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VALERO ENERGY

BENICIA REFINERY PARTICULATE

RELEASE

Benicia, CA

March 21, 2019

Project #111342

1.0 Introduction

On March 13, 2019 Valero Energy requested that CTEH® conduct air monitoring in the surrounding community after a release of particulate matter from the Benicia Refinery in Benicia California. CTEH® arrived on-site on March 13, 2019 and began air monitoring operations. Activities were comprised of real-time air monitoring and analytical air sampling.

This report summarizes air monitoring data collected from March 20, 2019 06:30 PDT to March 21, 2019 06:30 PDT.

2.0 Air Monitoring and Sampling Methods

CTEH® developed and implemented an air sampling and analysis work plan (SAP) to document and quantify the release of fugitive emissions from the flue gas scrubber. All instrumentation was calibrated at least once per day or per manufacturer's recommendations. Target analytes were measured as, carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), 2.5-micron particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and 10-micron particulate matter (PM₁₀) using handheld instruments such as RAE Systems MultiRAEs, TSI SidePak™ AM510/AM520 Aerosol Monitors, TSI DustTrak™ Aerosol Monitors, and Gastec GV-100 pumps with chemical-specific colorimetric detection tubes.

Hand-held air monitoring consisted of roaming air monitoring in the surrounding community. All hand-held air monitoring was conducted in the breathing zone.

Analytical air samples were deployed in the breathing zone at six locations through the community. Each station consisted of SKC active sampling pump equipped with mixed cellulose ester (MCE) filter media suitable for collection of metals.

All samples will be sent to an accredited laboratory for analysis in accordance with NIOSH Method 7303. **Figure 7** in **Attachment A** depicts these analytical air sampling locations.

3.0 Air Monitoring Results

Figures 1 – 6 in **Attachment A** depicts the site location and hand-held monitoring locations for this reporting period.

Table 1 summarizes the results for community hand-held air monitoring readings.

Table 1: Community Hand-Held Real-Time Air Monitoring Results

Analyte	Instrument	# Readings	# Detections	Range
Carbon Monoxide	MultiRAE	63	0	< 1 ppm
NO ₂	MultiRAE	64	0	< 0.1 ppm
PM ₁₀	AM510/AM520/DustTrak	61	61	0.002 - 0.02 mg/m ³
PM _{2.5}	AM510/AM520/DustTrak	65	65	0.003 - 0.014 mg/m ³

¹Maximum detections preceded by the “<” symbol are considered non-detections below the limit of detection (LoD) value to the right.

