía Morelos km 12.5, entre López Rayón y Av. Benito Juárez, Colonia Xalostoc, Municipio Ecatepec de Morelos, Estado de México, CP 54190.

Geographic Location:

19°31'33.58" N latitude, 99°04'56.64" W longitude.

Description:

This station is in an industrial/commercial/residential area, it is housed in a shed on the top of the fourth floor of a Regional Hospital. There is a major avenue near the station with heavy traffic. Sample inlet is 30 m above ground level.

#### Site: Pedregal (PED)

Address:

Calle Cañada No. 370 esquina con Avenida Cráter, Colonia Pedregal de San Ángel, Alcaldía Álvaro Obregón, Ciudad de México, CP 01900.

Geographic Location:

19°19'30.52" N latitude, 99°12'14.89" W longitude.

Description:



This station is in a high-income residential area at the southwest of Mexico City, housed in a shed on the top of the second floor of an elementary school. There are no major streets adjacent to the station. Sample inlet is approximately 11 m above ground level.

**Site: Benito Juárez (BJU)**

**Address:**

Av. División del Norte 1611 Col. Santa Cruz Atoyac, entre calle Municipio Libre y Uxmal, Alcaldía Benito Juárez, Ciudad de México, C.P. 03310

**Geographic Location:**

19°22'17.2"N 99°09'30.9"W.

**Description:**

This station is located on the roof of Benito Juárez's Town Hall, which also houses a gymnastics training and sports center. The area around the center is mostly residential and commercial. The system was housed in an Ekto shelter, sample inlet is approximately 20 m above ground level.

**Site: Nezahualcóyotl (NEZ)**

**Address:**

Ángel de la Independencia S/N, Col. Metropolitana 2da. Sección, municipio de Netzahualcóyotl Estado de México, C.P. 57740

**Geographic location:**

19°23'38.6"N 99°01'42.7"W

**Description:**

This site is on the roof of a public medical clinic. The general area around the site is mainly residential and light commercial. The monitoring equipment is housed in a concrete block building on the roof. The sample inlet is approximately 10 meters above ground level.

**Site: UAM Xochimilco (UAX)**

**Address:**

Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Campus Xochimilco, Edificio H. Calzada del Hueso No. 1100, Colonia Villa Quietud, Alcaldía Coyoacán, Ciudad de México, CP 04960.

**Geographic Location:**

19°18'16.00" N latitude, 99°06'13.20" W longitude.

**Description:**

This station is located on the fourth-floor building roof at Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Campus Xochimilco. The system was housed in a concrete building. The university is situated in a gated residential area with no major streets adjacent to the station. The sample inlet is approximately 20 m above ground level.

**Site: Hospital General de México (HGM)**

**Address:**

Hospital General de México, Avenida Doctor Balmis no. 148, Colonia Doctores, Alcaldía Cuauhtémoc, Ciudad de México, CP 06726.

**Geographic Location:**

19°24'41.82" N latitude, Long: 99°9'7.95" W longitude

**Description:**

This station is located on the fourth-floor roof of the Oncology building of the Hospital General de Mexico Medical Complex. This site is surrounded by new construction as this will be a large medical complex with many additional buildings under construction. Sample Inlet is approximately 27 m above ground level.

**Site: Tlalnepantla (TLA)**

**Address:**

Glorieta de Atlacumulco. Avenida Toluca s/n, Glorieta Atlacomulco, Colonia Tlalnemex, Municipio de Tlalnepantla de Baz, Estado de México, CP 54070.

**Geographic Location:**

19°31'44.68" N latitude, 99°12'16.55" W longitude.

**Description:**

This station is located in a shed on the top of a 2-meter platform in the northwest of the city in the municipality of Tlalnepantla, Estado de México. This site is located at a municipal water facility in a generally residential neighborhood. There are no major streets adjacent to this site. This site is downwind from a major industrial area located north of the site. Sample Inlet is approximately 6.8 m above ground level.

**Site: Cuajimalpa (CUA)**

**Address:**

Escuela Primaria "Belisario Domínguez", Monte Encino No. 14, Col. Jesús del Monte, Alcaldía Cuajimalpa, Ciudad de México, C.P. 05260

**Geographic location:**

9°24'43.0"N 99°09'06.5"W

**Description:**

This site is located on the roof of a two-story elementary school. The area surrounding the school is residential and light commercial. The shelter is concrete block construction and has good air flow all around the site. The sample inlet is approximately 9 meters above ground level.

## 1.4 BACKGROUND

This section provides background on the organizations involved with this audit.

### 1.4.1 Secretaría del Medio Ambiente del Gobierno de la Ciudad de México (SEDEMA)

The Secretariat of the Environment of the Mexico City Government (*Secretaría del Medio Ambiente del Gobierno de la Ciudad de México, SEDEMA*) is responsible for environmental policies and programs, including implementing local and federal laws, in the Mexico City metropolitan area (Mexico City and adjoined municipalities in the State of Mexico). The Mexico City Government (formerly Federal District Government, GDF) became the primary organization responsible for ambient air monitoring in the Mexico City area in 1993 when the Automatic Ambient Air Monitoring Network (RAMA) was transferred to the GDF.

Prior to the early 1970's, air quality monitoring in Mexico City was part of the Normalized Pan American Sampling Network (*Red Panamericana de Muestreo Normalizado*). In 1971, Mexico passed the "Law for Preventing and Controlling Environmental Contamination", (*Ley para Prevenir y Controlar la Contaminación Ambiental*). In 1972 the Sub-secretary for Environmental Improvement (Subsecretaría de Mejoramiento del Ambiente) was created under the Secretary of Health. These events led to the creation of a 48 station National monitoring network, with 22 of these stations being in the Mexico City air basin. Currently the Mexico City Atmospheric Monitoring System (SIMAT) consists of 41 monitoring stations, a support laboratory, an environmental information center, and an information technology support center. Monitoring is further segregated into an Automatic Monitoring Network (RAMA), a Manual Particulate Monitoring Network (REDMA), an Atmospheric Deposition Network (REDDA), and a Meteorological Network (REDMET). With the support of the environmental information center and the information technology support center, monitoring data are translated daily and hourly into the Metropolitan Area Air Quality Index (*Índice Metropolitano de la Calidad del Aire* (IMECA). The IMECA is widely distributed to public and private sector organizations in the Mexico City area to assist in making public health decisions.

### 1.4.2 Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT)

The Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources (*Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales* (SEMARNAT)) is the primary federal agency responsible for environmental protection in the Country of Mexico. The Sub-secretary of Environmental Protection Management (*Subsecretaría de Gestión para la Protección Ambiental*) is the SEMARNAT organizational unit primarily responsible for environmental quality. However, the National

Institute of Ecology and Climate Change (*Instituto Nacional de Ecología y Cambio Climático*, INECC) provides technical and research support for environmental issues (including monitoring).

Prior to the 2009 air monitoring audit by EPA Systems, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) performed the Mexico City ambient air monitoring network audits as requested by the Environmental Secretariat of the Government of the Federal District (*Secretaría del Medio Ambiente del Gobierno del Distrito Federal*, GDF) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The physical audits were performed by the US EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) and were conducted in 2003 and 2005. Prior to this, audits were performed as an adjunct to a research program in Mexico City by the US EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD). No additional audits by any organization within US EPA have been performed since 2005.

## 2.0 DESCRIPTION OF AUDIT METHODOLOGY

Performance audits are intended to independently evaluate the performance of an organization's monitoring equipment, calibration equipment, standards, and all operating, calibration, maintenance, quality assurance, and quality control procedures. Performance audits involve independent audit equipment, an independent auditor, and independent gas standards to challenge the instrumentation. Gaseous pollutant audits were accomplished by challenging the instruments through the instrument's sample inlet. The acceptance criterion for gaseous pollutants is 15% mean absolute difference and 15% for each concentration level of each pollutant analyzer. Monitors that exceed this criterion require corrective action. Also evaluated are the instruments response to individual audit concentrations, instrument linearity based on multiple standards (measured as slope and intercept and  $R^2$ ), and zero checks.

Technical System Audits (TSAs) and Management System Reviews (MSRs) are reviews intended to evaluate how well the established quality system is working. TSAs are used to verify that appropriate technical and quality control procedures have been established and are being followed. For air monitoring organizations, some areas which are audited include:

- Written procedures;
- Documentation;
- Monitoring network design;
- Site appropriateness/siting requirements;
- Instrument operation;
- Laboratory procedures;
- Sample/data custody;
- Data handling systems;
- Data processing and calculation;
- Quality control; and
- Performance audit system.

Management System Reviews (MSRs) are evaluations of how effectively the QA program is working. These audits evaluate the overall quality system but may not effectively identify technical defects with the system. Possible elements of an MSR include the evaluation of:

- Organizational structure;
- Quality policy;
- Quality manager empowerment and effectiveness;
- Quality documentation;

- Corrective actions;
- Training and qualifications of staff;
- Commitment to quality by management and staff; and
- Overall effectiveness of the quality system.

The technical systems audit addressed several of the issues outlined above.

## 2.1 PERFORMANCE AUDIT PROCEDURES

The station performance audits were performed using an Environics Model 6103 (S/N 4880) calibrator and a Teledyne API Model 701 air source. An EPA Protocol 1 calibration standard manufactured by Airgas Specialty Gases of Holland, Ohio was used to make individual dilution concentrations for the NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and CO analyzers. Ozone concentrations were produced by the Environics calibrator using the on-board ozone generator and certified photometer.

Prior to the audit, the calibrator was sent to Ozone Solutions, in Hull, Iowa to calibrate and certify the ozone photometer in the Environics. Ozone photometer certification is shown in Appendix A.

Table 2-1 presents the concentrations of the individual criteria pollutant analytes (NO, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO) in the Protocol One gas standard. A copy of the gas certification is provided in Appendix A. The cylinder gas concentrations are certified valid for 96 months from manufacture. The ozone concentrations were generated by the Environics 6103 (S/N 4880) based on the ozone certification performed by Ozone Solutions in November 2017. Acceptable ranges for primary standards are a slope of between 0.970 and to 1.030 and a range of intercepts of  $\pm 1 - 3$  ppb. The Environics ozone output was adjusted to have a slope of 1.0000 and an intercept of 0.0 ppb. Ozone primary standards need to be recertified every 12 months.

