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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Study Objectives

The Metro Vancouver Waste to Energy Facility (“the Facility”) is a waste to energy facility located at 5150 Riverbend Drive, Burnaby. Waste is received and incinerated on site generating electricity. The Facility is owned by Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District and operates under an existing British Columbia Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy air quality permit dated December 15, 2016 (Operational Certificate 107051). The Operational Certificate, among other items, authorizes and limits the discharge of contaminants from three separate mass burn incinerators/boilers (the “Boilers”) from a common support stack containing three individual flues (the “Boiler Stack”). The site reference number for this discharge is E300670.

Section 2.17 of the Operational Certificate requires a Contaminant Dispersion Evaluation and Health Risk Assessment within 24 months from the issuance of the Operational Certificate. The purpose of this report is to fulfill the site-specific contaminant dispersion evaluation component of this section. A companion report completed by Ollson Environmental Health Management fulfills the health risk assessment component.

Predicted ambient concentrations of criteria air contaminants, metals and volatile organic compounds were assessed in this air quality study. The criteria air contaminants of interest are: particulate matter with particle diameter of less than 2.5 µm (PM<sub>2.5</sub>, often referred to as respirable PM), carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides. The metals and volatile organic compounds of interest in this study are: hydrogen chloride, hydrogen fluoride, total dioxans and furans, cadmium, mercury, the sum of lead, arsenic and chromium, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and polychlorinated biphenyls.

Ambient concentrations and deposition rates were provided to Ollson Environmental Health Management in support of their health risk assessment. These results are not included in this report.

## Emission Scenarios

Four scenarios were considered for this study:

- **Permit Scenario:** representing maximum permitted operations, 24 hours a day, each day of the year
  - Continuous emissions prescribed in the Operational Certificate were considered in this scenario.
  - As the facility does not emit at full capacity for any parameter, this scenario represents a conservative emissions scenario.
- **Operational Scenario:** representing typical operations
  - Typical emissions from 2017 Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems data were considered in this scenario.
  - Emissions rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems monitoring were obtained from 2017 and 2016 stack test data.

- **Start Up Scenario:** representing typical operations with a boiler starting up,
  - A series of stack tests were conducted to obtain emission rates for this scenario.
  - Emission rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the stack test were obtained from Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems data during known start up times.
- **Shut Down Scenario:** representing typical operations with a boiler shutting down
  - A series of stack tests were conducted to obtain emission rates for this scenario.
  - Emission rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the stack test were obtained from Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems data during known shut down times.

## Methodology

The dispersion modelling methodology was based on the British Columbia Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy Air Quality Dispersion Modelling Guideline (BC MOE, 2015). A detailed modelling plan was submitted to Fraser Health Authority, Vancouver Coastal Health, and the British Columbia Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change Strategy for review before commencing the study. The air dispersion modelling study involved running a computer simulation that predicted worst-case concentrations of air contaminants in the neighbourhood surrounding the Facility.

The CALPUFF dispersion model was run to simulate the impacts of the Boilers over a 50 km by 50 km study area around the Facility for three full years using meteorological data and ambient background measurements for the calendar year 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Ambient concentrations of criteria air contaminants, metals and volatile organic compounds were predicted for the study area, including at sensitive receptors selected near the Facility.

Predicted concentrations were compared to Metro Vancouver ambient air quality objectives. Since there are no Metro Vancouver or British Columbia Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy air quality objectives for metals or volatile organic compounds, objectives from other jurisdictions (Ontario, Alberta, Texas and California) were considered.

## Results

Maximum predicted concentrations of criteria air contaminants for each of the four scenarios are summarized in Table E-1. Maximum predicted concentrations of metals and volatile organic compounds are summarized in Table E-2. The results are provided along with the applicable Ambient Air Quality Objectives and ambient background.

For all scenarios, pollutants with Metro Vancouver objectives are below their current respective Ambient Air Quality Objectives. Predicted 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations will exceed CAAQS objectives that are proposed in 2020 and 2025 for the Permit Scenario. However, the predicted concentrations for the Operational, Start Up and Shut Down scenarios show that these exceedances are not likely to occur from emissions of the facility alone under typical operating conditions on their own; when background is considered the facility may contribute to exceedances of the 2025 ambient 1-hour objective in typical operating conditions.

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For pollutants with no Metro Vancouver objective, there were no predicted exceedances of the objectives considered, except for hydrogen chloride and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Predicted 1-hour hydrogen chloride concentrations exceed the Alberta ambient air quality objectives (adopted from Texas) for the Permit Scenario. Predicted 24-hour and Annual polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon concentrations exceed the Ontario ambient air quality objectives. The model results indicate that there will be no exceedances of HCl and PAHs under normal operations, except for possibly a slight exceedance of the 24-hr Ontario ambient air quality criteria during shut down conditions.



Table E-1: Maximum predicted concentrations for Criteria Air Contaminants for all scenarios, over the study area

Air Contaminant	Averaging Period	Background (98th Percentile)	Permitted Model Concentrations	Permitted Model Concentrations	Operational Model Concentrations	Operational Model Concentrations	Start Up Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers	Start Up Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers + BG	Shut Down Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers	Shut Down Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers + BG	Ambient Objective	Jurisdiction of Objectives
		( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )		
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	24-hour	16.5	2.0	18.5	0.5	17.0	0.5	17.0	0.5	17.0	25	Metro Vancouver
	Annual	5.9	0.2	6.1	0.03	6.0	0.03	6.0	0.03	6.0	8 <sup>(1)</sup>	Metro Vancouver
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1-hour	607.0	104.7	711.7	52.9	659.9	59.7	666.7	125.1	732.1	30,000	B.C. Ambient Air Quality Objectives
	8-hour	559.7	19.3	579.0	9.9	569.6	11.3	571.0	23.9	583.6	10,000	B.C. Ambient Air Quality Objectives
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	1-hour	5.2	418.8	424.1	190.4	195.7	190.4	195.7	190.4	195.7	183	Metro Vancouver
	99 <sup>th</sup> percentile, 1h daily max; averaged over 3 years	5.2	154.9	160.1	53.4	58.7	53.4	58.7	53.4	58.7	183	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
	Annual	1.1	3.9	5.0	1.3	2.4	1.3	2.4	1.3	2.4	13	Metro Vancouver
Oxides of Nitrogen (NO <sub>x</sub> ) (Assumes 100% Conversion to NO <sub>2</sub> ; Background and Objectives for NO <sub>2</sub> )	1-hour	62.4	397.8	460.2	257.2	319.7	257.2	319.7	257.2	319.7	200, for NO <sub>2</sub>	Metro Vancouver
	98 <sup>th</sup> percentile, 1h daily max; averaged over 3 years	62.4	102.3	164.7	70.2	132.6	70.2	132.6	70.2	132.6	113, for NO <sub>2</sub>	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
	Annual	25.2	3.7	28.9	2.6	27.8	2.6	27.8	2.6	27.8	40, for NO <sub>2</sub>	Metro Vancouver
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) (Converted from NO <sub>x</sub> )	1-hour	62.4	102.4	164.8	91.8	154.2	125.2	187.6	123.7	186.2	200	Metro Vancouver
	98 <sup>th</sup> percentile, 1h daily max; averaged over 3 years	62.4	72.8	<b>135.3</b>	66.2	<b>128.7</b>	66.2	<b>128.7</b>	66.2	<b>128.7</b>	113	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
	Annual	25.2	3.7	28.9	2.6	27.8	2.6	27.8	2.6	27.8	40	Metro Vancouver

Notes: <sup>1</sup> there is also a planning annual objective goal of 6  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
Values that exceed the applicable objectives are shown in bold text



Table E-1: Maximum predicted concentrations for Metals and Volatile Organic Compounds for all scenarios, over the study area

Air Contaminant	Averaging Period	Background (98th Percentile)	Permitted Model Concentrations	Permitted Model Concentrations	Operational Model Concentrations	Operational Model Concentrations	Start Up Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers	Start Up Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers + BG	Shut Down Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers	Shut Down Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers + BG	Ambient Objective	Jurisdiction of Objectives
		( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )		
Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	1-hour	0	<b>115.2</b>	<b>115.2</b>	40.8	40.8	40.8	40.8	44.8	44.8	75	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	1-hour	0	2.1	2.1	0.03	0.03	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	4.9	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Total Dioxins and Furans (as PCDD/F TEQ)	24-hour	0	1.4E-08	1.4E-08	1.4E-12	1.4E-12	5.4E-10	5.4E-10	9.3E-11	9.3E-11	0.1 pg TEQ/m <sup>3</sup>	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Cadmium (Cd)	24-hour	3.7E-04	1.2E-03	1.6E-03	4.1E-05	4.1E-04	4.1E-05	4.1E-04	5.5E-05	4.2E-04	0.025	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual	7.3E-05	1.4E-04	2.1E-04	4.5E-06	7.7E-05	4.5E-06	7.7E-05	4.8E-06	7.8E-05	0.005	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Mercury (Hg)	24-hour	0	3.5E-03	3.5E-03	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Sum of Lead (Pb), Arsenic (As), Chromium (Cr)	1-hour	3.0E-02	1.3E-01	1.6E-01	7.4E-03	3.7E-02	7.4E-03	3.7E-02	7.4E-03	3.7E-02	1.5	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	24-hour	0	<b>8.7E-04</b>	<b>8.7E-04</b>	2.5E-07	2.5E-07	8.5E-06	8.5E-06	<b>5.1E-05</b>	<b>5.1E-05</b>	5.0E-05	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual	0	<b>9.8E-05</b>	<b>9.8E-05</b>	2.8E-08	2.8E-08	1.1E-07	1.1E-07	5.3E-07	5.3E-07	1.0E-05	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	24-hour	0	1.7E-04	1.7E-04	4.0E-10	4.0E-10	1.4E-09	1.4E-09	2.5E-09	2.5E-09	0.15	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual	0	2.0E-05	2.0E-05	4.4E-11	4.4E-11	5.5E-11	5.5E-11	6.7E-11	6.7E-11	0.035	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)

Notes: Values that exceed the applicable objectives are shown in bold text

A background value of zero (0) indicates no monitoring data available for that contaminant. In this case, a background value of zero (0) has been assumed for modelling purposes

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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Section 2.17 of the OC requires a Contaminant Dispersion Evaluation and Health Risk Assessment within 24 months from the issuance of the OC. The purpose of this report is to fulfill the site-specific contaminant dispersion evaluation component of this section. A companion report completed by Ollson Environmental Health Management fulfills the health risk assessment component.

Predicted ambient concentrations of criteria air contaminants (CACs), metals and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were assessed in this air quality study. The CACs of interest are: particulate matter with particle diameter of less than 2.5 µm (PM<sub>2.5</sub>, often referred to as respirable PM), carbon monoxide (CO), sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). The metals and VOCs of interest in this study are: hydrogen chloride (HCl), hydrogen fluoride (HF), total dioxins and furans, cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg), the sum of lead (Pb), arsenic (As) and chromium (Cr), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

Ambient concentrations and deposition rates were provided to Ollson Environmental Health Management in support of their health risk assessment. These results are not included in this report.

## 1.1 Project Operations, Emission Sources and Scenarios

The Facility is permitted to incinerate a maximum of 310,000 tonnes moist waste per year. The authorized discharge period is continuous. Emissions from the waste incineration are discharged through the Boiler Stack. The Boiler Stack location is shown in Figure 1-1.

Four operating scenarios were considered for this study: one representing maximum permitted operations; one representing typical operations; one representing typical operations with a boiler starting up; and one representing typical operations with a boiler shutting down. The full details outlining the methodology for each scenario are provided in the Methodology section. Below are brief summaries of each scenario:



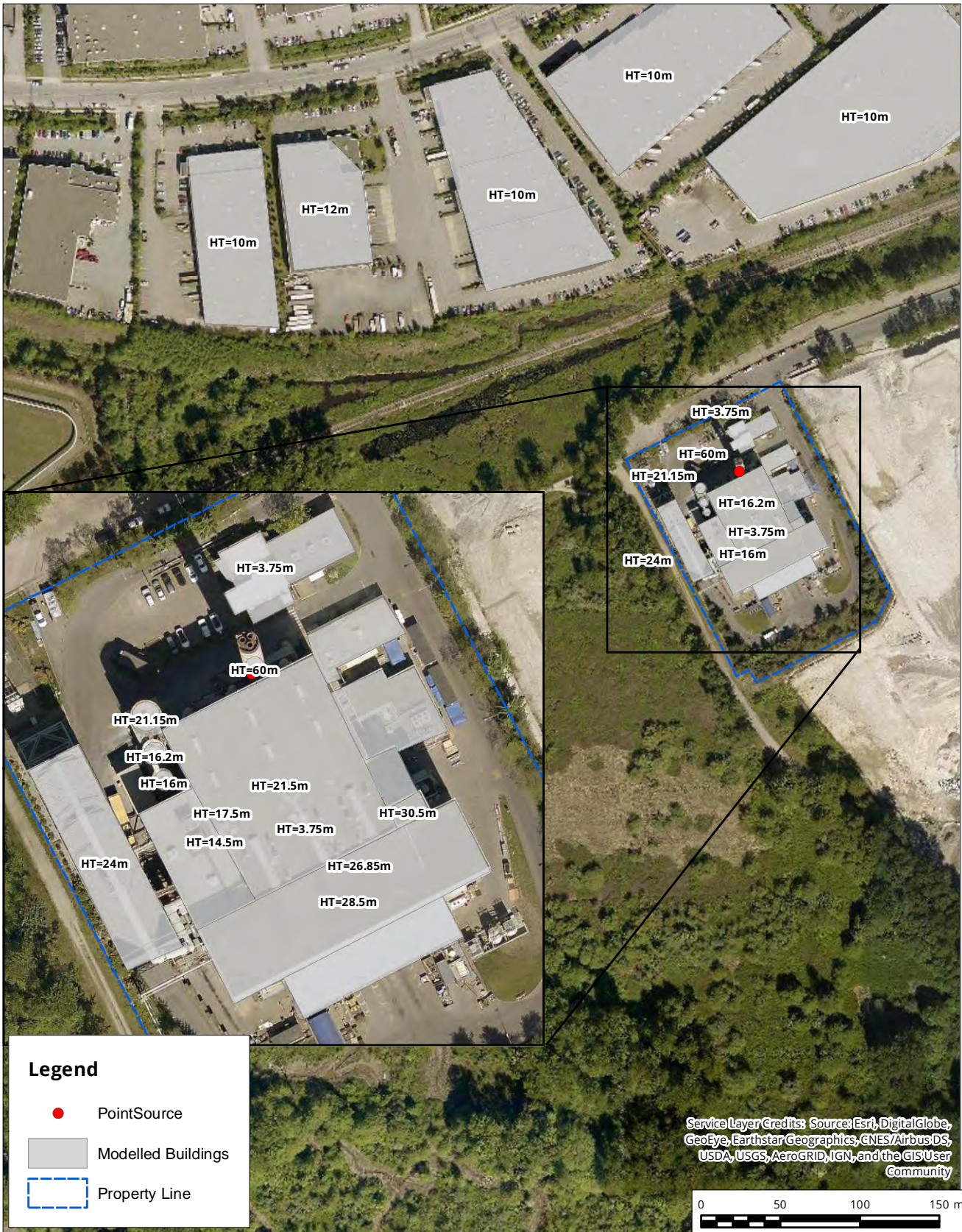
- **Permit Scenario:** Continuous emissions at the permit limits prescribed in the OC were considered in this scenario. No adjustments were made to the emissions for any of the averaging periods (e.g. the same emission rate was used for the 1-hour results as the annual results). As the facility does not emit at permitted limits, this scenario represents a conservative emissions scenario.
- **Operational Scenario:** Typical emissions from 2017 Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS) data were considered in this scenario. Emissions rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the CEMS monitoring were obtained from 2017 and 2016 stack test data. Even though this scenario is more realistic than the Permit Scenario, the Operations Scenario is still conservative because it included the Boilers as continuous sources.
- **Start Up Scenario:** This scenario considered emissions from one boiler starting up added to normal operation of the other two boilers as defined in the Operational Scenario. A series of stack tests of a boiler starting up were completed from November 28-30, 2017 (A. Lanfranco, 2017) to obtain emission rates for this scenario. Emission rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the stack test were obtained from CEMS data during known start up times.

The boiler starting up was modelled as a constant point source representing the maximum emissions measured during testing. Because a start up is a transient condition that in reality will always blend back into normal operations, model predictions from this scenario will always be greater than or equal to concentrations from the Operational Scenario.

- **Shut Down Scenario:** This scenario considered emissions from one boiler shutting down added to normal operation of the other two boilers as defined in the Operational Scenario. A series of stack tests of a boiler shutting down were completed from November 28-30, 2017 (A. Lanfranco, 2017) to obtain emission rates for this scenario. Emission rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the stack test were obtained from CEMS data during known shut down times.

The boiler shutting down was also modelled as a constant point source representing the maximum emissions measured during testing. Then, model results for this scenario were added to the Operational Scenario results.





**Legend**

- PointSource
- Modelled Buildings
- Property Line

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**Modelled Source and Buildings**

Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
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## 1.2 Contaminants and Ambient Air Quality Objectives

This study focuses on contaminants for which there are ambient air quality criteria. Ambient air quality objectives are developed by environment and health authorities. These objectives are based on scientific studies that consider the influence of the contaminant on such receptors as humans, wildlife, vegetation, as well as aesthetic qualities such as visibility. Since there are no MV or BC MECCS air quality objectives for metals or VOCs, objectives from other jurisdictions (Ontario, Alberta, Texas and California) were considered. All the ambient air quality objectives and the source jurisdiction that were considered in this study are listed in Table 1-1.

**Table 1-1: Ambient Air Quality Objectives**

Air Contaminant	Averaging Period	Metro Vancouver Objective ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Other Criteria <sup>1</sup>	Jurisdiction of Other Criteria
<b>Total Particulate Matter (TPM)</b>	24-hour		120 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	National Ambient Air Quality Objectives
	Annual		60 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	National Ambient Air Quality Objectives
<b>Particulate Matter Less than or Equal to 10 Microns (PM<sub>10</sub>)</b>	24-hour	50		
	Annual	20		
<b>Particulate Matter Less than or Equal to 2.5 Microns (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)</b>	24-hour	25		
	Annual	8		
<b>Carbon Monoxide (CO)</b>	1-hour	30,000	14,300 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	B.C. Ambient Air Quality Objectives
	8-hour	10,000	5,500 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	B.C. Ambient Air Quality Objectives
<b>Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)</b>	1-hour		75 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
<b>Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)</b>	1-hour		4.9 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
<b>Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	1-hour	183	196 (2020) * 170 (2025)	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
	Annual	13	10.5 (2020)	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)





Air Contaminant	Averaging Period	Metro Vancouver Objective (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Other Criteria <sup>1</sup>	Jurisdiction of Other Criteria
<b>Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) (Objective for NO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	1-hour	200	113 (2020) * 79 (2025)	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
	Annual	40	32 (2020) 23 (2025)	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
<b>Total Dioxins and Furans (as PCDD/F TEQ)</b>	24-hour		0.1 pg TEQ/m <sup>3</sup>	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
<b>Cadmium (Cd)</b>	24-hour		0.025 (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual		0.005 (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
<b>Mercury (Hg)</b>	24-hour		2 (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
<b>Sum of Lead (Pb), Arsenic (As), Chromium (Cr)</b>	1-hour		1.5 (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
<b>Chlorophenols</b>				(Assessed in PHRA)
<b>Chlorobenzenes</b>				(Assessed in PHRA)
<b>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)</b>	24-hour		0.00005 (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual		0.00001(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
<b>Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)</b>	24-hour		0.15(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual		0.035(µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup> If there are no Metro Vancouver objectives for the air contaminant to be modelled, then criteria from other jurisdictions (e.g., Alberta, Ontario, California or Texas) should be used to put predicted ambient contaminant concentrations in perspective. CAAQS objectives are based on annual 99<sup>th</sup> (for SO<sub>2</sub>) and 98<sup>th</sup> (for NO<sub>2</sub>) percentile of daily 1-hour maximum, averaged over three consecutive years.



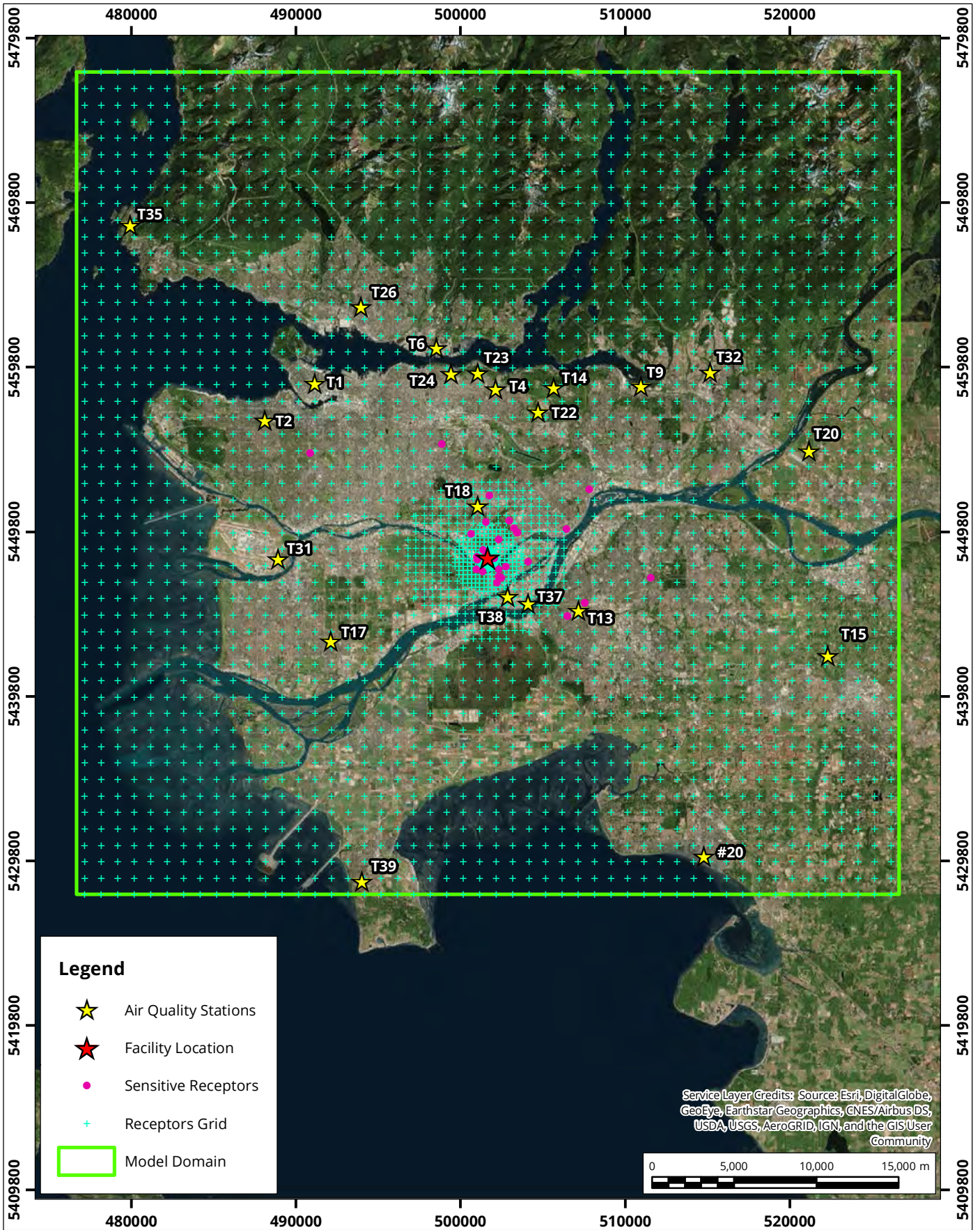
## 2 METHODOLOGY

The air dispersion modelling study was conducted using the CALMET-CALPUFF dispersion modelling suite (Version 7) which is the recommended model under the BC MECCS Air Quality Dispersion Modelling Guideline (BC modelling guideline) (BC MOE, 2015) for studies of this type. A detailed modelling plan was submitted to the appropriate health authorities and BC MECCS for review. The model plan is provided in Appendix A. Details about the modelling are presented in this section.






### 2.1 Spatial and Temporal Boundaries

The Facility is located on complex terrain and is within 0.5 km of the Fraser River. Due to the surrounding land use cover and terrain, complex flow needed to be considered for this air quality assessment. Modelling was performed on a 50 km by 50 km study area around the Facility, as illustrated in Figure 2-1. A zoomed in image of the surrounding area is illustrated in Figure 2-2. The study area is slight offset to the North and West (the facility is not in the exact middle). This was done to avoid including the United States in the study area, and to have more of the domain over the eastern Fraser Valley where populations reside and less over the open water to the west. The study area is sufficiently large to capture the isopleth of model predicted concentrations that represents 10% of the relevant ambient air quality objectives for the pollutants in question, as per the BC modelling guideline. Any potential air quality effects from the Boilers are expected to occur within this study area.

Three years of hourly meteorological data was used, from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. The meteorological data inputs to the model consists of observations made at several MV weather stations within or near the study area, and three-dimensional outputs from the BC MECCS province wide Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) mesoscale meteorological simulations that are recommended by the BC model guidelines for use in CALMET. The years 2013, 2014 and 2015 represent the three most recent full calendar years for which meteorological observations within the study area were complete and prognostic meteorological model output was available, at the time of the submission of the model plan to MV.