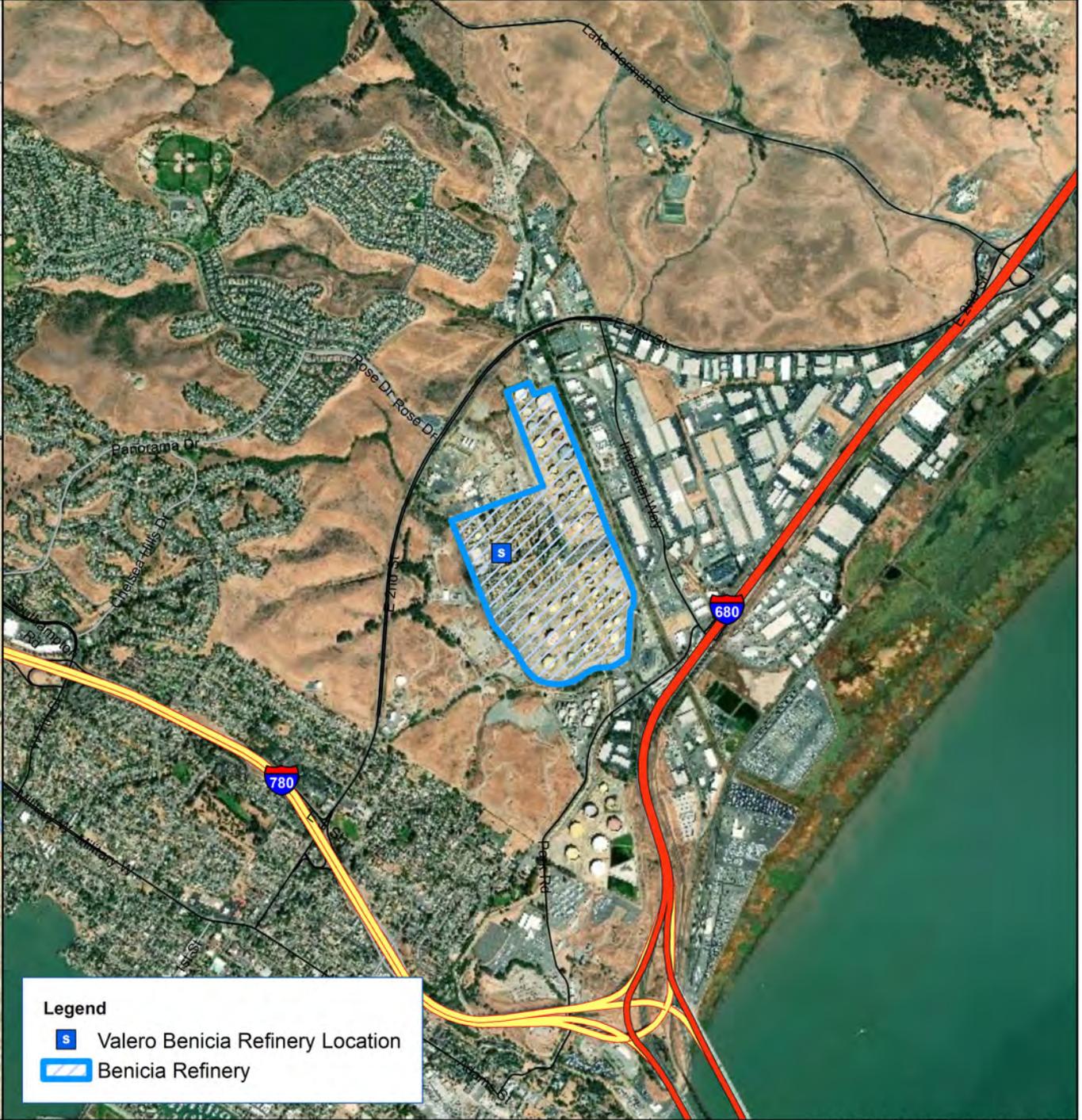
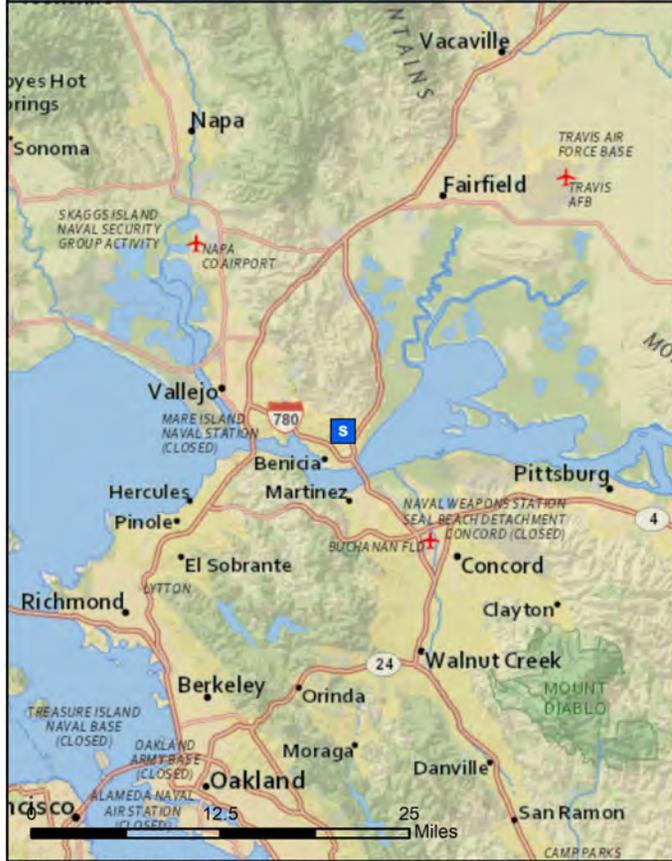
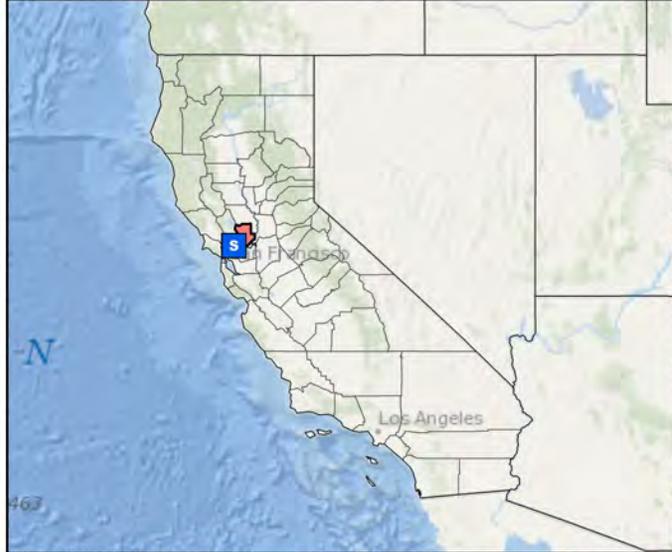
Additionally, at the request of public health officials, particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) data have been grouped by downwind direction and averaged over a 24-hour period for comparison to AQI category equivalents. Wind-rose maps are provided for the corresponding time periods (**Appendix B**). It is notable that the USEPA has eliminated spatial averaging provisions as part of the annual National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to avoid potential disproportionate impacts on at-risk populations. Additionally, due to the uneven temporal distribution of particulate matter monitoring data at these locations, averages may be biased and are not directly comparable to the NAAQS. Comparisons to AQI category equivalents are provided for illustration purposes only.