**Table 2-1. Summary of Gas Standard Concentrations**

Gas Standard	Cylinder Number	Concentration (ppm)	Certification Date	Expiration Date
SO <sub>2</sub>	CC326776	55.19	10/08/2018	10/08/2026
NO		56.34		
CO		5330		

During the audit, each instrument was challenged with at least five different gas concentrations (four to five upscale points plus zero). In addition, a three-point gas-phase titration (GPT) was performed on each NO<sub>x</sub> analyzer to test the NO<sub>2</sub> conversion efficiency. The GPT was performed by first creating a stable O<sub>3</sub> concentration, recording the value, locking the lamp voltage on the photometer and adding NO at a concentration approximately 100 ppb higher than the O<sub>3</sub>

concentration so that adjusted NO concentrations were between 80 and 120 ppb. This was done at three different ozone and NO concentrations to calculate the NO<sub>2</sub> converter efficiency.

To determine when the instrument readings were stable, the auditor used the STABIL function in each API analyzer to determine when the instrument reading was stable and could be recorded. A value at or below 2 ppb was used for O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and SO<sub>2</sub> and a reading of 0.2 ppm was used for CO analyzers. This typically took 5 to 8 minutes for a stable reading to be obtained. For other instruments that didn't have this function the auditor waited until the readings appeared stable and were not changing over a 15 -20 second period.

Because of site logistics, site security, and shortage of open space, most of the air quality stations in the Mexico City network are located on the roofs of governmental buildings, such as clinics, hospitals, schools, or universities. The field sites and the main laboratory reference site were equipped with air quality monitors for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), and carbon monoxide (CO), except for the BJU site which didn't have a NO<sub>x</sub> analyzer. In addition, most of the field sites were equipped with a particulate matter (PM) monitoring instrument. The PM monitors were typically the Thermo Model 1405-DF combined PM<sub>10</sub> / PM<sub>2.5</sub> samplers which measure PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> simultaneously or the Thermo FH 62 C-14 single inlet Beta Gauge based PM<sub>10</sub> monitor. Many of the sites also had manual PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> samplers along with meteorological sensors for wind speed and wind direction, ambient temperature, and solar radiation, however the audit scope only included the criteria pollutants and automated PM monitors and did not include these additional parameters, so they were not audited.

To get the proper particle cut-point, the PM monitors rely on precise flowrates through the sample impactors. If the flowrate through the impactor head is too high or too low, then the cut-point will not be accurate and thus the collected particle mass will be biased either high or low depending on if the flow rate exceeds or is less than the engineered design flowrate. Therefore, it is important to test and confirm that the instrument sample pumps are pulling air through the instrument at the proper flowrate. We do the flowrate test using either a Mesa Labs DeltaCal or TetraCal volumetric flowrate monitor. Because of the unique flow characteristics of the Thermo beta gauge, we use the DeltaCal because the backpressure resulting from the TetraCal interferes with the mass flow controllers feed-back loop. For all the TEOM units (1405 DFs) we use the TetraCal. The PM<sub>10</sub> heads must maintain a total flow of 16.7 lpm ±10% to ensure a PM<sub>10</sub> cut-point.

Other elements of the TSA and MSR audits included evaluating the physical condition of each site, site record keeping, operator knowledge and training, and overall operating procedures that can impact the data quality. All the sites audited were configured with zero air sources, dynamic dilution calibrators, and individual gas standards. The Mexico City operations staff conducts a series of calibrations at each site. These calibrations include:



- Automatic, every 6<sup>th</sup> day zero, span, gas-phase titration (GPT), and precision point checks;
- Monthly manual zero, span and precision check, and
- Quarterly Manual multipoint calibration and GPT.

Table 2-2 summarizes the calibration frequency and calibration levels currently being implemented at the field sites.

SIMAT has established a strong preventative maintenance and cleaning schedule. This includes some of the following activities:

- Cleaning the sample manifolds monthly;
- Cleaning each PM<sub>10</sub> sample head and PM<sub>2.5</sub> cyclone monthly;
- Changing instrument filters every 4-6 weeks depending on the site (or more frequently if needed);
- Checking instrument flow rates monthly;
- Changing TEOM bypass filters every 6 months;
- Performing major equipment maintenance, including K<sub>o</sub> check on every TEOM annually.

During the audit, the stations were found to be very clean, manifolds were free of dirt and dust, and the PM<sub>10</sub> sample heads were in excellent condition and very clean. The network maintains extra PM<sub>10</sub> sample heads so every month the sample heads are swapped so a very thorough cleaning and lubrication of the sample head can be performed at the laboratory under controlled conditions. Since the heads are completely disassembled and cleaned and threaded parts lubricated, this keeps the heads in better condition and allows them to last much longer and perform better. This should certainly be considered a “best practice” beyond what many networks do.

**Table 2-2. Summary of SIMAT Calibration Type, Frequency, and Acceptance Criteria**

Calibration Type	Frequency	Concentration Levels	Criteria
Automatic Zero, Precision check, Span Check, and GPT	Every 6 <sup>th</sup> day	<b>Level 1 –</b> 450 ppb for NO and SO <sub>2</sub> , 400 ppb O <sub>3</sub> , and 45 ppm for CO <b>Level 2 –</b> 100 ppb NO and SO <sub>2</sub> , 50 ppb O <sub>3</sub> , and 10 ppm for CO <b>Level 3 –</b> Zero <sup>1</sup> <b>Level 4 –</b> GPT, two levels 450 ppb NO with 350 ppb O <sub>3</sub> 200 ppb NO with 100 ppb O <sub>3</sub>	<b>Level 1/2 –</b> If instrument response is more than $\pm 5\%$ from standard values the analyzer is adjusted <b>Level 3 –</b> Zero $\pm 3$ ppb for O <sub>3</sub> Zero $\pm 5$ ppb for NO, SO <sub>2</sub> Zero $\pm 0.5$ ppm for CO <b>Level 4 –</b> Converter Efficiency Greater than 96% or converter should be replaced
Manual Zero, Precision check, Span Check, and GPT	Monthly	<b>Level 1 –</b> 450 ppb for NO, SO <sub>2</sub> , 400 ppb O <sub>3</sub> , and 45 ppm for CO <b>Level 2 –</b> 100 ppb NO and, SO <sub>2</sub> , 50 ppb O <sub>3</sub> , and 10 ppm for CO <b>Level 3 –</b> Zero <b>Level 4 –</b> GPT, two levels 450 ppb NO with 350 ppb O <sub>3</sub> 200 ppb NO with 100 ppb O <sub>3</sub>	<b>Level 1/2 –</b> If instrument response is more than $\pm 5\%$ from standard values the analyzer is adjusted <b>Level 3 –</b> Zero $\pm 3$ ppb for O <sub>3</sub> Zero $\pm 5$ ppb for NO, SO <sub>2</sub> Zero $\pm 0.5$ ppm for CO <b>Level 4 –</b> Converter Efficiency Greater than 96% or converter should be replaced
Manual Gas Phase Titration (GPT)	During Each Multipoint Calibration	<b>Level 1</b> 450 ppb NO with 350 ppb O <sub>3</sub> <b>Level 2</b> 300 ppb NO with 200 ppb O <sub>3</sub> <b>Level 3</b> 200 ppb NO with 100 ppb O <sub>3</sub>	Converter Efficiency Greater than 96% or converter should be replaced
Multipoint Calibration performed through instrument's sample port	Quarterly	<b>Level 1</b> 450 ppb for NO, SO <sub>2</sub> , 400 ppb O <sub>3</sub> , and 45 ppm for CO <b>Level 2</b> 300 ppb for NO, SO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> and 30 ppm for CO <b>Level 3</b> 200 ppb for NO, SO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> and 20 ppm for CO <b>Level 4</b> 100 ppb for NO and SO <sub>2</sub> , 50 ppb O <sub>3</sub> and 10 ppm for CO <b>Level 5</b> zero	If instrument response is more than $\pm 3\%$ from standard values analyzer is re-calibrated

<sup>1</sup> For air quality index report purposes, the network does not allow zero values less than 0. Therefore, zero is used instead of the actual negative value. During data validation however, negative values are considered. The current practice during field operations is maintaining the zero on the upper range of tolerance.

### 3.0 INDIVIDUAL SITE AUDIT RESULTS

This section describes the audit results for each of the nine field sites plus the main laboratory. During the audit, audit data were recorded into a formatted Excel spreadsheet that calculated percent difference from each known concentration value. In addition, each site was reviewed to check that the systems met general siting and operational specifications. This check assessed the overall site conditions including preventative maintenance, documentation, and overall system operation. In general, the audits followed US EPA guidelines for ambient air monitoring systems found in the following documents:

- Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II: Part 1, Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program System Development, EPA-454/B-13-003, May 2013.
- Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume I: A Field Guide to Environmental Quality Assurances, EPA/600/R-94/038a, April 1994.

#### 3.1 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

All sites were very well maintained, the plumbing and electrical wiring were well designed and consequently easy to work on, and finally, the shelters were quite clean. The glass sampling manifolds were found to be free of dirt and debris indicating that they were regularly cleaned and maintained. PM<sub>10</sub> sample heads were also clean and well maintained. Standard protocols specify that each glass manifold and PM<sub>10</sub> sample head is cleaned monthly as part of the network's preventative maintenance regime described above in Section 2.

There were many "best practices" that the network uses to help ensure quality. There are Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for most of the analyzers, however with manpower limitations SOPs have not kept up with changing procedures and new analyzers. During each quarterly multipoint calibration, instrument diagnostics information and instrument performance parameters are recorded for each instrument and written on a heavy paper tag that is affixed to each analyzer and in the site log. A photograph of one of these tags is shown in Figure 3-1. Each time an operator goes to a site to perform calibrations or other maintenance activities, the current operational parameters are reviewed based on the values listed on each instrument's performance tag. Any significant changes from the values on the tag may be indicative of a possible instrument malfunction or degraded performance. As this information is typically available (depending on how long an individual instrument has been at a site) for a given instrument for at least one year if not longer, these tags allow an operator to very quickly determine if the current instrument performance has degraded (such as PMT voltage) since last multipoint calibration.