**Legend**

-  Air Quality Stations
-  Facility Location
-  Sensitive Receptors
-  Receptors Grid
-  Model Domain

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## Study area, receptors, and meteorological stations used for dispersion modelling

Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

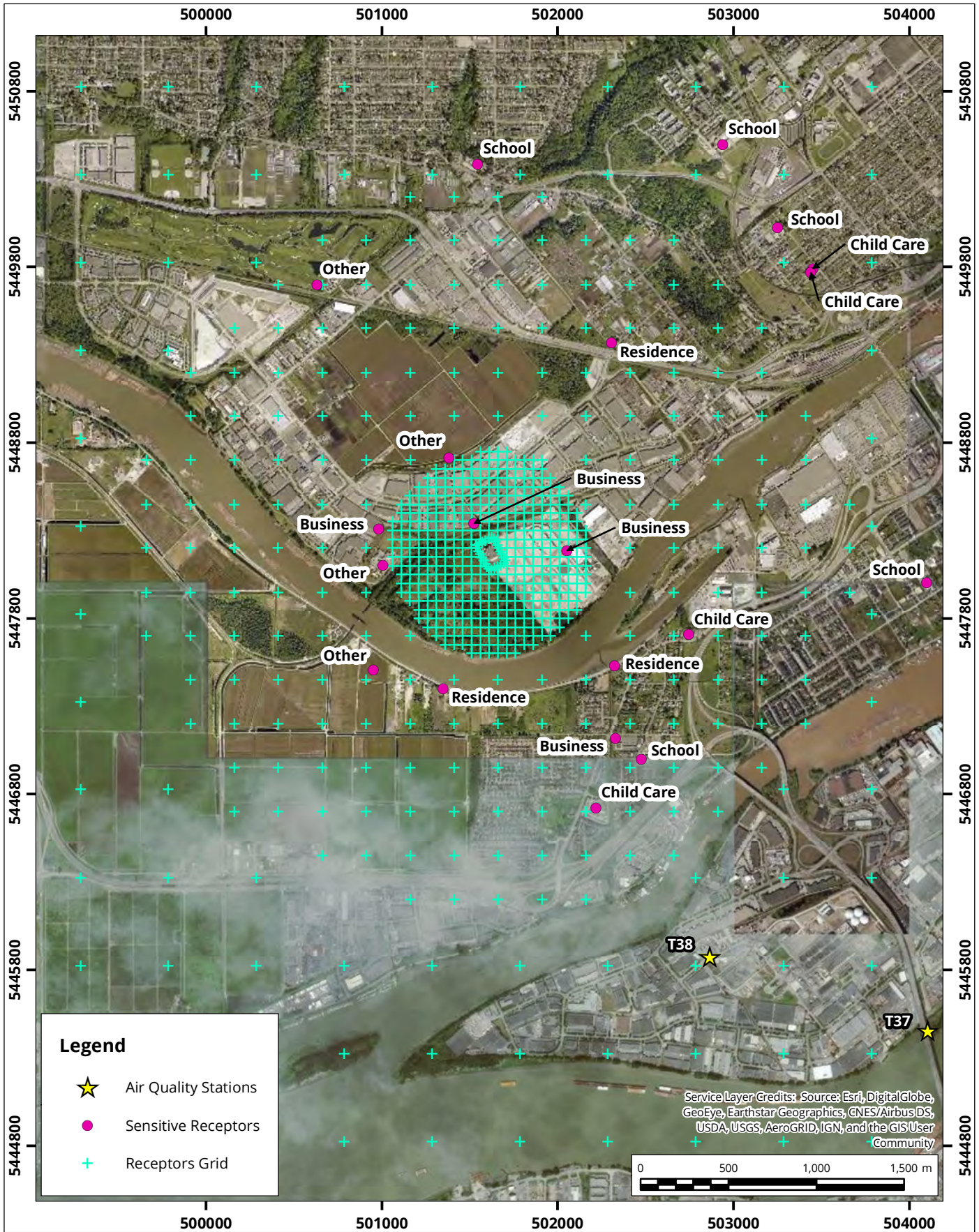


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## Receptors, and meteorological stations within 5 km of Facility used for dispersion modelling



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## 2.2 Emission Estimation

The three boilers are the emissions sources that must be assessed under the OC. Representative values from the operating certificate, stack tests, and CEMS data were used to model the Boiler Stack for the various scenarios. The methodology for each scenario is described in this section.

Four scenarios were considered for this study, one representing maximum permitted operations, one representing typical operations, one representing typical operations with a boiler starting up, and one representing typical operations with a boiler shutting down.

As no size fraction data were available, all particulate matter was assumed to be PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

The emission rates are summarized in Table 2-1.



**Table 2-1: Emission Rates for Each Scenario**

Pollutant	Emission Rate (g/s; per boiler)				Total Emission Rate (g/s; combined operations)			
	Permitted	Operational	Start Up	Shut Down	Permitted	Operational	Start Up	Shut Down
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	0.22	0.02	8.6E-03	1.4E-02	0.65	0.05	0.05	0.05
<b>Carbon Monoxide (CO)</b>	1.20	0.59	0.81	2.98	3.60	1.76	1.76	1.98
<b>Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)</b>	1.32	0.45	0.43	0.58	3.96	1.36	1.36	1.36
<b>Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)</b>	0.02	2.88E-04	1.1E-03	1.9E-04	0.07	8.65E-04	8.65E-04	1.68E-03
<b>Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	4.80	1.45	1.23	0.39	14.40	4.36	4.36	4.36
<b>Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>); (Background as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>))</b>	4.56	2.86	2.12	2.08	13.68	8.57	8.57	8.57
<b>Total Dioxins and Furans (as PCDD/F TEQ)</b>	1.9E-09	1.7E-13	1.8E-10	3.1E-11	5.8E-09	5.13E-13	1.80E-10	3.09E-11
<b>Cadmium (Cd)</b>	1.7E-04	4.9E-06	1.8E-06	9.4E-06	5.0E-04	1.47E-05	1.47E-05	1.92E-05
<b>Mercury (Hg)</b>	4.8E-04	3.3E-05	9.2E-06	1.1E-05	1.4E-03	9.77E-05	9.77E-05	9.77E-05
<b>Sum of Lead (Pb), Arsenic (As), Chromium (Cr)</b>	1.5E-03	8.2E-05	5.3E-05	5.1E-05	4.6E-03	2.45E-04	2.45E-04	2.45E-04
<b>Chlorophenols</b>	2.4E-05	1.9E-09	3.8E-06	1.9E-06	7.2E-05	5.82E-09	3.80E-06	1.95E-06
<b>Chlorobenzenes</b>	2.4E-05	1.7E-07	2.9E-05	3.9E-05	7.2E-05	4.97E-07	2.95E-05	3.98E-05
<b>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)</b>	1.2E-04	3.1E-08	2.8E-06	1.7E-05	3.6E-04	9.20E-08	2.83E-06	1.67E-05
<b>Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)</b>	2.4E-05	4.8E-11	3.7E-10	7.5E-10	7.2E-05	1.45E-10	4.63E-10	8.45E-10

Note: The emission rates for the Start Up and Shut Down scenarios only show the emissions for the boiler that is starting up or shutting down. To represent typical operations, concentrations from the Operations Scenario modelling were added to the Start Up and Shut Down scenarios.





## 2.2.1 Permit Scenario

The current limits enforced in the OC were considered in this scenario. A Discharge Limit that was in effect as of December 31, 2017 was used, otherwise the Interim Discharge Limit was used. These limits and the maximum combined flow rate in the OC (72 m<sup>3</sup>/s) was evenly distributed among the three Boilers. The Boilers were modelled as point sources with constant emission rates.

No adjustments were made to the emissions for any of the averaging periods (e.g. the same emission rate was used for the 1-hour results as the annual results). As the facility does not emit at full capacity, this scenario represents a conservative emissions scenario.

## 2.2.2 Operations Scenario

Typical emissions from 2017 Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS) data were considered in this scenario. The hourly emission rate for CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>x</sub> was calculated for each Boiler using hourly CEMS data for the pollutant. The hourly rate for each contaminant was summed together to obtain the total emissions from the Boiler Stack. The median emission rate value was selected to model typical conditions.

Emissions rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the CEMS monitoring were obtained from the last five stack tests (May 9-12, 2016; February 6-9, 2017; August 14-18, 2017; August 23-25, 2017; and November 14-16, 2017; all conducted by A. Lanfranco & Associates Inc.). Most detailed VOCs required for the health risk assessment were only available in the August 23-25, 2017 stack test report. The average of the total emission rates from these stack tests was used. If a pollutant of interest was not detected in a stack test, the detection limit was used in lieu of other data. Even though this scenario is more realistic than the Permit Scenario, the Operations Scenario is still conservative because it included the Boilers as continuous sources.

## 2.2.3 Start Up Scenario and Shut Down Scenario

These scenarios considered typical emissions during periods when one of the boilers was either starting up or shutting down. A series of stack tests were conducted on November 28-30, 2017 (A. Lanfranco, 2017) to obtain emission rates for start up and shut down scenarios. Emission rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the stack test were obtained from CEMS data during known start up times. The data were obtained from the Start Up / Shut Down Test Report written by HDR (HDR, 2018).

A boiler starting up/shutting down was modelled as a constant point source representing the maximum emission rate measured during start up or shut down. Model results for both start up and shut down were added to the Operational Scenario results for the other two boilers.



For averaging periods less than annual, the modelled concentration for a boiler starting up/shutting down was added to the results for two Boilers in the Operational Scenario. This is to represent the situation where two boilers are operating under typical conditions while one boiler is starting up/shutting down. As the start up or shut down situation will always merge back into normal operations, predicted concentrations for short term averages over the course of a year (i.e. the annual maximum one-hour predicted concentration) for these scenarios will be always be greater than or equal to predicted concentrations from the Operational Scenario. That is, the effect of considering start up or shut down can only increase potential short-term concentrations compared to the Operations Scenario alone.

For the annual averaging period, the annual duration of start ups and shut downs was added to the Operational Scenario results: 164 shut downs and start ups were counted in 2017 (Gregory H. Gesell, personal communication, March 12, 2018). Based on typical durations, a conservative value of five hours was assumed for each period, resulting in a maximum of  $5 * 164 = 820$  hours of annual start up and shut down. The annual average obtained from the constant start up or shut down emissions was prorated according to this number of hours versus the number of hours in a year (i.e. a factor of  $820/8760$ ) and added to the annual average previously determined for the Operational Scenario.

Normal operation of the other two boilers is defined in the Operational Scenario.

## 2.3 Dispersion Modelling

Dispersion modelling was conducted for each of the four emission scenarios described above. Predicted concentrations were compared to ambient air quality objectives, which are listed in Table 1-1. The dispersion modelling methodology is based on the BC modelling guideline. A detailed modelling plan was submitted to the Fraser Health Authority, Vancouver Coastal Health, and BC MECCS for review before commencing the study. The model plan is provided in Appendix A.

Topography around the Facility is spatially varied, resulting in complex wind flow patterns. Therefore, a refined dispersion model, capable of simulating complex wind flow patterns was selected. Specifically, the CALPUFF model in full three-dimensional CALMET mode (Earth Tech 2000a, 2000b). This model is accepted for regulatory use by MV, the BC MECCS and US EPA, among other jurisdictions. CALMET is a meteorological pre-processor that develops hourly three-dimensional meteorological fields of wind and temperature used to drive pollutant transport and dispersion within CALPUFF. CALPUFF is a multi-layer, multi-species, non-steady-state puff dispersion model. It simulates the influences of time- and space-varying meteorological conditions on pollutant transport, transformation and deposition. CALPUFF was used to predict ambient concentrations for the pollutants of interest in this study. CALPUFF was also used to predict deposition rates for the health risk assessment.

Two separate runs of CALPUFF were carried out. For ambient concentration results, dry deposition and wet deposition were disabled for all pollutants to be more conservative. For deposition rate results (provided for the health risk assessment), dry deposition and wet deposition were enabled for all pollutants.



## 2.3.1 CALMET

A 50 km x 50 km model domain approximately centred on the Facility will was used for CALMET and CALPUFF. Grid cells were spaced at 250 m.

CALMET (version 6.5.0) is the meteorological pre-processor for the CALPUFF model. Dispersion modelling was conducted using the full 3-D CALMET mode because it has the ability to assimilate observations at multiple meteorological stations, as well as prognostic meteorological model output (WRF), and to simulate the changes in mixing height and boundary layer mechanics that result from the variable land cover characterization and terrain in the air quality dispersion modelling study area. The following is a summary of CALMET model inputs. More detailed information is provided in Appendix B.

### 2.3.1.1 Model Period

CALMET was run for a three-year period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. This represents the most recent three years for which the BC MECCS province WRF data which are required for use in the model study were available, at the time of the submission of the model plan to MV.

### 2.3.1.2 Model Domain

The CALMET model domain, shown in Figure 2-1, was chosen to be a 50 km by 50 km area and allowing for several kilometres of buffer on all sides to avoid edge effects influencing dispersion at the boundaries. Horizontal domain resolution was set at 250 m. In the vertical direction, 10 layers were chosen, with the top of the layers set as 20, 40, 80, 160, 300, 600, 1000, 1500, 2200 and 3000 m above ground level.

The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates of the domain vertices are given in Table 2-2.

**Table 2-2: UTM Coordinates of CALPUFF Model Domain**

Domain Vertex	UTM Easting (km)	UTM Northing (km)
Southwest	476.654	5427.754
Northwest	476.654	5477.754
Southeast	526.654	5427.754
Northeast	526.654	5477.754

**Note:** All coordinates are for North American datum 83 grid zone 10

### 2.3.1.3 Prognostic Meteorology

CALMET was initialized for the three-year model period using the WRF model. The WRF model is a mesoscale, numerical, weather prediction system designed to serve both atmospheric research and operational forecasting needs. It represents the latest numerical weather forecasting model to be adopted by the United States National



Weather Service and by the United States military and private meteorological services. The BC MECCS WRF dataset for 2013, 2014 and 2015, with a 4-km configuration covering a 100 km by 100 km area over Vancouver and southwestern B.C., was obtained from Exponent Inc.

*2.3.1.4 Surface Meteorology*

Surface meteorological data collected from the MV network were used in the CALMET model, as well as data from the Environment Canada station at the Vancouver Airport (YVR) and Abbotsford Airport (YXX). A total of 20 surface stations were used in the CALMET model as presented in Table 2-3. The locations of the surface meteorological stations are shown in Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2.

**Table 2-3: Surface Meteorological Data Stations**

Station ID	Location (lat/long or indicate on map)	Data Source MOE, MV, MSC, Site Specific, other (specify) <sup>1</sup>	Parameter(s) <sup>2</sup>	Years	% of Wind Speeds = calm <sup>3</sup>	Anemometer Height (m) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Vancouver Airport</b>	49.19° N 123.18° W	MSC	Temperature, Relative humidity, Pressure, Precipitation, Cloud cover	2013, 2014, 2015	-	-
<b>Abbotsford Airport</b>	49.03° N 122.36° W	MSC	Relative humidity, Pressure, Precipitation, Cloud cover	2013, 2014, 2015	-	-
<b>Vancouver Airport (MV Station Richmond-Airport; T31)</b>	49.1863° N 123.1524° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0%	10.3
<b>Abbotsford Airport (T45)</b>	49.0215° N 122.3265° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.43%	12.1
<b>Burnaby South (T18)</b>	49.2152° N 122.9857° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.01%	19.9



Station ID	Location (lat/long or indicate on map)	Data Source MOE, MV, MSC, Site Specific, other (specify) <sup>1</sup>	Parameter(s) <sup>2</sup>	Years	% of Wind Speeds = calm <sup>3</sup>	Anemometer Height (m) <sup>4</sup>
<b>North Delta (T13)</b>	49.1583° N 122.9017° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.08%	18.3
<b>Annacis Island (T38)</b>	49.1675° N 122.9607° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.22%	10.0
<b>Vancouver – Kitsilano (T2)</b>	49.2617° N 123.1635° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	1.16%	12.5
<b>Burnaby Kensington (T4)</b>	49.2792° N 122.9707° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity	2013, 2014, 2015	0.04%	13.5
<b>North Vancouver Second Narrow (T6)</b>	49.3015° N 123.0204° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction	2013, 2014, 2015	0.01%	11.9
<b>Port Moody (T9)</b>	49.2809° N 122.8493° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	2.47%	12.8
<b>Burnaby Mountain (T14)</b>	49.2798° N 122.9223° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.01%	29.8
<b>Surrey East (T15)</b>	49.1329° N 122.6942° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.10%	16.9
<b>Richmond South (T17)</b>	49.1414° N 122.1082° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.13%	12.5





Station ID	Location (lat/long or indicate on map)	Data Source MOE, MV, MSC, Site Specific, other (specify) <sup>1</sup>	Parameter(s) <sup>2</sup>	Years	% of Wind Speeds = calm <sup>3</sup>	Anemometer Height (m) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Pitt Meadows (T20)</b>	49.2452° N 122.7089° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.90%	10.1
<b>Burnaby Burmount (T22)</b>	49.2667° N 122.9355° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature	2013, 2014, 2015	0.38%	10.0
<b>Burnaby Capitol Hill (T23)</b>	49.2879° N 122.9856° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature	2013, 2014, 2015	0.17%	10.0
<b>Burnaby North (T24)</b>	49.2875° N 123.0080° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.10%	10.0
<b>N. Vancouver Mahon Park South (T26)</b>	49.3240° N 123.0835° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.21%	14.2
<b>Coquitlam (T32)</b>	49.2883° N 122.7916° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	0.06%	24.0

**Note:** Measured wind speeds less than 1.1 km/h at the Metro Vancouver stations were set as calms in the CALMET model to account for the anemometer stall speed, as recommended by Metro Vancouver for previous projects

### *2.3.1.5 Terrain Elevation and Land Cover Characterization*

The terrain elevation characterization information used as input into the CALMET model was obtained from GeoBase, 1:50,000 Scale Canadian Digital Elevation Data (Natural Resources Canada, 2007). The land cover characterization information used as input into CALMET was obtained from baseline thematic mapping for BC (BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, 2015). This land use was further updated based on comments from MV, and visually assessing satellite imagery. The terrain elevation and land use information for the study area used as input into the CALMET model are illustrated in Figure B.1, Appendix B.

### *2.3.1.6 Geophysical Parameters*

The CALMET model requires gridded geophysical parameters including surface roughness length, albedo, Bowen ratio, soil heat flux, vegetation leaf area index, and anthropogenic heat flux. To more accurately represent the seasonally dependent geophysical parameters in the CALMET model, five seasons were specified:

- Season 1: Mid-summer with lush vegetation (June to August)
- Season 2: Autumn with cropland that has not yet been harvested (September and October)
- Season 3: Winter with freezing temperatures, no snow on ground (November to March)
- Season 4: Winter with sub-freezing temperatures, snow cover on ground (Not Used)
- Season 5: Transitional spring with partially green short annuals (April and May)

All geophysical parameters were defined by land cover characterization type and seasonal category based on the BC modelling guideline.

### *2.3.1.7 Model Options and User Switches*

The CALMET diagnostic model options were chosen in accordance with the BC modelling guideline and other CALMET studies performed with similar meteorological data. Features of note include:

- The model was initialized using WRF prognostic meteorological model output at 4 km resolution.
- Surface observations were extrapolated upward. This was done using the option to invoke Monin-Obukhov similarity theory to more accurately represent winds at lower levels above surface in areas of complex terrain.
- Upper air temperature and winds, cloud cover, relative humidity and precipitation and overwater conditions were based on WRF modelling output.

A list of the CALMET model options used is provided in Appendix B.

## 2.3.2 CALPUFF

The CALMET output (three years of hourly three-dimensional meteorological fields) was used as input to the CALPUFF dispersion model (version 7.2.1). CALPUFF was run over the full CALMET domain (50 km by 50 km study area).

### 2.3.2.1 *Receptor Locations*

In the CALPUFF model, a discrete set of receptor points are specified at which pollutant concentrations are predicted. A Cartesian nested grid of receptors was defined within the study area, as per the BC modelling guideline. All receptors were modelled at a flagpole height of 1.5 metres above ground for ambient concentrations and at ground level (0 metres above ground) for deposition rates (used in the health risk assessment). Receptor spacing for the Cartesian grid is as follows:

- 20-m spacing along the Facility property line;
- 50-m spacing within 500 m of the Facility;
- 250-m spacing within 2 km of the Facility and over all residential areas within the model domain;
- 500-m spacing within 5 km of the Facility; and
- 1,000-m spacing for the remainder of the study area.

In addition to the nested grid, 29 nearby locations were defined as sensitive receptors. These sensitive receptors include schools, child care facilities, senior care facilities and health care facilities. The sensitive receptor locations are shown in Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2.

Terrain elevations for all receptors included as input to the CALPUFF model were extracted from 1:50,000 scale Canadian Digital Elevation Data obtained from GeoGratis, as was also used for the geophysical data in CALMET.

### 2.3.2.2 *Technical Dispersion Options*

All technical options relating to the CALPUFF dispersion model were set according to the BC modelling guideline or to model defaults. These include parameters and options such as the calculation of plume dispersion coefficients, the plume path coefficients used for terrain adjustments, and building downwash methodology. A list of the technical options is included in Appendix B.

### 2.3.2.3 *Particle Size and Deposition Parameters*

For PM related species (i.e. PM and components thereof) the particle size distributions recommended by the BC modelling guidelines were used.

A unit emission rate was modelled for VOC deposition. VOC deposition parameters followed the same approach outlined in the Air Quality Assessment conducted for the waste thermal treatment facility in Clarington, Ontario (Jacques Whitford, 2009). A deposition velocity of 0.5 cm/s was used, and the liquid scavenging rate was obtained from the ISC User's Guide (EPA, 1995)



For deposition results, deposition rates for metals were pro-rated from PM results and deposition rates for VOCs were pro-rated from the generic VOC pollutant.

*2.3.2.4 Point Source Parameters*

Since all scenarios assumed emissions were evenly distributed among the Boilers, the Boiler Stack was modelled as a single point source in CALPUFF. There are three openings in the Boiler Stack – one associated with each boiler. Constant, unit emission rates were modelled then concentrations pro-rated for each respective emission rate (i.e. a third of the emission rates were modelled from the stack, then the predicted concentration was multiplied by three to obtain the resultant concentration). The only exception is for pollutants involved in secondary particulate matter chemistry (NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) – the actual emissions rate was modelled for these pollutants to properly account for PM formation.

Stack parameters for each boiler including stack height, stack diameter, and exit velocity are summarized for each scenario in Table 2-4. Exit temperatures were determined from the start up and shut down stack tests, then the most conservative value was used for the remaining scenarios. Stack height and diameter were provided by Metro Vancouver. Stack exit velocities were calculated based on the flow rates, which were taken from the OC for the Permit Scenario, CEMS data for the Operational Scenario, and the start up and shut down stack tests for the remaining scenarios. The source location was determined from satellite imagery, and is shown in Figure 1-1.

**Table 2-4: Point source stack parameters applied to each of the three emission sources in the Boiler Stack, for each scenario**

Model Scenario	Permitted	Operational	Start Up	Shut Down
Stack Height (m)	60.0			
Stack Diameter (m)	1.25			
Exit Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /s; per boiler)	24.0	20.5	18.3	18.7
Exit Velocity (m/s; per boiler)	19.6	16.7	14.9	15.3
Exit Temperature (°C)	147.0	147.0	151.0	147.0
Number of Point Sources Coming from Boiler Stack	3 operating at full, permitted capacity	3 operating at typical capacity	3: 2 operating at typical capacity, and 1 starting up	3: 2 operating at typical capacity, and 1 shutting down

*2.3.2.5 Building Effects*

Buildings located close to stacks may influence the dispersion of emissions. The effect of large buildings and structures that are part of the Facility on the modelled point sources was incorporated using the Building Profile Input Program Plume Rise Model Enhancement (BPIP-PRIME) algorithm. The algorithm explicitly treats the

trajectory of the plume near the building, and uses the position of the plume relative to the building to calculate interactions with the building wake. On-site building heights were estimated from site plan drawings and Google Earth. Off-site building heights were obtained from Google Earth. The buildings included in the model are shown in Figure 1-1.

## 2.3.1 Post-Processing of Model Results

Hourly flagpole-level concentrations were predicted for each emissions scenario run at each receptor. Post-processing of hourly model results was conducted to determine required results for comparison with ambient air quality objectives over various averaging periods.

### 2.3.1.1 *Derived Total Modelled Concentrations and Deposition*

To account for total PM (primary PM + secondary PM formed in chemistry), the POSTUTIL post-processor was used to combine the PM sub-species. The POSTUTIL post-processor was also used to add wet and dry deposition rates together. The CALPOST post-processors was then used to extract required metrics from the resulting binary files.

The maximum results from each of the scenarios were selected for each contaminant, averaging period and receptor.

### 2.3.1.2 *Representative Background Concentrations*

The BC modelling guideline requires that representative background concentrations be added to concentrations predicted by dispersion modelling to account for other emission sources in the study area.

As per the BC modelling guideline, the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile of historical hourly monitoring data is to be added to maximum predicted concentrations for short term averaging periods in a Level 3 assessment, such as this one. This methodology is very conservative as it assumes that the maximum predicted concentration and the background concentration would occur at the same time even though, by definition, concentrations equal to or greater than the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile occur only 2% of the time and the maximum predicted concentration, by definition, would occur once during the modelled period. The annual mean calculated from all hourly data is to be used for annual average cumulative predictions.

For this study, background concentrations for the criteria air contaminants (CACs; PM, CO, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>) were based on four years (2014 to 2017) of hourly ambient air quality observations from the MV Burnaby South station (also referred to as "T18"; Reid, personal communication 2018). The 98<sup>th</sup> percentile of the entire monitoring period was calculated for each short-term background concentration. The average value of the entire monitoring period was calculated for each annual background concentration. Rolling averages were used to calculate background for the 8-hour and 24-hour averaging periods, and they were only used if the data were more than 75% complete (e.g. 24-hour periods with less than 18 hours of data were not included).



Where available measurements of VOCs and metals were also obtained from the MV Burnaby South station. Data were obtained from the National Air Pollution Surveillance (NAPS) website for two years (2015 and 2016) (EC, 2018). NAPS data are obtained at a sampling period of 24-hours, every six days. The 24-hour background values were converted for the 1-hour averaging period using scaling factors from the US EPA AERSCREEN model (AERSCREEN User's Guide, 2015). For each contaminant, the average of all 24-hour values were used as background values for the annual period. Background concentrations used for all contaminants and relevant averaging periods are presented in Table 2-5. No background was considered for any VOCs due to the lack of available measurement data.