4.0 Weather Conditions

Figure 8 in attachment C contains meteorological data and a wind rose depicting wind speed and direction for this reporting period. Data was acquired from California Irrigation Management System (CIMIS) meteorological station #170 located in Concord to the southeast of the Benicia Refinery.

Attachment A

CTEH Air Sampling and Monitoring Locations



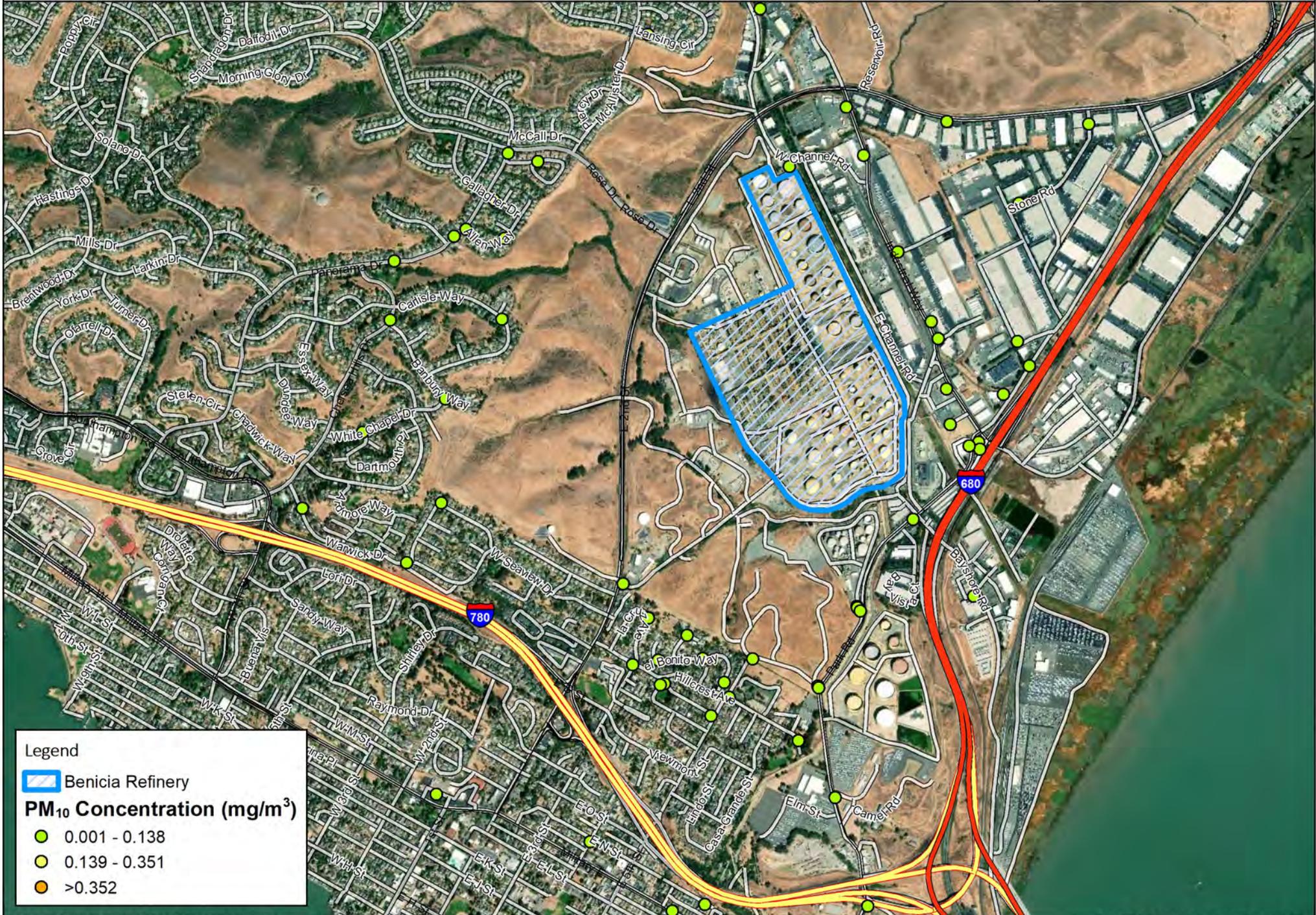
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- Valero Benicia Refinery Location
- Benicia Refinery