**Figure 3-1. Photo of Instrument Information Tag**

O3 API MODELO: 400, 400A y 400E	
N/S: 1214	
Estación: U17	Fecha Inst: 01/12/17
Técnico: DGA	F. Retira:
Fecha cal. laboratorio	30/11/17
Fecha ultima cal. Multip.	
Fecha cal. Mjunto	01/12/17
Rango (500 estándar ppb)	500
Estabilidad ( $\pm 3$ ppb)	0.0
O <sub>3</sub> MEAS (4200-4700 mV)	4378
O <sub>3</sub> REF (4200-4700 mV)	4378
Presión (23 inHg $\pm$ 1 inHg)	20.4
Vacio (4-7 inHg)	—
Flujo (800 cc/min $\pm$ 80cc)	779
Temp. Muestra ( $T_{amb} \pm 10^{\circ}C$ )	30.1
Temp. Lámpara (52°C $\pm$ 0.5°) ó (58°C $\pm$ 1°)	58.0
Temp. Analizador ( $T_{amb} \pm 10^{\circ}$ )	19.6
DCPS (2500mV $\pm$ 100mV)	—
Slope (1.0 $\pm$ 0.1)	1.023
Offset (0.0 $\pm$ 5.0 ppb)	-0.5
Bomba N/S	—

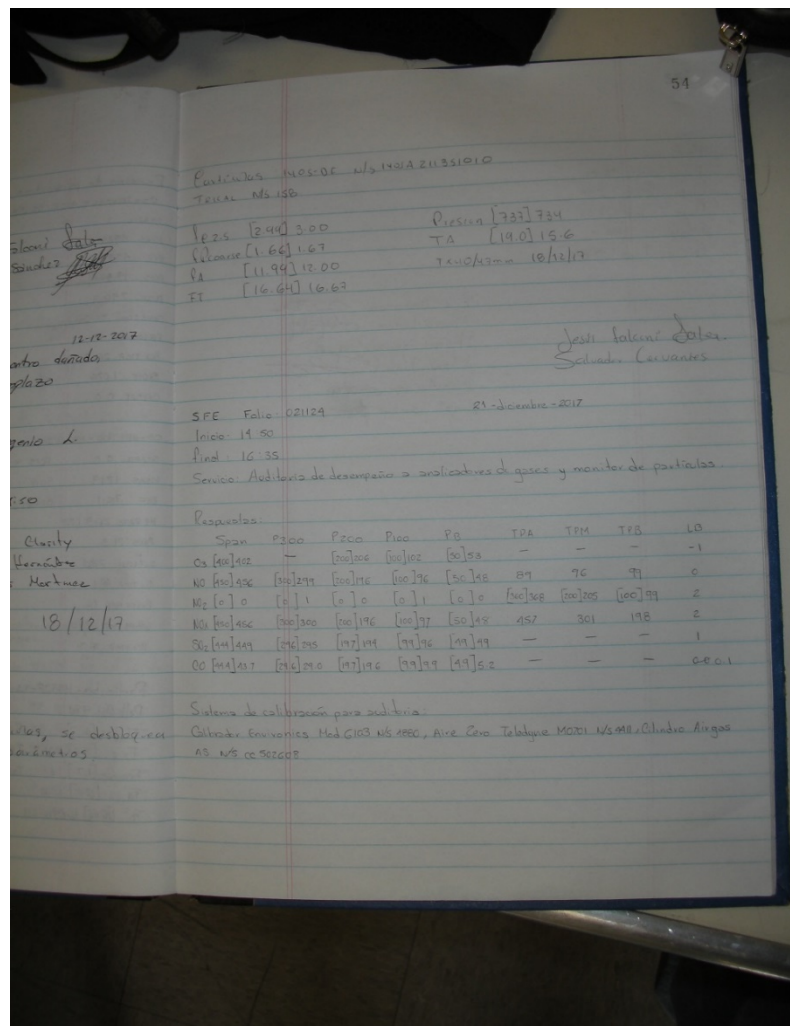
A review of the site operator logs showed operators were very good at documenting their on-site activities. Entries were written in ink, cross-outs were properly done, entries were signed and dated, and the time in and out documented. Figure 3-2 shows a photo of a typical logbook entry.

Operator logs are needed to reproduce data or determine the extent and rationale for any system downtime. It needs to be noted that site operators call the main laboratory each time they arrive or leave a site, so this information is documented in the main laboratory logs as well as the site logs.

Another best practice noted at each site included control charting of the zero and span and precision check data for each analyzer. These data are updated continuously and available on the cloud for the technical staff, so the operator could quickly see if an analyzer's performance was different from previous results or if an analyzer's performance was slowly changing. Another best practice which simplifies maintenance and operation is ensuring that the equipment orientation is exactly the same at each site. Each site has the instruments arranged from top to bottom in the following order, ozone, nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, and carbon monoxide. This same orientation is also used on the manifold so one knows immediately by looking at the manifold configuration which sample line goes to

which analyzer.

One possible anomaly found during the audit concerned the CO calibrations. The calibration gases used by the sites are new since last year. During this audit there was a very consistent

**Figure 3-2. Photo of Site Log Book Entries**

positive bias with the CO concentrations at the 10 sites. The average CO response was 5.0% high with various sites ranging from 3.6% to 7.2%. In 2017, some sites showed a positive bias while some showed a negative bias, which is what one would expect from a random sampling of analyzers. The site operators are careful to ensure that the instrument zero's do not go negative, and all site zero concentrations were positive with zero values ranging between 0.0 and 0.2 ppm. Therefore, it is suspected that the batch of calibration standards being used by the network (that were purchased at about the same time) may have been blended using a slightly inaccurate primary standard. While all instruments are well within audit objectives and there is absolutely NO cause for concern about the values

being generated, the fact that 10 instruments would all demonstrate such a consistent bias, seems to indicate a systemic cause and not random variability, that would normally be expected. A table summarizing the CO concentrations at the 10 monitoring sites is shown in Appendix B.

Overall, the nine ambient stations plus the laboratory reference analyzers appeared to be very well operated, the operators appear to be well trained, were very knowledgeable about QA/QC procedures and, clearly cared about the quality of their work.

All the continuous monitoring sites were equipped with equipment necessary to perform automated calibrations. This included either Teledyne API T700 or Thermo 146i dynamic dilution calibrators and Teledyne API 701 or Teledyne T701 clean air sources. The systems are configured to remotely perform calibrations through each instrument's zero and span ports. A timer is used to turn the air source and calibrator on and off and perform an automated calibration every 6<sup>th</sup> day. This calibration has now replaced the previously manual calibrations performed bi-weekly on each analyzer through the sample ports.



US EPA guidance requires that instrument zeros and spans be performed on a weekly basis (either manually or automatically). In addition, to weekly zero/span calibration, bi-weekly precision checks are required. This three-point calibration (zero, span, and a point 16% – 20% of span) must be through the instrument's sample line and *"as much of the sample system as practical"*. Finally, a quarterly multi-point calibration and GPT must be performed.

The calibrations currently being performed (and detailed in Table 2-2 above) provide good information on the status of instrument operation. Performing the precision check point with each automated calibration as well as the addition of GPT points is a good practice, however it must be noted that these calibrations are through the zero/span ports on the instrument and not through the instrument's sample port. US EPA requires bi-weekly precision checks through the sample port to ensure there are no leaks or problems with the sample system. Issues that would not be detected with a calibration through the zero/span ports.

The US EPA allows zero's and span's to be performed automatically through the zero/span ports but all other calibrations (Level One's or Precision checks, multipoint calibrations, and GPTs) must be performed using the sample ports. The US EPA *"Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program"* (May 2013) states in Appendix F:

*"The integration of DAS, solenoid switches, and MFC into an automated configuration can bring an additional level of complexity to the monitoring station. Operators must be aware that this additional complexity can create situations where leaks can occur. For instance, if a solenoid switch fails to open, then the inlet flow of an analyzer may not be switched back to the ambient manifold, but instead will be sampling interior room air. When the calibrations occur, the instrument will span correctly, but will not return to ambient air sampling. In this case, the data collected must be invalidated. These problems are usually not discovered until there is an external "Through-the Probe" audit, but by then extensive data could be lost. It is recommended that the operator remove the calibration line from the calibration manifold on a routine basis and challenge the sampling system from the inlet probe. This test will discover any leak or switching problems within the entire sampling system."*

This is to ensure that if a leak develops in the sample valve, then this leak will be found and repaired quickly. Otherwise a large bias may result from a leaking sample valve, but the calibrations still appear correct based on the zero/span port calibrations.

As funds become available, SIMAT intends to begin switching to CARB octopus sample manifold systems which easily allows all calibrations to be performed automatically through the entire sample system and eliminates the need for zero/span ports on the instruments. This manifold relies on a low internal air volume and the instruments own sample pumps to keep the manifold and sample inlet purged. Because of its low sample volume, there is no need for a blower system as with regular manifold systems.

The advantages use of the CARB octopus include:

- Reduce the costs associated with new sample system deployment by eliminating the requirement for zero/span ports and valves;
- Eliminates the extensive tubing and fittings require for the zero and span calibration methods;
- The manifold cost themselves are less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the cost of a traditional manifold system; and
- All calibrations can be automated (as all calibration would be fully through the probe and sample ports) saving operator time and effort.

This last advantage, reducing on-site labor time, becomes more important as SIMAT continues to run the existing network with fewer full-time staff and worsening Mexico City traffic which results in longer commute times to each site. A photo of a CARB octopus sample manifold is shown in Figure 3-3 below.



**Figure 3-3. Photo of an 8-Port CARB Octopus Sample Manifold**

While the audit results solidly demonstrate that the analyzers are performing well within acceptable limits, these small deviations from US EPA guidance leave open the potential to not capture possible future instrument problems in a timely manner.

Further discussions and audit results from each of the individual sites are presented in the sections below.



### 3.2 SIMAT AIR MONITORING LABORATORY (LAB) SITE

The air monitoring laboratory maintains a series of analyzers used as reference instruments and are not used in the field to monitor air quality. The audit results showed that all the parameters were well within the audit objective of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being {O<sub>3</sub> (-0.9%), NO (-2.4%), NO<sub>x</sub> (-1.5%), SO<sub>2</sub> (-0.2%), CO (4.9%)}. In addition, the GPT showed a NO<sub>2</sub> converter efficiency of 99.0%. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-1 to 3-5. Photos of the laboratory instrumentation are shown in Figure 3-4.

