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List of Abbreviations

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AAB	. Air Assessment Branch
AQS	. Air Quality System
AQI	. Air Quality Index
	. Beta Attenuation Monitor
BC	. Black Carbon
BP	. Barometric Pressure
CAA	. Clean Air Act
CFR	. Code of Federal Regulations
	. Carbon Monoxide
CO ₂	. Carbon Dioxide
FEM	. Federal Equivalent Method
	. Federal Reference Method
EPA	. United States Environmental Protection Agency
	. Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments
	. Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
	. National Ambient Air Quality Standards (for criteria pollutants)
	. National Air Toxics Trends Station
NCore	National Core Monitoring Network
NO	
	. Nitrogen Oxides
	. Total Reactive Oxidized Nitrogen
NO ₂	. Nitrogen Dioxide
NO ₃	
O ₃	. Ozone
PAH	. Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon
PAMS	. Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations
Pb	. Lead
pH	. Concentration of hydrogen cations (H ⁺) in solution (an indicator of acidity)
ppb	. parts per billion by volume
ppm	. parts per million by volume
PM _{2.5}	. Particulate matter ≤ 2.5 microns aerodynamic diameter
PM ₁₀	. Particulate matter ≤ 10 microns aerodynamic diameter
QA/QC	. Quality Assurance and Quality Control
RASS	. Radio Acoustic Sounding System
RH	. Relative Humidity
SIP	. State Implementation Plan
SO ₂	. Sulfur Dioxide
SO ₄	. Sulfate
Solar Rad	. Solar Radiation
SVOC	.Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds
	. Total Suspended Particulates
	. micrograms per cubic meter
	. Volatile Organic Compounds
WS/WD	. Wind Speed/Wind Direction

Section I Ambient Air Monitoring Program

Program Overview

Introduction

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is the state agency responsible for monitoring outdoor air quality in Massachusetts and developing regulatory programs to reduce emissions of pollutants that adversely affect public health, welfare, and the environment.

MassDEP's Air Assessment Branch (AAB) operates an extensive network of air monitoring stations throughout the Commonwealth. During 2011, MassDEP operated a network of 28 monitoring stations located in 20 cities and towns, and oversaw the operation of four source-oriented privately funded monitors in the Boston area. MassDEP also received data from the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), which operates an air monitoring station on Martha's Vineyard, and from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I Laboratory, which operates an air monitoring station in Chelmsford.

MassDEP submits all ambient air quality data to the national Air Quality System (AQS) database that is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In addition, MassDEP *MassAir Online* website allows users to point and click on a map of the state to find current, near real-time air quality data for any location in the MassDEP air monitoring network that has a continuous air monitor. MassAir Online is found at www.mass.gov/dep/air/index.htm

Why is Air Quality Data Collected?

Ambient air quality data is used for a number of purposes, including to:

- Provide information about air quality to the public;
- Provide short-term and long-term information regarding air pollution and public health;
- Verify compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
- Assess the effectiveness of current air pollution control regulations and initiatives;
- Support development of policies and regulations aimed at reducing air pollution;
- Support long-term trend analysis and special research; and
- Fulfill requirements to report ambient air quality data to EPA.

What is Monitored?

MassDEP monitors parameters in the following categories:

Criteria pollutants are subject to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The criteria pollutants monitored are:

- sulfur dioxide (SO₂)
- ozone (O₃)
- carbon monoxide (CO)
- nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)
- lead (Pb)
- particulate matter ≤ 10 microns (PM₁₀)
- particulate matter ≤ 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5})

Non-criteria pollutants do not have National Ambient Air Quality Standards, but can contribute to the formation of ozone and particulate matter and/or be toxic. The non-criteria pollutants monitored include:

- nitric oxide (NO)
- total nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
- total reactive oxidized nitrogen (NO_y)
- total suspended particulates (TSP)
- volatile organic compounds (VOCs) ozone precursors and reaction product chemicals
- black carbon (i.e., soot)
- toxics health-relevant VOCs, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), carbonyls and metals

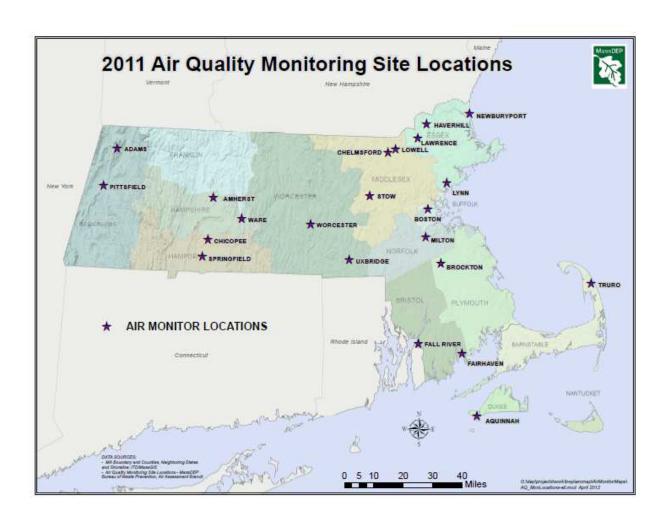
Meteorological parameters monitored include:

- wind speed/wind direction (WS/WD)
- relative humidity (RH)
- temperature (TEMP)
- barometric pressure (BP)
- solar radiation (Solar Rad)
- upper air wind and temperature (Profiler)
- total B band ultraviolet radiation (UVB)
- precipitation (PRECIP)

Monitoring Station Locations

Monitoring stations are sited to provide data for various purposes. Some are located where maximum pollutant concentrations are expected, while others are located in areas that will provide data that is representative of larger geographical areas. Local topography and the location of pollutant sources are factors that determine how well a particular monitor's location will represent an area.

Networks of monitors are located throughout the state. These networks are designed to reflect pollutant concentrations for all of Massachusetts. Section III of this report contains data summaries for each pollutant measured and maps showing the monitor locations for each network. Appendix A contains a list of monitor locations. The map on page 3 shows Massachusetts cities and towns where air monitors were located during 2011.



National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Below are the most current National Ambient Air Quality Standards for criteria pollutants set by EPA. **Primary Standards** are designed to protect public health, including the health of sensitive populations such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly. **Secondary Standards** are designed to protect public welfare, including protection against decreased visibility, damage to crops, vegetation, and buildings.

National Ambient Air Quality Standards

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Polluta [final rule		Primary/ Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form				
Carbon Monoxide		primary	8-hour	9 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once				
[76 FR 54294, Aud	31, 2011]	primary	1-hour	35 ppm	per year				
<u>Lead</u> [73 FR 66964, No	v 12, 2008]	primary and secondary	Rolling 3 month average	0.15 μg/m³ ⁽¹⁾	Not to be exceeded				
Nitrogen Dioxide		primary	1-hour	100 ppb	98th percentile, averaged over 3 years				
[75 FR 6474, Feb [61 FR 52852, Oct		primary and secondary	Annual	53 ppb ⁽²⁾	Annual Mean				
Ozone [73 FR 16436, Ma	r 27, 2008]	primary and secondary	8-hour	0.075 ppm (3)	Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8 -hr concentration, averaged over 3 years				
	DM	primary and	Annual	15 µg/m³	annual mean, averaged over 3 years				
Particle Pollution [71 FR 61144,	PM _{2.5}	secondary	24-hour	35 μg/m³	98th percentile, averaged over 3 years				
Oct 17, 2006]	PM ₁₀	primary and secondary	24-hour	150 µg/m³	Not to be exceeded more than once per year on average over 3 years				
Sulfur Dioxide [75 FR 35520, Jun			1-hour	75 ppb ⁽⁴⁾	99th percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations, averaged over 3 years				
[38 FR 25678, Sep	ot 14, 1973]	secondary	3-hour	0.5 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year				

as of October 2011

⁽¹⁾ Final rule signed October 15, 2008. The 1978 lead standard (1.5 µg/m3 as a quarterly average) remains in effect until one year after an area is designated for the 2008 standard, except that in areas designated nonattainment for the 1978, the 1978 standard remains in effect until implementation plans to attain or maintain the 2008 standard are approved.

⁽²⁾ The official level of the annual NO2 standard is 0.053 ppm, equal to 53 ppb, which is shown here for the purpose of clearer comparison to the 1-hour standard.

⁽³⁾ Final rule signed March 12, 2008. The 1997 ozone standard (0.08 ppm, annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour concentration, averaged over 3 years) and related implementation rules remain in place. In 1997, EPA revoked the 1-hour ozone standard (0.12 ppm, not to be exceeded more than once per year) in all areas, although some areas have continued obligations under that standard ("anti-backsliding"). The 1-hour ozone standard is attained when the expected number of days per calendar year with maximum hourly average concentrations above 0.12 ppm is less than or equal to 1.

⁽⁴⁾ Final rule signed June 2, 2010. The 1971 annual and 24-hour SO2 standards were revoked in that same rulemaking. However, these standards remain in effect until one year after an area is designated for the 2010 standard, except in areas designated nonattainment for the 1971 standards, where the 1971 standards remain in effect until implementation plans to attain or maintain the 2010 standard are approved.

Pollutant Health Effects and Sources

Ozone (O₃)

- Ground-level, or Tropospheric O₃ and Stratospheric O₃ in the upper atmosphere are the same chemical compound, just found at different places in the atmosphere. Stratospheric O₃ found at greater than 30,000 feet above the surface of the earth is beneficial to all life because it filters out the sun's harmful UV radiation before it reaches the earth's surface. Ground-Level O₃ on the other hand is a health and environmental problem. This report pertains exclusively to ground-level O₃.
- O3 is a respiratory irritant and can reduce lung function and cause asthma attacks, nasal congestion, and throat irritation, and reduce resistance to infection. It can inflame and damage (possibly permanently) cells that line the lungs, and aggravate chronic lung diseases. In addition, a number of studies have found a strong link between increases in ground-level O₃ and increased risk of premature death.
- O₃ is toxic to vegetation, inhibiting growth and causing leaf damage.
- O₃ deteriorates materials such as rubber and fabrics.
- Ground-level O₃ is unique in that it is formed by the reactions that occur between certain pollutants in the presence of intense, high-energy sunlight during the hot summer months. The complexity of the reactions and the amount of time needed to complete these reactions can result in the buildup of ground-level ozone concentrations far downwind from the original source of the precursors.
- Sources of ground-level O₃ precursors, i.e., nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbons, include motor vehicles, lawn and garden equipment, power plants and other industrial sources.