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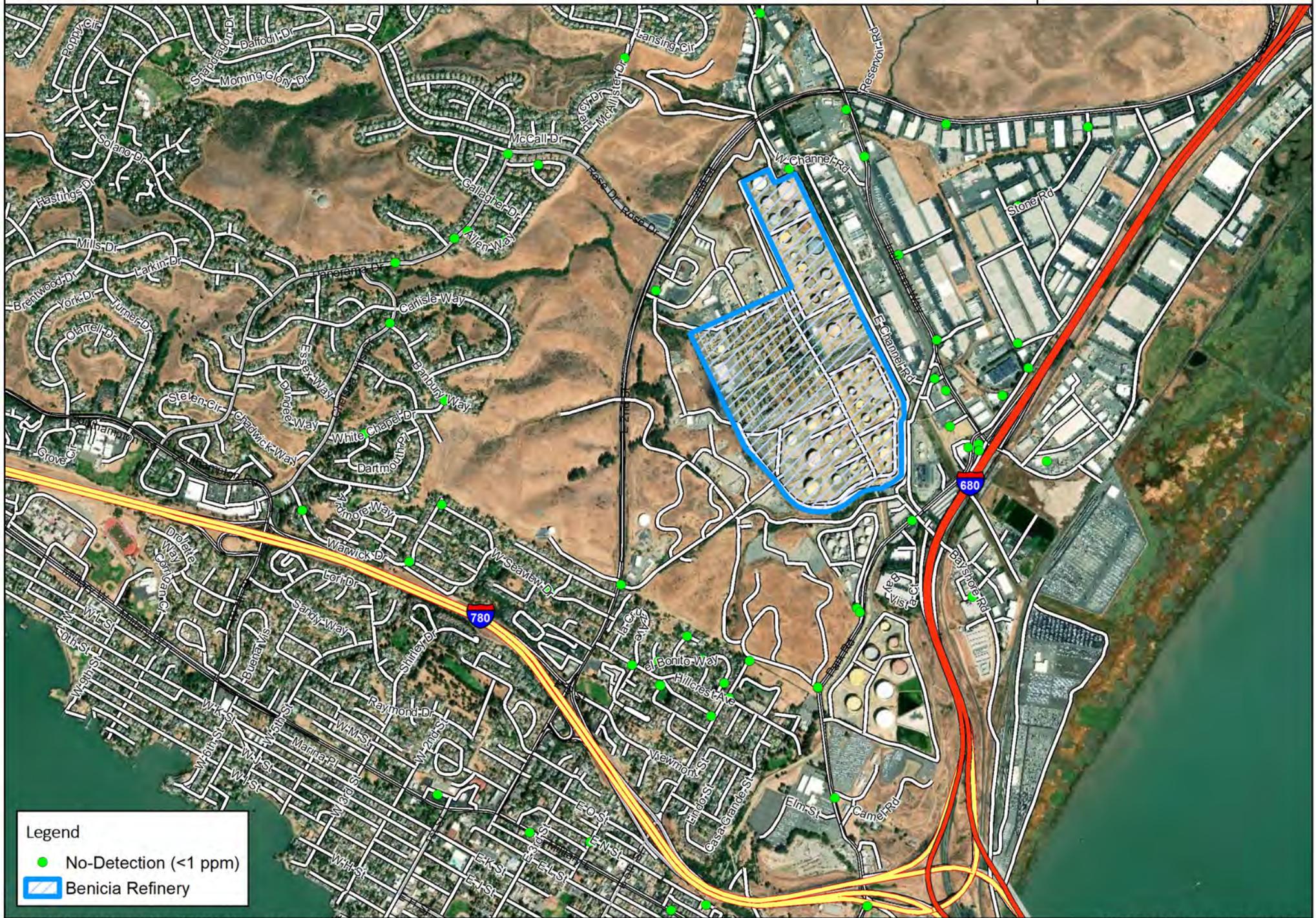
- Hand-Held Monitoring Location
- ▭ Benicia Refinery



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- Benicia Refinery
- PM₁₀ Concentration (mg/m³)**
- 0.001 - 0.138
- 0.139 - 0.351
- >0.352