**Table 3-1. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, LAB Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0003	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9912
0.0500	0.0491	-1.8%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0002
0.1010	0.1010	0.0%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.2010	0.1992	-0.9%		
0.3610	0.3580	-0.8%		
Average		-0.9 %		

<sup>1</sup>Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-2. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Audit Results, LAB Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)					
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO	Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
0.0000	-0.0011	-0.0018	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9925	0.9858
0.0496	0.0490	0.0484	-1.2%	-2.4%	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.0012	-0.0015
0.0996	0.0973	0.0965	-2.3%	-3.1%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000	1.0000
0.1994	0.1953	0.1934	-2.1%	-3.0%			
0.2994	0.2962	0.2945	-1.1%	-1.6%			
0.4494	0.4453	0.4415	-0.9%	-1.8%			
Average			-1.5%	-2.4%			

<sup>1</sup>Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-3. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, LAB Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer	Regression Data
0.0000	0.0007	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.99126
0.0960	0.0963	0.3%	0.096	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.00007
0.1950	0.1902	-2.5%	0.190	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.99990
0.3490	0.3475	-0.4%	0.348	<i>Converter Efficiency<sup>1</sup></i>	99.0%

<sup>1</sup>Acceptance Criteria  $>96\%$

**Table 3-4. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, LAB Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0002	---	<b>Slope:</b>	0.9961
0.0486	0.0483	-0.6%	<b>Intercept:</b>	0.0003
0.0975	0.0974	-0.1%	<b>Correlation:</b>	1.0000
0.1953	0.1956	0.1%		
0.2933	0.2927	-0.2%		
0.4402	0.4384	-0.4%		
Average		-0.2%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-5. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, LAB Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.0	---	<b>Slope:</b>	1.0365
4.69	5.1	8.7%	<b>Intercept:</b>	0.0667
9.42	9.9	5.1%	<b>Correlation:</b>	1.0000
18.86	19.5	3.4%		
28.32	29.2	3.1%		
42.52	44.3	4.2%		
Average		4.9%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Figure 3-4. Front and Back View of the SIMAT Laboratory Reference Analyzers**

### 3.3 SAN AGUSTÍN (SAG) SITE

The SAG site is located on the roof of a healthcare clinic with monitoring equipment housed inside of an Ekto shelter. The audit results showed that all criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being {O<sub>3</sub> (-3.7%), NO (2.5%), NO<sub>x</sub> (0.8%), SO<sub>2</sub> (0.8%), and CO (6.9%)}. In addition, the GPT showed a NO<sub>2</sub> converter efficiency of 104.6%. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-6 to 3-10. In addition, flow checks of the TEOM 1405DF showed that all flows (total, PM<sub>coarse</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>, as well as barometric pressure were within specification. Flow rate audit data are shown in Table 3-11. Photo of the site are shown in Figure 3-5.

**Table 3-6. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, SAG Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	-0.0038	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9924
0.0490	0.0451	-8.0%	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.0033
0.1000	0.0976	-2.4%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.2020	0.1961	-2.9%		
0.4010	0.3948	-1.5%		
Average		-3.7%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-7. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Audit Results, SAG Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)			Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO			
0.0000	0.0003	0.0006	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9990	1.0004
0.0491	0.0498	0.0517	1.4%	5.3%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0010	0.0025
0.0992	0.1008	0.1026	1.6%	3.4%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000	1.0000
0.1994	0.2009	0.2041	0.8%	2.4%			
0.2994	0.2999	0.3021	0.2%	0.9%			
0.4487	0.4489	0.4502	0.0%	0.3%			
Average			0.8%	2.5%			

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-8. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, SAG Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer	Regression Data
0.0000	-0.0003	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.03145
0.0990	0.1010	2.0%	0.105	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.00039
0.1980	0.2048	3.4%	0.206	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.99999
0.3540	0.3644	2.9%	0.367	<i>Converter Efficiency<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>104.6%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance Criteria >96%**Table 3-9. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, SAG Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0020	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9816
0.0487	0.0510	4.7%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0028
0.0984	0.1010	2.6%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.1978	0.1970	-0.4%		
0.2970	0.2920	-1.7%		
0.4452	0.4410	-0.9%		
Average		0.8%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-10. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, SAG Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.0	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0330
4.65	5.3	14.1%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.2868
9.38	10.1	7.6%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999
18.86	19.8	5.0%		
28.32	29.5	4.2%		
42.45	44.1	3.9%		
Average		6.9%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-11. TEOM Flow Rate and Barometric Pressure Audit Results, SAG Site**

Audit Flow rate	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Audit) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Audit vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Pass / Fail
Total Flow	-1.01%	-0.1%	1.0%	Pass
PM <sub>coarse</sub>	1.01	-0.3%	-1.3%	Pass
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	-2.28	0.0%	2.3%	Pass
<b>Sampler Barometric Pressure Sensor</b>				
Audit Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Site Sensor Reading (atm)	Site Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Measurement Error (mm Hg) <sup>1</sup>	Pass / Fail
585.5	0.767	582.92	5.0	Pass

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance criteria  $\pm 10$  mm Hg



**Figure 3-5. Photo of the SAG Site Shelter**

### 3.4 XALOSTOC (XAL) SITE

This station is in an industrial/commercial/residential area. The equipment is housed in a small shelter on the fourth-floor roof of a Regional Hospital. The audit results showed that all criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being {O<sub>3</sub> (1.9%), NO (0.6%), NO<sub>x</sub> (-0.3%), SO<sub>2</sub> (-1.5%), and CO (4.4%)}. In addition, the GPT showed a NO<sub>2</sub> converter efficiency of 99.7%. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-12 to 3-16. In addition, a flow check of the TEOM 1405DF showed that all flows (total, PM<sub>coarse</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) as well as barometric pressure were all within project specification. Flow rate audit data for the TEOM are shown in Table 3-17. Photo of the site is shown in Figure 3-6.

**Table 3-12. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, XAL Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0014	---	Slope:	1.0079
0.0510	0.0510	0.0%	Intercept:	0.0019
0.0990	0.1011	2.1%	Correlation:	0.9996
0.2010	0.2110	5.0%		
0.3570	0.3585	0.4%		
Average		1.9%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-13. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Audit Results, XAL Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)					
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO	Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
0.0000	0.0002	0.0007	---	---	Slope:	0.9901	0.9908
0.0496	0.0493	0.0503	-0.6%	1.5%	Intercept:	0.0008	0.0018
0.0992	0.1000	0.1005	0.9%	1.4%	Correlation:	1.0000	1.0000
0.1993	0.1981	0.2015	-0.6%	1.1%			
0.2994	0.2983	0.2991	-0.4%	-0.1%			
0.4492	0.4447	0.4455	-1.0%	-0.8%			
			-0.3%	0.6%			

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-14. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, XAL Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer	Regression Data
0.0000	-0.0005	---	---	Slope:	0.99255
0.1200	0.1153	-3.9%	0.120	Intercept:	-0.00242
0.2050	0.1988	-3.0%	0.202	Correlation:	0.99990

0.3640	0.3606	-0.9%	0.366	Converter Efficiency	99.7%
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**Table 3-15. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, XAL Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0007	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9683
0.0486	0.0487	0.3%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0018
0.0971	0.0963	-0.9%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.1952	0.1921	-1.6%		
0.2933	0.2860	-2.5%		
0.4400	0.4270	-3.0%		
Average		-1.5%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-16. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, XAL Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.1	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0314
4.69	4.8	2.3%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.2003
9.38	10.0	6.6%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999
18.86	19.8	5.0%		
28.32	29.8	5.2%		
42.49	43.7	2.8%		
Average		4.5%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-17. TEOM Flow Rate and Barometric Pressure Audit Results, XAL Site**

Audit Flow rate	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Audit) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Audit vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Pass / Fail
Total Flow	-1.13%	-0.1%	1.1%	Pass
PM <sub>coarse</sub>	2.04	0.0%	-2.0%	Pass
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	-1.59	0.0%	1.6%	Pass
Sampler Barometric Pressure Sensor				
Audit Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Site Sensor Reading (atm)	Site Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Measurement Error (mm Hg) <sup>1</sup>	Pass / Fail
580.5	0.760	577.6	-2.9	Pass

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance criteria  $\pm 10$  mm Hg





**Figure 3-6. Photo of the XAL Site Shelter**

### **3.5 PEDREGAL (PED) SITE**

This station is in a high-income residential area in southwest Mexico City housed in a concrete block shed on the top of the second floor of an elementary school. The shelter was old and cramped but the equipment was well maintained. The audit results showed that all criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being  $\{O_3 (1.8\%), NO (1.2\%), NO_x (1.1\%), SO_2 (-4.6\%), \text{ and } CO (4.4\%)\}$ . In addition, the GPT showed a  $NO_2$  converter efficiency of 99.2%. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-18 to 3-22. At the time of the audit, the particulate matter monitor had been removed for service and maintenance. A photo of the site is shown in Figure 3-7.

**Table 3-18. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, PED Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0000	---	<b>Slope:</b>	1.0094
0.0500	0.0510	2.0%	<b>Intercept:</b>	0.0007
0.1010	0.1040	3.0%	<b>Correlation:</b>	1.0000
0.2010	0.2030	1.0%		
0.3620	0.3660	1.1%		
Average		1.8%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-19. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Audit Results, PED Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)			Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO			
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	---	---	<b>Slope:</b>	1.0104	1.0152
0.0496	0.0500	0.0500	0.8%	0.8%	<b>Intercept:</b>	0.0002	-0.0003
0.0994	0.1000	0.1000	0.6%	0.6%	<b>Correlation:</b>	1.0000	1.0000
0.1995	0.2030	0.2030	1.7%	1.7%			
0.2992	0.3040	0.3030	1.6%	1.3%			
0.4493	0.4530	0.4560	0.8%	1.5%			
Average			1.1%	1.2%			

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-20. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, PED Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer	Regression Data
0.0000	0.0000	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.01994
0.1030	0.1030	0.0%	0.101	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.00129
0.2000	0.2010	0.5%	0.197	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.99995
0.3570	0.3640	2.0%	0.361	<i>Converter Efficiency</i>	<b>99.2%</b>

**Table 3-21. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, PED Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0030	---	<b>Slope:</b>	0.9031
0.0486	0.0490	0.8%	<b>Intercept:</b>	0.0057
0.0974	0.0950	-2.4%	<b>Correlation:</b>	0.9999
0.1955	0.1860	-4.8%		
0.2931	0.2710	-7.5%		
0.4402	0.4010	-8.9%		
Average		-4.6%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-22. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, PED Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.2	---	<b>Slope:</b>	1.0482
4.69	4.7	0.1%	<b>Intercept:</b>	0.0844
9.40	9.9	5.3%	<b>Correlation:</b>	0.9999
18.88	20.0	5.9%		
28.31	30.1	6.3%		
42.51	44.4	4.4%		
Average		4.4%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Figure 3-7. Front and Side Views of the PED Site Shelter**

### 3.6 BENITO JUÁREZ (BJU) SITE

This station is located on the roof of a large gymnastics and sports training complex. The system was housed in an Ekto shelter on the roof of the three-story complex. This was the only audited site that did not have a NO<sub>x</sub> analyzer. The audit results showed that criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being {O<sub>3</sub> (0.9%), SO<sub>2</sub> (-1.0%), and CO (5.7%)}. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-23 to 3-25. In addition, a flow check of the TEOM 1405DF showed that all flows (total, PM<sub>coarse</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) as well as barometric pressure were all within project specification. Flow rate audit data are shown in Table 3-26. A photo of the site is shown in Figure 3-8.