**Table 2-5: Representative background concentrations**

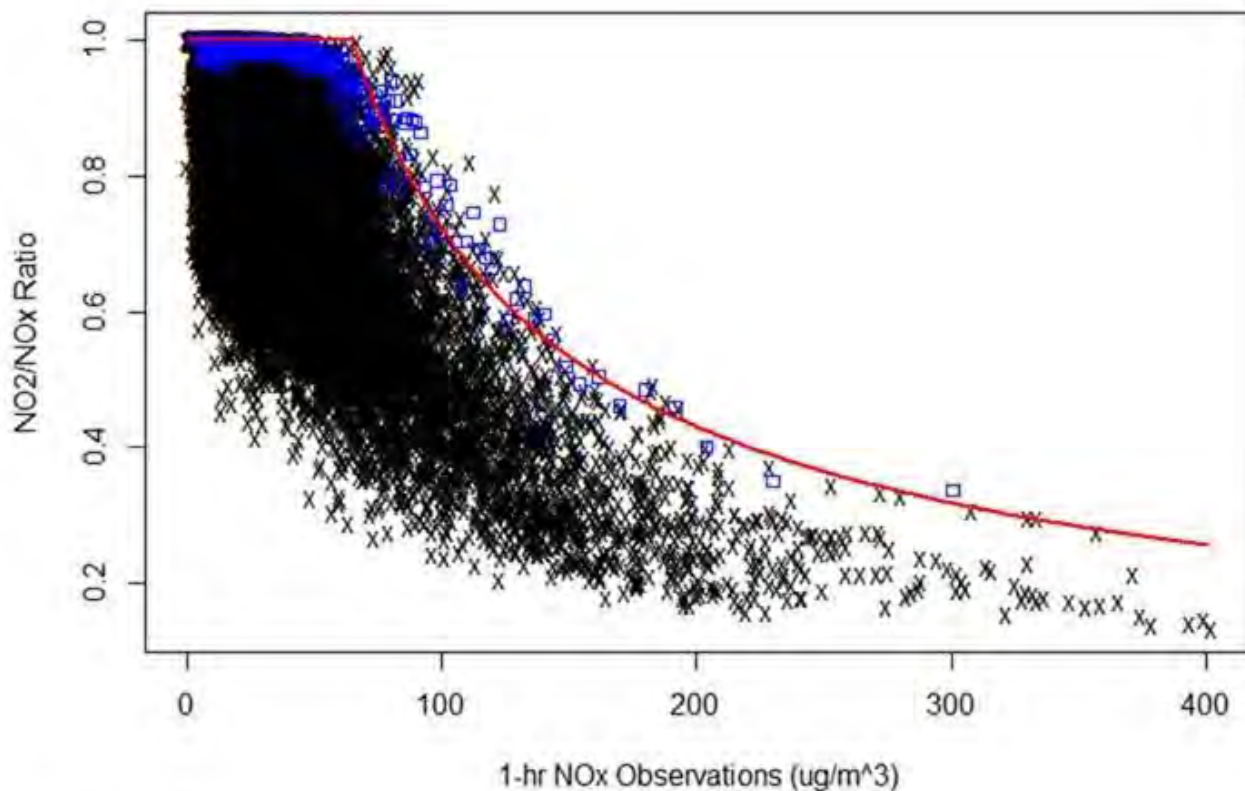
<b>Air Contaminant</b>	<b>Averaging Period</b>	<b>Background (98<sup>th</sup> Percentile)</b>
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	24-hour	16.5
	Annual	5.9
<b>Carbon Monoxide (CO)</b>	1-hour	607
	8-hour	560
<b>Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	1-hour	5.2
	Annual	1.1
<b>Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	1-hour	62.4
	Annual	25.2
<b>Cadmium (Cd)</b>	1-hour	9.2E-04
	24-hour	3.7E-04
	Annual	7.3E-05
<b>Sum of Lead (Pb), Arsenic (As), Chromium (Cr)</b>	1-hour	3.0E-02

*2.3.1.1 NO<sub>x</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub> Conversion*

Emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> from the Boilers are comprised of NO and NO<sub>2</sub>. The primary emission is in the form of NO with reactions in the atmosphere resulting in the conversion of NO to NO<sub>2</sub>. In order to use the RIVAD/ISORROPIA chemical reaction scheme, individual emissions of NO and NO<sub>2</sub> are required. For this assessment, it was assumed that 90% of the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions would be in the form of NO, and 10% would be in the form of NO<sub>2</sub>.

According to the BC modelling guideline (BC MOE 2008), the first and most conservative method of estimating NO<sub>2</sub> is to assume 100% conversion of NO<sub>x</sub> into NO<sub>2</sub>. If a more accurate estimate is desired, the ambient ratio method or the ozone limiting method may be used. The ambient ratio method is recommended in areas where representative NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> ambient monitoring data are available. For this assessment, NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were estimated using the ambient ratio method, based on the representative background concentrations.

The ratio of hourly NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> versus total NO<sub>x</sub>, based on ambient monitoring data from T18 is plotted in Figure 2-3. An exponential curve was fitted to the upper-envelope of the scatter plots, as shown in the figure. The maximum NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> ratio was set to 1 and a minimum NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> ratio was set to 0.1, as per the BC modelling guideline (BC MOE 2015).



- [1] "A = 22.775715"
- [1] "B = 0.748882"
- [1] "Min.NOx.Limit = 64.962900"
- [1] "Max.NOx.Limit = 1406.014238"

Where  $\frac{NO_2}{NO_x} = A \times NO_x^{-B}$

Figure 2-3 ratio of hourly NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> versus total NO<sub>x</sub>, based on ambient monitoring data from T18

### 3 DISPERSION MODELLING RESULTS

This section describes predictions of model concentrations in the study area, and comparisons to applicable ambient air quality objectives. Maximum predicted concentrations of the CACs for all scenarios, including ambient background, are presented in Table 3-1. Maximum predicted concentrations of the metals and VOCs for all scenarios, including ambient background, are presented in Table 3-2. As the Permit Scenario is the worst-case



scenario for all pollutants, except for CO, predicted concentration contours are only shown for the Permit Scenario. These concentration contours are provided in Appendix C. Predicted CO concentrations were higher in the Operations Scenario, although the predicted concentrations are well below the respective objectives. Predicted values that exceed the applicable ambient air quality objectives are highlighted in bold in both tables.

As demonstrated in the contour plots the highest concentrations are localized effects very close to the Facility.

For all scenarios, pollutants with MV objectives are below their current respective AAQOs. Predicted 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations will exceed the 2020 CAAQS objective of 113 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and the 2025 CAAQS objective of 79 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for the Permit Scenario. However, the predicted concentrations for the Operational Scenario show that these exceedances are not likely to occur from emissions of the Facility alone under typical operating conditions on their own; when background is considered the Facility may contribute to exceedances of the 2025 CAAQS ambient 1-hour objective in typical operating conditions.

For pollutants with no MV objective, there were no predicted exceedances of the objectives considered, except for HCl and PAHs. Predicted 1-hour HCl concentrations exceed the Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas) for the Permit Scenario. Predicted 24-hour and Annual PAHs concentrations exceed the Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect) for the Permit Scenario also. Exceedances of HCl and PAHs are not likely to occur under typical operations, as demonstrated by the results for the Operational, Start Up, and Shut Down scenarios.





Table 3-1: Maximum predicted concentrations for CACs for all scenarios, over the study area

Air Contaminant	Averaging Period	Background (98th Percentile)	Permitted Model Concentrations	Permitted Model Concentrations	Operational Model Concentrations	Operational Model Concentrations	Start Up Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers	Start Up Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers + BG	Shut Down Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers	Shut Down Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers + BG	Ambient Objective	Jurisdiction of Objectives
		( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )		
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	24-hour	16.5	2.0	18.5	0.5	17.0	0.5	17.0	0.5	17.0	25	Metro Vancouver
	Annual	5.9	0.2	6.1	0.03	6.0	0.03	6.0	0.03	6.0	8 <sup>1)</sup>	Metro Vancouver
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1-hour	607.0	104.7	711.7	52.9	659.9	59.7	666.7	125.1	732.1	30,000	B.C. Ambient Air Quality Objectives
	8-hour	559.7	19.3	579.0	9.9	569.6	11.3	571.0	23.9	583.6	10,000	B.C. Ambient Air Quality Objectives
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	1-hour	5.2	418.8	424.1	190.4	195.7	190.4	195.7	190.4	195.7	183	Metro Vancouver
	99 <sup>th</sup> percentile, 1h daily max; averaged over 3 years	5.2	154.9	160.1	53.4	58.7	53.4	58.7	53.4	58.7	183	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
	Annual	1.1	3.9	5.0	1.3	2.4	1.3	2.4	1.3	2.4	13	Metro Vancouver
Oxides of Nitrogen (NO <sub>x</sub> ) (Assumes 100% Conversion to NO <sub>2</sub> ; Background and Objectives for NO <sub>2</sub> )	1-hour	62.4	397.8	460.2	257.2	319.7	257.2	319.7	257.2	319.7	200, for NO <sub>2</sub>	Metro Vancouver
	98 <sup>th</sup> percentile, 1h daily max; averaged over 3 years	62.4	102.3	164.7	70.2	132.6	70.2	132.6	70.2	132.6	113, for NO <sub>2</sub>	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
	Annual	25.2	3.7	28.9	2.6	27.8	2.6	27.8	2.6	27.8	40, for NO <sub>2</sub>	Metro Vancouver
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) (Converted from NO <sub>x</sub> )	1-hour	62.4	102.4	164.8	91.8	154.2	125.2	187.6	123.7	186.2	200	Metro Vancouver
	98 <sup>th</sup> percentile, 1h daily max; averaged over 3 years	62.4	72.8	<b>135.3</b>	66.2	<b>128.7</b>	66.2	<b>128.7</b>	66.2	<b>128.7</b>	113	Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS)
	Annual	25.2	3.7	28.9	2.6	27.8	2.6	27.8	2.6	27.8	40	Metro Vancouver

Notes: Values that exceed the applicable objectives are shown in bold text

<sup>1</sup> there is also a planning annual objective goal of 6  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Table 3-2: Maximum predicted concentrations for Metals and VOCs for all scenarios, over the study area

Air Contaminant	Averaging Period	Background (98th Percentile)	Permitted Model Concentrations	Permitted Model Concentrations	Operational Model Concentrations	Operational Model Concentrations	Start Up Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers	Start Up Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers + BG	Shut Down Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers	Shut Down Boiler Model Concentrations + other 2 boilers + BG	Ambient Objective	Jurisdiction of Objectives
		( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (no background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	MPOI (with background; $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )		
Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	1-hour	0	<b>115.2</b>	<b>115.2</b>	40.8	40.8	40.8	40.8	44.8	44.8	75	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	1-hour	0	2.1	2.1	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	4.9	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Total Dioxins and Furans (as PCDD/F TEQ)	24-hour	0	1.4E-08	1.4E-08	1.4E-12	1.4E-12	5.4E-10	5.4E-10	9.3E-11	9.3E-11	0.1 pg TEQ/m <sup>3</sup>	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Cadmium (Cd)	24-hour	3.7E-04	1.2E-03	1.6E-03	4.1E-05	4.1E-04	4.1E-05	4.1E-04	5.5E-05	4.2E-04	0.025	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual	7.3E-05	1.4E-04	2.1E-04	4.5E-06	7.7E-05	4.5E-06	7.7E-05	4.8E-06	7.8E-05	0.005	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Mercury (Hg)	24-hour	0	3.5E-03	3.5E-03	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2.7E-04	2	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Sum of Lead (Pb), Arsenic (As), Chromium (Cr)	1-hour	3.0E-02	1.3E-01	1.6E-01	7.4E-03	3.7E-02	7.4E-03	3.7E-02	7.4E-03	3.7E-02	1.5	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	24-hour	0	<b>8.7E-04</b>	<b>8.7E-04</b>	2.5E-07	2.5E-07	8.5E-06	8.5E-06	<b>5.1E-05</b>	<b>5.1E-05</b>	5.0E-05	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual	0	<b>9.8E-05</b>	<b>9.8E-05</b>	2.8E-08	2.8E-08	1.1E-07	1.1E-07	5.3E-07	5.3E-07	1.0E-05	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	24-hour	0	1.7E-04	1.7E-04	4.0E-10	4.0E-10	1.4E-09	1.4E-09	2.5E-09	2.5E-09	0.15	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual	0	2.0E-05	2.0E-05	4.4E-11	4.4E-11	5.5E-11	5.5E-11	6.7E-11	6.7E-11	0.035	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)

**Notes:** Values that exceed the applicable objectives are shown in bold text  
A background value of zero (0) indicates no monitoring data available for that contaminant. In this case, a background value of zero (0) has been assumed for modelling purposes

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

Four scenarios were considered for this study:

- **Permit Scenario:** representing maximum permitted operations, 24 hours a day, each day of the year
  - Continuous emissions prescribed in the Operational Certificate were considered in this scenario.
  - As the facility does not emit at full capacity for any parameter, this scenario represents a conservative emissions scenario.
- **Operational Scenario:** representing typical operations
  - Typical emissions from 2017 Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems data were considered in this scenario.
  - Emissions rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems monitoring were obtained from 2017 and 2016 stack test data.
- **Start Up Scenario:** representing typical operations with a boiler starting up,
  - A series of stack tests were conducted to obtain emission rates for this scenario.
  - Emission rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the stack test were obtained from Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems data during known start up times.
- **Shut Down Scenario:** representing typical operations with a boiler shutting down
  - A series of stack tests were conducted to obtain emission rates for this scenario.
  - Emission rates for pollutants of interest that were not included in the stack test were obtained from Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems data during known shut down times.

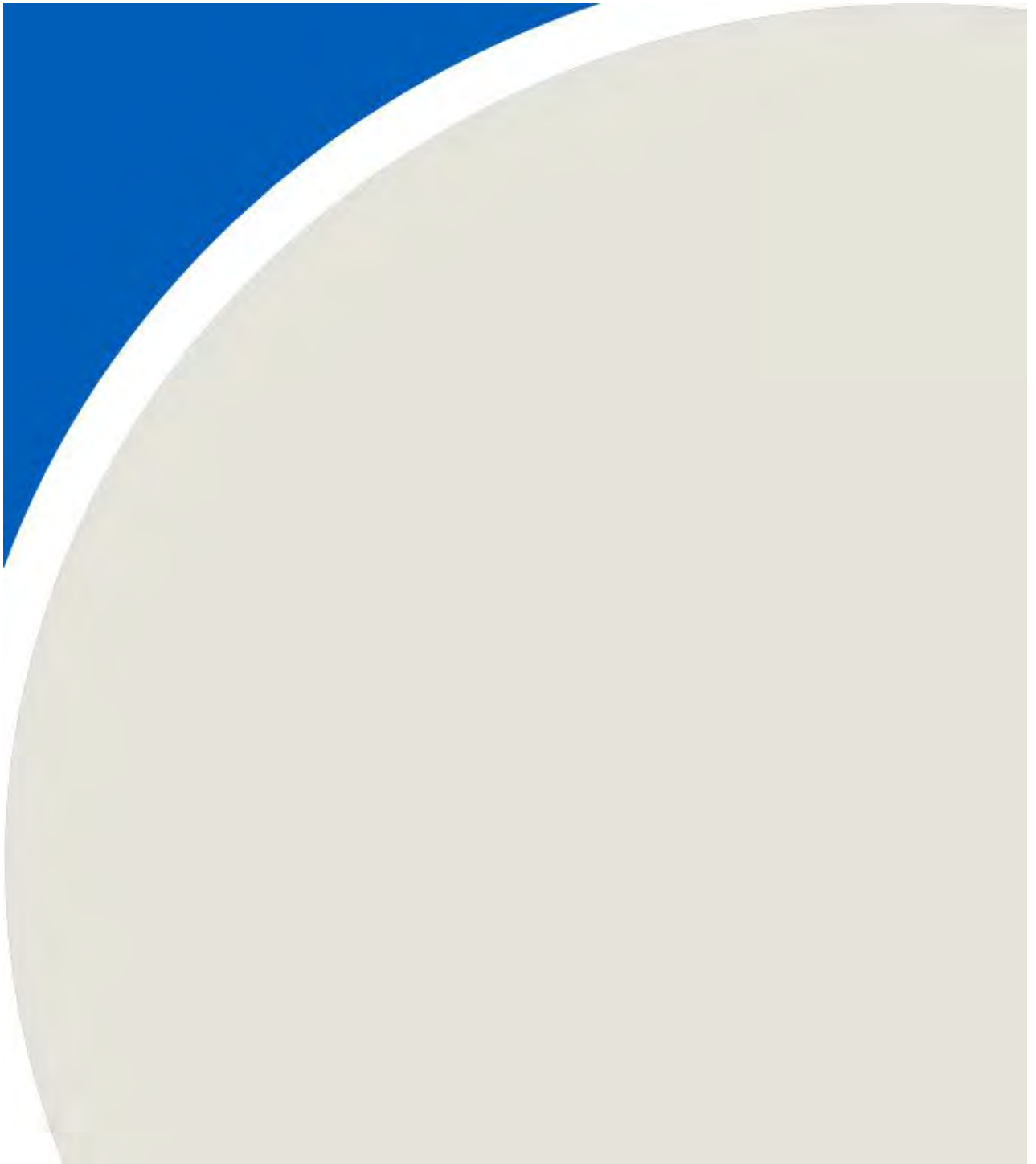
For all scenarios, pollutants with MV objectives are below their current respective AAQOs. Predicted 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations will exceed CAAQS objectives that are proposed in 2020 and 2025 for the Permit Scenario. However, the predicted concentrations for the Operational, Start Up and Shut Down scenarios show that these exceedances are not likely to occur from emissions of the Facility alone under typical operating conditions on their own; when background is considered the Facility may contribute to exceedances of the 2025 ambient 1-hour objective in typical operating conditions.

For pollutants with no MV objective, there were no predicted exceedances of the objectives considered, except for HCl and PAHs. Predicted 1-hour HCl concentrations exceed the Alberta AAQO (adopted from Texas) for the Permit Scenario. Predicted 24-hour and Annual PAHs concentrations exceed the Ontario AAQO for the Permit Scenario. The model results indicate that there will be no exceedances of HCl and PAHs under normal operations, except for possibly a slight exceedance of the 24-hr Ontario AAQC during shut down conditions.

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# APPENDIX A



# Metro Vancouver Waste-to-Energy Facility Dispersion Modelling Plan

Version 2.1



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## **Part 1: Information for All Levels of Assessment**

### **1.1 General Information**

Date	January 23, 2018
Facility Name	Metro Vancouver Waste to Energy Facility
Company Name	Metro Vancouver
GVRD Air Quality Permit Number	Operational Certificate 107051
Facility Address	5150 Riverbend Drive, Burnaby, British Columbia

### **1.2 Primary Contact Information**

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### **1.3 Purpose of Dispersion Modelling**

Describe the purpose of the dispersion modelling study (e.g., in support of an application for a new permit or a permit amendment; in support of registration under Bylaw 1087; to fulfill a permit reporting requirement):

The purpose of the dispersion modelling study is to fulfill a permit reporting requirement.

The operational certificate issued to the facility on December 15, 2016 requires:

- A Start Up / Shut Down Evaluation report within 18 months from the issuance of this Operational Certificate (The stack tests were completed in November 2017. Evaluation report is in development).
- A Contaminant Dispersion Evaluation and Health Risk Assessment within 24 months from the issuance of this Operational Certificate.



If the dispersion modelling study is in support of an application for a new permit or permit amendment, a draft application should be submitted with the draft model plan. Has a draft application been submitted? (Y/N): N

What level of assessment is proposed – 1, 2 or 3? (*Section 1.5<sup>1</sup>*):

A Level 3 Assessment (Comprehensive) is proposed.

Provide the rationale for the proposed level of assessment (e.g., exceedances predicted for a Level 1 assessment):

Although the WTE facility is a single source, the modelling effort must include multiple operating scenarios and provide detailed results that will be sufficient to inform a comprehensive human health risk assessment and to compare with regional monitoring.

#### **1.4 Geographic Setting**

Will complex flow (i.e., meteorology) need to be considered? Justify your response based on the terrain and land use characteristics within at least 5 km of facility location (e.g., flat, rolling, river valley, mountainous).

Complex flow will need to be considered to provide sufficient resolution of the nearby heterogeneity of the land use cover and terrain elevation. The facility is located on complex terrain and is within 0.5 km of the Fraser River.

What is the dominant land cover within 5 km of the facility location (e.g., urban, rural, forest, agricultural, industrial, water)?

The facility is surrounded by mixed land use including:

- Urban,
- Agricultural,
- Industrial, and
- Water (Fraser River).

To provide context, provide the minimum distance to the nearest (note that for Level 2 and 3 assessments, several receptors for each category that span a range of potential wind directions should be modelled to ensure the maximum for each category is captured):

➤ Business	Tippet-Richardson is 90 m away. There is an industrial park (including Tippet Richardson) with multiple businesses at a distance from 100-1000m to the north. BC Roofing Products is 500m to east There is a strip mall with several businesses on Westminster Hwy 1.2 km to SSE Industrial park with several businesses (eg Vanguard Steel) 800m to west.
➤ Residence	Houses at Queen and River Rd are 800 m away toward south

<sup>1</sup> Numbers in italics refer to applicable sections or tables of the *British Columbia Air Quality Dispersion Modelling Guideline, 2015*.

	Residential neighbourhood in Queensborough starting approximately 1km to east Closest Residences in New Westminster are 1.4 km to NNE
➤ School	Hamilton Elementary is 1.4 km to South Glenwood Elementary is 2.1 km North Taylor Park Elementary is 2.5 km away to NNE Queen Elizabeth Elementary is 2.1 km to East Connaught Heights Elementary is 2.5 km to NE
➤ Child care facility	Cranberry Children’s Center is 1.2km to ESE Betheny Child Care Centre is 1.5 km to south Happy Learning Child Centre is 2.1 km to east Burnaby Children’s Centres Society is 2.6 km away to North
➤ Seniors facility	Seniors Services Society is 3.7 km away to north and 5.1 km to east Kennedy Senior Recreation Center is 6.4 km to ESE
➤ Hospital	RYT Hospital medical centre is 5.9 km to SW Royal Columbia is 6km to ENE Children’s and Women’s Hospital is 12 km away to WNW Surrey Memorial Hospital is 10km to WSW

Are there any other nearby receptors of concern?

Burnaby Youth Custody Center (~300 m to west)

Richberry Cranberry Farm – Richmond (900m SW of facility)

The farm to the NW of the Facility

Riverway Golf Course (1.8 km NE)

Burnaby South Secondary School (3.2 km N) (also a MV meteorology and AQ station)

Walking trails There are numerous other park and open spaces in the nearby area. However, due to their spatial extent they are better represented by the coverage of the base receptor grid than a single special receptor.

Additional receptors of interest may be identified in consultation with the human health study and with Metro Vancouver staff.

Also note that a typical recommended receptor grid should have sufficient resolution to resolve most areas of interest.

## 1.5 Air Contaminants and Averaging Periods to be Modelled

Table 1.5 (add/delete rows as needed)

Air Contaminant	Averaging Period	Metro Vancouver Objective (ug/m3)	Other Criteria <sup>1</sup>	Jurisdiction of Other Criteria
Total Particulate Matter (TPM)	24-hour		120 (ug/m3)	National Ambient Air Quality Objectives
	Annual		60 (ug/m3)	National Ambient Air Quality Objectives
Particulate Matter Less than or Equal to 10 Microns (PM <sub>10</sub> )	24-hour	50		
	Annual	20		
Particulate Matter Less than or Equal to 2.5 Microns (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	24-hour	25		
	Annual	8		
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1-hour	30,000	14,300 (ug/m3)	B.C. Ambient Air Quality Objectives
	8-hour	10,000	5,500 (ug/m3)	B.C. Ambient Air Quality Objectives
Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	1-hour		75 (ug/m3)	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	1-hour		4.9 (ug/m3)	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	1-hour	183 196* (2020) 170 (2025)		
	24-hour	125		
	Annual	13 10.5 (2020)		
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ) (Objective for NO <sub>2</sub> )	1-hour	200 113 (2020) 79 (2025)		
	Annual	40		

		32 (2020) 23 (2025)		
Total Dioxins and Furans (as PCDD/F TEQ)	24-hour		0.1 pg TEQ/m <sup>3</sup>	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Cadmium (Cd)	24-hour		0.025 (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual		0.005 (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Mercury (Hg)	24-hour		2 (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Sum of Lead (Pb), Arsenic (As), Chromium (Cr)	1-hour		1.5 (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Alberta Environment and Parks Ambient Air Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas)
Chlorophenols				(Assessed in HHRA)
Chlorobenzenes				(Assessed in HHRA)
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	24-hour		0.00005 (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual		0.00001(ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	24-hour		0.15(ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)
	Annual		0.035(ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (Health Limiting Effect)

<sup>1</sup> If there are no Metro Vancouver objectives for the air contaminant to be modelled, then criteria from other jurisdictions (e.g., Alberta, Ontario, California or Texas) should be used to put predicted ambient contaminant concentrations in perspective. For odorous air contaminants, the Yoshio Nagata “Measurement of Odor Threshold by Triangle Odor Bag Method” reference should be used.

## **1.6 Baseline Air Quality**

What metric will be used to determine baseline air quality for short-term averaging periods (98<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> percentile<sup>2</sup>)?

The 98<sup>th</sup> percentile will be used to determine baseline air quality for 1-hour, 8-hour and 24-hour averaging periods. This will be based on available observation data from existing stations in the Metro Vancouver network.

<sup>2</sup> Metro Vancouver’s ambient air quality objectives for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> are “not to be exceeded” values and therefore the percentiles used to calculate the baseline values should be based on the hourly data set and not the daily maximum one-hour values indicated in *Section 8.1.4*. Baseline values for 24-hour averages should be calculated as rolling averages and not daily averages indicated in *Section 8.1.4*.

**Table 1.6 Monitoring Data that will be used to Develop Baseline Concentrations**  
(add/delete rows as needed)

<b>Air Quality Stations</b>	<b>Source of Data<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Air Contaminants</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Will any wind directions be excluded? (If yes, provide wind directions and justification)<sup>2</sup></b>
Burnaby South (T18)	Metro Vancouver	SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , CO, O <sub>3</sub> , PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> Particulate speciation	2015,2016,2017	No
North Delta	Metro Vancouver	NO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub>	2015,2016,2017	No

<sup>1.</sup> It is recommended that data are obtained directly from Metro Vancouver to ensure that data are verified.

<sup>2.</sup> For excluding air quality data during certain wind directions, see *Section 8.1.4*.