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

- CO binds with hemoglobin in the blood, reducing the amount of oxygen carried to organs and tissues.
- Symptoms of high CO exposure include shortness of breath, chest pain, headaches, confusion, and loss of coordination. The health threat is most severe for those with cardiovascular disease.
- Motor vehicle emissions are the largest source of CO, which is produced from incomplete combustion of carbon in fuels.
- Industrial processes and non-transportation fuel combustion (e.g., boilers, lawn and garden equipment) also are sources of CO.

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)

- SO₂ combines with water vapor to form acidic aerosols harmful to the respiratory tract, aggravating symptoms associated with lung diseases such as asthma and bronchitis.
- SO₂ is a primary contributor to acid deposition. Impacts of acid deposition include: acidification of lakes and streams, damage to vegetation, damage to materials, and diminution of visibility.
- SO₂ is a product of fuel combustion (e.g., the burning of coal and oil that contains sulfur). Sources include power plants and business and residential sources burning heating oil.

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

- NO₂ lowers resistance to respiratory infections and aggravates symptoms associated with asthma and bronchitis.
- NO₂ contributes to acid deposition. Impacts of acid deposition include: acidification of lakes and streams, damage to vegetation, damage to materials, and diminution of visibility.
- NO₂ and NO contribute to the formation of ozone.
- NO₂ is formed from the oxidation of nitric oxide (NO). Major sources of NO are fuel combustion, space heating, power plants and motor vehicles.

Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5})

- Particulate matter is tiny airborne particles or aerosols, which include dust, dirt, soot, smoke, and liquid droplets. Fine particulate matter (mostly below 2.5 microns in size) are not only the result of direct emissions, but can be formed in the atmosphere by chemical reactions involving gaseous pollutants.
- The numbers 2.5 and 10 refer to the particle size (actually the particles equal or less than that size), measured in microns, collected by the monitors. Several thousand PM_{2.5} particles could fit on the period at the end of this sentence.
- The small size of these particles allows easy entry into the human respiratory system. Long-term exposure causes the particles to accumulate in the lungs and affects breathing and produces respiratory symptoms. The small particles can migrate through the lungs and into the circulatory system and potentially produce cardio-vascular symptoms, as well as impacts from toxic components contained in the particulate matter.
- Particulate matter causes soiling and corrosion of materials.
- Particulate matter contributes to atmospheric haze that degrades visibility.
- Sources of particulates include industrial process emissions, motor vehicles, incinerators, power plants, and other fuel combustion sources.

Lead (Pb)

- Lead is an elemental metal that is found in nature.
- Exposure to lead can occur by inhalation or ingestion with food, water, soil or dust particles.
- Children, infants, and fetuses are the most susceptible to the effects of lead exposure.
- Lead causes mental retardation, brain damage, and liver disease. It may be a factor in high blood pressure and damages the nervous system.
- Lead enters the atmosphere from the incineration of lead containing materials and from the manufacture and processing of lead containing products or materials like storage batteries, smelting and removal of paint that contained lead.

Monitoring Network Description

The following describes the ambient air monitoring network MassDEP operated in 2011.

Network Size

- 28 monitoring stations
- 20 cities and towns with monitoring stations

Number of Continuous Monitors

Continuous monitors measure air quality 24 hours per day. The data are reported as hourly means.

- Criteria pollutant monitors measure pollutants for which National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) have been set.
 - \Box 7 CO (carbon monoxide), which includes 3 trace-level CO monitors
 - \square 11 NO₂ (nitrogen dioxide). NO (nitric oxide) and NO_x (total nitrogen oxides) also are measured by these monitors.
 - \Box 15 O₃ (ozone)
 - \Box 6 SO₂ (sulfur dioxide), which includes 2 trace-level SO₂ monitors
- Meteorological monitors track weather conditions.
 - \Box 13 BP (barometric pressure)
 - \Box 13 RH (relative humidity)
 - □ 13 Solar Rad (solar radiation)
 - □ 13 TEMP (temperature)
 - □ 13– WS/WD (wind speed/wind direction)
 - □ 1 Profiler (this monitor measures WS/WD and TEMP at various altitudes, which aids in the analysis of pollutant transport)
 - □ 1 UVB (B Band Ultra-violet Radiation)
 - \Box 2 Precipitation
- Other Monitors
 - \Box 3 NO_v (Total Reactive Oxidized Nitrogen)
 - □ 4 PAMS (photochemical assessment monitoring station). These monitors measure VOCs (volatile organic compounds) using automated gas chromatographs (GCs) on an hourly basis during the summer.
 - □ 10 PM_{2.5} (particulate matter 2.5 microns) Beta Attenuation Monitors (BAMs)
 - □ 3 Black Carbon

Number of Intermittent Monitors

Intermittent monitors take discrete samples for a specific time period. The samples are taken every day, every third day, or every sixth day. The data is averaged in 3-hour or 24-hour intervals.

- Criteria pollutant monitors measure pollutants that have National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).
 - \Box 2 Pb (Lead)
 - \Box 7 PM₁₀ (particulate matter 10 microns)
 - □ 18 PM_{2.5} FRM (particulate matter 2.5 microns Federal Reference Method)
- Non-criteria pollutant monitors measure pollutants that do not have NAAOS.
 - □ 4 PAMS (photochemical assessment monitoring station). These monitors measure VOCs (volatile organic compounds) on a less intensive schedule than during the summer months.
 - \Box 2 Toxics. These monitors measure health-relevant VOCs.
 - $\ \ \, \square \ \ \, 2-$ Speciation. These monitors measure for PM_{2.5}, nitrates, and organics.
 - \Box 1 PM₁₀ (particles for toxic metals)

In addition to MassDEP's monitoring network, MassDEP oversaw four private monitoring stations located in Boston that submit data to MassDEP. Three of the stations monitored SO₂, SO₄, TSP and wind speed/wind direction, and each closed in May 2011. The remaining station monitors SO₂, SO₄, TSP, and NO₂ (as well as NO_x and NO) and wind speed/wind direction.

Section II Attainment and Exceedances of Air Quality Standards

Attainment Status Summary

The Clean Air Act (CAA) contains timeframes and milestones for states to meet and maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for criteria pollutants. EPA sets NAAQS at levels to protect public health and the environment. EPA must review each NAAQS every five years and may update the standards based on new scientific information as well as establish new monitoring requirements. Each state is required to monitor the ambient air to determine whether it meets each standard. If monitoring shows that the air quality does not meet a standard, the state must develop and implement pollution control strategies to attain that standard. Once air quality meets a standard, a state must develop a plan to maintain that standard while accounting for future economic and emissions growth. Taken together, these plans and control strategies constitute the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Massachusetts was designated as nonattainment with the 1997 8-hour ozone standard of 0.08 parts per million (ppm). However, all monitors now show that Massachusetts meets the 1997 ozone standard statewide. EPA updated the 8-hour ozone standard to 0.075 ppm in 2008, and designated Massachusetts as attainment statewide except for Dukes County in 2011. Massachusetts is designated as attainment or unclassifiable for the other criteria pollutants, including carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter (including PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), and sulfur dioxide.

Carbon Monoxide

Prior to the mid-1980s, Massachusetts was in violation of the CO standards. However, with the adoption of numerous control programs, CO emissions have significantly decreased. The last violation in the state of the CO standards occurred in 1986. In 2000, MassDEP formally requested that the EPA re-designate the cities of Lowell, Springfield, Waltham, and Worcester as attainment for CO since the CO monitoring data for those cities had been below the standard for many years. Those cites were the re-designated to CO attainment in April 2002, and the entire state is in attainment. In 2011, EPA established new near-road monitoring requirements for CO beginning in January 2015.

Lead

In October 2008, EPA lowered the lead standard from 1.5 ug/m³ to 0.15 ug/m³ averaged over a rolling 3-month period and established new monitoring requirements. In October 2009, Massachusetts recommended to EPA that Suffolk County be designated in attainment of the 2008 lead standard based on historic lead monitoring in Boston showing levels below the new standard, and that the remainder of the state be designated unclassifiable (since there were no lead monitors outside of Boston). In November 2011, EPA designated all of Massachusetts as unclassifiable/ attainment for the 2008 standard. In January 2011, MassDEP began monitoring lead in Boston (Harrison Avenue) in accordance with the new monitoring requirements, and also in Springfield

¹ MassDEP develops an annual Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan that describes recent and planned changes to the statewide monitoring network, available at www.mass.gov/dep/public/netplan.htm.

(Main Street). In January 2012, MassDEP also began monitoring lead for a one year period at Nantucket Memorial Airport in accordance with the new monitoring requirements.

Nitrogen Dioxide

In January 2010, EPA established a new 1-hour NO₂ standard of 100 parts per billion (ppb) and new near-road monitoring requirements beginning in January 2013. All eleven NO₂ monitors show levels that meet the new standard, and in January 2012, EPA designated all of Massachusetts as unclassifiable/attainment. MassDEP plans to begin near-road NO₂ monitoring in January 2013 in accordance with the new monitoring requirements.

Sulfur Dioxide

In June 2010, EPA established a new 1-hour SO₂ standard of 75 ppb and new monitoring requirements beginning January 2013, as well as requirements to model SO₂ emissions from significant sources. All six SO₂ monitors show levels that meet the new standard. EPA extended by one year (until June 2013) its deadline for designating areas under the SO₂ standard.