**Table 3-23. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, BJU Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0010		<i>Slope:</i>	1.0096
0.0520	0.0516	-0.8%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0006
0.1030	0.1042	1.2%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999
0.2010	0.2059	2.4%		
0.3620	0.3650	0.8%		
Average		0.9%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-24. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, BJU Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0002		<i>Slope:</i>	0.9953
0.0486	0.0477	-1.8%	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.0004
0.0973	0.0964	-0.9%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.1953	0.1938	-0.8%		
0.2933	0.2908	-0.9%		
0.4390	0.4371	-0.4%		
Average		-1.0%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-25. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, BJU Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.2		<i>Slope:</i>	1.0295
4.69	5.1	8.7%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.2959
9.40	10.1	7.5%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
18.86	19.6	3.9%		
28.33	29.7	4.9%		
42.39	43.8	3.3%		
Average		5.7%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-26. TEOM Flow Rate and Barometric Pressure Audit Results, BJU Site**

Audit Flow rate	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Audit) (Criteria $\pm$ 10.0%)	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm$ 10.0%)	Percent Difference (Audit vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm$ 10.0% )	Pass / Fail
Total Flow	0.36%	0.0%	-0.4%	Pass
PM <sub>coarse</sub>	2.04	0.0%	-2.0%	Pass
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	2.90	0.0%	-2.8%	Pass
Sampler Barometric Pressure Sensor				
Audit Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Site Sensor Reading (atm)	Site Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Measurement Error (mm Hg) <sup>1</sup>	Pass / Fail
581.5	0.763	579.9	-1.6	Pass

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance criteria  $\pm$  10 mm Hg

**Figure 3-8. Photo of BJU Monitoring Shelter**



### 3.7 NEZAHUALCÓYOTL (NEZ) SITE

This station is located on the roof of a medical clinic in a concrete block shed. The audit results showed that all criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being {O<sub>3</sub> (-1.9%), NO (-1.4%), NO<sub>x</sub> (-1.0%), SO<sub>2</sub> (0.1%), and CO (7.2%)}. In addition, the GPT showed a NO<sub>2</sub> converter efficiency of 96.6%. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-27 to 3-31. The flow check of the Thermo FH 62 C-14 beta gauge showed that flow rate through the unit as well as barometric pressure were within project specification. Flow rate audit data for the beta gauge are shown in Table 3-32. Photo of the site is shown in Figure 3-9.

**Table 3-27. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, NEZ Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	-0.0011	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9912
0.0480	0.0474	-1.3%	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.0012
0.0990	0.0951	-3.9%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.1980	0.1957	-1.2%		
0.3600	0.3556	-1.2%		
Average		-1.9%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-28. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Audit Results, NEZ Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)			Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO			
0.0000	0.0010	-0.0005	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9989	1.0035
0.0491	0.0478	0.0475	-2.7%	-3.3%	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.0008	-0.0021
0.0991	0.1000	0.0983	1.0%	-0.8%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999	0.9999
0.1994	0.1955	0.1949	-1.9%	-2.2%			
0.2994	0.2944	0.2957	-1.7%	-1.2%			
0.4487	0.4509	0.4511	0.5%	0.5%			
Average			-1.0%	-1.4%			

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-29. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, NEZ Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0015	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.97126
0.0970	0.0931	-4.0%	0.091	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.00112
0.1980	0.1962	-0.9%	0.196	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.99990
0.3620	0.3518	-2.8%	0.351	<i>Converter Efficiency<sup>1</sup></i>	96.6%

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance Criteria  $>96\%$



**Table 3-30. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, NEZ Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0010		<i>Slope:</i>	0.9813
0.0481	0.0480	-0.3%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0026
0.0970	0.0990	2.0%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999
0.1953	0.1970	0.9%		
0.2933	0.2930	-0.1%		
0.4396	0.4310	-1.9%		
Average		0.1%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-31. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, NEZ Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.1		<i>Slope:</i>	1.0556
4.65	5.2	11.9%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.1298
9.37	10.0	6.7%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
18.86	20.0	6.0%		
28.32	29.8	5.2%		
42.45	45.1	6.2%		
Average		7.2%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-32. Beta Gauge Flow Rate Audit Results, NEZ Site**

Audit Flow rate	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Audit) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Audit vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Pass / Fail
Total Flow	-0.60%	0.0%	0.6%	Pass



**Figure 3-9. Photo of the NEZ Site Shelter**

### 3.8 UAM XOCHIMILCAN (UAX) SITE

This station is located on the top of the fourth-floor building at Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Campus and housed in an Ekto Shelter. The audit results showed that all criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being  $\{O_3 (-0.5\%), NO (-4.4\%), NO_x (-4.6\%), SO_2 (-0.6\%), \text{ and } CO (4.0\%)\}$ . In addition, the GPT showed a  $NO_2$  converter efficiency of 99.5%. The flow check of the Thermo FH 62 C-14 beta gauge showed that flow rate through the unit as well as barometric pressure were within project specification. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-33 to 3-37 with the flow rate audit data for the beta gauge shown in Table 3-38. A photo showing a side view of the site shelter is shown in Figure 3-10.

**Table 3-33. Summary of Ozone ( $O_3$ ) Audit Results, UAX Site**

$O_3$ Input (ppm-v)	$O_3$ Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	$O_3$ Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	-0.0008	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9940
0.0480	0.0474	-1.3%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0000
0.1010	0.1011	0.1%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.2020	0.2020	0.0%		
0.3570	0.3540	-0.8%		
Average		-0.5%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-34. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides ( $NO_x$ ) Audit Results, UAX Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)					
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO	Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
0.0000	0.0023	0.0012	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9596	0.9616
0.0496	0.0472	0.0472	-4.8%	-4.8%	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.0001	-0.0003
0.0994	0.0942	0.0947	-5.3%	-4.8%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999	1.0000
0.1993	0.1896	0.1900	-4.9%	-4.7%			
0.2994	0.2860	0.2870	-4.5%	-4.1%			
0.4495	0.4330	0.4330	-3.7%	-3.7%			
Average			-4.6%	-4.4%			

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-35. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, UAX Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer	Regression Data
0.0000	0.0011	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.95918
0.1170	0.1110	-5.1%	0.116	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.00040
0.2070	0.1960	-5.3%	0.205	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.99993
0.3690	0.3550	-3.8%	0.370	<i>Converter Efficiency</i> <sup>1</sup>	99.5%

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance Criteria >96%**Table 3-36. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, UAX Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0008	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9729
0.0486	0.0491	1.1%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0023
0.0974	0.0984	1.0%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.1952	0.1940	-0.6%		
0.2933	0.2870	-2.1%		
0.4403	0.4300	-2.3%		
Average		-0.6%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-37. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, UAX Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.0	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0368
4.69	4.9	4.2%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0456
9.41	9.7	3.4%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
18.85	19.7	4.2%		
28.32	29.6	4.5%		
42.52	44.0	3.5%		
Average		4.0%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-38. Beta Gauge Flow Rate and Barometric Pressure Audit Results, UAX Site**

Audit Flow rate	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Audit) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Audit vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Pass / Fail
Total Flow	-2.12%	-0.1%	2.0%	Pass
Sampler Barometric Pressure Sensor				
Audit Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Site Sensor Reading (hPa)	Site Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Measurement Error (mm Hg) <sup>1</sup>	Pass / Fail
580.0	785	588.94	8.9	Pass



**Figure 3-10. Photo Showing Side View of UAX Shelter**

### **3.9 HOSPITAL GENERAL DE MÉXICO (HGM) SITE**

This site was located on the roof of a community hospital in a large medical complex. The area surrounding the hospital complex appears to be primarily residential. The monitoring system is on the roof of a five-story building housed in an Ekto shelter. The audit results showed that all criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being  $\{O_3 (-1.9\%), NO (0.4\%), NO_x (0.4\%), SO_2 (-1.6\%), \text{ and } CO (3.6\%)\}$ . The GPT showed a  $NO_2$  converter efficiency of 98.7%. In addition, a flow check of the TEOM 1405DF showed that all flows (total,  $PM_{coarse}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ ) as well as barometric pressure were within project specification. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-39 to 3-43. Flow rate audit data for the TEOM are shown in Table 3-44. A photo of the site is shown in Figure 3-11.

**Table 3-39. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, HGM Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	-0.0004	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9759
0.0490	0.0484	-1.2%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0002
0.1010	0.1001	-0.9%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.2010	0.1949	-3.0%		
0.3570	0.3490	-2.2%		
Average		-1.8%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-40. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Audit Results, HGM Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)					
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO	Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
0.0000	0.0003	0.0001	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9953	0.9916
0.0496	0.0504	0.0505	1.7%	1.9%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0007	0.0012
0.0992	0.1001	0.1004	0.9%	1.3%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000	1.0000
0.1994	0.1990	0.1992	-0.2%	-0.1%			
0.2992	0.2980	0.2980	-0.4%	-0.4%			
0.4490	0.4480	0.4460	-0.2%	-0.7%			
Average			0.4%	0.4%			

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-41. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, MGH Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer	Regression Data
0.0000	0.0002	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.98688
0.1040	0.1014	-2.5%	0.102	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.00039
0.2020	0.1990	-1.5%	0.200	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.99999
0.3680	0.3630	-1.4%	0.364	<i>Converter Efficiency<sup>1</sup></i>	98.7%

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance Criteria  $>96\%$ **Table 3-42. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, MGH Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0004	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9631
0.0486	0.0489	0.7%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0021
0.0971	0.0968	-0.3%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.1953	0.1918	-1.8%		
0.2931	0.2840	-3.1%		
0.4399	0.4250	-3.4%		
Average		-1.6%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$



**Table 3-43. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, MGH Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.0	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0167
4.69	4.9	4.0%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.2361
9.38	9.8	4.5%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999
18.87	19.8	4.7%		
28.31	29.3	3.5%		
42.48	43.1	1.5%		
Average		3.6%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-44. TEOM Flow Rate and Barometric Pressure Audit Results, MGH Site**

Audit Flow rate	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Audit) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Audit vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Pass / Fail
Total Flow	-1.30%	-0.1%	1.3%	Pass
PM <sub>coarse</sub>	-2.61	-0.3%	2.3%	Pass
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	-3.19	0.0%	3.3%	Pass
Sampler Barometric Pressure Sensor				
Audit Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Site Sensor Reading (atm)	Site Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Measurement Error (mm Hg) <sup>1</sup>	Pass / Fail
582.5	0.766	582.16	-0.3	Pass

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance criteria  $\pm 10$  mm Hg



**Figure 3-11. Photo of the MGH Site Shelter**

### **3.10 TLALNEPANTLA (TLA) SITE**

This site was housed in an elevated shed about 2.5 meters above ground level adjacent to a municipal water storage tank. This was an older site but was well maintained and relatively clean. The audit results showed that all criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being  $\{O_3 (0.8\%), NO (-1.4\%), NO_x (0.0\%), SO_2 (2.1\%), \text{ and } CO (4.1\%)\}$ . In addition, the GPT showed a  $NO_2$  converter efficiency of 101.3%. In addition, a flow check of the TEOM 1405DF showed that all flows (total,  $PM_{coarse}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ ) as well as barometric pressure were all within project specification. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-45 to 3-49. Flow rate audit data for the TEOM are shown in Table 3-50. Photo of the site is shown in Figure 3-12.