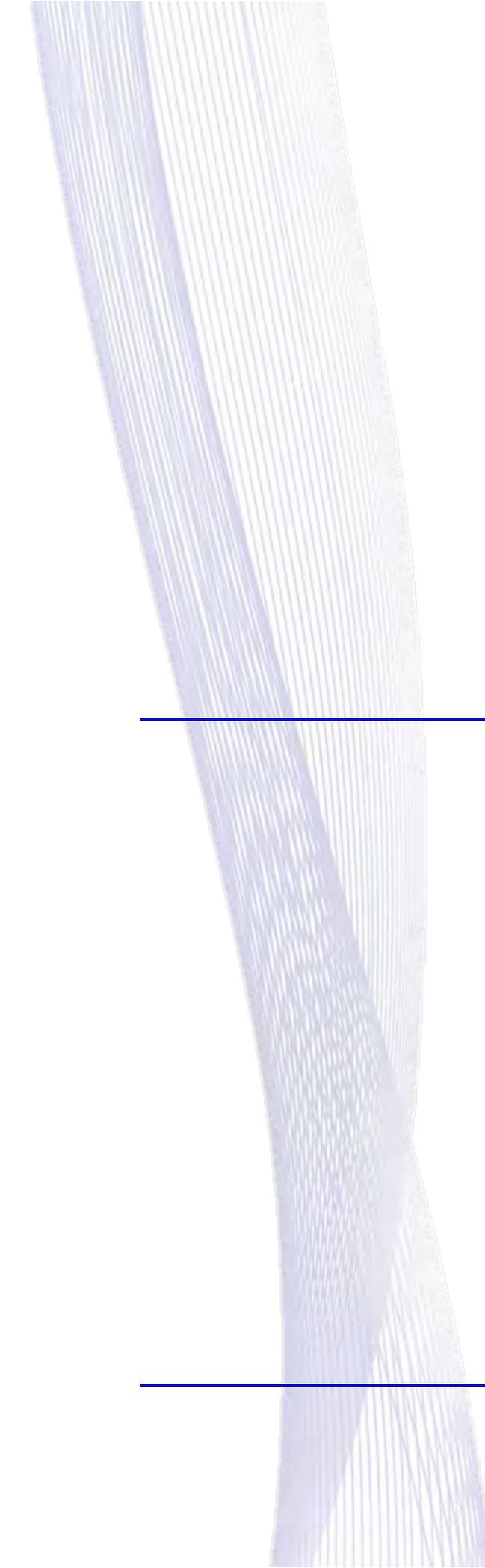
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- No-Detection (<1 ppm)
- ▭ Benicia Refinery



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- Benicia Refinery
- (NO₂) Monitoring Location
- No-Detection (<0.1 ppm)