Particulate Matter

There are currently two NAAQS particulate matter standards: PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. Massachusetts has been in attainment of the PM₁₀ standard for several years. The PM_{2.5} standards went into effect in 1997 and the daily PM_{2.5} standards were revised in 2006. Massachusetts is designated as unclassifiable/attainment for PM_{2.5} standards statewide. On June 14, 2012, EPA proposed to strengthen the annual PM_{2.5} standards, and to set a separate PM_{2.5} standard to improve visibility, mostly in urban areas, and also proposed updates to monitoring requirements (see http://epa.gov/airquality/particlepollution/actions.html#jun12)

Ozone

For decades, the NAAQS for ozone was based on the maximum 1-hour ozone concentration that occurred each day during the ozone monitoring season. 1-hour ozone concentrations are still tracked as an indicator but are no longer used for determining attainment.

In 1997, EPA promulgated a new 8-hour ozone standards that were designed to be more representative of exposure over time, rather than just the maximum concentration. Massachusetts is designated as nonattainment of these standards. However, ozone monitors currently show that Massachusetts meets the 1997 ozone standards statewide.

In 2008, EPA lowered the 8-hour ozone standards to 0.075 ppm. In April 2012, EPA designated Dukes County as nonattainment (marginal classification) of the 2008 ozone standards and designated the remainder of the state as unclassifiable/attainment.

Ozone Exceedances

What Determines an Exceedance?

An ozone exceedance occurs when monitored ozone concentrations exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Ozone is collected as an hourly average of continuous data which is then used to determine the highest 8-hour average value for the day. An exceedance of the 8-hour standard is an 8-hour averaged value that is greater than 0.075 ppm.

The Difference Between an Exceedance and a Violation

An ozone exceedance occurs when a monitor records ambient levels of ozone above the standard. A violation of an ozone standard (as opposed to an exceedance) is based on 3-year averages of data at each monitor, so monitoring an exceedance does not mean that a violation of the standard has occurred.

Violations of the 8-hour standard are determined using the annual 4th-highest daily maximum 8-hour ozone value at each monitor. A violation requires a 3-year average of the annual 4th-highest daily maximum 8-hour value that is greater than 0.075 ppm. In other words, the 8-hour values for each day during a year for a specific monitor are ranked from highest to lowest. Then, the 4th-highest value for 3 consecutive years is averaged. If the 3-year average is greater than 0.075 ppm, a violation of the 8-hour standard has occurred at that monitoring site.

Ozone Exceedances and Violations During 2011

Exceedances

The Table below shows the 2011 ozone exceedances. There were 10 days when the 8-hour ozone standards of 0.075 ppm were exceeded at one or more monitoring stations. There were 24 exceedances during those 10 days (i.e., multiple monitors exceeded the standards on the same day).

Violations

Violations of the ozone standards are based on 3-year averages. Using data from 2009–2011, one site out of 15 violated the 8-hour standards of 0.075 ppm. This violation occurred at the Aquinnah Tribal Site on Martha's Vineyard, which had a 3-year average of 0.076 ppm.

2011 Ozone Exceedances (ppm)

DATE	2011 SITE	8-HOUR >.075 ppm	START	1-HOUR MAX (ppm) for the day
June 7, 2011	Fairhaven	.085	13	.094
June 7, 2011	Aquinnah	.082	13	.092
June 8, 2011	Fairhaven	.080	13	.089
June 8, 2011	Aquinnah	.093	13	.108
June 18, 2011	Aquinnah	.076	15	.084
July 6, 2011	Uxbridge	.076	13	.104
July 11, 2011	Chicopee	.077	12	.103
July 11, 2011	Worcester	.078	13	.098
July 16, 2011	Fairhaven	.081	16	.091
July 20, 2011	Adams	.088	16	.108
July 21, 2011	Chicopee	.081	11	.089
July 21, 2011	Milton	.076	10	.081
July 21, 2011	Boston (Long Island)	.077	11	.081
July 21, 2011	Lynn	.085	12	.097
July 21, 2011	Stow	.077	13	.092
July 21, 2011	Ware	.084	12	.103
July 21, 2011	Worcester	.089	12	.107
July 21, 2011	Haverhill	.086	13	.104
July 21, 2011	Uxbridge	.076	12	.086
July 21, 2011	Newburyport	.082	13	.092
July 21, 2011	Chelmsford	.086	19	.103
July 22, 2011	Fairhaven	.076	12	.087
July 22, 2011	Aquinnah	.113	16	.129
July 23, 2011	Aquinnah	.078	20	.091

Exceedance Days and Total Exceedance Trends

Figures 1 and 2 show the trend in the number of 1-hour and 8-hour exceedance days and the total number of exceedances for each year.

Figure 1 shows a decline in the number of days in which ozone concentrations exceeded the former 1-hour standard of 0.12 ppm. Figure 2 shows that, under the 0.075 ppm 8-hour standard, there were a greater number of exceedances and exceedance days when compared to the former 1-hour standard. The 8-hour standard is designed to be more protective of public health by being more representative of exposure over time rather than a maximum concentration.

Figure 1
1-hr Ozone Exceedance Days and Total Exceedances 1987-2011
1-hour standard = 0.12 ppm (revoked June 15, 2005)

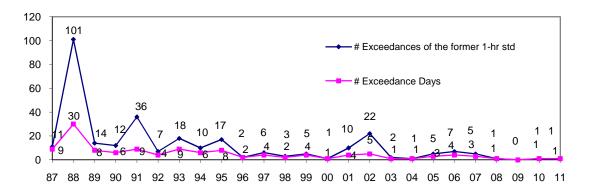
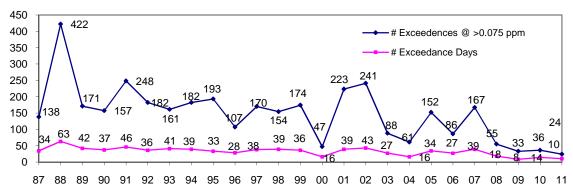


Figure 2 8-hr Ozone Exceedance Days and Total Exceedances 1987-2011 8-hour standard = 0.075 ppm

Years 1987-2007 show what exceedances would have been with a 0.075 ppm 8-hour standard



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Daily Ozone and PM Forecasts

MassDEP provides the public with daily air quality forecasts for ozone from April through September and for fine particles all year round using weather maps and meteorological factors to predict whether or not conditions will result in elevated pollution levels. The daily air quality forecasts are available from www.mass.gov/air or by calling the Air Quality Hotline (1-800-882-1497). EPA web sites that contain regional and national pollution forecasts using data that is provided by participating states are located at www.epa.gov/region01/airquality/forecast.html and http://airnow.gov/. The table below describes the ratings used in the daily air quality forecasts.

Air	Quality Inc	lex (AQI): Ozone		Air Qu	ality Index (A	AQI): Particle Pollution
Index Values	Levels of Health Concern	Cautionary Statements		Index Values	Levels of Health Concern	Cautionary Statements
0-50	Good	None		0-50	Good	None
51-100*	Moderate	Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.		51-100*	Moderate	Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion.
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Active children and adults, and people with lung disease, such as asthma, should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.		101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.
151-200	Unhealthy	Active children and adults, and people with lung disease, such as asthma, should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors. Everyone else, especially children, should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.		151-200	Unhealthy	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. Everyone else should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion.
201-300	Very Unhealthy	Active children and adults, and people with lung disease, such as asthma, should avoid all outdoor exertion. Everyone else, especially children, should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.		201-300	Very Unhealthy	People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid all physical activity outdoors. Everyone else should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion.
	o for ozone corre	sponds to an ozone level of 0.075 r 8 hours).	:	corresponds to 24 hours). An A	a level of 35 micro AQI of 100 for parti	2.5 micrometers in diameter grams per cubic meter (averaged over cles up to 10 micrometers in diameter ograms per cubic meter (averaged over

Section III Massachusetts Air Quality Data Summaries

Ozone Summary

2011 Ozone Data Summary

A summary of the data collected during the 2011 ozone season (April 1 – Sept. 30) is shown below (in parts per million). MassDEP operated 15 ozone sites during 2011. EPA operated a site in Chelmsford and the Wampanoag Tribe operated a site in Aquinnah on Martha's Vineyard. All sites except Adams achieved the requirement of 75% or greater data capture for the year.