**Table 3-45. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, TLA Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0010	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9906
0.0510	0.0530	3.9%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0015
0.1030	0.1030	0.0%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.2010	0.2010	0.0%		
0.3590	0.3570	-0.6%		
Average		0.8%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-46. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Audit Results, TLA Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)					
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO	Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
0.0000	0.0020	0.0000	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0028	1.0101
0.0496	0.0500	0.0490	0.9%	-1.1%	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.0001	-0.0029
0.0995	0.0990	0.0960	-0.5%	-3.5%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999	0.9998
0.1993	0.1960	0.1940	-1.7%	-2.7%			
0.2997	0.3010	0.2970	0.4%	-0.9%			
0.4494	0.4520	0.4550	0.6%	1.2%			
Average			0.0%	-1.4%			

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-47. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, TLA Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer	Regression Data
0.0000	0.0020	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.97580
0.0960	0.0980	2.1%	0.095	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.00399
0.1970	0.2000	1.5%	0.194	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.99984
0.3670	0.3600	-1.9%	0.359	<i>Converter Efficiency<sup>1</sup></i>	98.4%

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance Criteria >96%**Table 3-48. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, TLA Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0010	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0098
0.0485	0.0500	3.0%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0014
0.0974	0.1000	2.6%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.1953	0.1990	1.9%		
0.2936	0.2990	1.9%		
0.4402	0.4450	1.1%		
Average		2.1%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-49. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, TLA Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.1	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0402
4.69	4.7	0.3%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.1005
9.41	9.9	5.2%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999
18.86	19.9	5.5%		
28.35	30.0	5.8%		
42.52	44.0	3.5%		
Average		4.1%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-50. TEOM Flow Rate and Barometric Pressure Audit Results, TLA Site**

Audit Flow rate	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Audit) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Audit vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Pass / Fail
Total Flow	-0.24%	-0.1%	0.2%	Pass
PM <sub>coarse</sub>	1.69	0.0%	-1.7%	Pass
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	1.58	0.0%	-1.6%	Pass
Sampler Barometric Pressure Sensor				
Audit Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Site Sensor Reading (atm)	Site Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Measurement Error (mm Hg) <sup>1</sup>	Pass / Fail
578.0	0.758	576.1	-1.9	Pass

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance criteria  $\pm 10$  mm Hg



**Figure 3-12. Photo of the TLA Site Shelter**

### 3.11 CUAJIMALPA (CUA) SITE

This site was housed in a concrete block shed on the roof of an elementary school in southwest Mexico City. The site is two stories above ground with good exposure on three of the four sides. There is a line of trees on one side of the shelter that may slightly impact wind direction and speed measurements, but the site meteorological tower is at or slightly higher than the treeline. Even with the trees, the site still meets PSD siting criteria. The audit results showed that all criteria pollutant parameters were well within the audit objectives of  $\pm 15\%$  with average percent differences being {O<sub>3</sub> (0.7%), NO (-1.6%), NO<sub>x</sub> (-0.8%), SO<sub>2</sub> (2.7%), and CO (4.9%)}. The GPT showed a NO<sub>2</sub> converter efficiency of 97.1%. The beta gauge flow rate and barometric pressure audit data were within project specifications. Audit results for each of the analyzers at this site are shown in Tables 3-51 to 3-55 while the flow rate and barometric pressure audit data for the beta gauge is shown in Table 3-56. Photo of the site is shown in Figure 3-13.

**Table 3-51. Summary of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Audit Results, CUA Site**

O <sub>3</sub> Input (ppm-v)	O <sub>3</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0020	---	<i>Slope:</i>	0.9895
0.0520	0.0520	0.0%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0023
0.1020	0.1040	2.0%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999
0.2000	0.2030	1.5%		
0.3610	0.3580	-0.8%		
Average		0.7%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$

**Table 3-52. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Audit Results, CUA Site**

NO <sub>x</sub> / NO Input (ppm-v)	Response		Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>		NO <sub>x</sub> Analyzer Regression Data		
	NO <sub>x</sub> (ppm-v)	NO (ppm-v)					
			NO <sub>x</sub>	NO	Parameter	NO <sub>x</sub>	NO
0.0000	-0.0030	-0.0030	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0191	1.0283
0.0496	0.0480	0.0480	-3.2%	-3.2%	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.0031	-0.0041
0.0990	0.0980	0.0990	-1.1%	0.0%	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.9999	0.9998
0.1992	0.1980	0.1950	-0.6%	-2.1%			
0.2993	0.3020	0.2930	0.9%	-2.1%			
0.4494	0.4490	0.4460	-0.1%	-0.8%			
Average			-0.8%	-1.6%			

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$



**Table 3-53. Summary of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) GPT Results, CUA Site**

NO <sub>2</sub> Audit Data					
NO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Percent Difference	NO <sub>2</sub> Converted (ppm-v)	NO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer	Regression Data
0.0000	0.0000	---	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.00322
0.0980	0.0970	-1.0%	0.094	<i>Intercept:</i>	-0.00077
0.1980	0.1970	-0.5%	0.189	<i>Correlation:</i>	0.99999
0.3560	0.3570	0.3%	0.356	<i>Converter Efficiency<sup>1</sup></i>	97.1%

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance Criteria >96%**Table 3-54. Summary of Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Audit Results, CUA Site**

SO <sub>2</sub> Input (ppm-v)	SO <sub>2</sub> Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> Analyzer Regression Data	
0.0000	0.0012	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0120
0.0486	0.0501	3.1%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.0019
0.0970	0.1007	3.8%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
0.1951	0.2007	2.8%		
0.2932	0.2995	2.1%		
0.4402	0.4462	1.4%		
Average		2.7		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-55. Summary of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Audit Results, CUA Site**

CO Input (ppm-v)	CO Response (ppm-v)	Percent Difference <sup>1</sup>	CO Analyzer Regression Data	
0.00	0.3	---	<i>Slope:</i>	1.0317
4.69	5.0	6.8%	<i>Intercept:</i>	0.2402
9.37	9.8	4.9%	<i>Correlation:</i>	1.0000
18.85	19.8	4.8%		
28.32	29.6	4.5%		
42.52	44.0	3.5%		
Average		4.9%		

<sup>1</sup> Objective  $\pm 15\%$ **Table 3-56. Beta Gauge Flow Rate and Barometric Pressure Audit Results, CUA Site**

Audit Flow rate	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Audit) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Indicated vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Percent Difference (Audit vs. Design) (Criteria $\pm 10.0\%$ )	Pass / Fail
Total Flow	-3.31%	-0.1%	3.3%	Pass
Sampler Barometric Pressure Sensor				
Audit Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Site Sensor Reading (hPa)	Site Sensor Reading (mmHg)	Measurement Error (mm Hg) <sup>1</sup>	Pass / Fail
551.0	746	559.68	8.7	Pass

<sup>1</sup> Acceptance criteria  $\pm 10$  mm Hg



**Figure 3-13. Photo Showing CUA Site with Trees in Background**

## 4.0 RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

This section summarizes the primary and secondary concerns and observations from the audit. It also provides some recommendations for future network improvements that may simplify and reduce network hardware and operational costs in the future. Table 4-1 presents a summary of the audit observations and concerns from the previous audit and the resolution observed during the 2018 audit. Table 4-2 presents a summary of audit observations and concerns from the 2018 audit.

Primary concerns are those that may affect the ability of the measurement system to produce data within the data quality objectives (DQOs) of the program while secondary concerns are minor issues that likely do not have significant impact on the DQOs.

Primary concerns or observations identified in this audit report require a written response by the appropriate personnel assigned to each portion of the monitoring program. The purpose of a written response is to ensure that all project team members are aware of the area of concern and that a corrective action plan is in place to prevent reoccurrence. Once the written response is received, the auditor can review the action or actions and close the audit. Based on the results of the 2018 audit there are two secondary concerns, one associated with calibration methodology that differs from US EPA guidance and the need to update and revise site SOPs. It needs to be noted that these concerns, at the time of the audit, were NOT impacting data quality.

**Table 4-1. Summary of the Previous Audit Observations and Concerns**

Site	Description of Concern or Observation	2018 Resolution
<b>Primary Concerns: NONE</b>		
<b>Secondary Concerns</b>		
All Sites	Each automatic calibration (performed every 6 <sup>th</sup> day) includes a precision check point at 20% of span. In addition, a manual precision check (along with other calibration point) is performed monthly.	SIMAT is budgeting to begin replacing traditional sample manifold and inlets with CARB octopus manifolds. This change will allow SIMAT to automate all of their calibrations, which will be through the manifold and direct to the instrument sample ports.
All Sites	Instrument and procedural SOPs are not fully up-to-date, particularly for the new Thermo analyzers, the TEOM 1405DF's as well as certain processes that have been put in place since the new inclusion of automated zero, spans, and precision checks.	As time and man-power are available work on updating and revising the SOPs. These documents have proven invaluable for training new staff and as new staff are added, this acts as a good training tool.

**Table 4-2. Summary of 2018 Audit Observations and Concerns**

Site	Description of Concern or Observation	Discussion
<b>Primary Concerns – NONE</b>		
<b>Secondary Concerns</b>		
All Sites	US EPA requires that the precision check (Level One) calibration be performed through the sample port on a bi-weekly basis.	The precision check calibration is being performed every 6 <sup>th</sup> day through the zero/span ports and manually through the sample port monthly. This is good practice, assuming there are no issues with the sample valving between manual calibrations. In the rare event when there may be a leak in the sample valving (which would allow shelter air to be sampled instead of ambient air), up to 30 days could go by without this being detected. SIMAT is in the process of upgrading their inlet manifolds to the CARB Octopus inlet. This would allow full automating of all calibration events (including full GPT and multi-points). This will save significant operator time and have all calibrations through the sample inlet and instrument sample ports.
General	Instrument and procedural SOPs are not fully up-to-date, particularly for the new Thermo analyzers, the TEOM 1405DF's as well as certain processes that have been put in place since the new inclusion of automated zero, spans, and precision checks.	As time and man-power are available work on updating and revising the SOPs. These documents have proven invaluable for training new staff and as new staff are added, this acts as a good training tool.