## 1.7 NO to NO<sub>2</sub> Conversion (Section 8.2)

<p>Results assuming 100% conversion of NO<sub>x</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub> must be provided.          If exceedances are predicted using 100% conversion, what alternative method and ambient data will be used?</p> <p>If exceedances are predicted using 100% conversion, ARM method will be used.</p>
<p>If the Ambient Ratio Method is proposed, what NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data will be used?</p> <p>NO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> monitoring data from the MV Burnaby South (T18) station will be used.</p> <p>Note: If the Ambient Ratio Method is proposed, predicted NO<sub>x</sub> should be converted to NO<sub>2</sub> first and then a baseline NO<sub>2</sub> value should be added. This differs from the guidance provided in <i>Section 8.2.2</i>.</p>
<p><del>If OLM or PVMRM is proposed:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>— Specify O<sub>3</sub> concentration and how it was selected:</del></li> <li><del>— Specify and provide rationale for any non-default in-stack ratio or equilibrium ratio:</del></li> </ul>

## 1.8 Building Downwash

**Table 1.8** (add/delete rows as needed)

Emission Source ID	Source Height (m)	Is Emission Source on a Building? If no, provide distance to nearest building (m)	Height of Building (m)	Width of Building (m)
E300670	60 m	Emission source is directly beside building (approximately 3 m)	20 m	Approximately 40 m x 70 m (MV to provide dimensions)

<p>Will building downwash be modelled?          If no, provide rationale.</p> <p>Building downwash will be modelled.</p>
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## 1.9 Emission Sources and Characteristics

<p>Are there any liquid storage tanks?          If yes, indicate whether they are fixed or floating roof tanks. Follow the guidance provided in <i>Section 10.5</i>.</p> <p>No</p>
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**Table 1.9 Emission Sources and Characteristics** (add/delete rows as needed)

Emission Number <sup>2</sup>	Description	Type: Point (P), Area (A), Line (L), Volume (V)	Contaminants (SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> <sup>3</sup> . . . )	Basis of Emissions <sup>4</sup> (Section 3.3)	Stack Orientation (Vertical, Horizontal, Angled)	Raincap (Section 10.4) (Y/N)
E300670	<b>Mass Burn Incinerator/Boilers</b> (Discharge of air contaminants from three separate Mass Burn Incinerators/Boilers from a common support stack containing three individual flues)	P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TPM</li> <li>• PM<sub>10</sub></li> <li>• PM<sub>2.5</sub></li> <li>• Carbon Monoxide (CO)</li> <li>• Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)</li> <li>• Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)</li> <li>• Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)</li> <li>• Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)</li> <li>• Total Hydrocarbons (THC)</li> <li>• Total Dioxins and Furans (as PCDD/F TEQ)</li> <li>• Cadmium (Cd)</li> <li>• Mercury (Hg)</li> <li>• Sum of Lead (Pb), Arsenic (As), Chromium (Cr)</li> <li>• Chlorophenols</li> <li>• Chlorobenzenes</li> <li>• Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)</li> <li>• Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)</li> </ul>	<p><b>X current emission limits</b> (Emissions from the operational certificate will be used for the permitted emissions limits)</p> <p><b>X other (specify &amp; justify)</b> (emissions from continuous CEMS monitoring during normal operation)</p> <p><b>X other (specify &amp; justify)</b> (Emissions from stack testing will be used for modelling the start-up and shut-down operations)</p>	Vertical	N

<sup>2</sup> Emission numbers should be the same as in existing permit or permit application.

<sup>3</sup> For PM emissions indicate whether it is filterable, or filterable + condensables, or if unknown (see Section 3.6)

<sup>4</sup> If dispersion modelling is being conducted in support of an application for an air quality permit or permit amendment then current or proposed emission limits should be modelled. If it is being conducted for a registration under Bylaw 1087, the emission concentrations listed in Appendix 1 or 2 of the Bylaw should be modelled.

**Source Emission Rate Variability (Section 3.4)**

<p>Are there any batch processes? If yes, provide plots of emission rate vs. time for each batch process.</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Are emissions expected to vary with load? If yes, describe how this will be modelled.</p> <p>Yes. Four scenario will be assessed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Permitted</li><li>2) Operational</li><li>3) Start-up</li><li>4) Shutdown</li></ul> <p>Permitted emissions will be the allowable limits in the OC</p> <p>For the Operational scenario, emissions will be the average (or typical) emissions during normal operations as determined from continuous CEMS data.</p> <p>The variation in start-up and shut-down emissions will be modelled as described in the “abnormal emission scenario” section below.</p>
<p>Will actual emissions or flow rates be less than 75% of permitted levels? If yes, describe how this will be modelled (e.g., additional scenarios)</p> <p>See above for 2).</p>
<p>Describe anticipated abnormal emission scenarios (e.g., start-up, shut-down, maintenance of control works) and their anticipated frequency:</p> <p>Start-up and shut-down scenarios will be modelled. These are transient processes that may occur at any time for less than 5 hours each. Stack testing emissions will be used to determine the modelled emissions during the start-up and shut-down.</p> <p>The modelling will be conducted to include the potential for a given start-up or shut-down cycle to occur on any hour of the year. The model will be configured such any one possible 5-hour emission for any of the process lines will be allowed to fully disperse in the model without interacting with any previous or subsequent 5-hour emission (i.e. a start-up could occur at any time, but if one start-up or shut down is already underway, another cannot start with the same 5-hour window). This is done by using a combination of multiple pollutants within the model to represent the single WTE stack. The multiple source/species are then recombined in post processing to give the final modelling result.</p>
<p>Does the proposed permit emission limit scenario represent the worst case scenario, in terms of ambient air quality concentrations, that can be anticipated (Section 3.4.2 and 10.1.2)?</p> <p>Yes</p>



## 1.10 Dispersion Model

<p>List model(s) and version(s) to be used (<i>Section 2</i>):</p> <p>CALPUFF - Version 7.2.1 CALMET - Version 6.5.0 CALPOST - Version 7.1.0</p>
<p>If modifications to any of the models are planned, provide a description and the rationale (<i>Section 2.3.2</i>):</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>If AERSCREEN is proposed, will it be run using:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The stand-alone MAKEMET program to generate the matrix of meteorological conditions and running AERMOD directly with the SCREEN option (preferred) or</li><li>2) The AERSCREEN command prompt interface?</li></ol> <p>Please justify your response.</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>If a Level 1 assessment is proposed, indicate whether a standard screening dataset will be used or whether a project-specific dataset will be developed:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>If a project-specific dataset will be developed for a Level 1 assessment, describe the proposed inputs (source and period of meteorological data, range of wind speeds and stability classes, range of wind directions, seasonal values of surface characteristics etc.):</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>If any of the emission sources have ambient exit temperatures, please explain how this will be modelled (e.g., buoyancy will be turned off, variable emission file with actual ambient temperature, exit temperature set to annual average ambient temperature).</p> <p>N/A</p>

## **1.11 Planned Model Output**

Model results for all levels of assessment should include a table comparing overall maximum predicted concentrations as well as maximum concentrations predicted for each sensitive receptor type (e.g., school, hospital, daycare) to Metro Vancouver ambient air quality objectives or other relevant criteria. Please confirm the planned model output (*Section 8.3.1*).

Tables will show maximum predicted concentrations in the study area and at sensitive receptors. This includes elevated receptors representing nearby sensitive receptors.

Plots will show the maximum predicted concentrations and frequencies of exceeding MV objectives or other relevant objectives.

As recommended by the BC Model Guidelines, the maximum concentrations over the 3-year model period will be provided.

Model outputs will also include additional metrics as required to inform the HHRA. For example, 10min averages, 100,99,98 percentile of COPCs identified by the HHRA. Specific requirements to be supplied by the HHRA work plan.

## **Part 2: Information for Level 2 and 3 Assessments Only**

### **2.1 Planned Model Domain and Receptor Grid**

Dimensions of proposed model domain (*Section 7.1*):

A 50 km x 50 km model domain approximately centred on the facility will be used for CALMET and CALPUFF. Grid cells will be spaced at 250 m.

The domain will be offset to the north to prevent overlap with the US. This will also provide more coverage of North Shore mountains for potential recirculation from upslope/downslope flows.

A map of the proposed domain is provided in Figure 1.

Proposed receptor spacing (*Section 7.2*):

Receptor locations in CALPUFF will be set according to the BC Guidelines as follows:

- 20 m receptor spacing along the plant boundary
- 50 m spacing within 500 m of source
- 250 m spacing within 2 km of source
- 500 m spacing within 5 km of source
- 1000 m spacing beyond 5 km of source

Receptors of interest such as other schools, hospitals, senior homes, daycare facilities will be included in the assessment. A preliminary list was identified in Section 1.4 Additional locations (if any) will be determined through consultation with the human health assessment study and/or MetroVancouver.

Provide a map of the proposed model domain and receptor grid that also shows the locations of all schools, hospitals, daycares and senior facilities within the study domain (Figure 1).

Provided in Figure 2.

Please use a flagpole receptor height of 1.5 m. If a different height is proposed, please provide the height and rationale.

A flagpole receptor height of 1.5 m will be used for airborne concentration

Deposition is only defined at the earth surface. To assess deposition, any pertinent model simulations will need to be re-run with the receptor heights set to 0 m.

## 2.2 Default Switch Settings

For AERMOD identify any switch settings that could be different than the recommended defaults (see *Section 7.7*). Provide rationale.

N/A

For CALPUFF/CALMET identify any switch settings in CALMET Input Groups 4 & 5 and CALPUFF Input Groups 2 & 12 that could be subject to deviation from the “black (do not touch)” defaults as per *Tables 6.2 and 7.1*. Provide rationale.

No deviation from the “black (do not touch)” defaults is planned.

## 2.3 CALMET Parameters

If CALMET is planned to be used, provide (*Section 6.4.2*):

- a domain map (Figure 1b) (**provided in Figure 1**)
- anticipated grid resolution: **250 m**
- number of grids in X and Y direction (**NX = 200 cells, NY = 200 cells**)
- vertical levels (m): **0, 20, 40, 80, 160, 300, 600, 1000, 1500, 2200, 3000**

## 2.4 Planned Geophysical Data Input (Section 4)

Source of terrain data:

GeoBC

Source of land use data:

BTM

Is modification of the land use data necessary? If so, please describe the proposed modification and provide the rationale<sup>5</sup>.

Prior to modelling land use will be modified according to known issues in the data. This will be done by adjusting the derived CALMET land use category to match actual conditions.

Provide a land use map (Figure 2) plotted from the dispersion model input data (e.g., GEO.DAT).

A draft based on the un-adjusted BTM land use data is provided in Figure 1. Prior to modeling, the land use database will be corrected for any known issues, as noted above. A corrected map can be prepared once the domain extents are approved by all interested stakeholders.

If AERMOD is proposed, will land use surrounding the meteorological station or the location of emissions be used? Provide rationale.

<sup>5</sup> Modification of land use may be necessary to appropriately represent features such as a continuous Fraser River or large forested parks that may be absent from the land use data.

N/A																								
If surface characteristics are required, use <i>Tables 4.8, 4.9, 4.10 and 4.12</i> for summer, autumn, winter and spring, respectively. If these Tables are not used, indicate source of data.																								
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If CALMET is proposed, it is recommended that four GEO.DAT files be used to represent different seasons ( <i>Section 4.4</i> ) as outlined below <sup>6</sup> :																								
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If building downwash is applicable, use BPIP-PRIME. If not BPIP-PRIME, indicate method used to specify downwash parameters.
BPIP-PRIME will be used.

## 2.5 Planned Meteorological Data Input and Processing

**Table 2.5a** Surface Meteorological Data (add/delete rows as needed)

Station ID	Location (lat/long or indicate on map)	Data Source MOE, MV, MSC, Site Specific, other (specify) <sup>1</sup>	Parameter(s) <sup>2</sup>	Years	% of Wind Speeds = calm <sup>3</sup>	Anemometer Height (m) <sup>4</sup>
Vancouver Airport	49.19° N 123.18° W	MSC	Temperature, Relative humidity, Pressure, Precipitation, Cloud cover	2013, 2014, 2015		-
Abbotsford Airport	49.03° N 122.36° W	MSC	Relative humidity, Pressure, Precipitation, Cloud cover	2013, 2014, 2015		-

<sup>6</sup> This differs from guidance in the British Columbia Air Quality Dispersion Modelling Guideline (2015) since the climate in Metro Vancouver is different than the rest of BC.

Vancouver Airport (MV Station Richmond-Airport; T31)	49.1863° N 123.1524° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	4.8%	
Abbotsford Airport (T45)	49.0215° N 122.3265° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015	9.7%	
Burnaby South (T18)	49.2152° N 122.9857° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		19.9
North Delta (T13)	49.1583° N 122.9017° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		18.3
Alex Fraser Bridge (T37)	49.1583° N 122.9017° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity	2013, 2014, 2015		160
Annacis Island (T38)	49.1675° N 122.9607° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		10.0

Vancouver – Kitsilano (T2)	49.2617° N 123.1635° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		12.5
Burnaby Kensington (T4)	49.2792° N 122.9707° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity	2013, 2014, 2015		13.5
North Vancouver Second Narrow (T6)	49.3015° N 123.0204° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction	2013, 2014, 2015		11.9
Port Moody (T9)	49.2809° N 122.8493° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		12.8
Burnaby Mountain (T14)	49.2798° N 122.9223° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		29.8
Surrey East (T15)	49.1329° N 122.6942° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		16.9
Richmond South (T17)	49.1414° N 122.1082° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		12.5

Pitt Meadows (T20)	49.2452° N 122.7089° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		10.1
Burnaby Burmount (T22)	49.2667° N 122.9355° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature	2013, 2014, 2015		10.0
Burnaby Capitol Hill (T23)	49.2879° N 122.9856° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature	2013, 2014, 2015		10.0
Burnaby North (T24)	49.2875° N 123.0080° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		10.0
N. Vancouver Mahon Park South (T26)	49.3240° N 123.0835° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		14.2
Coquitlam (T32)	49.2883° N 122.7916° W	MV	Wind speed, Wind direction, Temperature, Relative humidity, Precipitation	2013, 2014, 2015		24.0

1. If data from a non - ministry, MV or MSC station is proposed, follow guidance in *Section 5.8 or 5.9*
2. List all meteorological parameters that will be used from each station (e.g., wind speed, wind direction, air temperature, relative humidity, cloud cover)
3. For light wind/calm treatment of Metro Vancouver data consult with Metro Vancouver. For other data sources, follow guidance in *Section 5.8.2*.
4. Not all meteorological stations measure winds at the standard 10 m height (e.g., some MV observations are different heights). <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/air-quality/AirQualityPublications/LowerFraserValleyAirQualityMonitoringNetwork2012StationInformation.pdf>



**Table 2.5b Upper-Air Meteorological Data** (add/delete rows as needed)

Station Name	Years	Distance between the Upper Air Station and Project (km)
N/A, will not use upper air stations		

**Table 2.5c Mesoscale Meteorological Model Output** (attach map of domain)

Model (name, version, configuration)	Model Output Provider	Horizontal Grid Resolution (km)	Height of Vertical Levels (m)	Years	Planned Model Output Use <sup>1</sup>
WRF	Exponent	4 km	Reference heights below 1,000 m: 0.0, 10.9, 34.1, 60.3, 89.6, 122.5, 160.0, 202.1, 249.6, 303.7, 364.8, 433.5, 511.5, 600.1, 700.4, 814.4, and 944.1 m Reference heights between 1,000 – 3,500: 1092.1, 1261.5, 1455.3, 1677.7, 1934.1, 2230.9, 2576.1, 2980.0, and 3455.7 m	2013, 2014, 2015	___ CALMET No-Obs mode <b>X</b> CALMET Hybrid mode ___ AERMET/AERMOD pseudo surface station and pseudo upper air sounding ___ AERMOD .SFC and .PFL files

<sup>1</sup> Sections 6.1 & 6.4.1.

If CALMET Hybrid mode is proposed, describe in detail the choice of R1, RMAX1 and TERRAD.

R1 = 1 km (complex, mixed terrain; keep observation effects contained to near the stations only)  
 RMAX1 = 10 km (limit observation effects)  
 TERRAD = 3 km (account for complex terrain that is very close; Edmonds to Burnaby Mountain Area is 6 km, divided by 2)

## **2.6 Special Topics**

Indicate the conditions that are planned to be considered as part of the assessment.

### Stagnation Conditions

Provide an estimate of the frequency of stagnation based on local meteorological data. If AERMOD is proposed, provide methodology on how stagnation periods will be treated (see *Section 10.2*)

Frequency of calms ( 0.5 m/s) for each station is given in Table 2.5.

For CALMET, ICALM will be set to 0 as per MOE guidance when using NWP model output. The threshold wind speed for calms processing (WSCALM) will be set to the CALPUFF default of 0.5 m/s.

### Shore/Coastal Effects

Y or **N** If Yes, indicate whether sub-grid-scale Thermal Internal Boundary Layer option is selected along with the required input coastline coordinate data (see *Section 10.3*)

Yes, shore/coastal effects will be included because CALMET/CALPUFF is being used for the assessment, and the CALMET micrometeorological module uses the underlying land use in the calculation boundary layer depth and stability.

The TIBL option will not be used. A COASTLN.DAT file is not required.

CALPUFF always computes the effect of nearby water on boundary layer heights. The sub-grid-scale TIBL is only required when the resolution of CALMET is not sufficient to accurately derive the distance to the land-water interface. At the 250m resolution of CALMET the upwind distance to water can be sufficiently derived from the geo.dat land use data.

### Plume Condensation (Fogging) and Icing

Y or N If Yes follow guidance in *Section 10.6*

No.

### Chemical Transformation

Y or **N** If Yes, specify transformation method and provide details on inputs if Secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub>, Acid Deposition or Visibility effects are to be estimated. Depending on the transformation method, this could include ammonia, ozone, hydrogen peroxide concentrations, nighttime loss and formation rates for nitrates and sulphates.

Yes. As recommended by the BC Model Guidelines, the RIVADARM3 method will be used. Note that although the RIVAD/ARM3 scheme does explicitly calculate the amounts of NO and NO<sub>2</sub> as part of its calculation of secondary PM species, this will NOT be used to assess NO<sub>x</sub> from the facility. NO<sub>x</sub> from the facility will be modelled as an inert species with the Ambient Ratio Method (i.e. ARM which is not to be confused with the 'ARM' in RIVAD/ARM3) used to determine the NO/NO<sub>2</sub> balance

### Particle Deposition

Y or **N** If Yes follow guidance in *Section 3.7*. If non-recommended particle size distributions are used, provide table of particle (including heavy metals) emission size/density distribution and indicate the basis for the table.

**Important:** a separate model run should be conducted with deposition turned on. Maximum predicted concentration results should be presented with deposition turned off.

Yes.

For PM related species (i.e. PM and components thereof) the particle size distributions recommended by the BC Model Guidelines will be used.

For other species that the HHRA identifies for deposition analysis, as per the BC Guidelines, an estimate of size class will be constructed by adjusting the size fractions by the relative density as referenced in [http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env\\_protection/science/gd\\_ppd\\_019\\_2.pdf](http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_protection/science/gd_ppd_019_2.pdf)

## **2.7 Quality Management Program**

### **Geophysical and Meteorological Input Data**

~~Strike out~~ the tests that will not be undertaken to assure the quality of the inputs and provide rationale.

Geophysical input data:

- ◆ contour plot of topography
- ◆ plots of land use and land cover

Meteorological data:

- ◆ wind rose (annual and/or seasonal)
- ◆ frequency distribution of surface wind speeds
- ◆ average hourly temperature plot (annual and/or seasonal)

NWP output (*Section 6.1*)

- ◆ wind rose at selected locations and heights (annual and/or seasonal)
- ◆ average hourly temperature plot at selected locations and heights (annual and/or seasonal)
- ◆ wind field plots for selected periods that indicate topographic influences such as channeling and thermally generated flows

### **AERMOD QA/QC**

~~List the tests that will be conducted to confirm the quality of the model input and output~~

- ◆ —
- ◆ —
- ◆ —

### **CALMET/CALPUFF QA/QC**

~~Strike out~~ the tests that will not be conducted and provide justification (*Section 9.1*). All plots or other proof that the tests have been conducted should be provided in an appendix to the dispersion modelling report. We recommend that you provide a draft of this appendix to Metro Vancouver for review prior to commencing CALPUFF modelling to limit the need to remodel; however, this review should not be considered final approval of the CALMET. Metro Vancouver may have additional comments on the CALMET methodology once it reviews CALPUFF model results.

#### CALMET/CALPUFF QA Files:

- ◆ Plot the locations of the grid, NWP grid points, and source locations and compare to Google Earth or aerial photographs
- ◆ Check for blanks, comma instead of period, wrong UTM zone etc.

#### CALMET Input data:

- ◆ Plot of terrain and land use from the GEO.DAT input files to ensure they match with other maps of the area.
- ◆ Plot the locations of the meteorological observation stations to check whether they are located properly in the horizontal and vertical.
- ◆ Compare all the CALMET-ready input files with the raw data to ensure no errors in data conversion to CALMET-ready files (reformatting, unit conversions, etc.).
- ◆ Compare each month of CALMET input meteorological files with each other to ensure all parameters are consistent from month to month.
- ◆ Review all source information (values, formats, units) associated with Input Group 13-16 of the CALPUFF.INP file to ensure emission information is correct.
- ◆ Plot the source locations to ensure that they are located properly and ensure that their vertical location (stack base relative to terrain height for that location) is correct.
- ◆ Review locations (horizontally and vertically) of all specified receptors.

#### CALMET Output data:

- ◆ For a few representative periods where thermally driven flows would be expected, plot the wind vector fields at various levels to confirm that the wind fields are reasonable given the terrain and the meteorological conditions.
- ◆ For a few representative periods, when thermally driven flows would be expected, plot wind speed isopleths, derived from all grid cells in CALMET.
- ◆ Plot the frequency distribution of surface wind speeds for different locations in the domain and at the surface station locations and check for reasonableness.
- ◆ Plot annual and seasonal surface wind roses for different locations as well as the surface station locations and check for realism (compare with observations, consider the location, and what might be expected based on topography).
- ◆ For different 24-h periods within a summer and winter season, plot a surface, mid-level and upper-level wind field every hour for a 24-h period with light winds and stable conditions. Check for reasonableness of the wind fields in the domain (extent of terrain effects and the appropriateness of the settings that require expert judgment).
- ◆ Plot time series of average surface temperature by month for the source location as well as surface station locations. Compare with observations/climate normals. Check for reasonable monthly variation for the given locations.
- ◆ Plot time series of average surface temperature by hour-of-day for the source location as well as surface station locations. Compare with observations/climate normals. Check for reasonable diurnal variation for the given locations.
- ◆ Plot time series of average precipitation by month (if precipitation is an input) for one location as well as surface station locations. Compare with observations. Check for reasonable monthly variation for the given locations.
- ◆ Plot the frequency distribution of mixing heights for different locations. Check for reasonableness.

- ◆ Plot a time series of mixing heights for a 24-h summer and winter period during a light wind, and a clear sky period. Examine the diurnal behaviour for reasonableness.
- ◆ Plot the frequency distribution of P-G stability class for the source location as well as surface station location. ~~Compare to the airport observation P-G class frequency distribution (if available).~~ Check for reasonableness for the given locations.
- ◆ If NWP model output is used, examine CALMET-generated wind fields for a 24-h period of light winds, and clear skies at surface, mid and upper levels with and without NWP output and check for reasonableness.

Note: Metro Vancouver may request submission of all computer files associated with the modelling.

## **2.8 Additional Model Output for Level 2 and 3 Assessments**

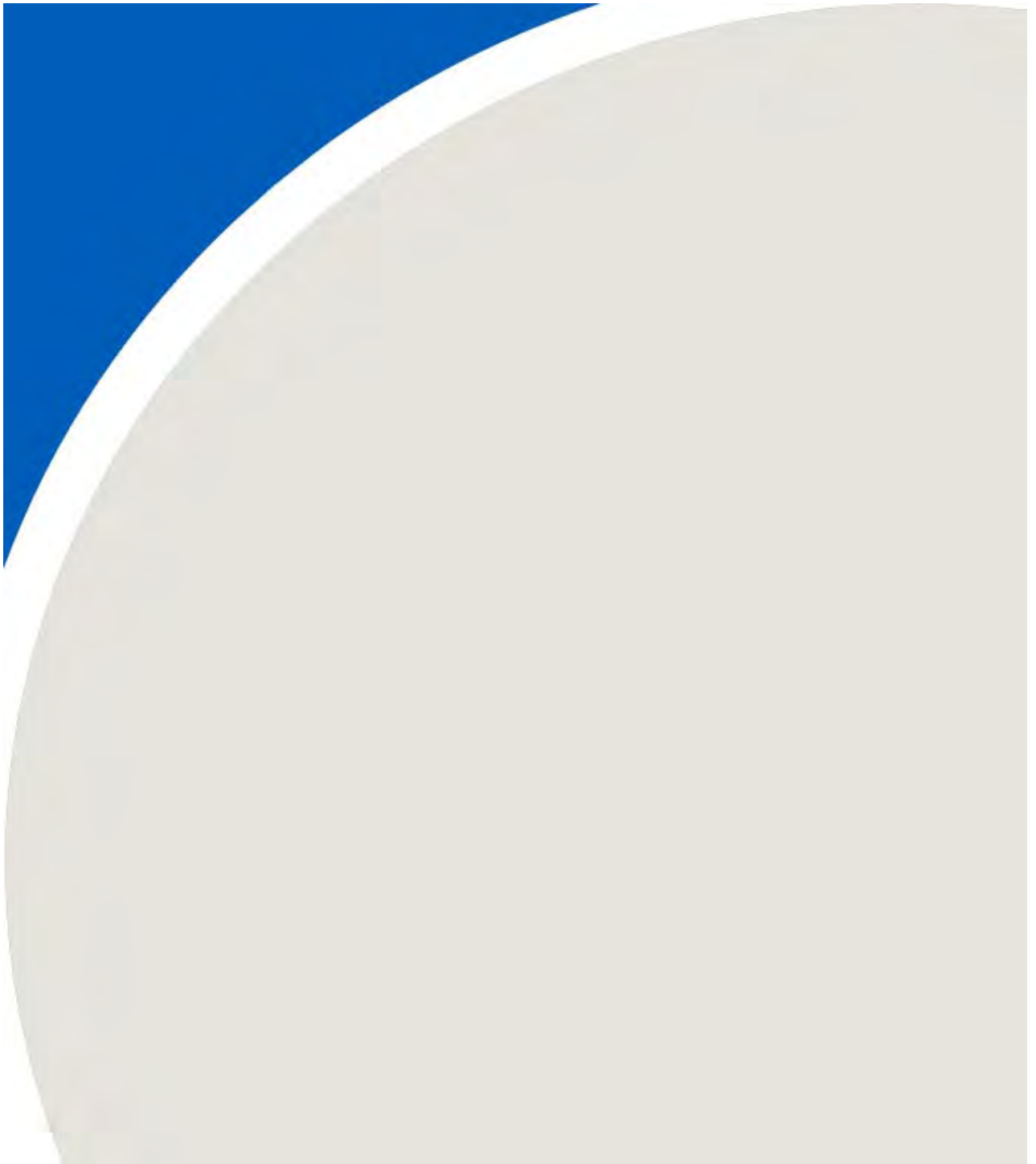
~~Strike out~~ model output that will not be included in the report and provide justification:

- documentation (text and plots) of tests conducted as part of the QA/QC program,
- spatial distribution maps of air quality parameters including baseline values (maximums, exceedance frequencies, annual averages),
- tables of maximum short- and long-term average air quality parameters with and without baseline values (locations and associated meteorological conditions),
- tables of maximum predicted concentrations at any (not just the closest) residence, business, hospital, school, daycare, senior facility or other type of sensitive receptor within the study domain with and without baseline values,
- if exceedances are predicted, tables and spatial distributions of the frequency of exceedance both with and without baseline values,
- tables of air quality parameters under certain emission situations (upsets, start-up),
- special output required for vegetation or health risk assessments,
- ~~other (specify):~~

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## APPENDIX B





## B.1 INTRODUCTION

This Appendix provides details on CALMET (Section A.2) and CALPUFF (Section A.4) inputs that are not provided in the main text of the Burnaby WTEF Air Dispersion Modelling Study Report. Some CALMET output is shown and briefly discussed in Section A.3 to demonstrate that CALMET produces meteorological input to CALPUFF that qualitatively agrees with expected meteorological conditions.