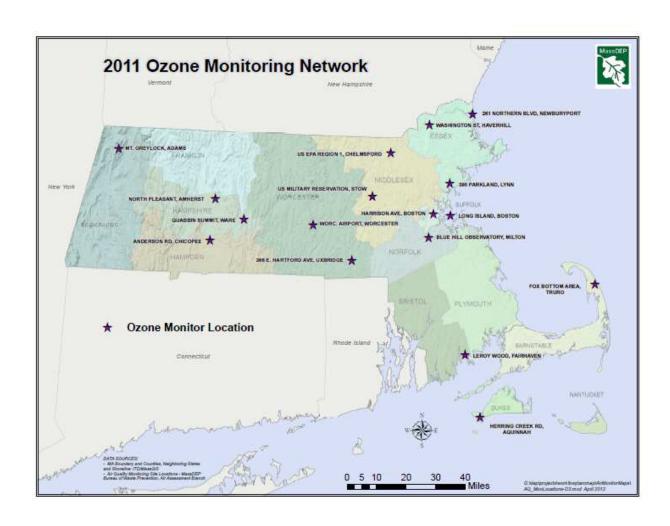
					VALID	NUM	1ST	2ND	DAY	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	DAY
				%	DAYS	DAYS	MAX	MAX	MAX>	MAX	MAX	MAX	MAX	MAX>
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	MEAS	REQ	1-HR	1-HR	0.125	8-HR	8-HR	8-HR	8-HR	STD
25-003-4002	Adams	Berkshire	MT GREYLOCK SUMMIT	74	135	183	0.108	0.074	0	0.088	0.071	0.068	0.067	1
25-007-0001	Martha's Vineyard Tribal Site	Dukes	HERRING CREEK RD	95	173	183	0.129	0.108	1	0.113	0.093	0.082	0.078	5
25-025-0041	Boston	Suffolk	LONG ISLAND	95	173	183	0.091	0.082	0	0.077	0.074	0.069	0.066	1
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	99	181	183	0.092	0.076	0	0.07	0.062	0.061	0.06	0
25-017-0009	USEPA Chelmsford	Middlesex	11 TECHNOLOGY DR	98	180	183	0.103	0.092	0	0.086	0.074	0.068	0.064	1
25-013-0008	Chicopee	Hampden	ANDERSON RD AFB	99	182	183	0.103	0.095	0	0.081	0.076	0.075	0.074	2
25-005-1002	Fairhaven	Bristol	LEROY WOOD SCH	97	178	183	0.094	0.091	0	0.085	0.081	0.08	0.076	4
25-009-5005	Haverhill	Essex	CONSENTINO SCHOOL	99	181	183	0.104	0.092	0	0.086	0.075	0.075	0.066	1
25-009-2006	Lynn	Essex	390 PARKLAND	98	179	183	0.1	0.097	0	0.085	0.075	0.074	0.069	1
25-021-3003	Milton	Norfolk	BLUE HILL OBS	98	180	183	0.094	0.081	0	0.076	0.075	0.073	0.073	1
25-009-4005	Newburyport	Essex	HARBOR STREET	98	180	183	0.092	0.087	0	0.082	0.074	0.068	0.066	1
25-015-0103	North Amherst	Hampshire	N PLEASANT ST	98	179	183	0.083	0.083	0	0.074	0.068	0.066	0.061	0
25-017-1102	Stow	Middlesex	US MILITARY RES	85	156	183	0.092	0.086	0	0.077	0.066	0.063	0.063	1
25-001-0002	Truro	Barnstable	FOX BOTTOM AREA	95	174	183	0.083	0.082	0	0.074	0.073	0.071	0.068	0
25-027-0024	Uxbridge	Worcester	366 E HARTFORD AVE	98	179	183	0.104	0.103	0	0.076	0.076	0.074	0.068	2
25-015-4002	Ware	Hampshire	QUABBIN SUMMIT	99	181	183	0.103	0.103	0	0.084	0.075	0.075	0.066	1
25-027-0015	Worcester	Worcester	WORC AIRPORT	95	174	183	0.107	0.098	0	0.089	0.078	0.066	0.065	2

Standards: 8-hour = 0.075 ppm

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE

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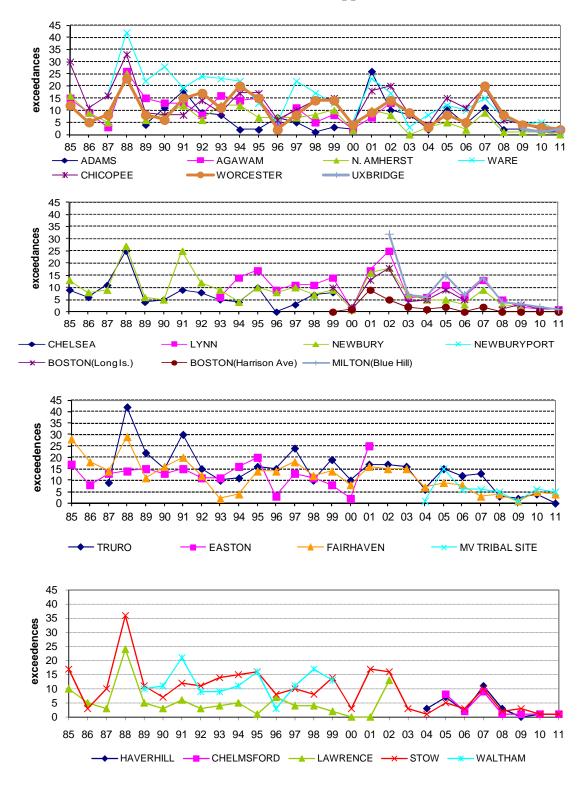
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8-hour Ozone Exceedance Trends

Shown below are the long-term trends of 8-hour ozone exceedances for each site based on the 2008 standard of 0.075 ppm.

Figure 3 8-hour Ozone Exceedance Trends 1985 – 2011 Standard = 0.075 ppm



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Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Summary

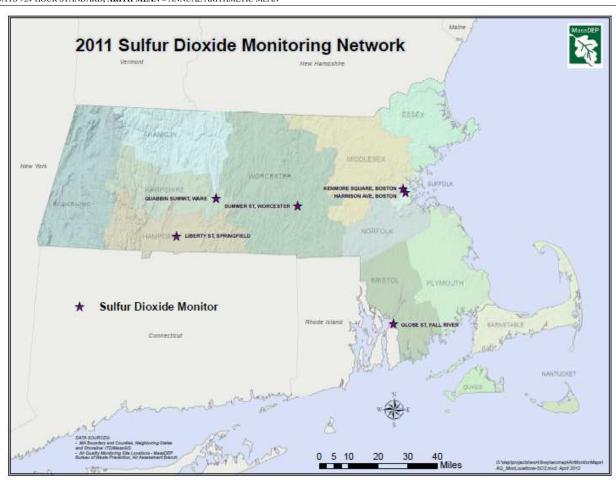
2011 SO₂ Data Summary

A summary of the 2011 SO₂ data is shown below (in parts per billion). MassDEP operated six SO₂ sites during 2011. All of the sites achieved the requirement of 75% or greater data capture for the year. SO₂ monitors at Boston (Harrison Avenue), and Ware are trace-level instruments that are specifically configured to measure at a lower concentration range than the standard instrument in order to obtain better ongoing concentration resolution and to more precisely track trends in SO₂ concentrations.

							1ST	2ND	99TH	1ST	2ND	DAYS	
				#	%	COMPLETED	MAX	MAX	PERCENTILE	MAX	MAX	>24HR	ARITH
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	OBS	QTRS	1-HR	1-HR	1-HR	24-HR	24-HR	STD	MEAN
25-025-0002	Boston	Suffolk	KENMORE SQ	8524	97	4	49	24.6	19.3	12.1	9.4	0	2.36
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	8342	95	4	35.9	28.6	23.8	12.9	8.8	0	1.26
25-005-1004	Fall River	Bristol	659 GLOBE ST	8492	97	4	93.4	92	64.9	35.1	34.1	0	2.79
25-013-0016	Springfield	Hampden	LIBERTY P-LOT	8442	96	4	53	41	22	11.7	7.9	0	2.72
25-015-4002	Ware	Hampshire	QUABBIN SUMMIT	8525	97	4	13.4	12.5	8.8	6	5.3	0	0.84
25-027-0023	Worcester	Worcester	SUMMER ST	8380	96	4	19.3	14.3	12.1	8.1	8	0	2.7

Standards: Annual Mean = 0.03 ppm 1-hour = 75 ppb 3-hour = 0.5 ppm

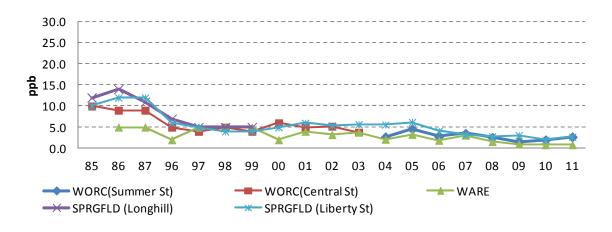
ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, #OBS, #Observations, % OBS = PERCENT OBSERVATIONS, COMP QTRS = COMPLETE QUARTERS, 1ST, 2ND MAX 1-HOUR ad 24-HR, FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED, 99TH PCTL 1-HR = 99th PERCENTILE OF THE 1-HOUR MAX, DAYS >24HR = NUMBER OF DAYS >24-HOUR STANDARD, ARITH MEAN = ANNUAL ARITHMETIC MEAN

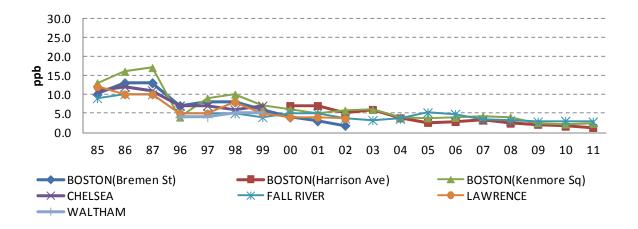


SO₂ Trends

The long-term trends of the annual arithmetic mean for each SO₂ site are shown below. The trend has been stable for the last few years and downward for the entire period. Massachusetts has been well below the standard.

Figure 4
SO₂ Trends 1985 –2011
Annual Arithmetic Means
1 hour Primary Standard = 75 ppb





Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) Summary

2011 NO₂ Data Summary

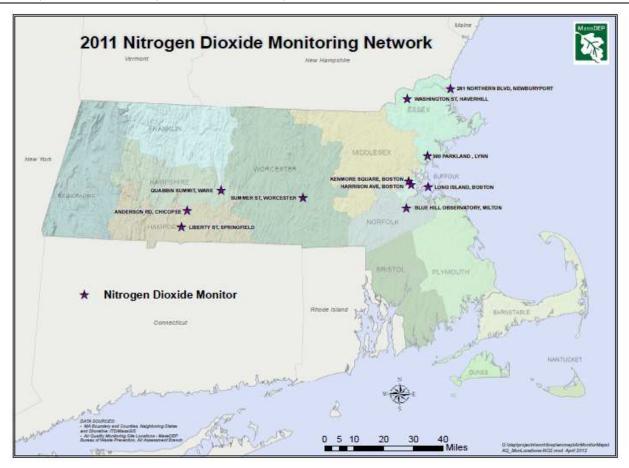
A summary of the 2011 NO₂ data is shown below (in parts per billion). MassDEP operated 11 NO₂ sites during 2011, 8 of which are operated year-round and 3 of which are operated June-August (Newburyport, Milton and Long Island). All of the year-round sites met the requirement of 75% data capture for the year.