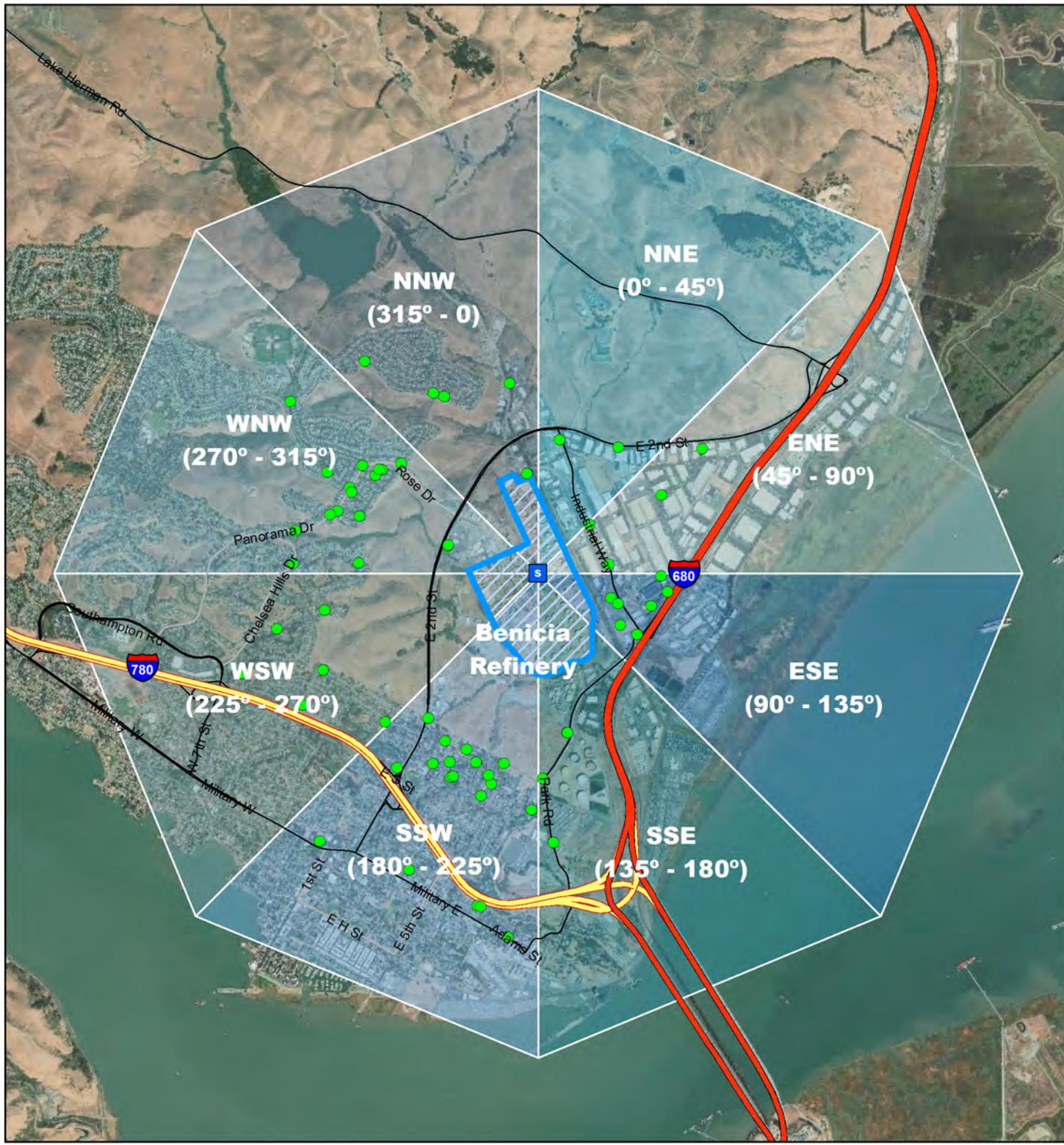
Attachment B

Directional Averages

PM_{2.5} Avg. for 24 Hour Period
March 20 00:00 - March 21 00:00¹

Direction	# Readings	# Detections	Avg (mg/m ³)	Range (mg/m ³)	AQI Category Equivalent
ENE	4	4	0.0065	0.003 - 0.01	Good
ESE	7	7	0.0075	0.006 - 0.01	Good
NNE	2	2	0.0105	0.006 - 0.015	Moderate
NNW	5	5	0.0064	0.003 - 0.01	Good
SSE	4	4	0.00775	0.003 - 0.012	Good
SSW	19	19	0.00716	0.003 - 0.014	Moderate
WNW	17	17	0.01	0.004 - 0.021	Moderate
WSW	6	6	0.00667	0.004 - 0.01	Good

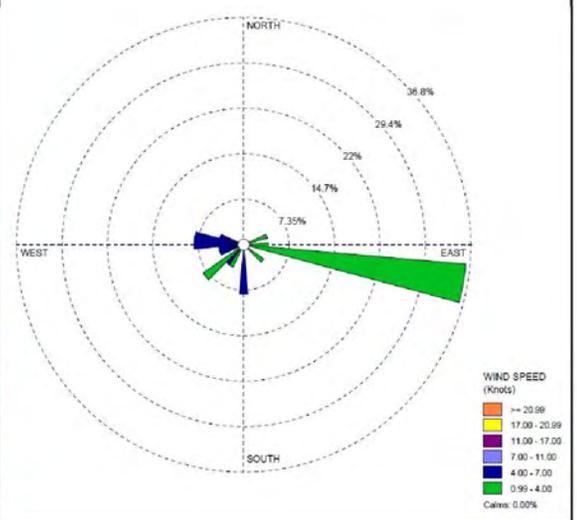
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Monitoring Direction

- ENE
- ESE
- NNE
- NNW
- SSE
- SSW
- WNW
- WSW





PM₁₀ Directional Averages
Benicia Refinery Particulate Release

PM₁₀ Avg. for 24 Hour Period
March 20 00:00 - March 21 00:00¹

Direction	# Readings	# Detections	Avg (mg/m ³)	Range (mg/m ³)	AQI Category Equivalent
ENE	4	4	0.00575	0.004 - 0.008	Good
ESE	7	7	0.00857	0.006 - 0.016	Good
NNE	2	2	0.0075	0.007 - 0.008	Good
NNW	5	5	0.0058	0.002 - 0.007	Good
SSE	4	4	0.00725	0.005 - 0.009	Good
SSW	19	19	0.00763	0.003 - 0.011	Good
WNW	17	17	0.00859	0.006 - 0.016	Good
WSW	6	6	0.008	0.005 - 0.01	Good