## B.2 CALMET INPUTS

This section presents the input parameters needed to run CALMET. These are divided into two broad categories: geophysical parameters, which specify surface properties as a function of season and land-use type, and model switch settings, which specify how CALMET will process the input.

### B.2.1 Geophysical Parameters

The following tables provide geophysical parameters that vary over five seasons identified using climate normal data from Vancouver International Airport as described in the main text of the report. Surface roughness, albedo, Bowen ratio, soil heat flux, anthropogenic heat flux and leaf area index are from the British Columbia Air Quality Dispersion Modelling Guideline (British Columbia Ministry of Environment [BC MOE] 2015). Surface roughness, albedo, and Bowen ratio in the give in the BC Guideline are derived from the AERSURFACE User's Guide from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the conterminous United States. Leaf area index values are derived from generic values for land-use type, which have been used previously for Canada (Zhang et al. 2002, 2003).





**Table B.1:** Season 1 (Summer) Geophysical Parameters

CALMET Land Use Type	Description	Surface Roughness Length	Albedo	Bowen Ratio	Soil Heat Flux	Anthropogenic Heat Flux	Leaf Area Index
10	Urban	0.54	0.16	0.8	0.25	8.0	0.3
20	Agricultural	0.20	0.20	0.50	0.15	0.0	2.0
30	Rangeland	0.15	0.20	0.5	0.15	0.0	1.0
32	Shrub	0.3	0.18	1	0.15	0.0	0.0
40	Transition Forest	0.3	0.18	1.0	0.15	0.0	4.5
41	Deciduous	1.30	0.16	0.3	0.15	0.0	3.4
42	Coniferous	1.30	0.12	0.3	0.15	0.0	5.0
43	Mixed	1.3	0.14	0.3	0.15	0.0	4.5
51	Small Water Body	0.001	0.1	0.1	1.00	0.0	0.0
55	Large Water Body	0.001	0.1	0.1	1.00	0.0	0.0
60	Wetland	0.2	0.14	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2
61	Forested Wetland	0.7	0.14	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2
62	Non-forested Wetland	0.2	0.14	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2
70	Barren Land	0.05	0.2	1.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
90	Perennial Snow or Ice	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0



**Table B.2:** Season 2 (Autumn) Geophysical Parameters

CALMET Land Use Type	Description	Surface Roughness Length	Albedo	Bowen Ratio	Soil Heat Flux	Anthropogenic Heat Flux	Leaf Area Index
10	Urban	0.54	0.16	1.0	0.25	12.0	0.2
20	Agricultural	0.20	0.20	0.70	0.15	0.0	1.5
30	Rangeland	0.15	0.20	0.7	0.15	0.0	1.0
32	Shrub	0.3	0.18	1.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
40	Transition Forest	0.3	0.18	1.5	0.15	0.0	3.5
41	Deciduous	1.30	0.16	1.0	0.15	0.0	1.9
42	Coniferous	1.30	0.12	0.8	0.15	0.0	5.0
43	Mixed	1.3	0.14	0.9	0.15	0.0	3.5
51	Small Water Body	0.001	0.1	0.1	1.00	0.0	0.0
55	Large Water Body	0.001	0.1	0.1	1.00	0.0	0.0
60	Wetland	0.2	0.14	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2
61	Forested Wetland	0.7	0.14	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2
62	Non-forested Wetland	0.2	0.14	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2
70	Barren Land	0.05	0.2	1.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
90	Perennial Snow or Ice	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0



**Table B.3:** Season 3 (Winter 1) Geophysical Parameters

CALMET Land Use Type	Description	Surface Roughness Length	Albedo	Bowen Ratio	Soil Heat Flux	Anthropogenic Heat Flux	Leaf Area Index
10	Urban	0.50	0.18	1.0	0.25	21.0	0.1
20	Agricultural	0.02	0.18	0.7	0.15	0.0	1.0
30	Rangeland	0.02	0.18	0.70	0.15	0.0	1.0
32	Shrub	0.3	0.18	1.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
40	Transition Forest	0.3	0.18	1.5	0.15	0.0	2.3
41	Deciduous	0.60	0.17	1.0	0.15	0.0	0.1
42	Coniferous	1.30	0.12	0.8	0.15	0.0	5.0
43	Mixed	0.95	0.14	0.9	0.15	0.0	2.3
51	Small Water Body	0.001	0.10	0.10	1.00	0.0	0.0
55	Large Water Body	0.001	0.10	0.10	1.00	0.0	0.0
60	Wetland	0.2	0.14	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
61	Forested Wetland	0.6	0.14	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1
62	Non-forested Wetland	0.2	0.14	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
70	Barren Land	0.05	0.2	1.5	0.15	0.0	0.05
90	Perennial Snow or Ice	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0



**Table B.4:** Season 4 (Winter 2) Geophysical Parameters

CALMET Land Use Type	Description	Surface Roughness Length	Albedo	Bowen Ratio	Soil Heat Flux	Anthropogenic Heat Flux	Leaf Area Index
10	Urban	0.50	0.45	0.5	0.15	17.0	0.0
20	Agricultural	0.01	0.60	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
30	Rangeland	0.01	0.60	0.5	0.15	0.0	1.0
32	Shrub	0.15	0.5	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
40	Transition Forest	0.2	0.50	0.5	0.15	0.0	2.3
41	Deciduous	0.50	0.50	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
42	Coniferous	1.30	0.35	0.5	0.15	0.0	5.0
43	Mixed	0.9	0.42	0.5	0.15	0.0	2.3
51	Small Water Body	0.002	0.7	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
55	Large Water Body	0.002	0.7	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
60	Wetland	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
61	Forested Wetland	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
62	Non-forested Wetland	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
70	Barren Land	0.05	0.6	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.05
90	Perennial Snow or Ice	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0



**Table B.5:** Season 5 (Transitional Spring) Geophysical Parameters

CALMET Land Use Type	Description	Surface Roughness Length	Albedo	Bowen Ratio	Soil Heat Flux	Anthropogenic Heat Flux	Leaf Area Index
10	Urban	0.52	0.16	0.8	0.25	15.0	0.2
20	Agricultural	0.03	0.14	0.30	0.15	0.0	1.0
30	Rangeland	0.03	0.14	0.3	0.15	0.0	1.0
32	Shrub	0.3	0.18	1	0.15	0.0	0.0
40	Transition Forest	0.3	0.18	1.0	0.15	0.0	3.3
41	Deciduous	1.00	0.16	0.7	0.15	0.0	0.8
42	Coniferous	1.30	0.12	0.7	0.15	0.0	5.0
43	Mixed	1.15	0.14	0.7	0.15	0.0	3.3
51	Small Water Body	0.001	0.1	0.1	1.00	0.0	0.0
55	Large Water Body	0.001	0.1	0.1	1.00	0.0	0.0
60	Wetland	0.2	0.14	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
61	Forested Wetland	0.7	0.14	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1
62	Non-forested Wetland	0.2	0.14	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1
70	Barren Land	0.05	0.2	1.5	0.15	0.0	0.0
90	Perennial Snow or Ice	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.15	0.0	0.0



## B.2.2 Model Switch Settings

**Table B.6:** CALMET model switch settings group 5 - Wind Field Options and Parameters

Parameter	Default	Project	Comments
<b>IWFCOD</b>	1	1	Diagnostic wind module used
<b>IFRADJ</b>	1	1	Froude number adjustment effects computed
<b>IKINE</b>	0	0	Kinematic effects not computed
<b>IOBR</b>	0	0	No adjustment to vertical velocity profile at top of model domain
<b>ISLOPE</b>	1	1	Slope flow effects computed
<b>IEXTRP</b>	-4	-4	Similarity Theory used except layer 1 data at upper air stations ignored
<b>ICALM</b>	0	0	Surface winds not extrapolated if calm
<b>BIAS</b>	NZ*0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0	Not used since no upper air station data
<b>RMIN2</b>	4	-1	Used to ensure extrapolation of all surface stations for IEXTRP = -4
<b>IPROG</b>	0	14	Used WRF prognostic model output for initial guess field
<b>ISTEPPGS</b>	3600	3600	Timestep (seconds) of the prognostic model input data
<b>IGFMET</b>	0	0	Use coarse CALMET fields as initial guess fields
<b>LVARY</b>	F	F	Varying radius of influence not used (recommended in Dispersion Modelling Guideline)
<b>RMAX1</b>	NA	10	Maximum radius of influence over land in the surface layer.
<b>RMAX2</b>	NA	10	Maximum radius of influence over land aloft
<b>RMAX3</b>	NA	NA	Over-water stations not used
<b>RMIN</b>	0.1	0.1	Small value used as recommended
<b>TERRAD</b>	NA	3	Identified from main terrain feature of influence Accounts for complex terrain that is very close; Edmonds to Burnaby Mountain Area is 6 km, divided by 2.
<b>R1</b>	NA	1	Complex, mixed terrain. Influence of observations limited to near the stations.





Parameter	Default	Project	Comments
<b>R2</b>	NA	1	No upper air data, but R2 is still used when surface stations extrapolated aloft
<b>RPROG</b>	NA	0	Not used since IPROG = 14
<b>DIVLIM</b>	5×10 <sup>-6</sup>	5×10 <sup>-6</sup>	Not used since IKINE = 0
<b>NITER</b>	50	50	Not used since IKINE = 0
<b>NSMTH</b>	2,(mxnz-1)*4	2, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4	Default number of passes in the smoothing procedure
<b>NINTR2</b>	99	99	All stations can be used
<b>CRITFN</b>	1	1	Default critical Froude number used
<b>ALPHA</b>	0.1	0.1	Not used since IKINE = 0
<b>FEXTR2</b>	NZ*0	0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0	Not used since IEXTRP = -4
<b>NBAR</b>	0	0	Barriers not used
<b>KBAR</b>	NZ	10	Level (1 to NZ) up to which barriers apply
<b>XBAR, YBAR, XEBAR, YEBAR</b>	NA	0, 0, 0, 0	Not used since NBAR = 0
<b>IDIOPT1</b>	0	0	Surface temperatures computed internally
<b>ISURFT</b>	-1	-1	Diagnostic module surface temperatures based on 2-D spatially varying temperature field
<b>IDIOPT2</b>	0	0	Lapse rate computed internally
<b>IUPT</b>	-1	-1	Upper air stations not used for lapse rate.
<b>ZUPT</b>	200	200	Lapse rate computed for default depth
<b>IDIOPT3</b>	0	0	Domain-averaged wind components computed internally
<b>IUPWND</b>	-1	-1	Upper air stations not used
<b>ZUPWND</b>	1, 1000	1, 1000	Default used
<b>IDIOPT4</b>	0	0	Observed surface wind components for wind field module
<b>IDIOPT5</b>	0	0	Observed upper air wind components for wind field module



**Table B.7:** CALMET model switch settings group 6 - Mixing Height, Temperature and Precipitation Parameters

Parameter	Default	Project	Comments
CONSTB	1.41	1.41	Neutral, mechanical equation
CONSTE	0.15	0.15	Convective mixing height equation
CONSTN	2400	2400	Stable mixing height equation
CONSTW	0.16	0.16	Over water mixing height equation
FCORIOI	1.0E-4	1.0E-04	Absolute value of Coriolis (1/s)
IAVEZI	1	1	Conduct spatial averaging
MNMDAV	1	1	Maximum search radius in averaging (grid cells)
HAFANG	30	30	Half-angle of upwind looking cone for averaging (Deg.)
ILEVZI	1	1	Layer of winds used in upwind averaging
IMIXH	1	1	Method to compute the convective mixing height
THRESHL	0	0	Threshold buoyancy flux required to sustain convective mixing height growth overland (W/m <sup>3</sup> )
THRESHW	0.05	0.05	Threshold buoyancy flux required to sustain convective mixing height growth overwater (W/m <sup>3</sup> )
IZICRLX	1	1	Flag to allow relaxation of convective mixing height to equilibrium value
TZICRLX	800	800	Relaxation time of convective mixing height to equilibrium value (s)
ITWPROG	0	0	Option for overwater lapse rates used in convective mixing height growth
ILUOC3D	16	16	Land use category ocean in 3D.DAT datasets
DPTMIN	0.001	0.001	Minimum potential temperature lapse rate in the stable layer above the current convective mixing height (K/m)
DZZI	200	200	Depth of layer above current convective mixing height through which lapse rate is computed (m)
ZIMIN	50	50	Default minimum overland mixing height (m)
ZIMAX	3000	3000	Default maximum overland mixing height (m)



Parameter	Default	Project	Comments
ZIMINW	50	50	Default minimum over-water mixing height (m)
ZIMAXW	3000	3000	Default maximum over-water mixing height (m)
ICOARE	10	10	COARE with no wave parameterization
DSHELF	0	0	Coastal/shallow water length scale
IWARM	0	0	COARE warm layer computation
ICOOL	0	0	COARE cool skin layer computation
IRHPROG	0	1	3D relative humidity from prognostic data
ITPROG	0	1	3D temperature from surface stations
IRAD	1	1	Default interpolation type
TRADKM	500	500	Default radius of influence for temperature interpolation (km)
NUMTS	5	21	Allow all surface stations to be included for temperature interpolation
IAVET	1	1	Conduct spatial averaging of temperatures
TGDEFB	-0.0098	-0.0098	Default temperature gradient below the mixing height over water (K/m)
TGDEFA	-0.0045	-0.0045	Default temperature gradient above the mixing height over water (K/m)
JWAT1	-	99	No over water temperature interpolation used
JWAT2	-	99	No over water temperature interpolation used
NFLAGP	2	2	Method of interpolation
SIGMAP	100	100	Radius of Influence (km)
CUTP	0.01	0.01	Default minimum precipitation rate cut-off (mm/hr)



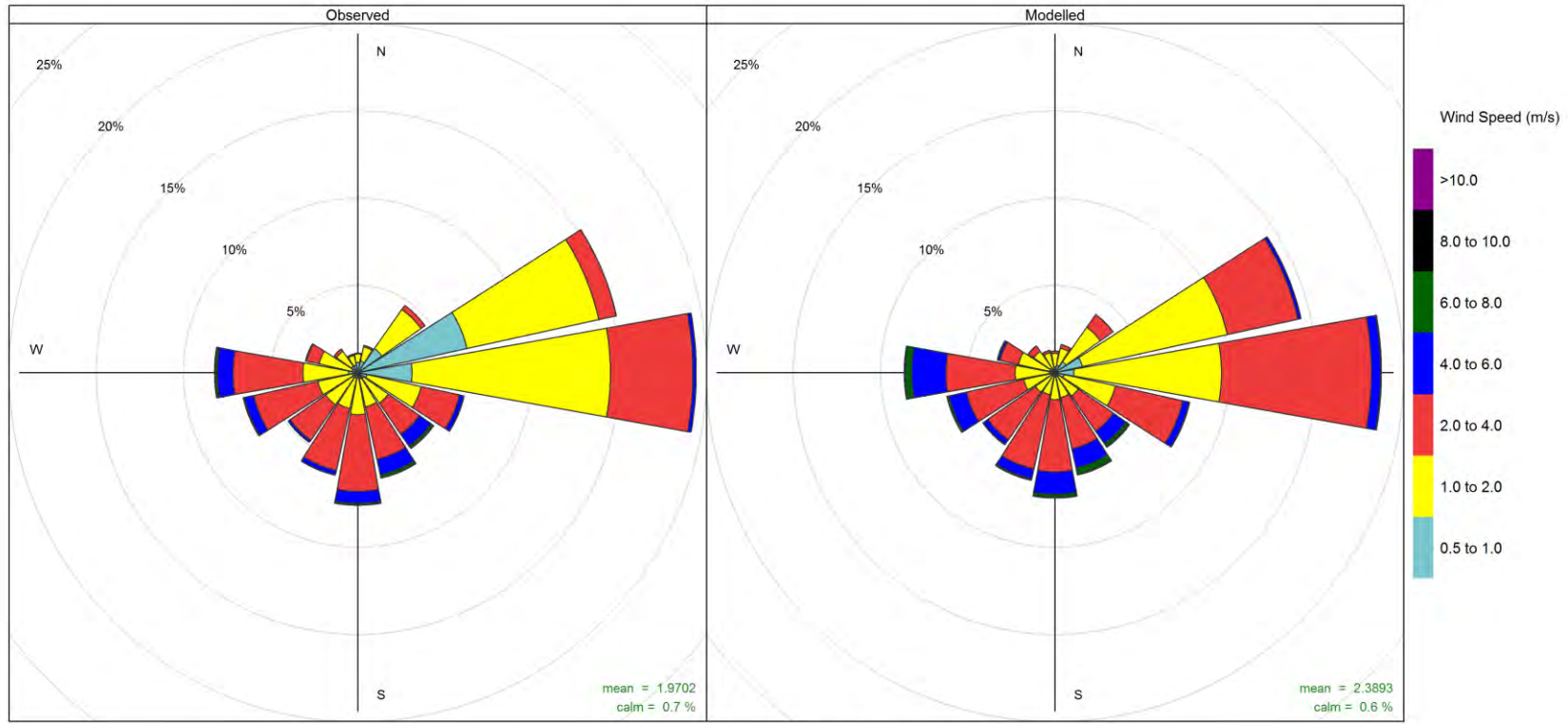
## B.3 RESULTS

The CALMET model results were assessed by reviewing various model outputs and, where possible, comparing to observations. These outputs include surface wind roses for various monitoring locations, CALMET-derived stabilities and mixing heights and domain wind vector plots under various stability and flow regimes.

### B.3.1 Surface Winds

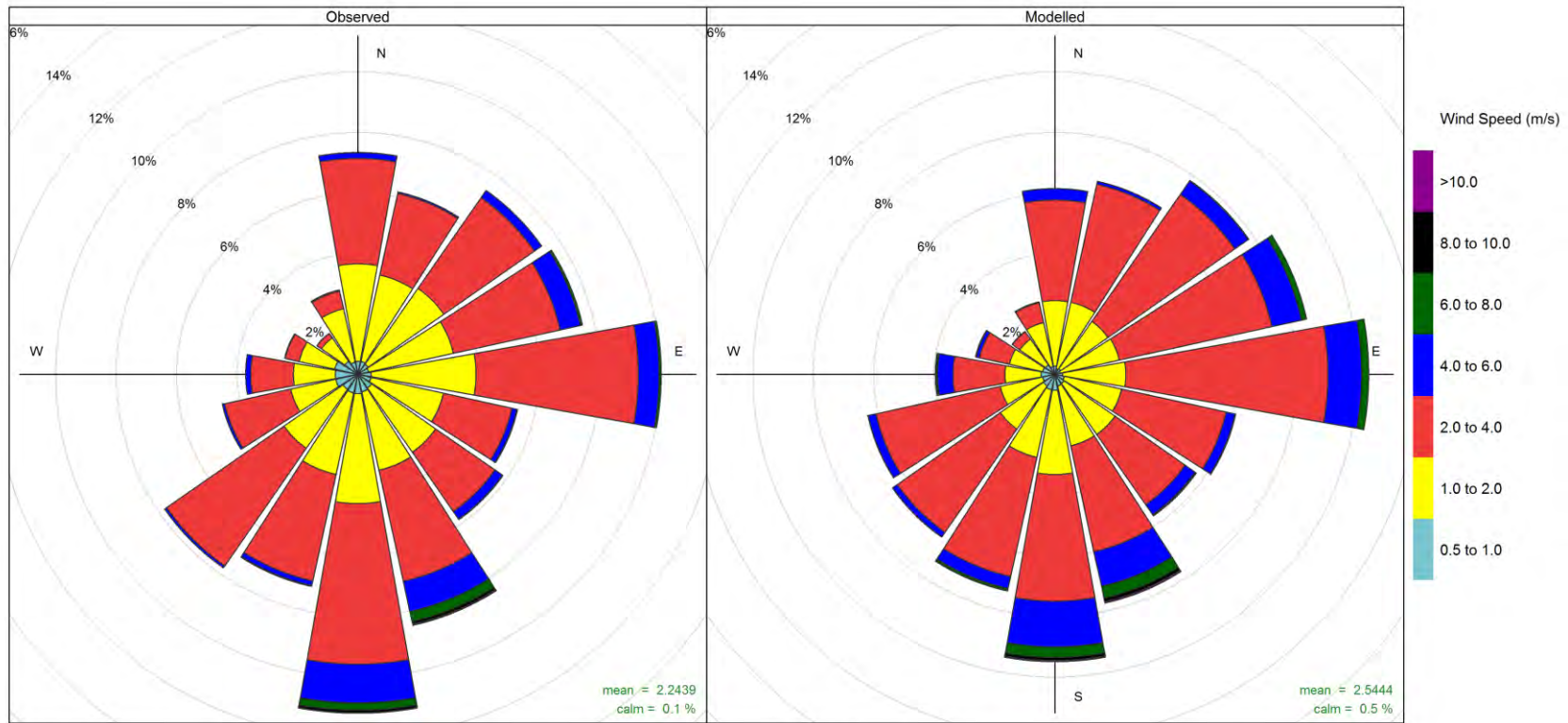
The combined frequency distributions of wind speed and direction as observed and as modelled by CALMET at North Delta, Burnaby North, Burnaby-Burmount, and Annacis Island stations are shown as wind roses in Figure B.1 to Figure B.3, respectively.

Observed and modelled surface wind roses are similar at all four stations. The predominant wind directions of the observed and modelled wind roses at North Delta are from the east and east-northeast. The predominant wind directions of the observed and modelled wind roses at Burnaby North are from the south and east. The predominant wind directions of the observed and modelled wind roses at Burnaby-Burmount are from the east and east-southeast. The predominant wind directions of the observed and modelled wind roses at Annacis Island are from the east-northeast and south.



Frequency of counts by wind direction (%)

Figure B.1: Observed and modelled wind roses at T13 North Delta



Frequency of counts by wind direction (%)