							1ST	2ND		
				#	%	COMPLETED	MAX	MAX	98TH	ARITH
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	OBS	QTRS	1-HR	1-HR	PERCENTILE	MEAN
25-025-0002	Boston	Suffolk	KENMORE SQ	8315	95	4	74.9	71.8	52.9	20.36
25-025-0041	Boston	Suffolk	LONG ISLAND	5115	58	2	47	40	34	7.12*
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	8208	94	4	74	69	52	18.49
25-013-0008	Chicopee	Hampden	ANDERSON RD AFB	8123	93	4	60	60	49	8.37
25-009-5005	Haverhill	Essex	CONSENTINO SCHOOL	8294	95	4	52	50	46	8.72
25-009-2006	Lynn	Essex	390 PARKLAND	8197	94	4	60	51	47	10.26
25-021-3003	Milton	Norfolk	BLUE HILL OBS	5101	58	2	42	35	23	4.12*
25-009-4005	Newburyport	Essex	HARBOR STREET	5099	58	2	26	25	17	2.48*
25-013-0016	Springfield	Hampden	LIBERTY P-LOT	8358	95	4	71	64	54	15.98
25-015-4002	Ware	Hampshire	QUABBIN SUMMIT	8263	94	4	62	55	39	3.52
25-027-0023	Worcester	Worcester	SUMMER ST	8242	94	4	80.5	79.3	62	17.34

Standards: Annual Arithmetic Mean = 53 ppb 1-hour = 100 ppb

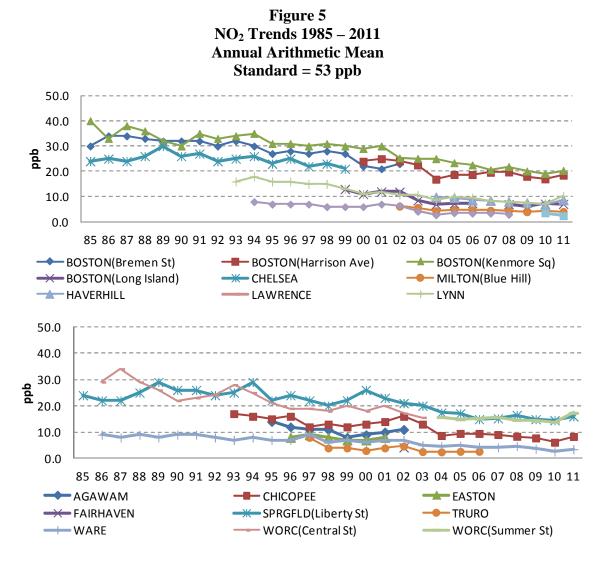
Note: * indicates that the mean does not satisfy summary criteria.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER COMP QTRS = COMPLETE QUARTERS, 1ST, 2ND MAX 1-HR = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED, 98TH PCTL = 98TH PERCENTILE, % COMP = PERCENT COMPLETE, ARITH MEAN = ANNUAL ARITHMETIC MEAN



NO₂ Trends

The long-term trends of the annual arithmetic means for each NO₂ site are shown below. The trend has been stable the last few years and downward for the entire period. Massachusetts is below the annual standard.



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Summary

2011 CO Data Summary

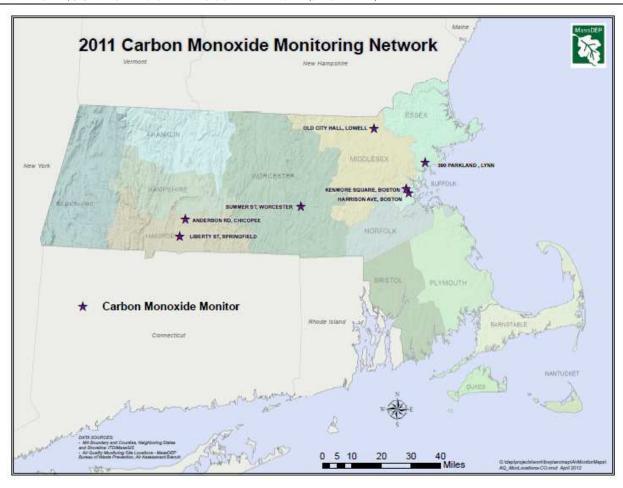
A summary of the 2011 CO data is shown below (in parts per million). MassDEP operated seven sites during 2011. All of the sites achieved the requirement of 75% or greater data capture for the year except Lowell, which MassDEP closed in August 2011. The CO monitors at Boston (Harrison Avenue), Lynn and Chicopee are trace-level instruments that are specifically configured to measure at a lower concentration range than the standard instrument in order to obtain better ongoing concentration resolution and to more precisely track trends in CO concentrations.

						1ST	2ND	OBS	1ST	2ND	OBS
				#	%	MAX	MAX	>1HR	MAX	MAX	>8HR
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	OBS	1-HR	1-HR	STD	8-HR	8-HR	STD
25-025-0002	Boston	Suffolk	KENMORE SQ	8181	93	1.5	1.5	0	1.3	1.2	0
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	8170	93	2.47	2.15	0	1.9	1.4	0
25-013-0008	Chicopee	Hampden	ANDERSON RD AFB	8049	92	1.85	1.79	0	1.4	1.3	0
25-017-0007	Lowell	Middlesex	MERRIMACK ST	5016	57	1.90	1.80	0	1.3	1.3	0
25-009-2006	Lynn	Essex	390 PARKLAND	8014	91	0.95	0.80	0	0.6	0.6	0
25-013-0016	Springfield	Hampden	LIBERTY P-LOT	8203	94	4.9	4.7	0	4	3	0
25-027-0023	Worcester	Worcester	SUMMER ST	8019	92	2.7	2.2	0	1.9	1.7	0

Standards: 1-hour = 35 ppm 8-hour = 9 ppm

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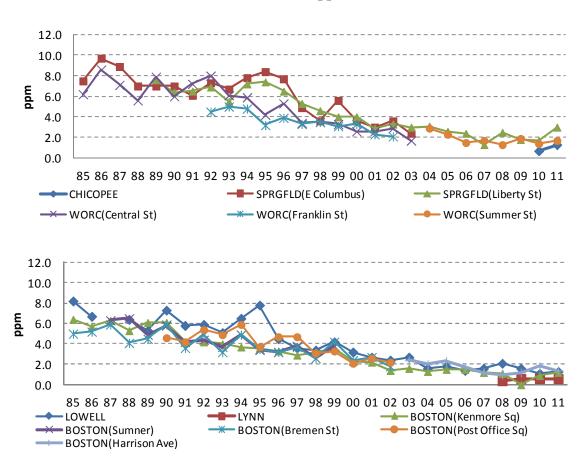
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER '% OBS = PERCENT OBSERVATIONS, 1ST, 2ND MAX 1-HR = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED, OBS > 35 = NUMBER OF 1-HR AVERAGES GREATER THAN 35 PPM (1-HR STANDARD), 1ST, 2ND MAX 8-HR = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED, OBS > 9 = NUMBER OF 8-HR AVERAGES GREATER THAN 9 PPM (8-HR STANDARD)



CO Trends

The long-term trends for each CO site are shown below. The 2nd maximum value is displayed because it is the value to which the standard applies. Massachusetts is well below the 1-hour and 8-hour standards.

Figure 6 CO Trends 1985-2010 2nd Maximum 8-hour Values Standard = 9 ppm



Particulate Matter 10 Microns (PM₁₀) Summary

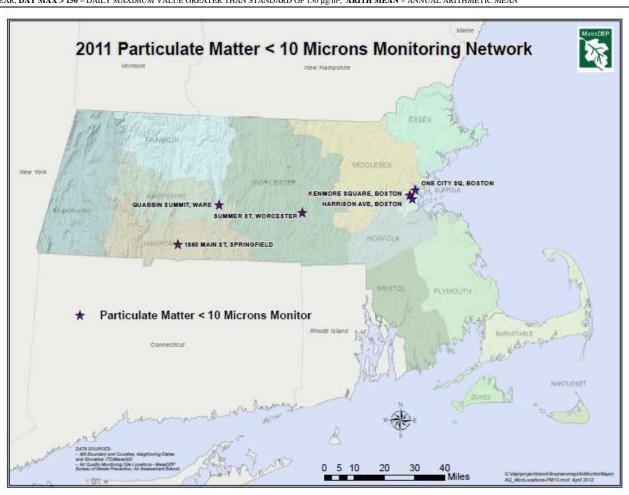
2011 PM₁₀ Data Summary

A summary of the 2011 PM_{10} data is shown below (in $\mu g/m^3$). MassDEP operated six PM_{10} sites in 2011. All of the sites achieved data capture requirements for the year.