Overall, the SIMAT network is extremely well run and operated. The technical systems that SIMAT has in place to track data, train operations staff, manage huge data sets, perform basic maintenance and calibration activities, and track and maintain QA/QC data is exemplary. It should be noted that currently there are six operators for 32 automated sites, or one operator for every 5.3 sites. The normal “rule of thumb” is that a network should have about 1 operator for every 3 sites. Therefore, it is even more remarkable the job SIMAT is doing with minimal staff. In addition, Mexico City traffic is continuing to get worse, requiring more time for the operators to reach each site, which reduces how much work can get done by a site operator in a given day.

SIMAT's commitment to change existing sample manifolds with CARB octopus manifolds will free up more operator time as all calibrations can be automated and will simplify the process as the instrument zero and span ports do not have to be synchronized with the calibration sequence. When using an octopus inlet, all calibrations are now performed by flooding the manifold with excess calibration gas, therefore all calibrations are through the sample manifold and instrument sample ports. Hence there would now be no difference between a manual and an automatic calibration. We think this will be huge help to simplify site operations, reduce complexity, and generate better quality data.

It is understood that the ambient calibration gases are expensive and somewhat difficult to get in Mexico, particularly the blends required for ambient monitoring. If possible, SIMAT should consider getting bids for US EPA Protocol 1 gases instead of the  $\pm 2\%$  standards they are currently using. This may result in an upfront cost with purchasing cylinders from the US, but this cost would be recouped once the cylinders are returned for refilling (and could be returned and refilled for years). The Protocol 1 gases are certified to  $\pm 1\%$  and receive multiple analyses prior to being released to the customer. Additionally, the Protocol 1 gases must undergo more rigorous cylinder cleaning protocols that will eliminate some of the issues that have been seen with the current calibration standards, particularly when the cylinders get below 500 psig.

## **Appendix A**

### **Calibration and Certification Data**





## Certificate of Calibration

<b>Calibration Date:</b> November 27, 2017
<b>Calibration Due:</b> November 27, 2018 (annual)

**Calibration for:**  
EPA Systems, LLC  
4201 W. Parmer Ln Bld. B Suite 280  
Austin TX 78727  
United States

**Calibrated By:**  
Ozone Solutions  
451 Black Forest Rd  
Hull, IA 51239

**Model Number** \_\_\_ EnviroNics 6103 \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Number** \_\_\_ 4880 \_\_\_\_\_

**Description** \_\_\_ Ozone/ Multi Gas Calibrator \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Condition As Received** \_\_\_ Physically good condition \_\_\_\_\_

**Accuracy of Device** \_\_\_ +/-1% \_\_\_\_\_

**Environmental Conditions** \_\_\_ 73°F, 42.1% RH \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that the instrument described above was calibrated in our facilities according to the manufacturer's procedures.

The calibration was performed with Thermo Scientific ozone analyzer (serial# 0712821685, accuracy of +/- 1% of full scale). This analyzer is certified to be NIST traceable and is calibrated according to Thermo Scientific specifications in their facility.

The calibration of the monitor is checked several times over several hours of testing. The calibration data is entered with the serial number, customer and date in our permanent calibration database.

**As Received and Final Values (all units in ppm):**

Ozone Calibrator Span Level	Unit as Received	After Calibration
.45	.43	.45

Ozone Calibrator Zero Level	Unit as received	After Calibration
0	0	0

**Calibration Performed by:**  
Chris Ewoldt

Technician  
Ozone Solutions, Inc.



## Calibration Details

<b>Model</b>	EnviroNics 6103	<b>Units measured</b>	PPM	<b>Calibration</b>
<b>Serial #</b>	4880	<b>Accuracy of device</b>	1%	Gas
<b>Date</b>	11/27/2017			
<b>Std model</b>	ThermoScientific 49i	<b>Environment Conditions</b>	73F, 42.1% RH	
	SN: 0712821685			

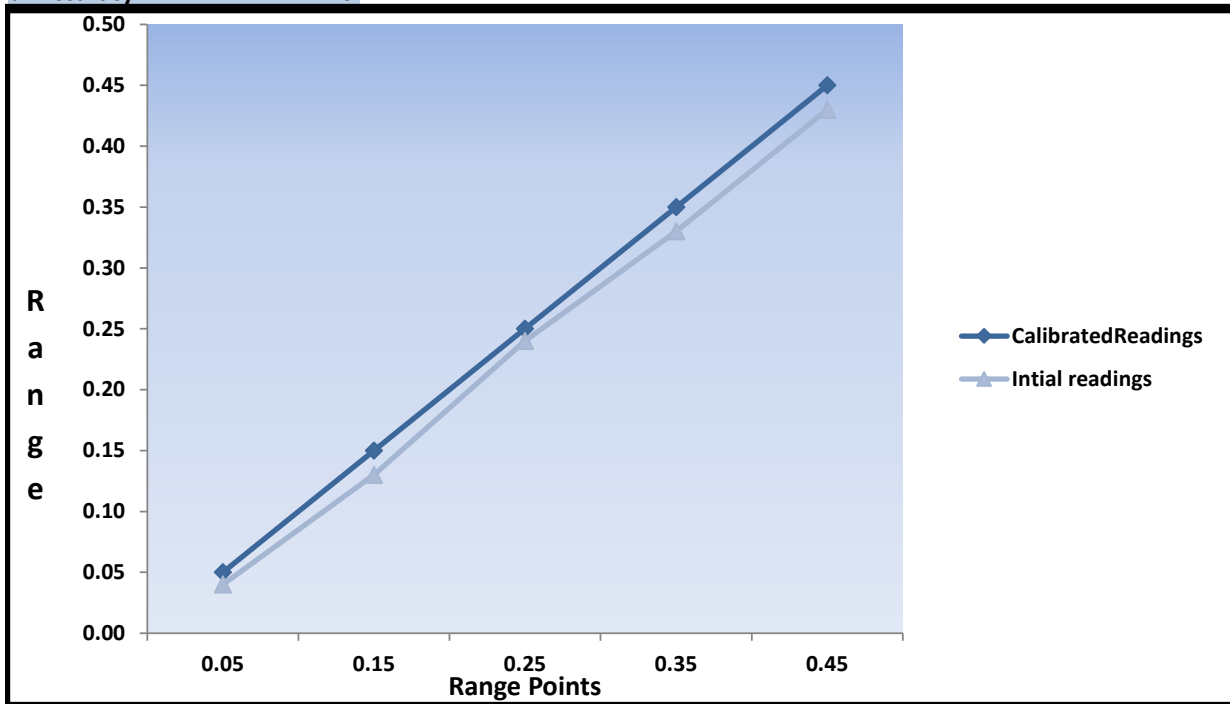
### Ozone Range

High	0.5
low	0
Range	0.5

Units	Range points	O3 Reading	Customer's Int. O3	Error	After Cal.	Error After CAL
PPM	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.05	0.00
PPM	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.02	0.15	0.00
PPM	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.01	0.25	0.00
PPM	0.35	0.35	0.33	0.02	0.35	0.00
PPM	0.45	0.45	0.43	0.02	0.45	0.00

Max error 0.02

% Accuracy 0



X \_\_\_\_\_

Mesa Labs 10 Park Place Butler, NJ 07405  
NIST Traceable Calibration Facility, ISO 9001:2008 Registered



## CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION - NIST TRACEABILITY

(Refer to instruction manual for further details of calibration)

tetraCal Serial Number: 682

DATE: 28-Nov-2017

Calibration Operator: E. Albuja

**Critical Venturi Flow Meter:** Max Uncertainty = 0.346%

Serial Number: 1A CEESI NVLAP NIST Data File 07BGI-0001

Serial Number: 2A CEESI NVLAP NIST Data File 07BGI-0003

Serial Number: 3A CEESI NVLAP NIST Data File 07BGI-0004

Serial Number: 4A CEESI NVLAP NIST Data File 07BGI-0002

Room Temperature: $\pm 0.03^{\circ}\text{C}$ from $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ - $70^{\circ}\text{C}$	Room Temperature:	24.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Brand: Telatemp	Serial Number:	358654	
Std Cal Date	23-Oct-17	Std Cal Due Date	23-Oct-18

tetraCal:

Ambient Temperature (set): 24.3  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Aux (filter) Temperature (set):  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

### Barometric Pressure and Absolute Pressure

Vaisala Model PTB330(50-1100) Digital Accuracy: 0.03371%

Serial Number: C4310002

Std Cal Date	27-Mar-17	Std Cal Due Date	27-Mar-18
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tetraCal:

Barometric pressure (set): 760 mm of Hg

### Results of Venturi Calibration

Flow Rate (Q) vs. Pressure Drop ( $\Delta P$ ).

Where: Q=Lpm,  $\Delta P$ = Cm of H<sub>2</sub>O

No. 1 C 5.41480  $\Delta P$  ^ 0.51590

No. 2 C 1.16245  $\Delta P$  ^ 0.52626

No. 3 C 0.21563  $\Delta P$  ^ 0.53362

Overall Uncertainty: 0.35%

Date Placed In Service \_\_\_\_\_

(To be filled in by operator upon receipt)

Recommended Recalibration Date \_\_\_\_\_

(12 months from date placed in service)

Revised: March 2016  
Cal102-03T1 Rev B

**To Check a Tetra Cal**

28-Nov-2017 E. Albuja

**6 - 30.00 Lpm**

BP= 760 mm of Hg

VER.

**3.41P**

Maximum allowable error at any flow rate is .75%.

**Serial No.****682**

Reading		CV			
Abs. P		Qa	Qa		
Crit. Vent.	Room	Flow	TriCal	% Error	
mm of Hg	TEMP	Lpm	Indicated		
205.21	24.3	8.01	8.07	0.72	
451.81	24.3	17.88	17.83	-0.28	Average %
732.68	24.3	29.11	29.23	0.40	0.28

**To Check a Tetra Cal**

BP= 760 mm of Hg

**1.20 - 6.00 Lpm**

Reading		CV		Qa		% Error	Average %
Abs. P	Room	Qa	Flow	Tri Cal			
Crit. Vent.	TEMP	Lpm	Indicated				
mm of Hg							
157.8	24.0	1.75	1.76	0.22			
346.7	24.0	3.90	3.89	-0.25			
524.6	24.0	5.93	5.96	0.51			0.16

**To Check a Tetra Cal**

BP= 760 mm of Hg

**0.10 - 1.20 Lpm**

Reading		CV			
Abs. P		Qa	Qa		
Crit. Vent.	Room	Flow	TriCal	% Error	
mm of Hg	TEMP	Lpm	Indicated		
251.81	23.4	0.456	0.457	0.23	
514.17	23.4	0.962	0.961	-0.10	Average %
634.18	23.4	1.193	1.199	0.47	0.20

# CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

## Grade of Product: EPA Protocol

Part Number:	E04NI99E15A01H4	Reference Number:	54-401267493-1
Cylinder Number:	CC326776	Cylinder Volume:	144.4 CF
Laboratory:	124 - Chicago (SAP) - IL	Cylinder Pressure:	2015 PSIG
PGVP Number:	B12018	Valve Outlet:	660
Gas Code:	CO,NO,NOX,SO2,BALN	Certification Date:	Aug 10, 2018

**Expiration Date: Aug 10, 2026**

Certification performed in accordance with "EPA Traceability Protocol for Assay and Certification of Gaseous Calibration Standards (May 2012)" document EPA 600/R-12/531, using the assay procedures listed. Analytical Methodology does not require correction for analytical interference. This cylinder has a total analytical uncertainty as stated below with a confidence level of 95%. There are no significant impurities which affect the use of this calibration mixture. All concentrations are on a volume/volume basis unless otherwise noted.