Figure B.2: Observed and modelled wind roses at T18 Burnaby North

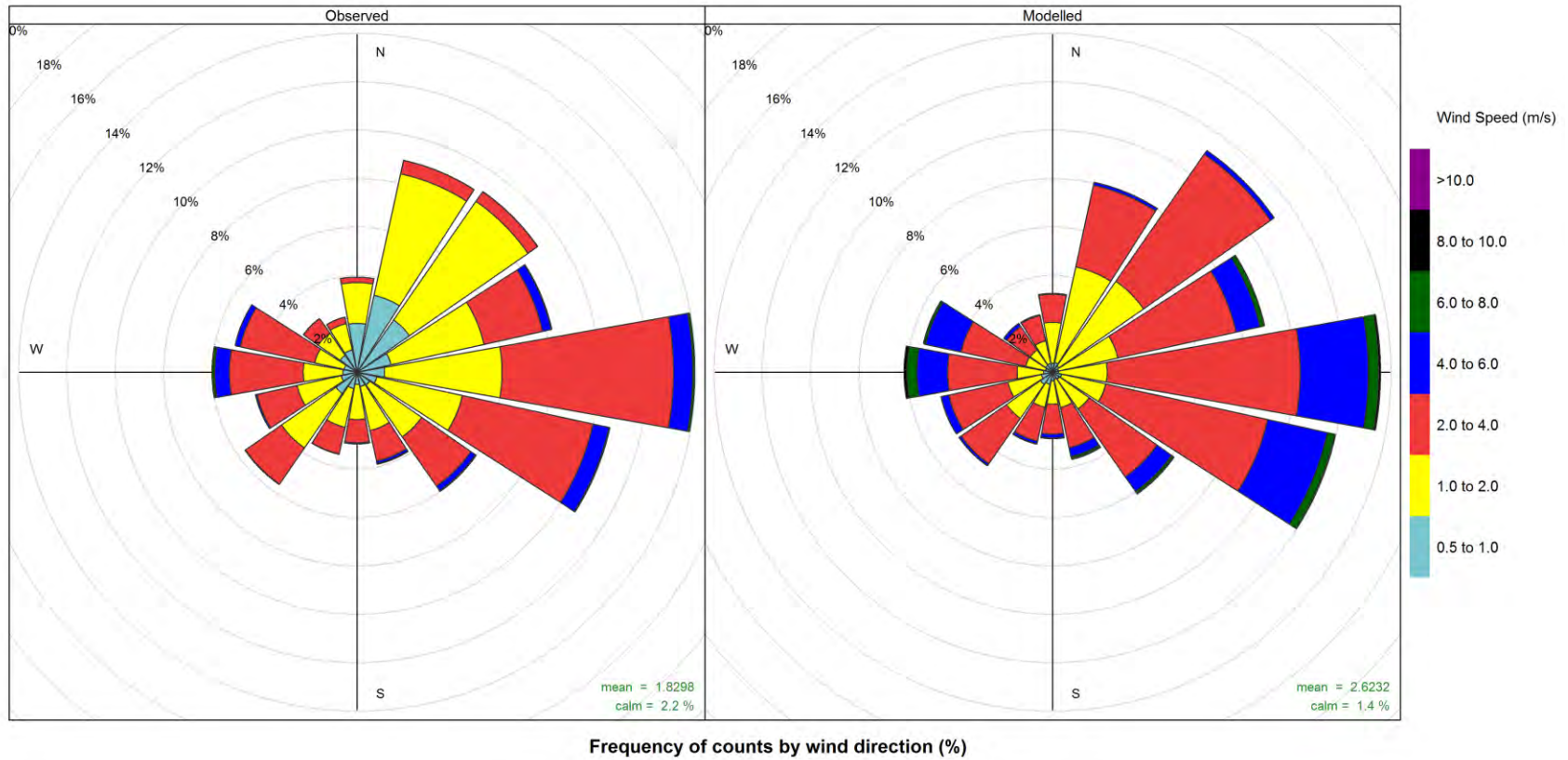


Figure B.3: Observed and modelled wind roses at T22 Burnaby-Burmount



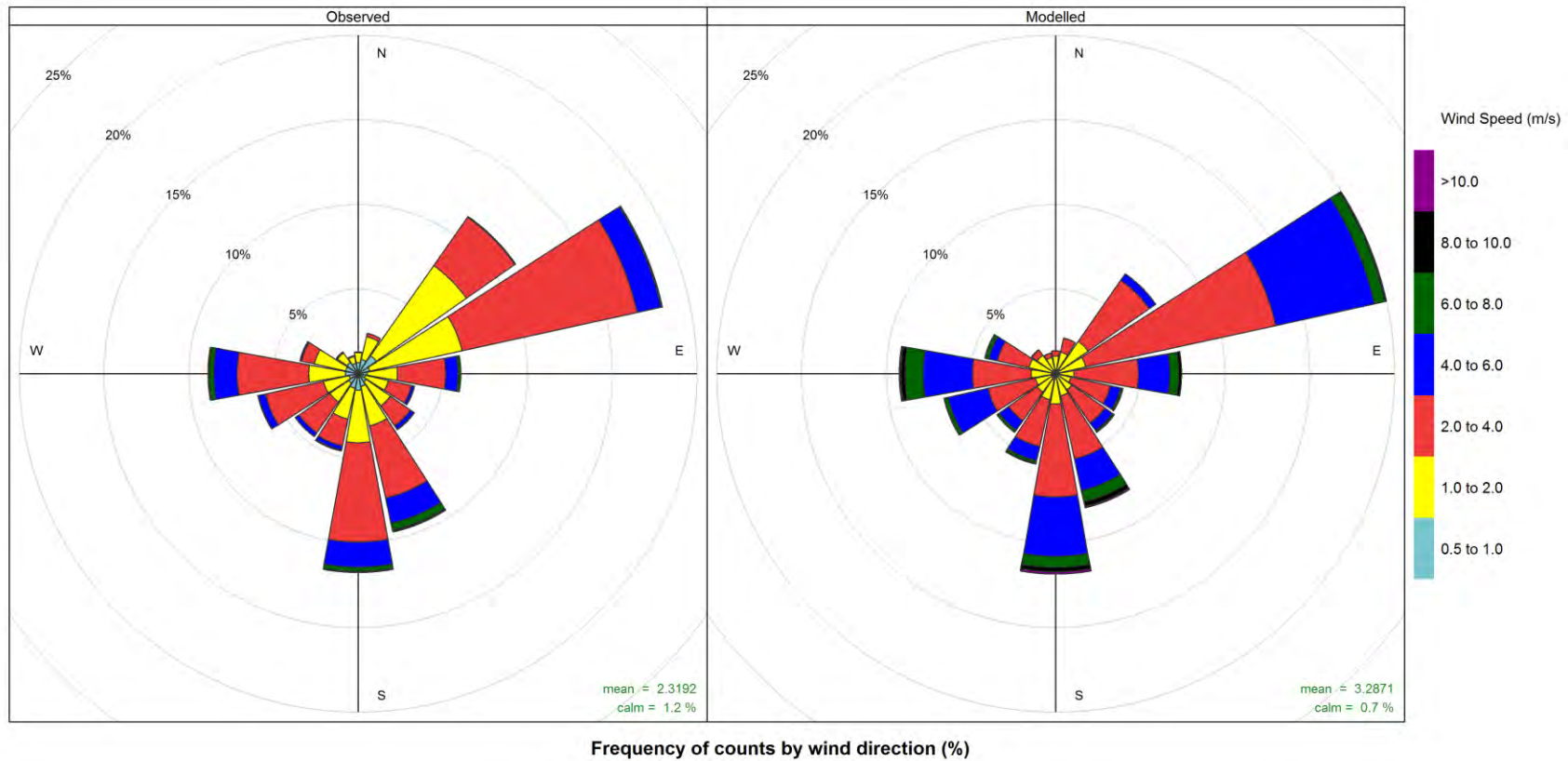


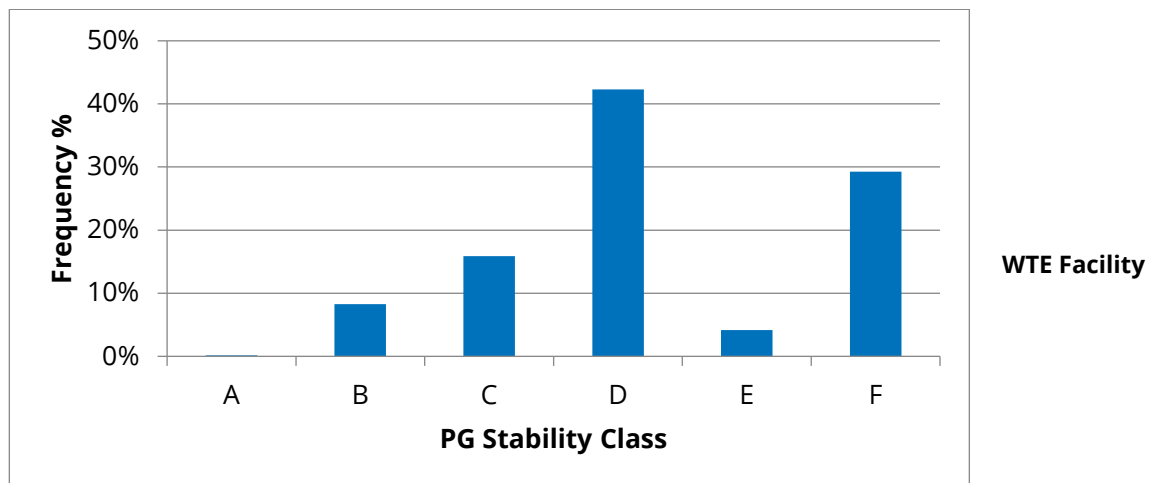
Figure B.4: Observed and modelled wind roses at T38 Annacis Island

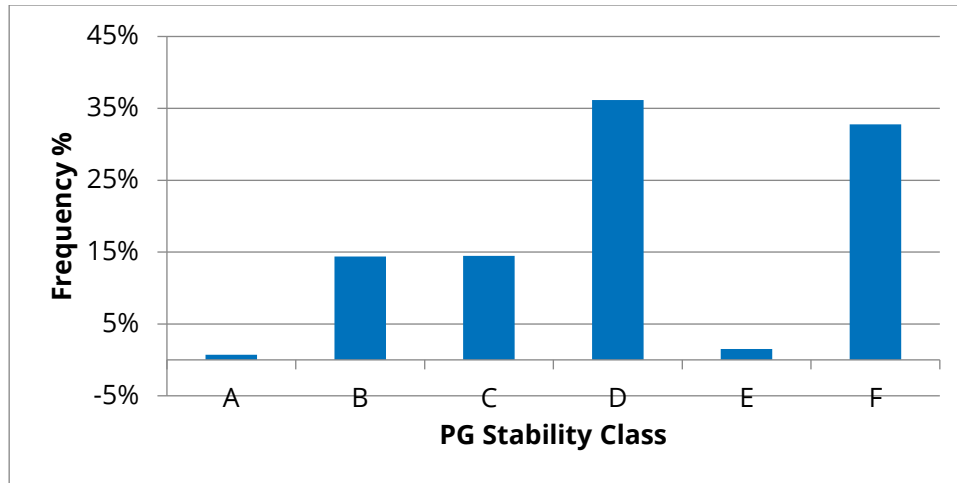


### B.3.2 Pasquill-Gifford Stability Class

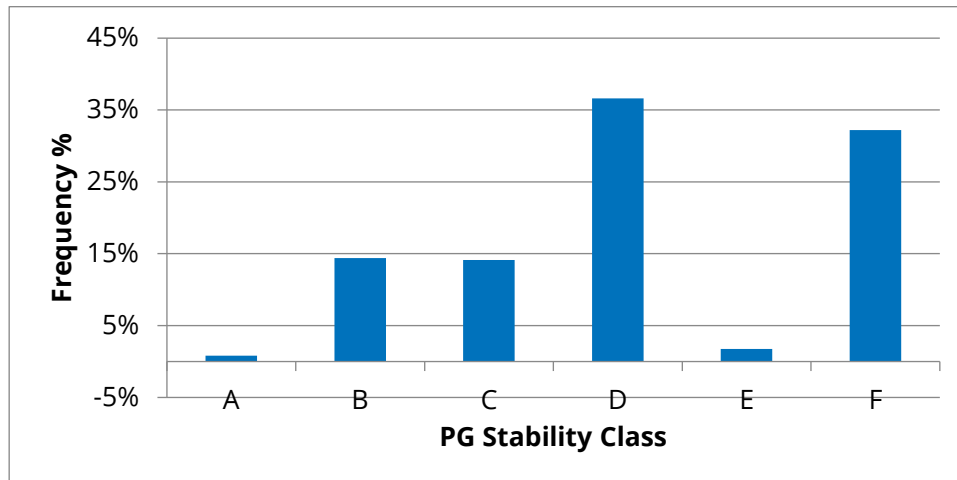
In CALMET, the Pasquill-Gifford stability scheme is used to classify atmospheric stratification in the boundary layer over land. These classes range from unstable (Classes A, B and C), through neutral (Class D), to stable (Classes E and F). Normally, unstable conditions are associated with daytime ground-level heating and lower wind speeds which means that boundary layer turbulence is generated mostly through thermal buoyancy and less so by mechanical wind shear. Stable conditions are primarily associated with night-time cooling that results in the suppression of buoyant turbulence and prevalence of near surface temperature inversions. Neutral conditions are mostly associated with high wind speeds or overcast sky conditions and boundary layer mixing driven mostly by mechanical wind shear.

The frequency distributions of CALMET-derived Pasquill-Gifford stability classes for the WTE Facility, as well as the North Delta, Burnaby South, Burnaby-Burmount, and Annacis Island stations are shown in Figure B.5. For all listed locations, the most frequent stability class is Class D neutral, with the stable classes E and F second most frequent, and the unstable classes A, B and C least frequent. This is typical of most locations in BC. Unstable classes occur only during warm clear weather in daytime so their occurrence is limited to a lesser fraction of hours during the warmest months. The stable classes occur mostly at night during cooler weather. They dominate during winter and can occur during other periods as well. And neutral can occur day or night during at any time of year given higher wind speeds.

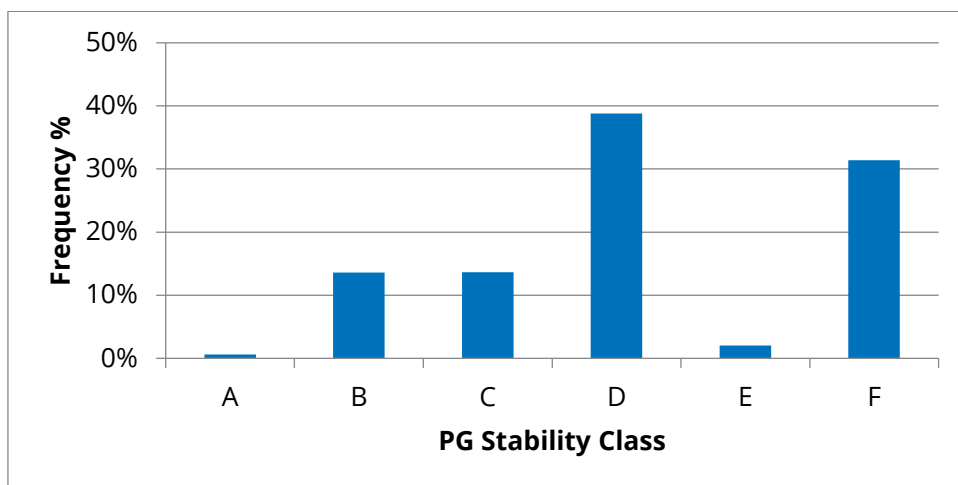




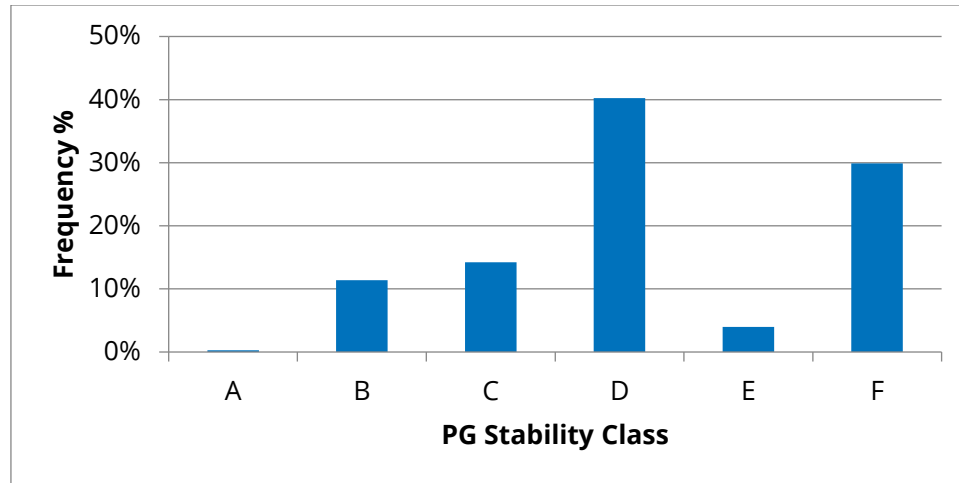
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T18 Burnaby South



T22 Burnaby-Burmount

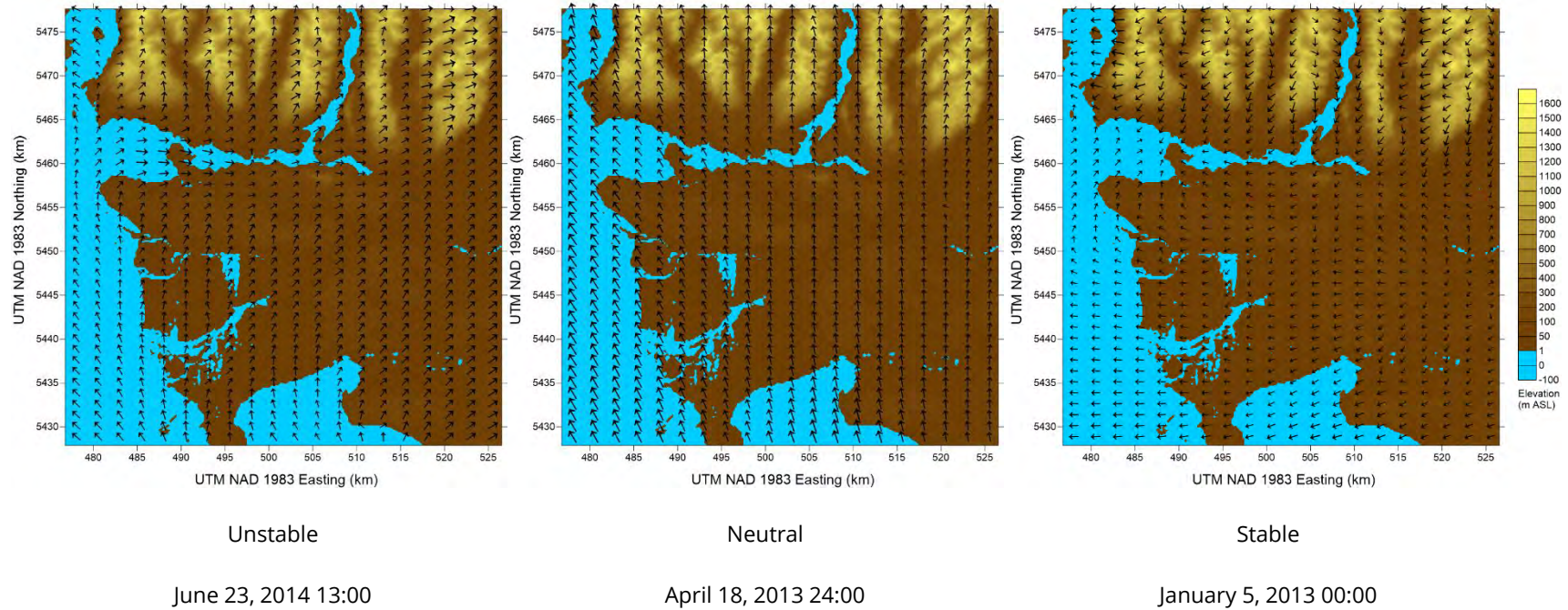


T22 Annacis Island

Figure B.5: Frequency of modelled Pasquill-Gifford stability classes

### B.3.3 Modelled Wind Fields

Spatial wind plots are used to evaluate a meteorological model’s ability to replicate wind flow patterns, particularly with respect to expected terrain influences. Vector wind fields plots representing examples of unstable, neutral, and stable conditions for the study area are illustrated in Figure B.6. In general, CALMET-derived wind fields follow the expected terrain features under various stability and flow regimes. In particular, upslope and onshore winds are seen during unstable periods when strong heating over the valley slopes and differential heating between land and water results in mountain and sea breezes. Similarly, katabatic downslope winds are prevalent during stable, night-time conditions when cooling at the surface creates density driven winds over sloped terrain. Under neutral conditions, the characteristic high wind speeds result in less noticeable terrain effects and wind fields are relatively uniform across the model domain.



Arrow lengths show relative wind speed from 0 to 8.0 m/s.

**Figure B.6:** Modelled wind fields at 10 m above ground level during unstable, neutral, and stable conditions



### B.3.4 Mixing Heights

Mixing heights are estimated in CALMET through the influence of both thermally and mechanically generated turbulence as determined from modeled surface heat flux, vertical temperature profiles, and vertical wind shear. Table B.8 shows the average modelled mixing heights by Pasquill-Gifford stability class. Overall, the highest mixing heights are associated with unstable conditions (Classes A, B and C), while the lowest mixing heights are associated with stable conditions (Classes E and F).

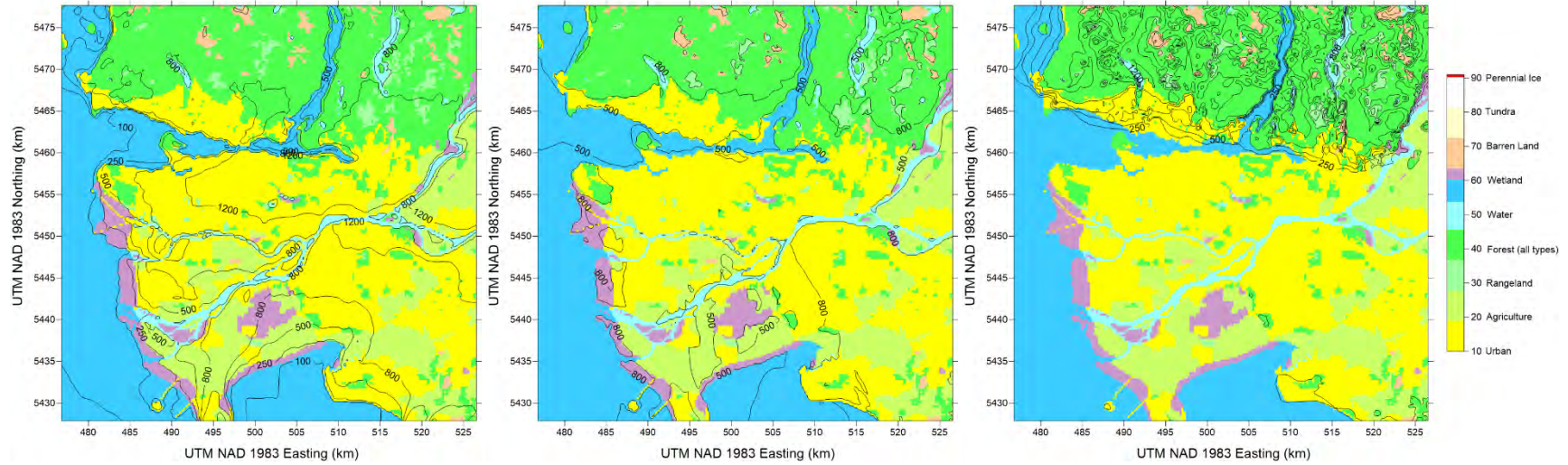
The spatial distribution of mixing heights under unstable, neutral, and stable conditions is shown in Figure B.7. Spatial changes in mixing height align with changes in the land use, due to difference in energy balance and surface roughness resulting for differing land cover categories. Mixing height tends to be lowest over water due to lower surface temperature and heating and increases with higher surface temperature and heating and larger surface roughness over land.

Diurnal variations in mixing heights at are shown in Figure B.8, respectively for a typical summer day (August 10) and a typical winter day (January 1). Mixing heights tend to increase with solar heating during the day and decrease with surface radiative cooling during the night, although daytime mixing heights may be suppressed during stable winter conditions due to weak solar insolation, high reflectivity of snow-covered surfaces, low wind speeds and synoptic subsidence.

**Table B.8:** Average modelled mixing height by Pasquill-Gifford Stability Class (in m)

Station	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>WTE Facility</b>	877	636	689	472	283	79
<b>T13 North Delta</b>	1,204	856	581	439	323	77
<b>T18 Burnaby South</b>	1,304	900	586	425	267	72
<b>T22 Burnaby-Burmound</b>	1,375	953	658	468	312	81
<b>T38 Annacis Island</b>	994	668	558	430	263	73





Unstable

June 23, 2013 12:00

Neutral

November 18, 2013 22:00

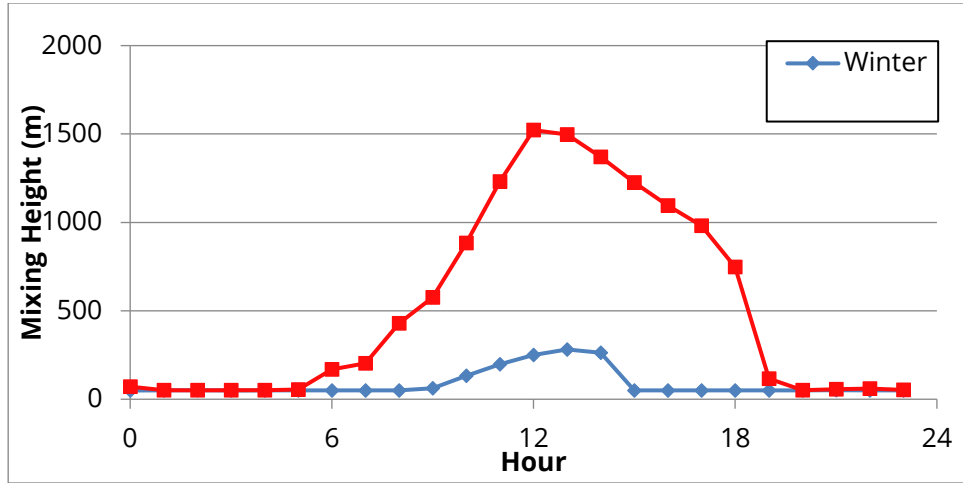
Stable

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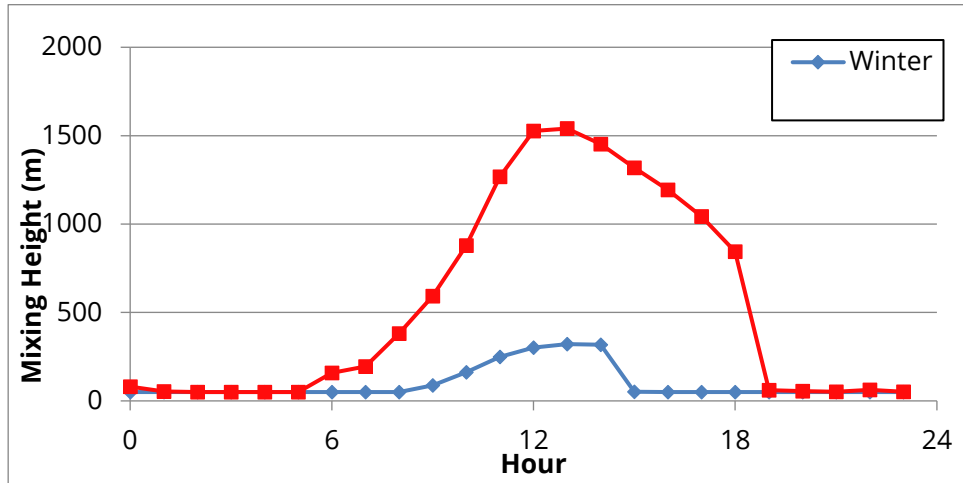
Contour intervals are 250 m.

**Figure B.7:** Modelled mixing heights (contour lines, labels in metres) overlaid on top of land cover characterization during unstable, neutral, and stable atmospheric conditions.