												DAY	EST	
				#	NUM	VALID	%	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	MAX	DAYS	ARITH
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	REQ	DAYS	OBS	MAX	MAX	MAX	MAX	>STD	>STD	MEAN
25-025-0002	Boston	Suffolk	KENMORE SQ	59	61	59	97	38	38	36	32	0	0	16.8
25-025-0027	Boston	Suffolk	ONE CITY SQ	57	61	57	93	39	34	33	29	0	0	15.9
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	58	61	57	93	37	35	28	24	0	0	13.2
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	60	61	59	97	35	30	27	24	0	0	13.2
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	119	61	60	98	42	41	33	32	0	0	14.8
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	105	61	61	100	40	34	33	27	0	0	14.5
25-013-2009	Springfield	Hampden	1860 MAIN ST	59	61	59	97	33	30	29	26	0	0	14.4
25-015-4002	Ware	Hampshire	QUABBIN	61	61	61	100	26	25	22	18	0	0	8.8
25-027-0023	Worcester	Worcester	SUMMER ST	56	61	56	92	37	35	31	30	0	0	16.3

Standards: 24-hour = 150 μ g/m³

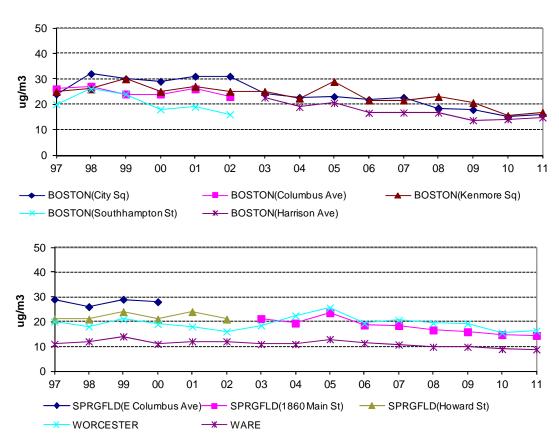
ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, % OBS = PERCENT OBSERVATIONS, 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH MAX = 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH HIGHEST 24-HOUR VALUES FOR THE YEAR, DAY MAX > 150 = DAILY MAXIMUM VALUE GREATER THAN STANDARD OF 150 µg/m³, ARITH MEAN = ANNUAL ARITHMETIC MEAN



PM₁₀ Trends

Long-term trends for each PM_{10} site are shown below using the annual arithmetic mean as an indicator. The data shows an overall downward trend.

Figure 7 PM₁₀ Trends 1989-2011 Annual Arithmetic Mean



Particulate Matter 2.5 Microns (PM_{2.5}) Summary

MassDEP operated 15 Federal Reference Method (FRM) filter-based PM_{2.5} sites during 2011 that are used for comparison to the NAAQS, and operated 10 Beta Attenuation Monitors (BAMs) PM_{2.5} samplers that are used to provide near real-time data on MassDEP's MassAir Online website (www.mass.gov/dep/air) and on EPA's AirNOW website (www.epa.gov/airnow/).

2011 PM_{2.5} FRM Data Summary

A summary of the 2011 FRM PM_{2.5} data is shown below (in μ g/m³).

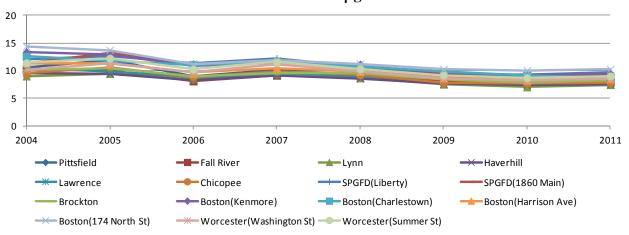
										98TH	
					#	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	PERCENTILE	ARITH
SITE ID		CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	MAX	MAX	MAX	MAX	VALUE	MEAN
25-025-0002		Boston	Suffolk	KENMORE SQ	119	23.7	22.2	21.2	19.3	21.2	9.37
25-025-0027		Boston	Suffolk	ONE CITY SQ	116	22.6	21.5	21.3	17.6	21.3	8.63
25-025-0042		Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	119	22.3	21	20.9	17	20.9	8.48
25-025-0043		Boston	Suffolk	174 NORTH ST	363	38.9	29.1	28.6	26.4	23.9	10.26
25-025-0043 Co	o-Loc	Boston	Suffolk	174 NORTH ST	357	38.5	30.7	28.8	26.7	23.2	10.32
25-023-0004		Brockton	Plymouth	COMMERCIAL ST	121	21.3	19	18.8	18	18.8	8.18
25-023-0004 Co	o-Loc	Brockton	Plymouth	COMMERCIAL ST	117	21	18.9	18.8	18.1	18.8	8.22
25-013-0008		Chicopee	Hampden	ANDERSON RD	119	22.7	22.7	21.2	20.2	21.2	7.84
25-013-0008 Co	o-Loc	Chicopee	Hampden	ANDERSON RD	112	23.3	22.9	21.5	19.8	21.5	8
25-005-1004		Fall River	Bristol	659 GLOBE ST	116	20.5	20.1	19	17	19	7.88
25-009-5005		Haverhill	Essex	CONSENTINO SCHOOL	115	21.1	18.3	17.8	17.6	17.8	7.53
25-009-6001		Lawrence	Essex	SHATTUCK ST	119	21.5	21.5	18.8	17.8	18.8	8.17
25-009-2006		Lynn	Essex	390 PARKLAND	116	19.7	18.7	18.6	18.1	18.6	7.44
25-003-5001		Pittsfield	Berkshire	78 CENTER ST	117	29.8	29.7	28.8	25.3	28.8	9.08
25-013-0016		Springfield	Hampden	LIBERTY P-LOT	120	32.3	31.2	27.6	26.7	27.6	9.73
25-013-2009		Springfield	Hampden	1860 MAIN ST	120	33.5	27.3	26.7	24.5	26.7	9.26
25-027-0016		Worcester	Worcester	WASHINGTON ST	121	24.7	24.2	22	21.7	22	8.59
25-027-0023		Worcester	Worcester	SUMMER ST	120	26.8	26.1	23.7	21.1	23.7	9.01

Standards: Annual = $15.0 \mu g/m^3$ 24-hour = $35 \mu g/m^3$

PM_{2.5} Trends

Long-term trends for each $PM_{2.5}$ site are shown below using the annual arithmetic mean as an indicator. The data shows an overall downward trend.

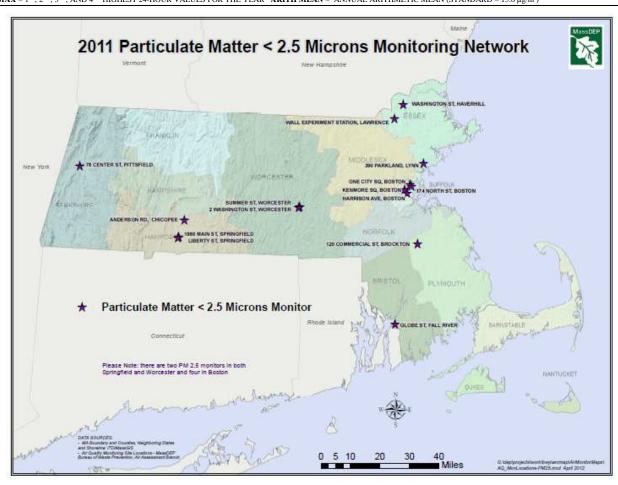
Figure 8
PM_{2.5} Annual Arithmetic Mean
Standard = 15 µg/m³



2011 PM_{2.5} BAM Data Summary

A summary of the 2011 BAM $PM_{2.5}$ data is shown below (in $\mu g/m^3$).

					1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	
					MAX	MAX	MAX	MAX	
				#	24-HR BLK	24-HR BLK	24-HR BLK	24-HR BLK	ARITH
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	DAYS	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	MEAN
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	352	37.8	26.9	26.5	24.3	8.68
25-025-0043	Boston	Suffolk	174 NORTH ST	349	44.3	31.9	31	30.3	12.24
25-005-1004	Fall River	Bristol	659 GLOBE ST	359	33.8	28.5	28.3	28	10.36
25-009-5005	Haverhill	Essex	CONSENTINO SCHOOL	354	31.3	29.8	29.3	27.2	9.01
25-009-2006	Lynn	Essex	390 PARKLAND	354	33.2	28.9	28	25.5	9.22
25-021-3003	Milton	Norfolk	BLUE HILL OBS	356	26.3	21.7	21.4	19.8	7.45
25-003-0006	Pittsfield	Berkshire	BERKSHIRE COMMONS	363	45.1	38	35	34.2	11.01
25-013-0016	Springfield	Hampden	LIBERTY P-LOT	357	70.5	56.1	54	44.1	10.79
25-015-4002	Ware	Hampshire	QUABBIN SUMMIT	359	34.1	29.5	21.3	21.1	6.56
25-027-0023	Worcester	Worcester	SUMMER ST	357	40.4	34.1	30.3	28.7	9.72



Speciation

MassDEP collects PM_{2.5} samples for speciation in Boston (Harrison Avenue) and Chicopee. Speciation involves analysis of particulate matter to determine its chemical composition and to identity air pollution sources that affect the area around the monitoring station. Pollutants analyzed include elements (e.g., metals), sulfates, nitrates, and carbon (total and organic).

IMPROVE (Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments)

IMPROVE is a nationwide program designed to assess air quality at rural locations where air pollution may affect visibility over long distances (e.g., mountain ranges or scenic vistas). Massachusetts currently has IMPROVE samplers at the Ware and Truro sites. The Wampanoag Tribe operates a third IMPROVE sampler at its Martha's Vineyard monitoring site. These samplers acquire PM_{2.5} filter samples for speciation analysis to determine effects on visibility. Data can be viewed at the IMPROVE web site at http://vista.cira.colostate.edu/improve/Data/data.htm.

Lead (Pb) Summary

2011 Pb Data Summary

EPA's 2008 lead monitoring requirements allow the use of a low-volume PM_{10} -based methodology for measuring lead on particulates, which MassDEP began using at the beginning of 2011 in Boston (Harrison Avenue) and Springfield (Main Street). MassDEP also monitored lead in Boston (Harrison Avenue) using a Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) method, and discontinued use of this method at the end of 2011. A summary of 2011 lead data using the PM_{10} -based method is shown in the first box below (in μ/m^3) and using the TSP-based method in the second box (in μ/m^3). All samples (including 3-month rolling averages) were below the lead standard of 0.15 $\mu g/m^3$.