Do Not Use This Cylinder below 100 psig, i.e. 0.7 megapascals.

ANALYTICAL RESULTS					
Component	Requested Concentration	Actual Concentration	Protocol Method	Total Relative Uncertainty	Assay Dates
NOX	55.00 PPM	56.34 PPM	G1	+/- 1.4% NIST Traceable	08/03/2018, 08/10/2018
NITRIC OXIDE	55.00 PPM	56.34 PPM	G1	+/- 1.4% NIST Traceable	08/03/2018, 08/10/2018
SULFUR DIOXIDE	55.00 PPM	55.19 PPM	G1	+/- 0.9% NIST Traceable	08/03/2018, 08/10/2018
CARBON MONOXIDE	5500 PPM	5330 PPM	G1	+/- 1% NIST Traceable	08/10/2018
NITROGEN	Balance				

CALIBRATION STANDARDS					
Type	Lot ID	Cylinder No	Concentration	Uncertainty	Expiration Date
NTRM	16060606	CC442563	50.42 PPM NITRIC OXIDE/NITROGEN	+/- 0.8%	Jun 27, 2020
PRM	12367	APEX1099237	10.0 PPM NITROGEN DIOXIDE/AIR	+/- 1.5%	Jun 02, 2017
NTRM	1606608	CC442565	50.42 PPM NITRIC OXIDE/NITROGEN	+/- 0.8%	Jun 27, 2020
GMIS	1114201605	CC506716	4.995 PPM NITROGEN DIOXIDE/NITROGEN	+/- 2.0%	Nov 14, 2019
NTRM	16061017	CC473206	49.02 PPM SULFUR DIOXIDE/NITROGEN	+/- 0.8%	Jun 17, 2022
NTRM	16011014	CC473198	49.02 PPM SULFUR DIOXIDE/NITROGEN	+/- 0.8%	Jun 17, 2022
NTRM	08061414	CC269453	1.959 % CARBON MONOXIDE/NITROGEN	+/- 0.6%	Jul 02, 2024

The SRM, PRM or RGM noted above is only in reference to the GMIS used in the assay and not part of the analysis.

ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT		
Instrument/Make/Model	Analytical Principle	Last Multipoint Calibration
CO-2 SIEMENS ULTRAMAT 6E N1J5700	NDIR	Jul 17, 2018
Nicolet 6700 AMP0900100	FTIR	Jul 23, 2018
Nicolet 6700 AMP0900100	FTIR	Jul 23, 2018
Nicolet 6700 AMP0900100	FTIR	Jul 23, 2018

Triad Data Available Upon Request



  
Approved for Release

Batch ID: 8137, Work Order: 267493-1 8/3/2018 8:21:42 AM

1st ASSAY

Cylinder Number: HTN056

Standard Type: NTRM

Reference Conc: 49.02 ppm Component: SO2 Component Type: Core

Reference Cylinder #: CC473206 Method: C:\AutoEPA\quant\SO2-100.qnt

Gas Used For Purge For Std: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Zero: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Sample: HTN056

R	49.569	S	55.844	Z	1.2727	Conc:	55.390	Division Factor:	-
S	55.816	Z	1.3238	R	49.701	Conc:	55.217	Division Factor:	-
Z	1.2927	R	49.703	S	55.789	Conc:	55.183	Division Factor:	-

Sample Average: 55.26  
Sample Standard Deviation of Mean: 0.064  
Pass Indicator: Passed

Warning: No problems detected.

Standard Type: NTRM

Reference Conc: 50.42 ppm Component: NO Component Type: Core

Reference Cylinder #: CC442563 Method: C:\AutoEPA\quant\NO-50.qnt

Gas Used For Purge For Std: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Zero: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Sample: HTN056

R	49.709	S	55.495	Z	0.077500	Conc:	56.298	Division Factor:	-
S	54.877	Z	-0.13050	R	49.214	Conc:	56.206	Division Factor:	-
Z	-0.060500	R	49.948	S	55.266	Conc:	55.780	Division Factor:	-

Sample Average: 56.10  
Sample Standard Deviation of Mean: 0.16  
Pass Indicator: Passed

Warning: No problems detected.

Standard Type:

Reference Conc: 0 ppm Component: NO2 IMPURITY Component Type: Impurity

Reference Cylinder #: Method: C:\AutoEPA\quant\NO2 Impurity.qnt

Gas Used For Purge For Std:

Gas Used For Purge For Zero: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Sample: HTN056

R	0	S	0.0060000	Z	0.0034000	Conc:	0.0026000	Division Factor:	-
S	0.0082000	Z	-0.012900	R	0	Conc:	0.021100	Division Factor:	-
Z	0.0022000	R	0	S	0.013400	Conc:	0.011200	Division Factor:	-

Sample Average: 0.01163  
Sample Standard Deviation of Mean: 0.0053  
Pass Indicator: Failed



Batch ID: 8137      Work Order: 267493-1 8/3/2018 8:21:42 AM

Warning:    All three triad results for References are equal. May indicate a problem.  
Standard analysis differs more than 5% from its actual concentration.  
Zero analysis differs more than 5% from its actual concentration, relative to the reference gas.

Batch ID: 8177      Work Order: 267493-1 8/10/2018 7:32:01 AM

2nd  
ASSAY

Cylinder Number: HTN056

Standard Type: NTRM

Reference Conc: 49.02 ppm    Component: SO2    Component Type: Core

Reference Cylinder #: CC473198    Method: C:\AutoEPA\quant\SO2-100.qnt

Gas Used For Purge For Std: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Zero: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Sample: HTN056

R	49.398	S	55.496	Z	1.2972	Conc:	55.234	Division Factor:	-
S	55.506	Z	1.3259	R	49.560	Conc:	55.064	Division Factor:	-
Z	1.3167	R	49.550	S	55.485	Conc:	55.050	Division Factor:	-

Sample Average: 55.12  
Sample Standard Deviation of Mean: 0.059  
Pass Indicator: Passed

Warning: No problems detected.

Standard Type: NTRM

Reference Conc: 50.49 ppm    Component: NO    Component Type: Core

Reference Cylinder #: CC442565    Method: C:\AutoEPA\quant\NO-50.qnt

Gas Used For Purge For Std: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Zero: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Sample: HTN056

R	49.239	S	54.915	Z	-0.14360	Conc:	56.292	Division Factor:	-
S	55.307	Z	-0.041900	R	49.238	Conc:	56.710	Division Factor:	-
Z	0.28530	R	49.282	S	55.334	Conc:	56.728	Division Factor:	-

Sample Average: 56.58  
Sample Standard Deviation of Mean: 0.14  
Pass Indicator: Passed

Warning: No problems detected.

Standard Type:

Reference Conc: 0 ppm    Component: NO2 IMPURITY    Component Type: Impurity

Reference Cylinder #:    Method: C:\AutoEPA\quant\NO2 Impurity.qnt

Gas Used For Purge For Std:

Gas Used For Purge For Zero: House N2

Gas Used For Purge For Sample: HTN056

R	0	S	0.0030000	Z	-0.0054000	Conc:	0.0084000	Division Factor:	-
S	0.0042000	Z	-0.012500	R	0	Conc:	0.016700	Division Factor:	-
Z	0.00040000	R	0	S	-0.0019000	Conc:	-0.0023000	Division Factor:	-

Sample Average: 0.007600  
Sample Standard Deviation of Mean: 0.0055  
Pass Indicator: Failed

Batch ID: 8177      Work Order: 267493-1 8/10/2018 7:32:01 AM

Warning:    All three triad results for References are equal. May indicate a problem.  
Standard analysis differs more than 5% from its actual concentration.  
Zero analysis differs more than 5% from its actual concentration, relative to the reference gas.

**LabPack Worksheet**  
**CO-2**

**Principle: CO-2 SIEMENS ULTRAMAT 6E N1J5700**

**Date of Analysis: 08/07/2018**

Analyzer Make/Mode: CO-2 SIEMENS ULTRAMAT 6E  
N1J5700

Cert Date: 06/26/2018

Curve Expired: 08/11/2018

Analyzer #: 2

Test Number:

Curve Drift:

Analyzer Serial #: CO-2 SIEMENS ULTRAMAT 6E N1J5700

Order Number: 267493-1

Std Cyl #: CC269050

Customer:

Std Conc: 1.9590 %

Analysis Seq:

Analyst: TF

Standard #:

Std Type: NTRM

Analyzer Range: 2

Curve Model: Linear Model

Last Cal Date: 2018-07-11 19:56:48

Settling Threshold: 0.0500

Zero Settling Threshold (V): 0.0500

Cylinder	Zero	Ref	Samp	Conc	Ref	Zero	Samp	Conc	Ref	Samp	Zero	Conc	Avg	RSD	% Uncert.
HTN056	0.0006	7.2680	1.9743	0.5320	7.3050	0.0016	1.9983	0.5356	7.2774	1.9776	0.0001	0.5323	0.5333 %	0.6559	0.7491

Raw Std. Avg.	Raw Std. RSD.	Raw Zero Avg.	Raw Zero RSD
3.7480	81.34	0.0008	99.62

## **Appendix B**

### **Summary of Carbon Monoxide Results**

# Summary of CO Analyses

Input	XAL	SAG	PED	BJU	NEZ	UAX	HGM	TLA	CUA	Mean	SD	Min	Max
0.00	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.09	0.0	0.2
4.65	4.8	5.3	4.7	5.1	5.2	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.9	0.23	4.7	5.3
9.37	10.0	10.1	9.9	10.1	10.0	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9	0.13	9.7	10.1
18.86	19.8	19.8	20.0	19.6	20.0	19.7	19.8	19.9	19.8	19.8	0.15	19.6	20.0
28.32	29.8	29.5	30.1	29.7	29.8	29.6	29.3	30.0	29.6	29.7	0.26	29.3	30.1
42.45	43.7	44.1	44.4	43.8	45.1	44.0	43.1	44.0	44.0	44.0	0.58	43.1	45.1