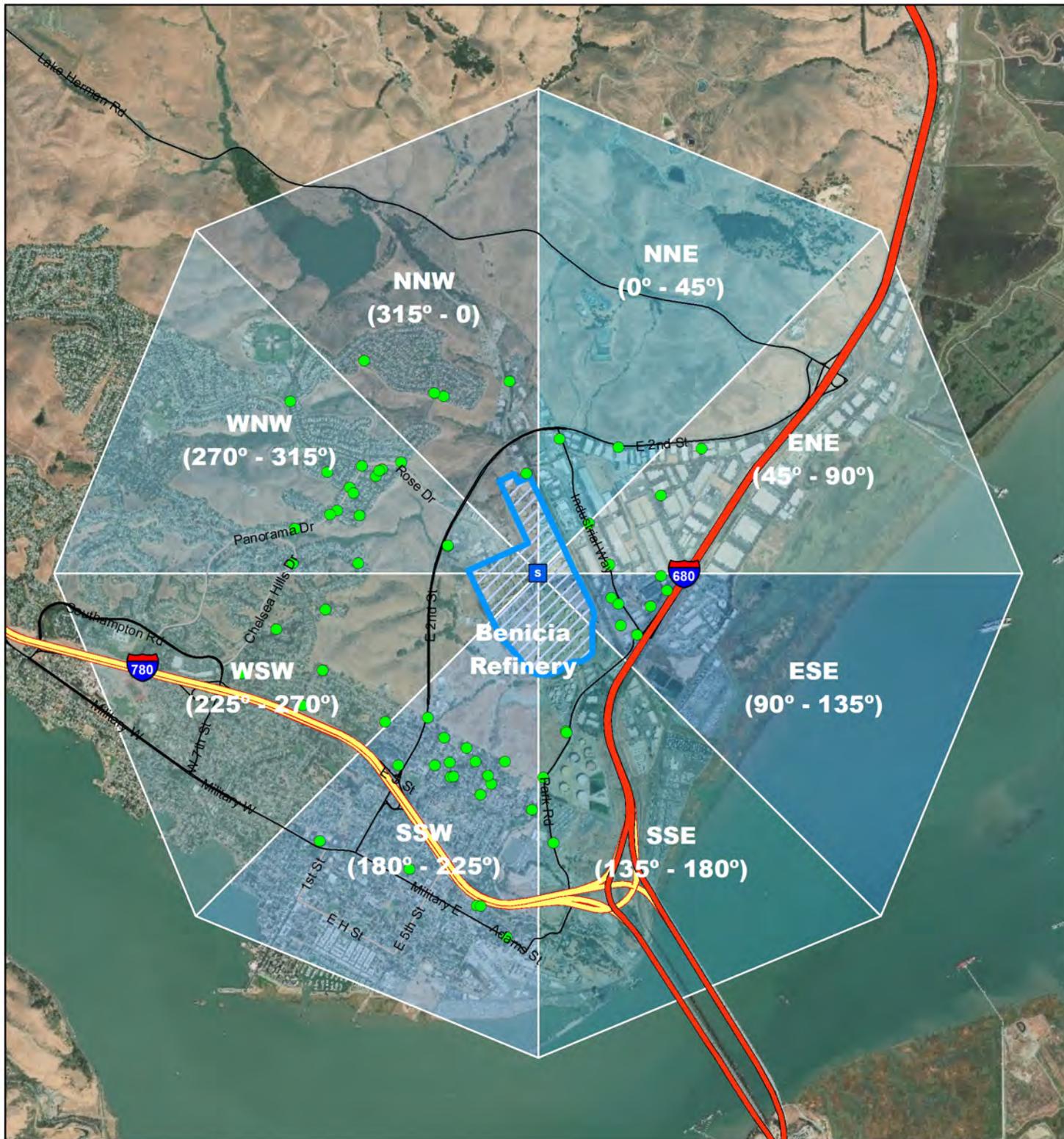
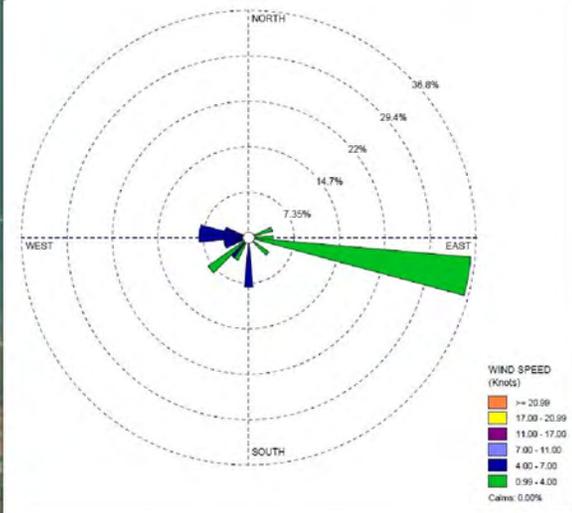
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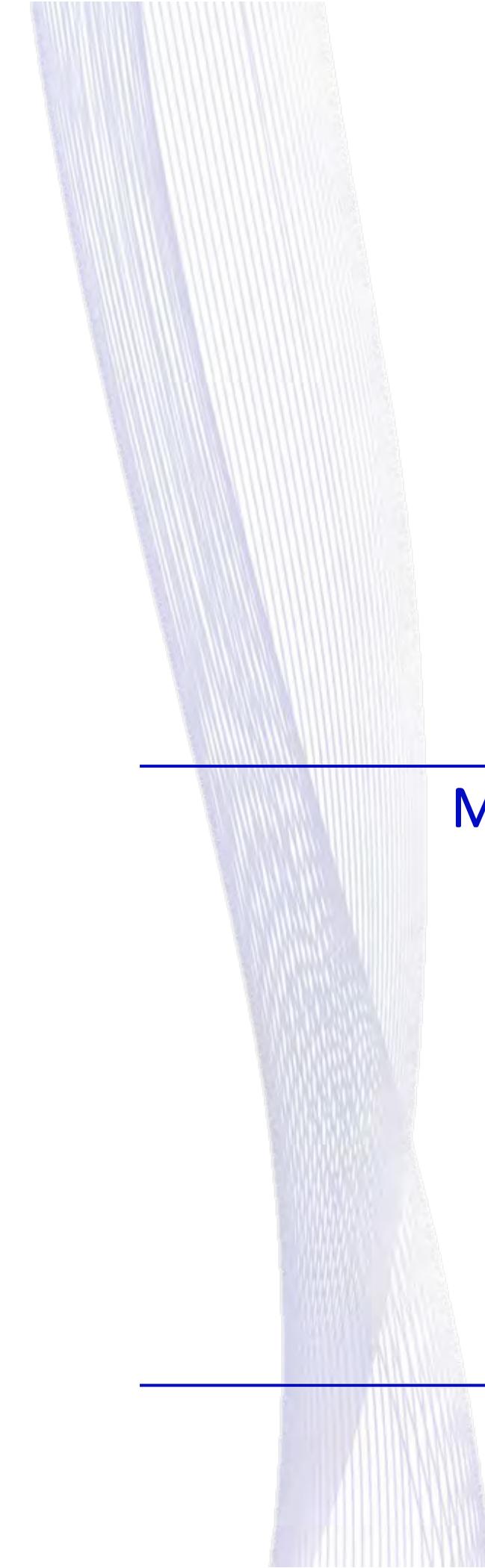