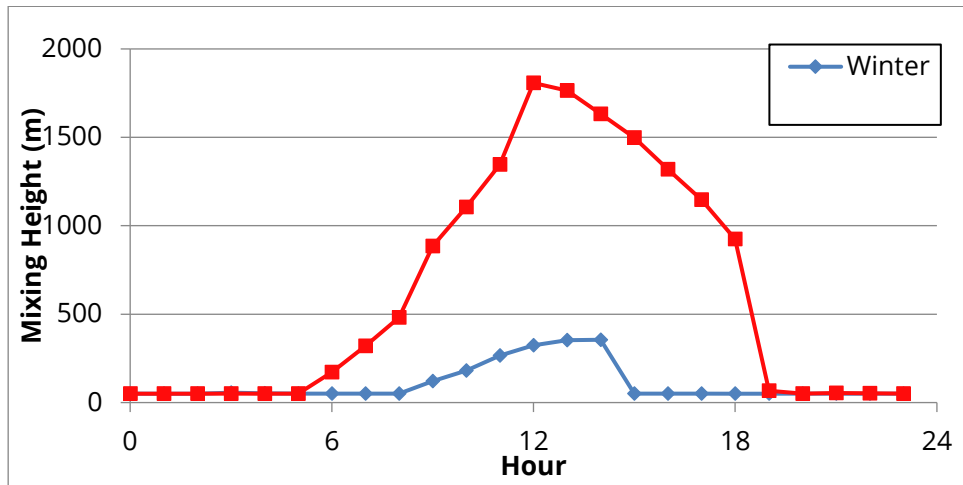




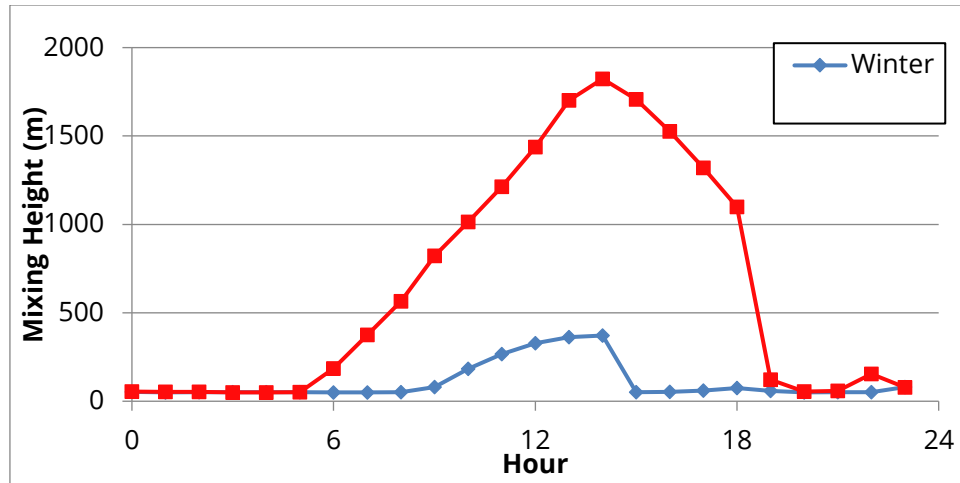
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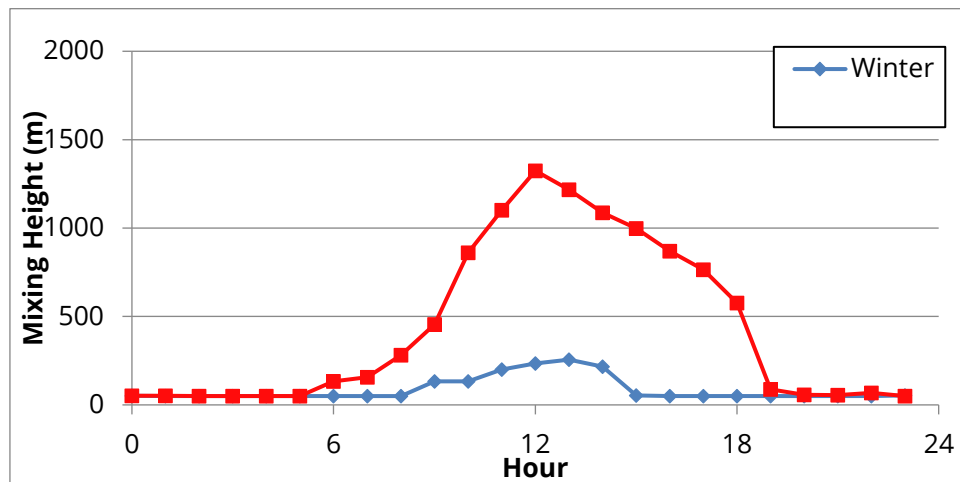
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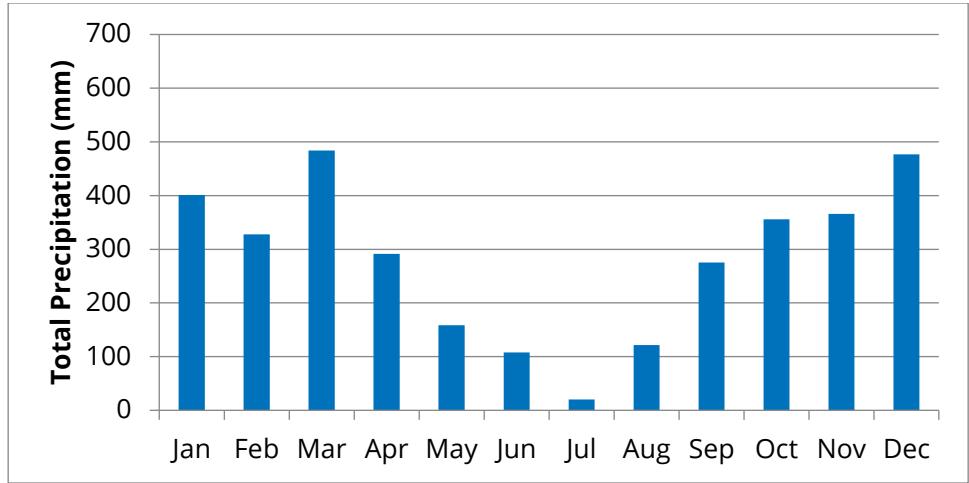


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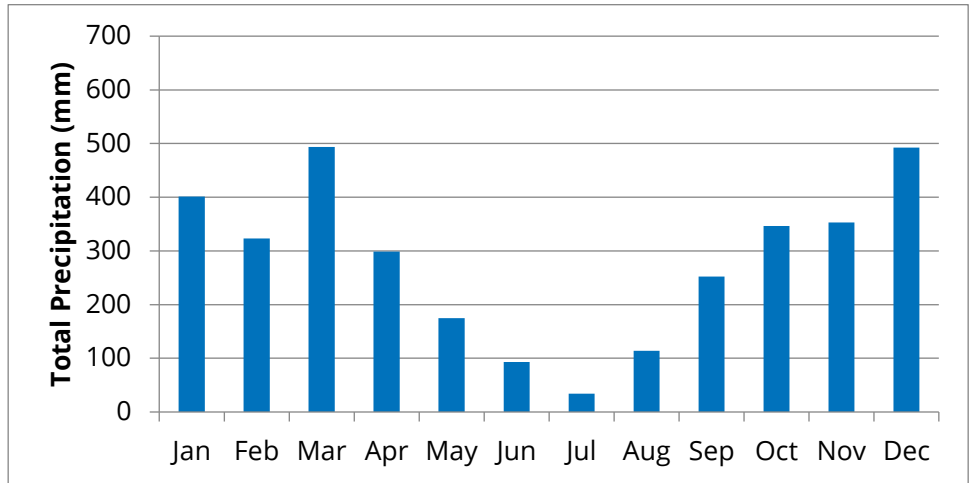
Figure B.8: Diurnal variation of modelled mixing heights

### B.3.5 Precipitation

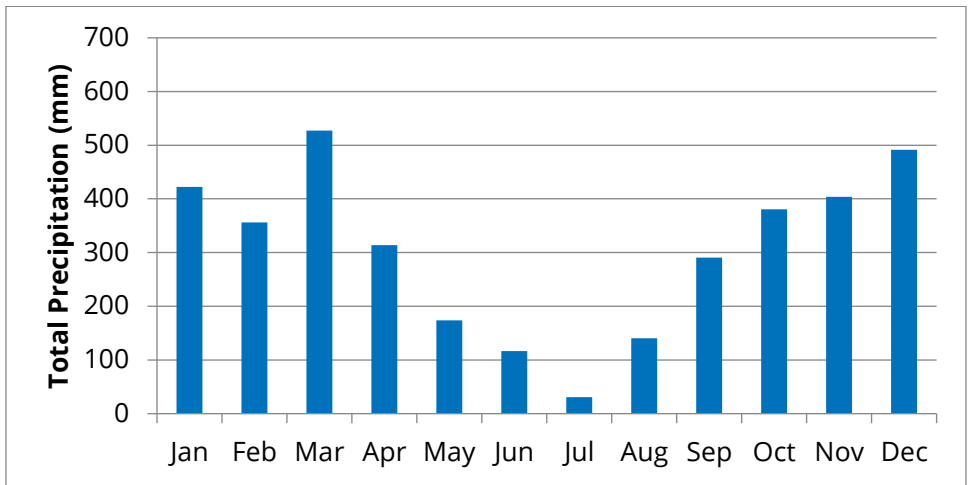
CALMET-derived monthly precipitation patterns at various stations are illustrated in Figure B.9 at all stations. The least amount of precipitation is expected to occur in the summer months from May to August, and the greatest amount of precipitation is expected to occur in December, January, and March.



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T13 North Delta



T18 Burnaby South

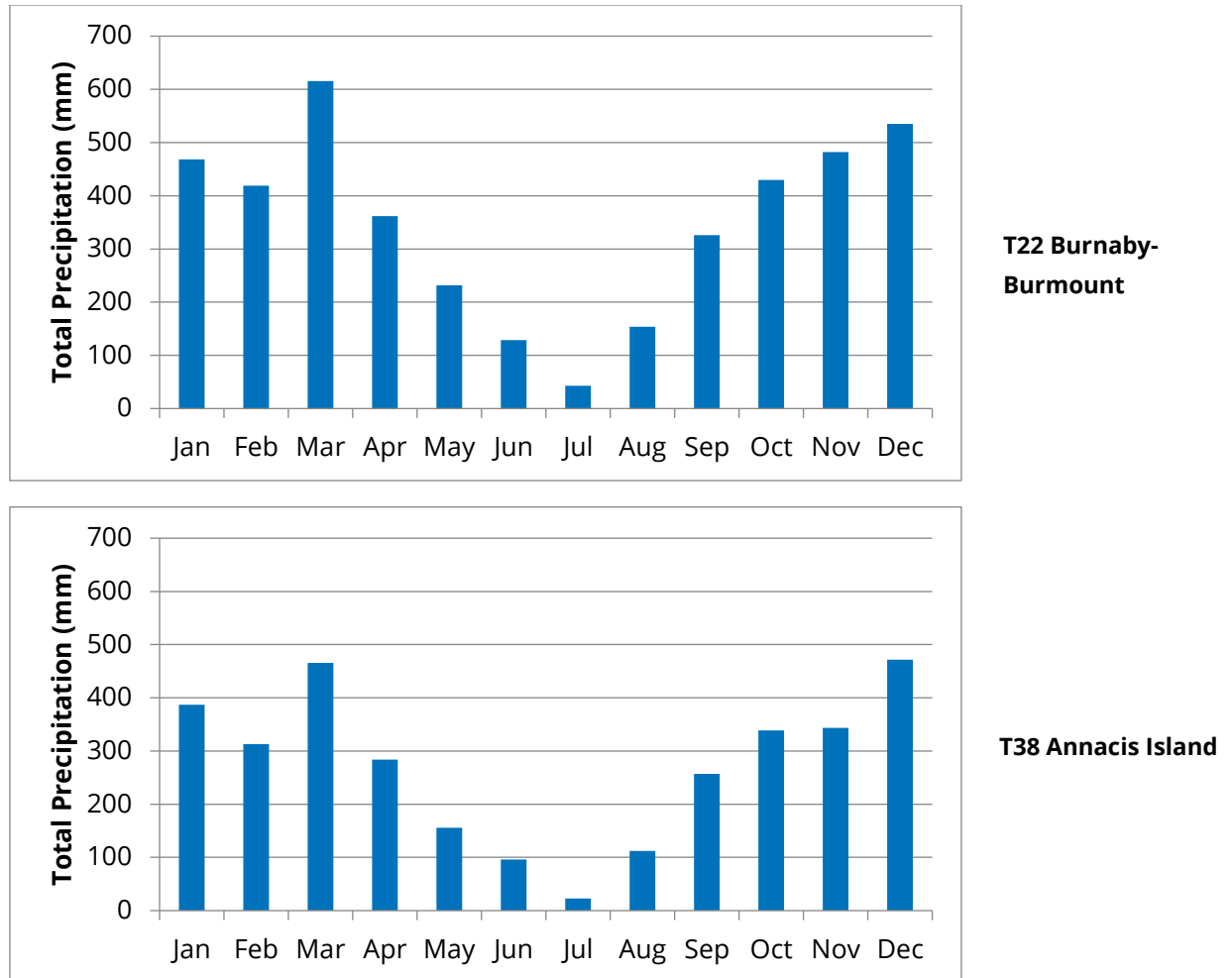


Figure B.9: Monthly distribution of modelled precipitation

## B.4 CALPUFF INPUTS

All technical options relating to the CALPUFF dispersion model were set according to the Guidelines for Air Quality Dispersion Modelling in BC (BCMOE 2008) or to model defaults. These include parameters and options such as the calculation of plume dispersion coefficients, the plume path coefficients used for terrain adjustments, exponents for the wind speed profile, and wind speed categories. A list of the technical options is shown in Table B.9.



**Table B.9:** CALPUFF model switch settings

Parameter	Default	Project	Comments
<b>MGAUSS</b>	1	1	Gaussian distribution used in near field
<b>MCTADJ</b>	3	3	Partial plume path terrain adjustment
<b>MCTSG</b>	0	0	Sub-grid scale complex terrain not modelled
<b>MSLUG</b>	0	0	Near-field puffs not modelled as elongated
<b>MTRANS</b>	1	1	Transitional plume rise modelled
<b>MTIP</b>	1	1	Stack tip downwash used
<b>MRISE</b>	1	1	Briggs plume rise used to compute plume rise
<b>MTIP_FL</b>	0	0	No FLARE sources
<b>MBDW</b>	1	2	PRIME method used to stimulate building downwash
<b>MSHEAR</b>	0	0	Vertical wind shear not modelled
<b>MSPLIT</b>	0	0	Puffs are not split
<b>MCHEM</b>	1	6	Chemical transformation using RIVAD/ISORROPIA as per BC Guideline
<b>MAQCHEM</b>	0	0	Aqueous phase transformation not modelled
<b>MLWC</b>	1	1	Not modelled since MAQCHEM = 0
<b>MWET</b>	1	1	Wet removal modelled for all sources
<b>MDRY</b>	1	1	Dry deposition modelled for all sources
<b>MTILT</b>	0	0	Gravitational settling not modelled
<b>MDISP</b>	3	2	Near-field dispersion coefficients internally calculated from sigma-v, sigma-w using micrometeorological variables as recommended by guidelines
<b>MTURBVW</b>	3	23	Not used since MDISP = 3



Parameter	Default	Project	Comments
<b>MDISP2</b>	3	3	Not used since MDISP =
<b>MTAULY</b>	0	0	Default used
<b>MTAUADV</b>	0	0	Default used
<b>MCTURB</b>	1	1	Standard CALPUFF subroutines used to compute turbulence sigma-v & sigma-w
<b>MROUGH</b>	0	0	PG sigma-y, sigma-z not adjusted for roughness
<b>MPARTL</b>	1	1	Partial plume penetration of elevated inversion modelled for point sources
<b>MPARTLBA</b>	1	1	Partial plume penetration of elevated inversion modelled for buoyant area sources
<b>MTINV</b>	0	0	Strength of temperature inversion computed from default gradients
<b>MPDF</b>	0	0	PDF not used for dispersion under convective conditions
<b>MSGTIBL</b>	0	0	Sub-grid TIBL module not used for shoreline
<b>MBCON</b>	0	0	Boundary concentration conditions not modelled
<b>MSOURCE</b>	0	0	Individual source contributions not saved
<b>MFOG</b>	0	0	Do not configure for FOG model output
<b>MREG</b>	1	0	Do not test options specified to see if they conform to United States Environmental Protection Agency regulatory values

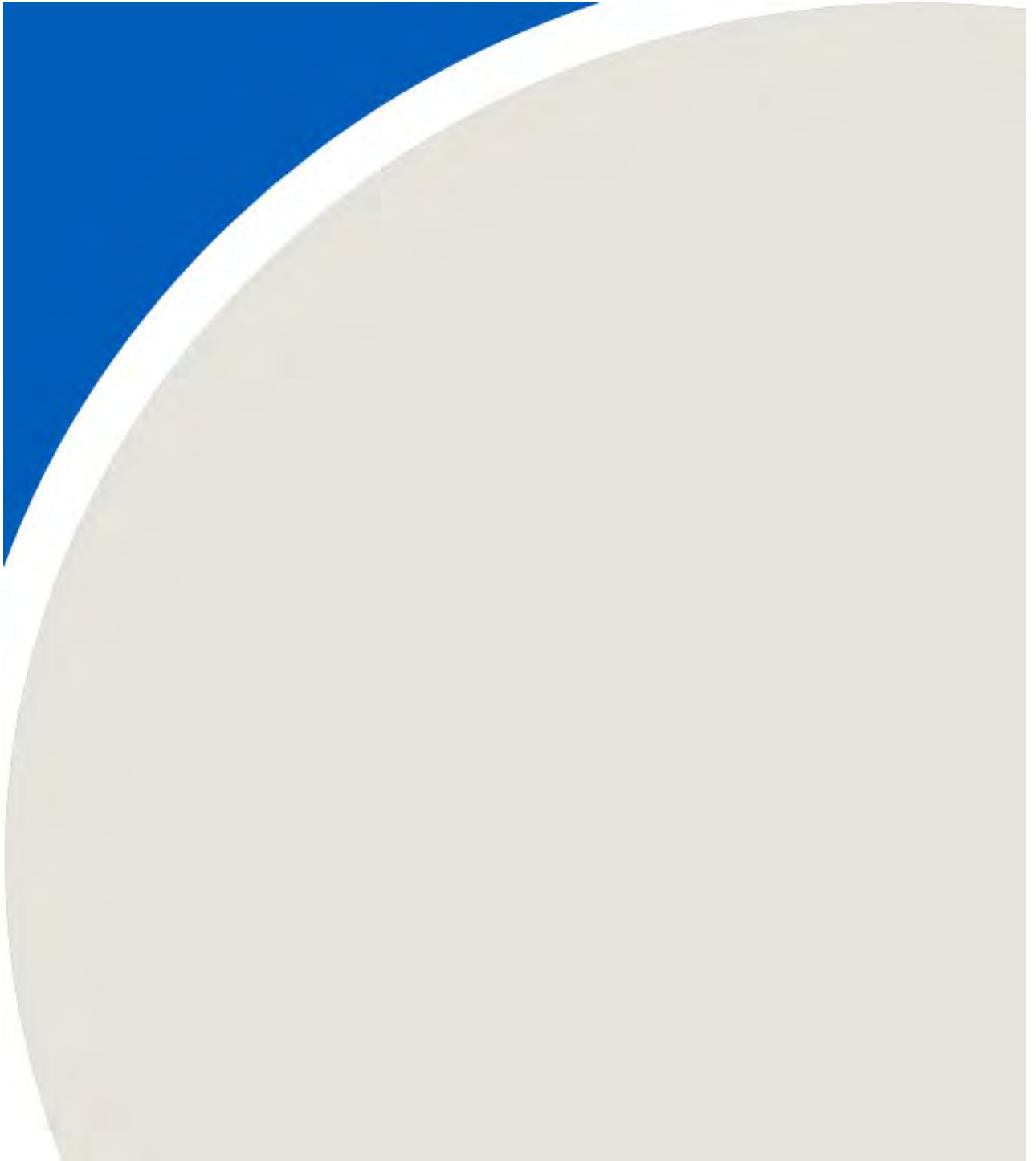


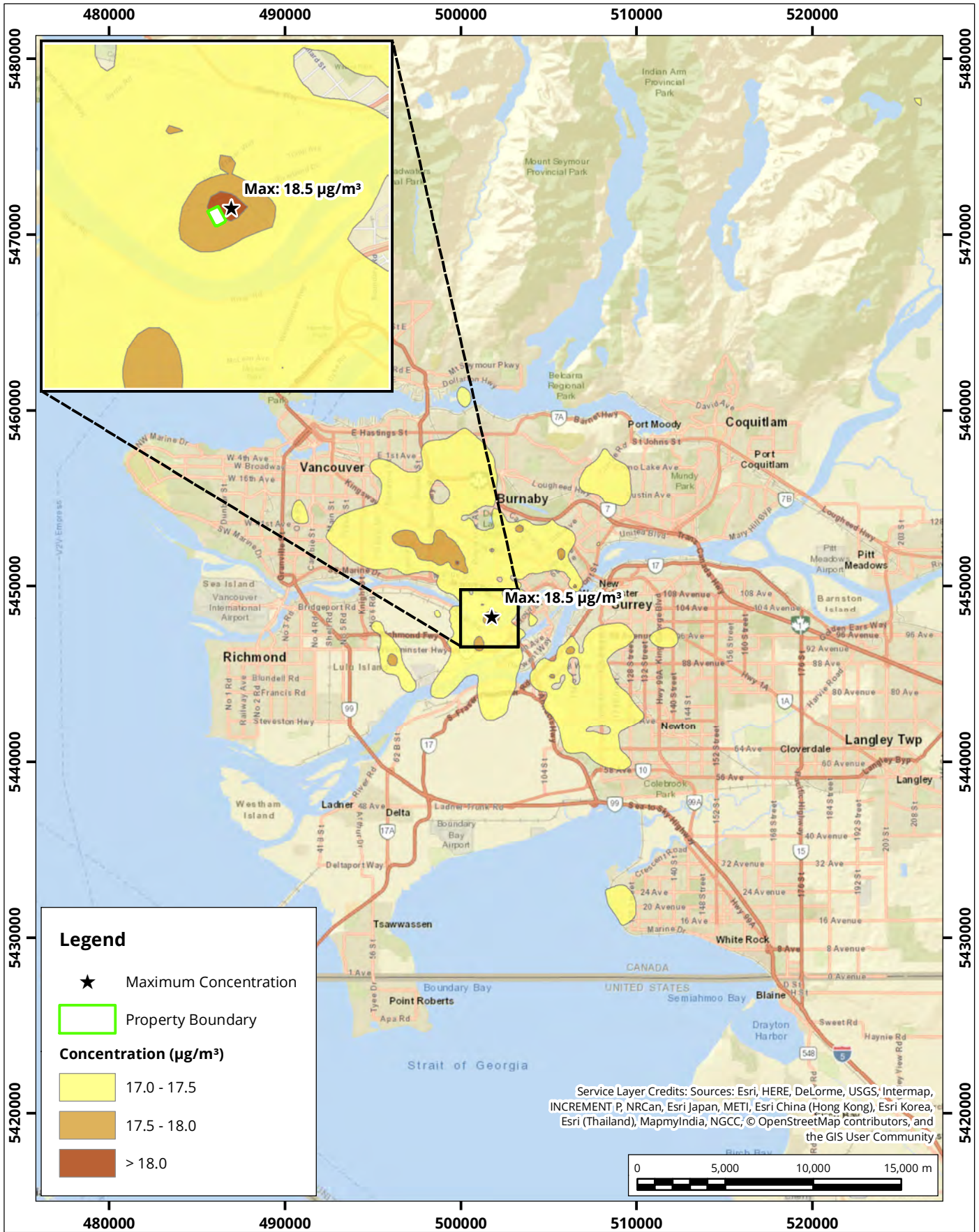
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## APPENDIX C





**Maximum predicted 24-hour  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  concentrations, with background Permit Scenario**

Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
 Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

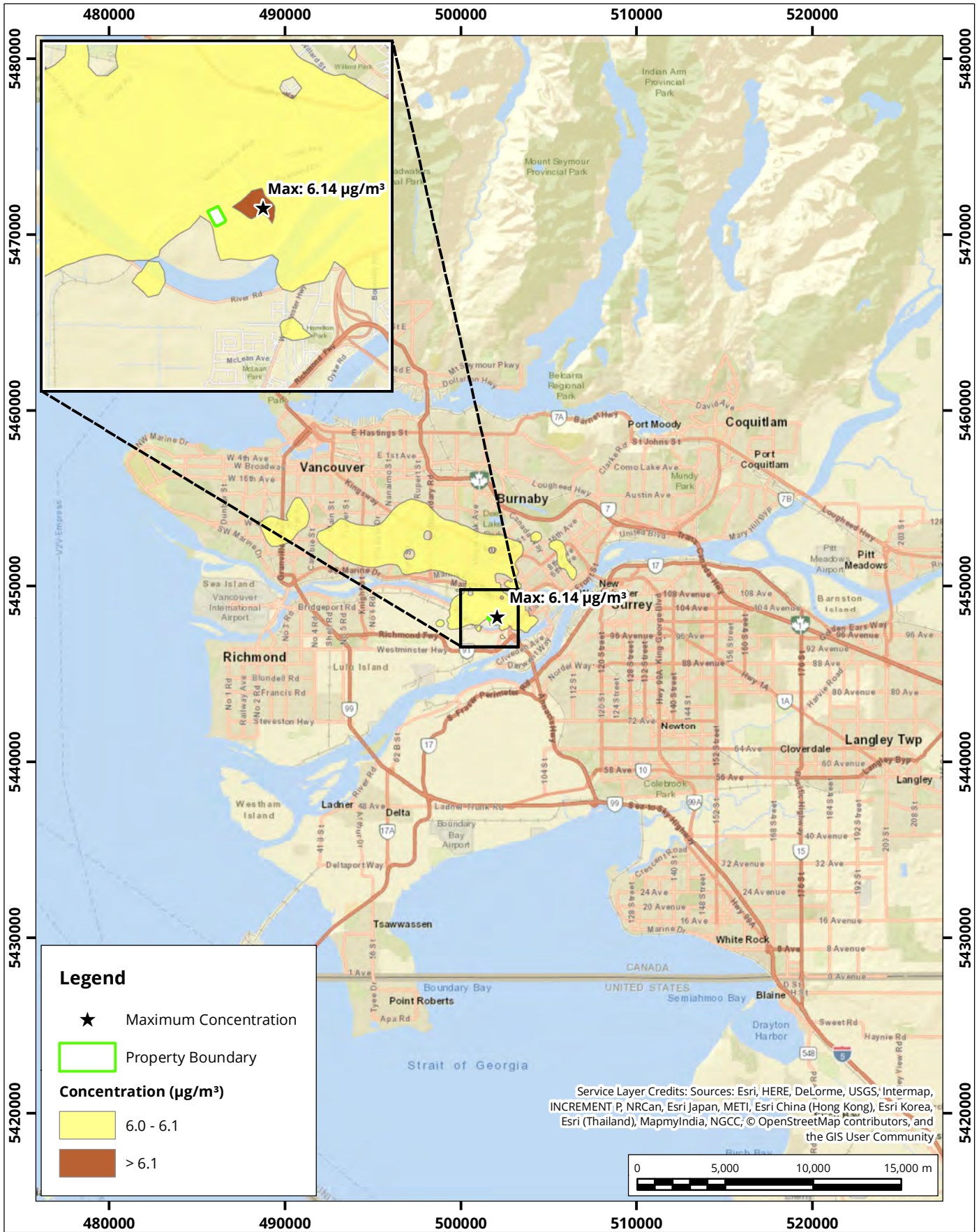


Background Concentration =  $16.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
 Metro Vancouver Objective =  $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
 Project #: 1702445