Lead from PM₁₀-based Method

					1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
					131	ZIIU	Siu	401		
				#	MAX	MAX	MAX	MAX	ARITH	DURATION
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	VALUE	VALUE	VALUE	VALUE	MEAN	
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	121	0.017	0.015	0.010	0.010	0.0030	24 HOURS
25-013-2009	Springfield	Hampden	MAIN STREET	59	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.010	0.0036	24 HOURS

Standard: 0.15 µg/m³ (Rolling 3-month Average)

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION % OBS = PERCENT OBSERVATIONS; 1ST, 2ND, 3rd, 4th MAX = THE 1ST, 2ND, 3rd, 4th MAXIMUM 24-HOUR VALUES
ARITH MEAN = THE MEAN

Lead from TSP-based Method

					QTR1	QTR2	QTR3	QTR4	#			
				#	ARITH	ARITH	ARITH	ARITH	MEANS	1ST	2ND	DURATION
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	MEAN	MEAN	MEAN	MEAN	> STD	MAX	MAX	
25-025-0042	Boston	Suffolk	HARRISON AVE	59	0.0068	0.0091	0.0059	0.0063	0	0.021	0.017	24 HOURS

Standard: $0.15 \mu g/m^3$ (Rolling 3-month Average)

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE

SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION % OBS = PERCENT OBSERVATIONS QTR1, QTR2, QTR3, QTR4 ARITH MEAN = THE MEANS FOR THE 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH

CALENDAR QUARTERS # MEANS > STD = THE NUMBER OF CALENDAR QUARTER MEANS GREATER THAN THE STANDARD, 1ST, 2ND MAX = THE 1ST AND 2ND MAXIMUM 24.HOIR WALLES

Private Monitoring Summary

In 2011, MassDEP oversaw four monitoring stations operated by power generation companies that were originally sited to measure ambient air impacts from specific power plants in the Boston area. The data from these monitors was submitted to MassDEP, which submits the data to EPA after performing quality assurance. Constellation Energy applied for and received permission to close three of the four monitoring locations during 2011. Only the East First Street location continues to be operated.

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) summary

There were four private SO₂ sites that operated during 2011; however, three of those sites closed in May 2011. There were no measured violations of the SO₂ air quality standards. A summary of the 2011 SO₂ data is shown below.

					1ST	2ND	99TH	1ST	2ND	DAYS	
				COMPLETED	MAX	MAX	PERCENTILE	MAX	MAX	>24-HR	ARITH
				QTRS	1-HR	1-HR	1-HR	24-HR	24-HR	STD	MEAN
25-025-0020	Boston	Suffolk	DEWAR ST, DORCHESTER	1	25	24	24	11.7	9.6	0	2.49*
25-025-0021	Boston	Suffolk	340 BREMEN ST, E. BOSTON	1	32	31	31	13.1	11.5	0	2.83*
25-025-0040	Boston	Suffolk	531A EAST FIRST ST	4	16	15	11	6.3	5.4	0	1.77
25-025-0019	Boston	Suffolk	LONG ISLAND	1	18	12	12	6.6	5.4	0	1.86*

STANDARD: 1-Hour = 75 PPB

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER COMP QTRS = COMPLETED QUARTERS, 1ST & 2ND MAX 1-HR and MAX 24-HR = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED, 99th PCTL = 99th PERCENTILE OF THE 1-HOUR MAX, DAYS >24 HR STD = NUMBER OF DAYS ABOVE THE 24-HOUR STANDARD, ARITH MEAN ARITHMETIC MEAN

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) summary

There was one private NO₂ monitor that operated during 2011. There were no measured violations of the NO₂ air quality standards. A summary of the 2011 NO₂ data is shown below.

					1ST	2ND		
				COMPLETED	MAX	MAX	98TH	ARITH
				QTRS	1-HR	1-HR	PERCENTILE	MEAN
25-025-0040	Boston	Suffolk	531A EAST FIRST ST	4	61	59	53	13.46

STANDARD: 1-HOUR = 100 PPB

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, # COMP OTRS = NUMBER OF COMPLETED QUARTERS, 1ST AND 2ND MAX 1-HR = FIRST AND SECOND HIGHEST VALUE FOR TIME PERIOD INDICATED, 98th PCTL = 98th PERCENTILE OF 1 HOUR MAXIMUM, #OBS = OBSERVATIONS COMPLETED, % COMP = PERCENT COMPLETE, ARITH MEAN = ARITHMETIC MEAN (STANDARD = 0.053 PPM)

Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) summary

There were four private TSP sites that operated in 2011; however, three of the sites closed in May 2011. TSP is no longer a criteria pollutant (PM₁₀ replaced it as the course particulate standard in 1987), so there is no longer a standard for it. A summary of the 2011 TSP data is shown below.

					#	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	ARITH	
SITE ID		CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	MAX	MAX	MAX	MAX	MEAN	DURATION
25-025-0019		Boston	Suffolk	LONG ISLAND	24	61	29	28	27	21.0*	24 HOUR
25-025-0020		Boston	Suffolk	DEWAR ST, DORCHESTER	24	187	152	84	67	52.7*	24 HOUR
25-025-0021		Boston	Suffolk	340 BREMEN ST, E. BOSTON	24	80	74	66	55	41.8*	24 HOUR
25-025-0040		Boston	Suffolk	531A EAST FIRST ST	61	92	66	54	52	28.9	24 HOUR
25-025-0040	Co-Loc	Boston	Suffolk	531A EAST FIRST ST	61	78	65	53	51	28.2	24 HOUR

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, TYPE = TYPE OF MONITOR, CO-LOC = COLOCATED MONITOR, #OBS = NUMBER of OBSERVATIONS, 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH
MAX = 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH HIGHEST 24-HOUR VALUES FOR THE YEAR, ARITH MEAN = ARITHMETIC MEAN, DURATION = 24-24-HOUR SAMPLING PERIOD

Sulfate (SO₄) summary

There were four private SO₄ sites that operated during 2011; however, three of the sites closed in May 2011. SO₄ is not a criteria pollutant so there are no ambient air quality standards for SO₄. A summary of the 2011 SO₄ data is shown below.

					#	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	ARITH	
SITE ID		CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	OBS	MAX	MAX	MAX	MAX	MEAN	DURATION
25-025-0019		Boston	Suffolk	LONG ISLAND	24	7.6	7.6	6.9	6.5	3.63*	24 HOUR
25-025-0020		Boston	Suffolk	DEWAR ST, DORCHESTER	24	9.2	8.7	7.7	6.5	4.75*	24 HOUR
25-025-0021		Boston	Suffolk	340 BREMEN ST, E BOSTON	24	10.2	10.1	8.4	7.7	5.49*	24 HOUR
25-025-0040		Boston	Suffolk	531A E FIRST ST	60	9.9	8.7	7.8	7.2	3.96	24 HOUR
25-025-0040	Co-Loc	Boston	Suffolk	531A E FIRST ST	61	9.2	6.9	6.6	6.6	3.88	24 HOUR

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS USED IN TABLE
SITE ID = AIRS SITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, TYPE = TYPE OF MONITOR, CO-LOC = COLOCATED MONITOR, % OBS = % OBSERVATIONS, 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH MAX = 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH HIGHEST 24-HOUR VALUES FOR THE YEAR, ARITH MEAN = ARITHMETIC MEAN, DURATION = 24-HOUR SAMPLING PERIOD

QUALITY CONTROL AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Introduction

In order to ensure that all air quality data is of acceptable and consistent quality, MassDEP has developed standard operating procedures (SOPs) based on federal requirements that include quality control and quality assurance techniques that systematically assess the entire sample collection and data handling system on an ongoing basis. Quality Assurance requirements for ambient air monitoring are contained in the federal regulations at 40 CFR Part 58, Appendix A – E. Each year MassDEP certifies that it is in compliance with the federal requirements.

A few of the considerations that affect sample collection data quality are:

- Site Placement
- Intake Probe Material
- Intake Probe Height
- Spacing from roadways and trees

For data processing there are quantitative statistics and qualitative descriptors used to interpret the degree of acceptability or utility of data. Examples of these data quality indicators are:

- Representativeness
- Precision
- Bias
- Detectability
- Completeness
- Comparability

MassDEP's Air Assessment Branch in Lawrence maintains an independent Quality Assurance/Data Management Group that reviews the monitoring data for quality, ensures that samples are collected correctly, and conducts performance audits throughout the air monitoring network to verify data validity. Another function of the Data Group is to process and report all of the Massachusetts air quality data to the EPA database in a timely manner. Computer software tools, report queries and "eyes on" data reviews are all used to detect and correct problems in the data before it is submitted to EPA.

Section IV PAMS/Air Toxics Monitoring

PAMS Monitoring

Ground-level ozone is a secondary pollutant and is not discharged directly to the atmosphere from a stack or tailpipe, but rather forms in the atmosphere from the photochemical reactions of other pollutants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and NO_x . Ozone formation can occur many miles downwind from the source of the original emissions. These reactions occur in the presence of strong sunlight and are most pronounced during the hottest days of the summer. The PAMS (Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations) program established by the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments as an accurate way to collect data for assessing NAAQS attainment progress independent of the meteorological variation that occurs between years and for identifying appropriate pollution control strategies.

PAMS is a special designation for enhanced monitoring stations that are designed to gather information on the ozone formation process. Instrumentation at these sites measures pollutants and meteorological parameters that are specific to the photochemical processes by which ozone is created in the atmosphere at ground level. In addition to the standard NAAQS pollutants (ozone, NO₂, etc.) that are measured at other sites, non-criteria pollutants, including VOCs, are measured at PAMS stations on either an hourly basis or at regular intervals during the hottest part of the summer in June, July and August. Meteorology is a critical component of ozone formation and each PAMS site has a full complement of meteorological sensors including wind speed, wind direction, temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, solar radiation and at some sites, total ultraviolet light and precipitation.

MassDEP also operated a Doppler Radar atmospheric profiler in Stow, Massachusetts in support of the PAMS program. This instrument measured temperature and wind profiles at different levels of the atmosphere that provided valuable information on upper level conditions that contribute to ozone formation. The operation of this instrument was discontinued in September 2011, due to the loss of access to the monitoring site location.

Since the PAMS project started in 1993, Massachusetts has conducted enhanced ozone precursor measurements in the Boston and Springfield Metropolitan Areas and to assist Rhode Island in the measurement of ozone precursors and reactants at locations downwind of Providence, RI.