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Monitoring Direction

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Attachment C

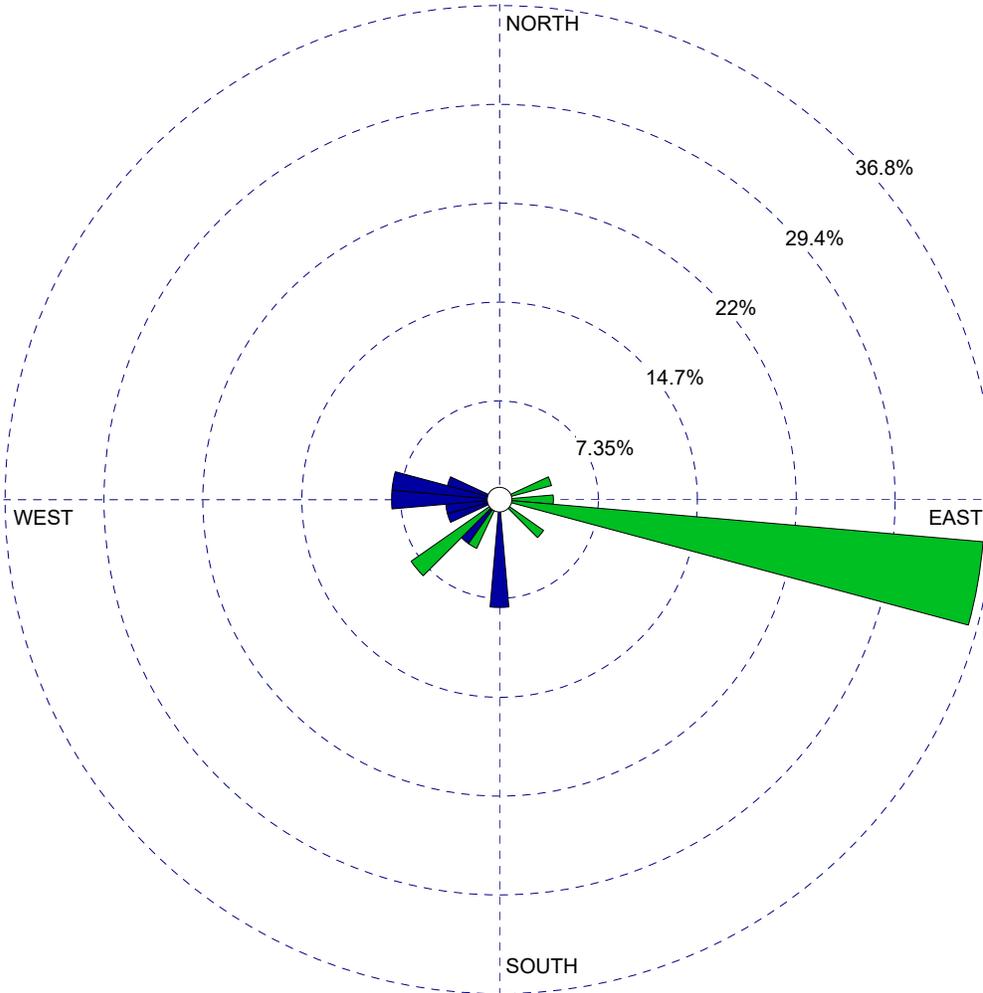
Meteorological Conditions

WIND ROSE PLOT:

Station #CMIS

DISPLAY:

Wind Speed
Direction (blowing from)



WIND SPEED
(Knots)

- >= 20.99
 - 17.00 - 20.99
 - 11.00 - 17.00
 - 7.00 - 11.00
 - 4.00 - 7.00
 - 0.99 - 4.00
- Calms: 0.00%

COMMENTS:

DATA PERIOD:

Start Date: 3/20/2019 - 06:00
End Date: 3/21/2019 - 06:00

COMPANY NAME:

MODELER:

CALM WINDS:

0.00%

TOTAL COUNT:

25 hrs.

AVG. WIND SPEED:

2.96 Knots

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