PAMS Monitoring Areas

Boston	Springfield	Providence
Blue Hill (Milton)	Chicopee	Blue Hill (Milton)
Lynn	Ware	
Newburyport		
Long Island		

Note: Blue Hill provides data for Boston and Providence networks.

PAMS Site Descriptions:

Type 1 – Upwind Site. VOC samples are taken every third day, and eight 3-hour samples are taken per day during the summer season (June, July and August). Blue Hill is the current Type 1 site for Boston and Type 3 site (downwind) for Providence. There is no current Type 1 site for Springfield.

Type 2 - Urban (Downwind Edge site). Type 2 sites are the most intensive measurement sites in the PAMS program. VOCs are measured hourly by automated gas chromatographs during the summer season. Carbonyls (e.g., acetaldehyde and formaldehyde) samples are taken every third day, and eight 3-hour samples are taken per day during the summer season. 24-hour VOC samples are taken every sixth day throughout the year. Lynn is Boston's Type 2 site and Chicopee is Springfield's Type 2 site. Larger metropolitan areas were originally required to have Type 2 sites in the two most prevalent wind directions. Long Island (Boston) was designated as a second Boston Type 2 site in the late 1990s, but was subsequently scaled back and now is sampled on a Type 1 site schedule.

Type 3 – Downwind where highest ozone measurements are expected. Newburyport is Boston's Type 3 site and Ware is Springfield's Type 3 site. The required sampling schedule is the same as Type 1, but MassDEP has chosen to operate automated gas chromatographs for VOCs at these sites. No carbonyl measurements are taken at either Type 1 or Type 3 sites.

Air Toxics Monitoring

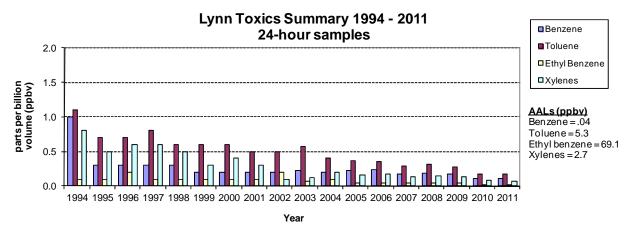
Toxic air pollutants are distinct from criteria air pollutants such as ozone and CO and are known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious health effects. Air toxics include certain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and toxic metals (e.g., mercury).

MassDEP monitors VOCs as part of the PAMS monitoring program, some of which are classified as air toxics. MassDEP obtains health-relevant VOC concentration data throughout the year at the PAMS Type 2 sites.

The Boston (Harrison Avenue) monitoring site is designated as a National Air Toxics Trends Station (NATTS) designed to collect and quantify a number of toxic air pollutants, including VOCs, metals, carbonyls, black carbon and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Data from this site is compared with data from a network of similar sites across the country to identify transport, trends and site-specific characteristics of these pollutants.

Figure 10 summarizes concentrations of 24-hour health-relevant target compounds for samples taken at the Lynn PAMS site from 1994 to 2011. Significant mean concentration decreases seen between 1994 and 1995 are likely due to the introduction of reformulated gasoline at the beginning of 1995. Allowable Ambient Limit (AAL) values are presented next to Figure 10 for reference. AALs are health-based air toxics guidelines developed by MassDEP based on known or suspected carcinogenic and toxic health properties of individual compounds. AAL concentrations were developed for a 70-year lifetime exposure, but are used for comparison with annual averages.

Figure 9



Below is a table that summarizes results from the analysis of 24-hour samples for target VOCs from the Boston (Harrison Ave) and Lynn sites for 2011. Harrison Avenue serves as the central city sampling location and Lynn serves as the area background site.

	BOSTON (Ha	arrison Ave)	LYNN	
Compound	Max Value	Mean	Max Value	Mean
	ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb
1,3-butadiene	.062	.026	.028	.011
1,1,1-trichloroethane	.019	.007	.012	.007
trichloroethylene	.012	.004	.032	.004
tetrachloroethylene	.085	.020	.044	.014
Benzene	.350	.165	.190	.111
Toluene	1.604	.362	.726	.178
Xylenes	.893	.166	.222	.077
Ethylbenzene	.201	.048	.071	.025

Samples collected at the Harrison Avenue site are analyzed for a suite of metals that are known to be toxic in the environment. The table below summarizes the 2011 metals data.

	BOSTON	(Harrison Ave)	
	# of	Max Value	Mean
Metal	Samples	μg/m ³	μg/m³
Chromium	59	.00323	.00226
Antimony	59	.00178	.00089
Arsenic	59	.00126	.00042
Beryllium	59	.00012	.00001
Cadmium	59	.00290	.00013
Cobalt	59	.00023	.00010
Lead	59	.01040	.00303
Manganese	59	.00948	.00347
Nickel	59	.00432	.00141
Mercury	59	.00002	.00001
Selenium	59	.00085	.00027

Appendix A 2011 MassDEP Monitoring Station Locations

				DATE SITE	
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	ESTABLISHED	MONITORED
25-003-4002	ADAMS	BERKSHIRE	MT. GREYLOCK	5/1/1989	O3
25-015-0103	AMHERST	HAMPSHIRE	NORTH PLEASANT	4/1/1988	O3
TT-030-0001	AQUINNAH	DUKES	HERRING CREEK RD	4/1/2004	O3
25-025-0002	BOSTON	SUFFOLK	KENMORE SQUARE	1/1/1965	SO2, NO, NO2, NOx, CO, PM2.5 FRM, PM10
25-025-0027 25-025-0041		SUFFOLK SUFFOLK	ONE CITY SQUARE	1/1/1985 12/1/1998	PM2.5 FRM, PM10 O3, NO, NO2, NOx, VOCs, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
					O3, SO2 trace, NO, NO2, NOx, CO trace, PM2.5 FRM, PM2.5 BAM, PM2.5 Speciation, PM10, Lead, Toxics,
25-025-0042		SUFFOLK	HARRISON AVENUE	12/15/1998	Black Carbon, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-025-0043		SUFFOLK	174 NORTH ST	1/1/2000	PM2.5 FRM, PM2.5 BAM, Black Carbon
25-023-0004		PLYMOUTH	120 COMMERCIAL ST	12/15/1998	PM2.5 FRM
25-017-0009 25-013-0008	CHICOPEE	MIDDLESEX HAMPDEN	11 TECHNOLOGY DR ANDERSON RD	4/1/2005 1/1/1983	O3 O3, NO, NO2, NOx, PM2.5 FRM, PM2.5 speciation, VOCs, TEMP, WS/WD, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-005-1002		BRISTOL	LEROY WOOD	1/1/1982	O3, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-005-1004		BRISTOL	GLOBE ST	2/1/1975	PM2.5 FRM. PM2.5 BAM. SO2
25-009-5005		ESSEX	WASHINGTON ST	7/19/1994	O3, NO, NO2, NOx, PM2.5 FRM, PM2.5 BAM, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-009-6001	LAWRENCE	ESSEX	WALL EXPERIMENT STA.	4/3/1999	PM2.5 FRM
25-017-0007	LOWELL	MIDDLESEX	OLD CITY HALL	7/17/1981	СО
25-009-2006	LYNN	ESSEX	390 PARKLAND	1/1/1992	O3, NO, NO2, NOx, PM2.5 FRM, PM2.5 BAM, CO trace, VOCs, Toxics, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP, UVB, PRECIP
25-021-3003	MILTON	NORFOLK	BLUE HILL	4/2/2002	O3, NO, NO2, NOx, PM2.5 BAM, VOCs, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-009-4005	NEWBURYPORT	ESSEX	HARBOR STREET	7/6/2010	O3, NO, NO2, NOx, NOy, VOCs, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-003-5001	PITTSFIELD	BERKSHIRE	78 CENTER STREET	11/6//98	PM2.5 FRM
25-003-0006	PITTSFIELD	BERKSHIRE	BERKSHIRE COMMONS	1/1/79	PM2.5 BAM
25-013-0016	SPRINGFIELD	HAMPDEN	LIBERTY STREET	4/1/1988	SO2, NO, NO2, NOx, CO, Black Carbon, PM2.5 FRM, PM2.5 BAM
25-013-2009	SPRINGFIELD	HAMPDEN	1860 MAIN STREET	1/1/2002	PM2.5 FRM, PM10
25-017-1102	STOW	MIDDLESEX	US MILITARY	4/1/1998	O3, Profiler, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-001-0002	TRURO	BARNSTABLE	FOX BOTTOM AREA	4/1/1987	O3, IMPROVE, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-027-0024	UXBRIDGE	WORCESTER	366 E HARTFORD AVE	11/13/2008	O3, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP
25-015-4002	WARE	HAMPSHIRE	QUABBIN SUMMIT	6/1/1985	O3, SO2 trace, NO, NO2, NOx, NOy, PM10, VOCs, PM2.5 BAM, IMPROVE, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP, PRECIP
	WORCESTER		WORC. AIRPORT	5/7/1979	O3, WS/WD, TEMP, Solar Rad, RH, BP,
	WORCESTER		2 WASHINGTON ST	12/31/2002	PM2.5 FRM
	WORCESTER		SUMMER STREET	1/1/2004	SO2, NO, NO2, NOx, CO, PM2.5 FRM, PM2.5 BAM, PM10

2011 Private Monitoring Station Locations

				DATE SITE	
SITE ID	CITY	COUNTY	ADDRESS	ESTABLISHED	MONITORED
25-025-0019	BOSTON	SUFFOLK	LONG ISLAND	1/1/1978	SO2, TSP, SO4, WS/WD
25-025-0020	BOSTON	SUFFOLK	DEWAR STREET	1/1/1978	SO2, TSP, SO4, WS/WD
25-025-0021	BOSTON	SUFFOLK	BREMEN STREET	1/1/1979	SO2, TSP, SO4, WS/WD
25-025-0040	BOSTON	SUFFOLK	531A EAST FIRST ST	1/1/1993	SO2, TSP, SO4, NO2, WS/WD