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Date Revised: Nov 13, 2018	







**Predicted annual average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations, with background Permit Scenario**

Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

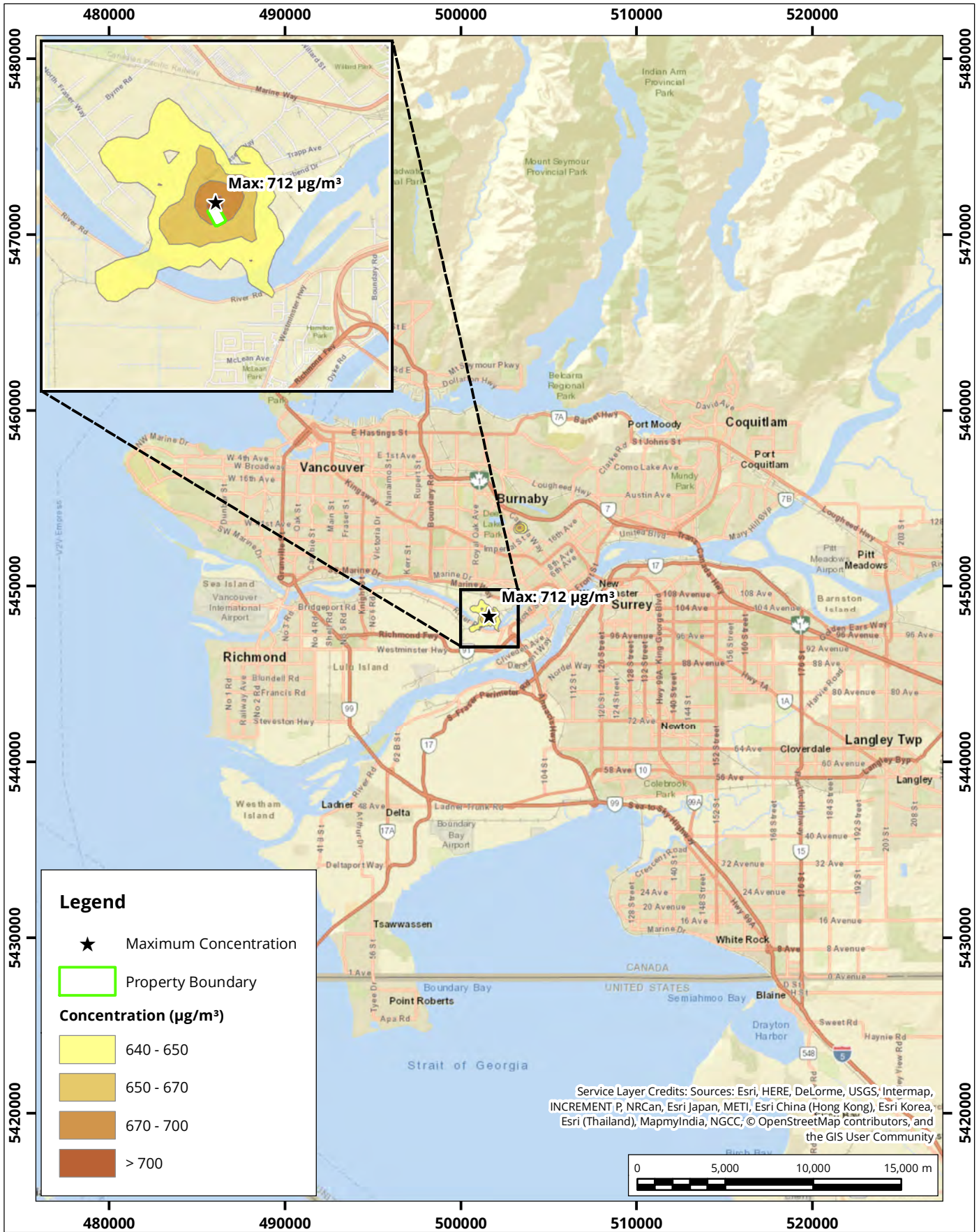


Background Concentration = 5.9 µg/m³  
Metro Vancouver Objective = 8 µg/m³  
Project #: 1702445

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**Maximum predicted 1-hour CO concentrations,  
with background  
Permit Scenario**

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Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

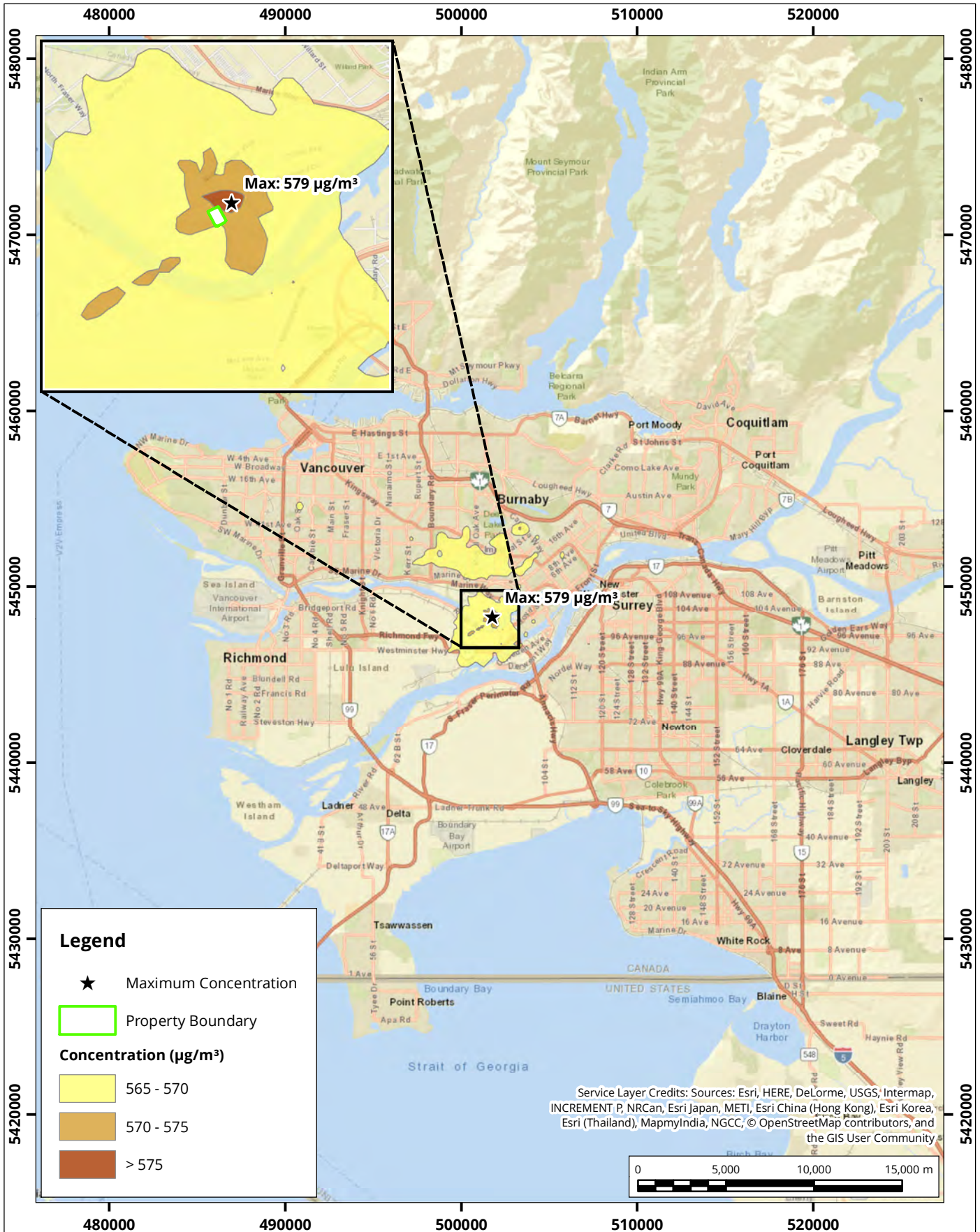


Background Concentration = 607  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
Metro Vancouver Objective = 30,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
Project #: 1702445

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### Maximum predicted 8-hour CO concentrations, with background Permit Scenario

Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

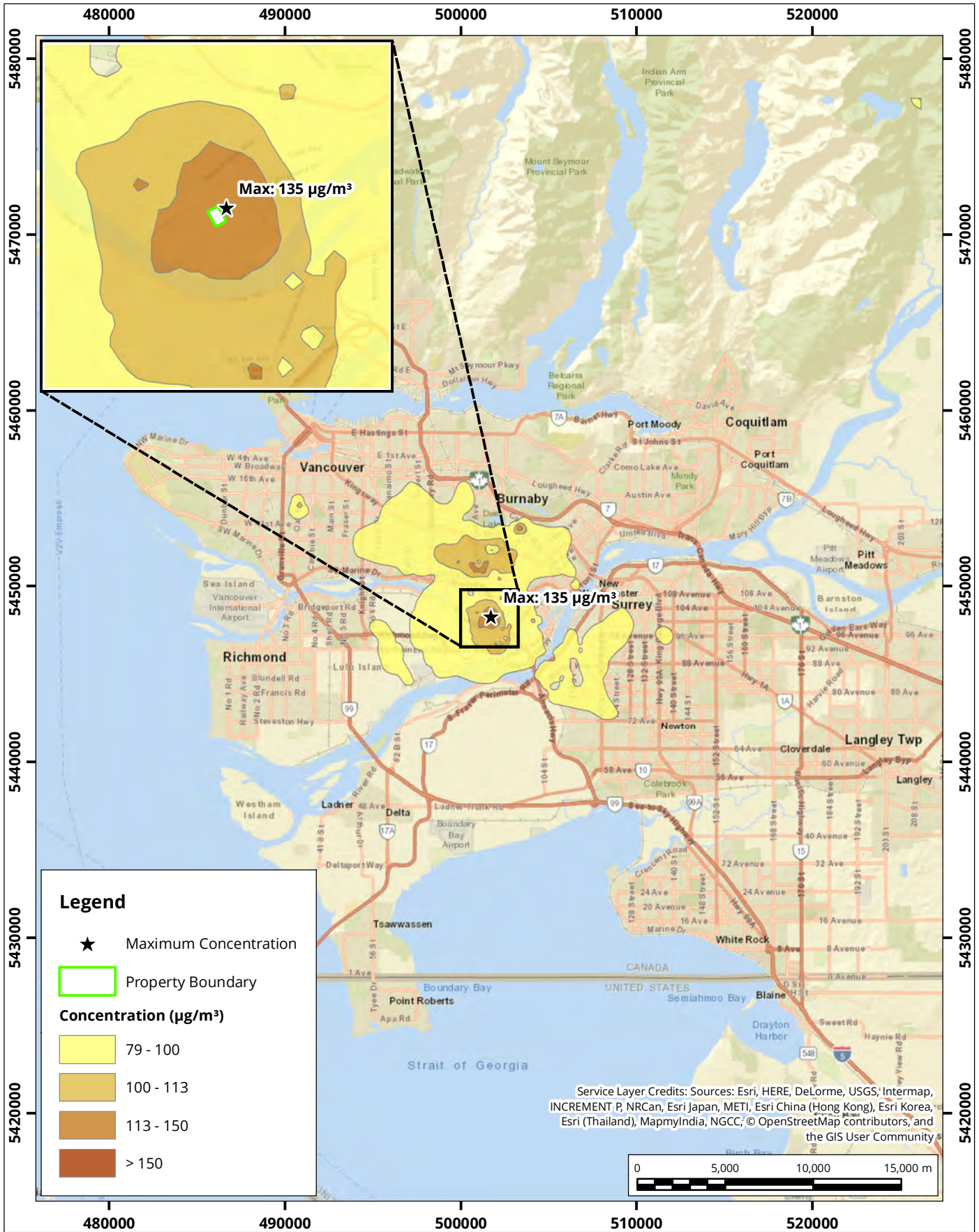


Background Concentration = 560 µg/m³  
Metro Vancouver Objective = 10,000 µg/m³  
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**Maximum predicted 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations,  
with background  
Permit Scenario**

Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

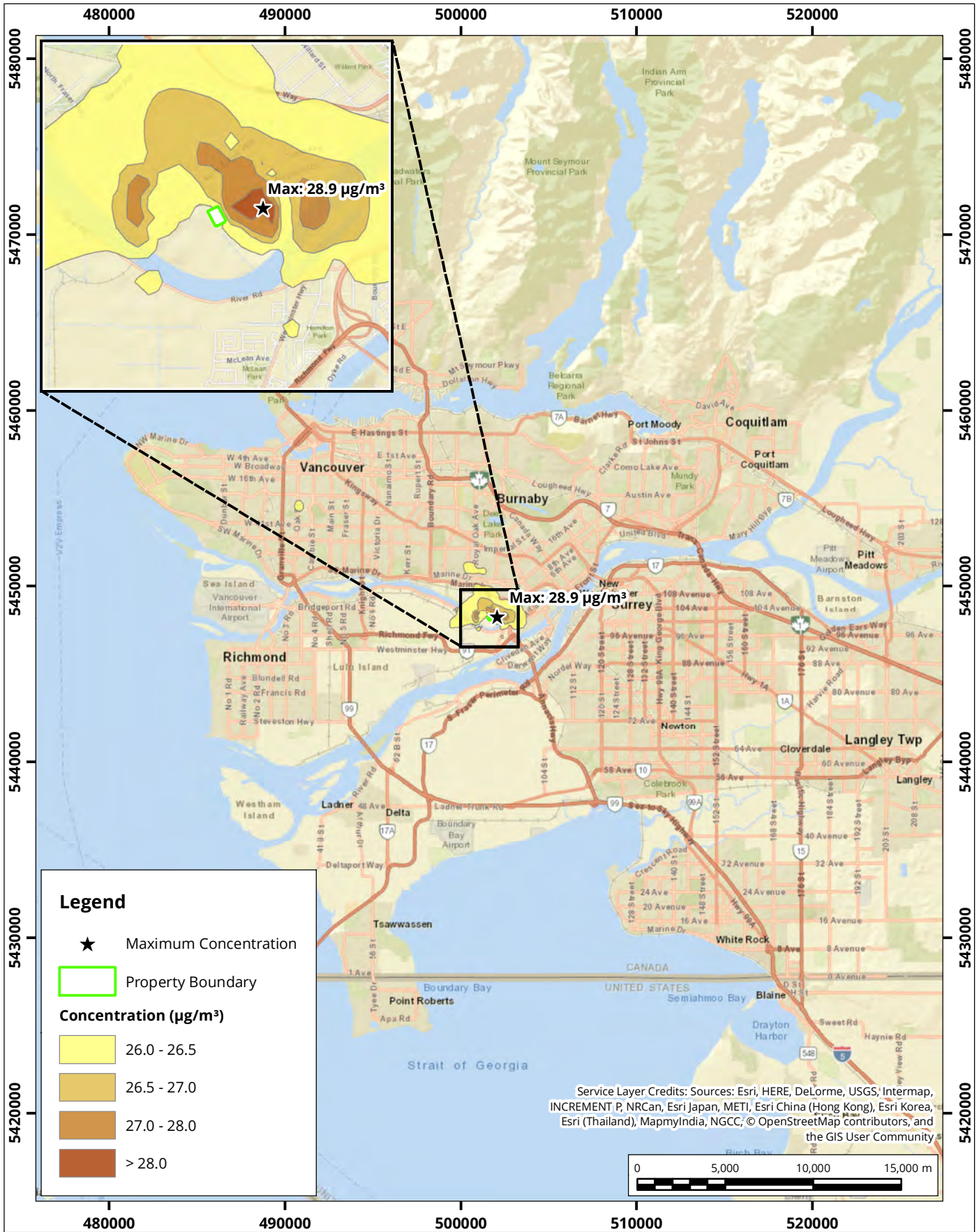


Background Concentration = 62.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Metro Vancouver Objective = 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Project #: 1702445

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**Predicted annual average NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations,  
with background  
Permit Scenario**

Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

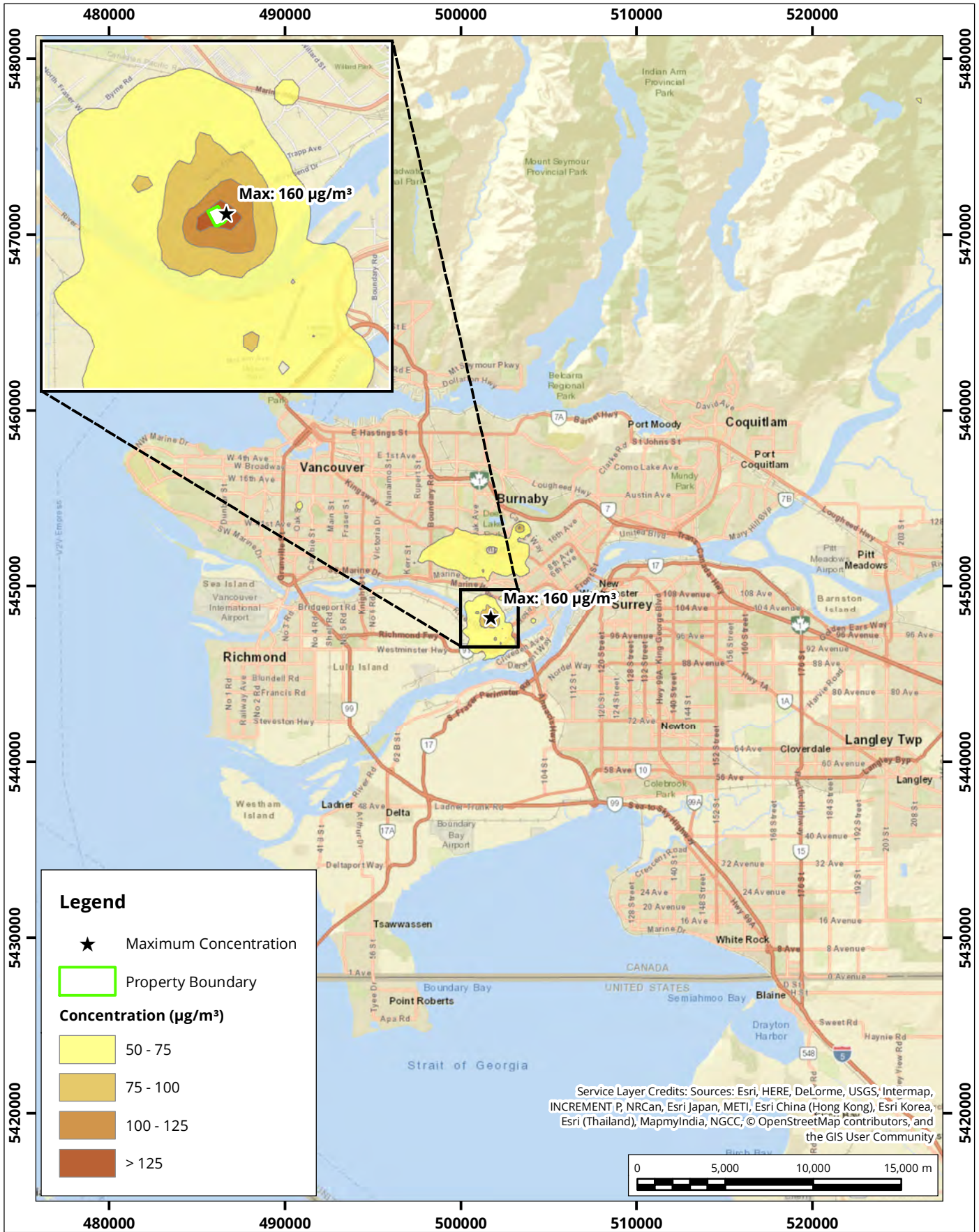


Background Concentration = 25.2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
Metro Vancouver Objective = 40  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
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**Maximum predicted 1-hour  $\text{SO}_2$  concentrations, with background Permit Scenario**

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 Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

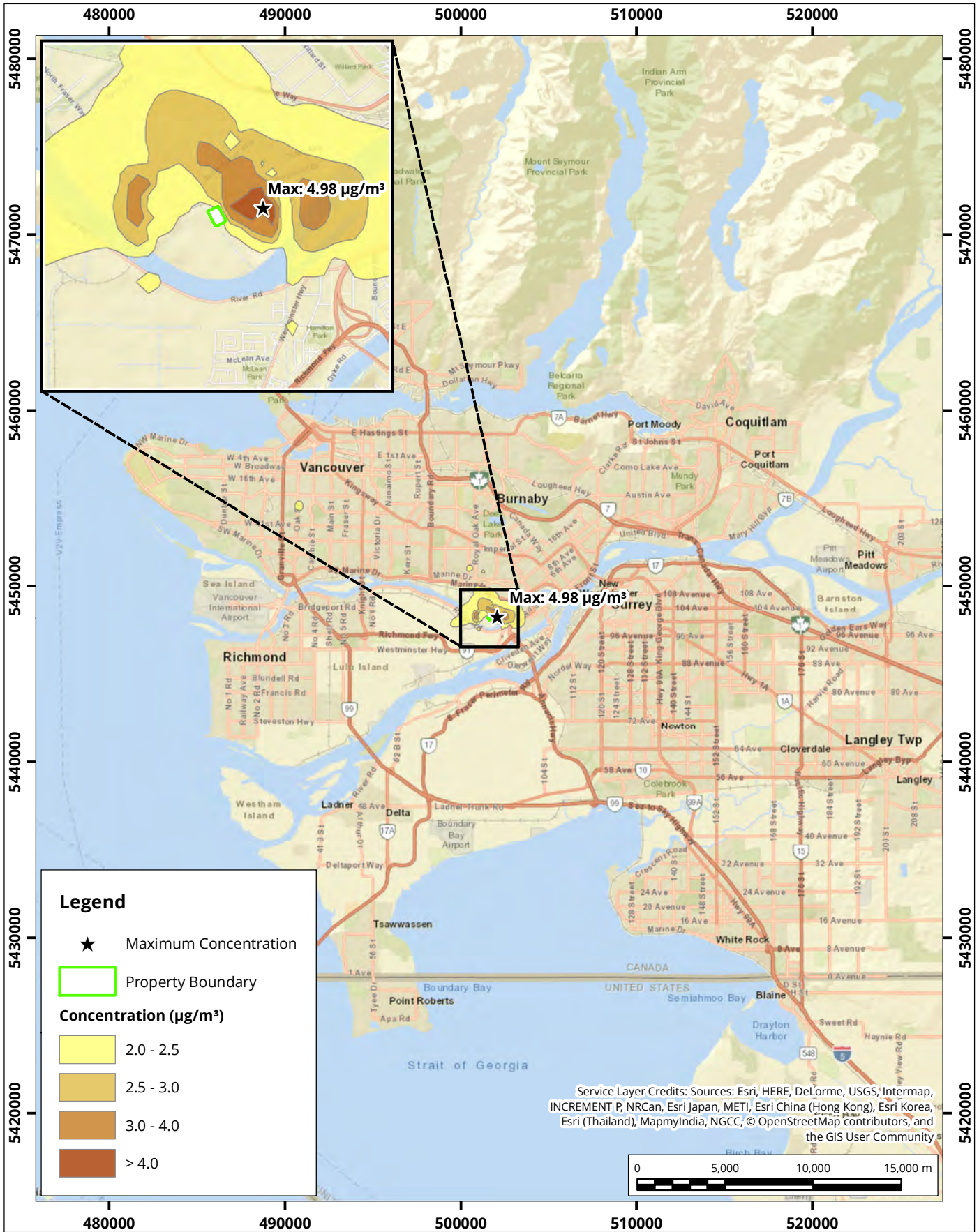


Background Concentration =  $5.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
 Metro Vancouver Objective =  $183 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
 Project #: 1702445

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**Predicted annual average SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations,  
with background  
Permit Scenario**

Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

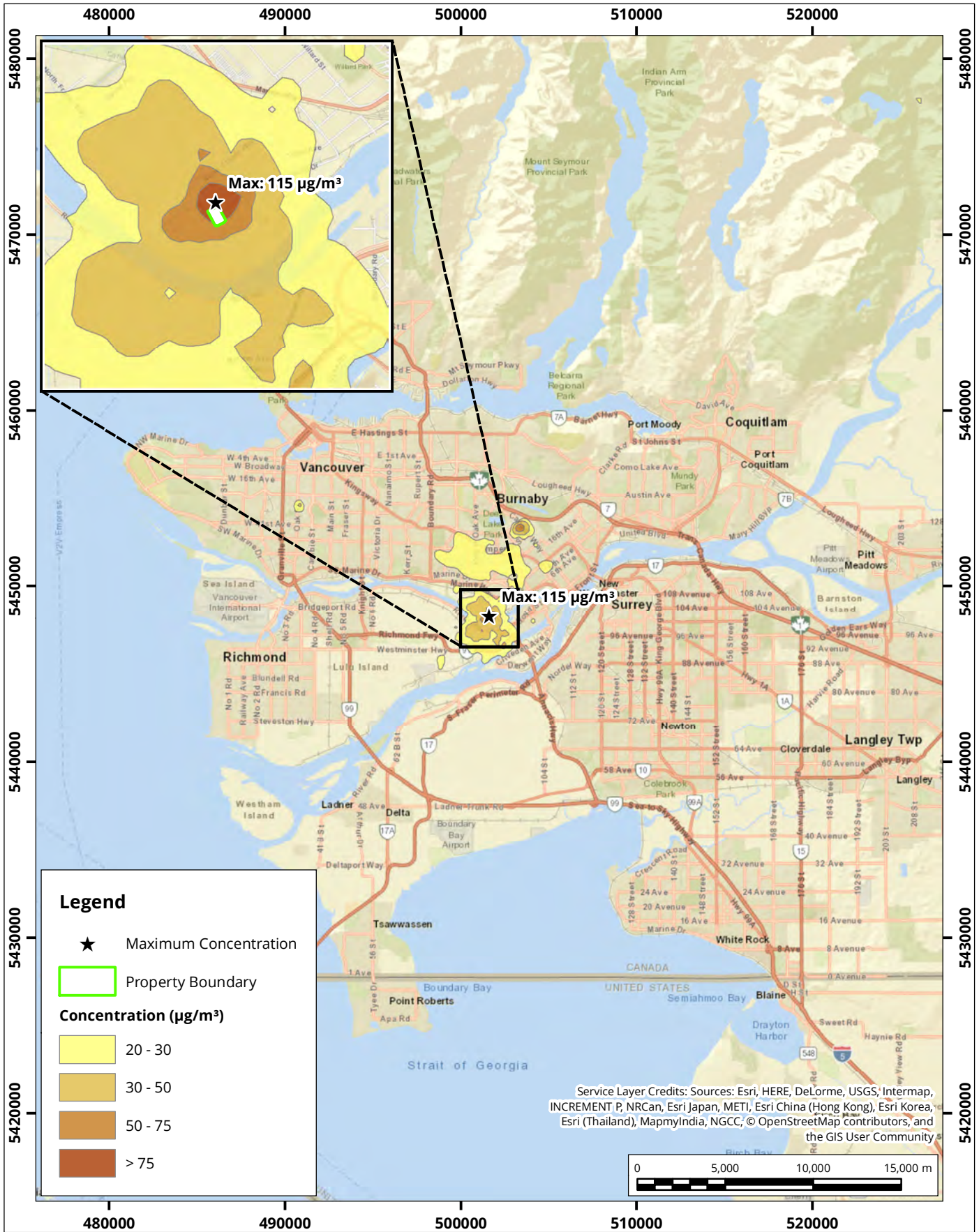


Background Concentration = 1.1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
Metro Vancouver Objective = 13  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
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**Maximum predicted 1-hour HCl concentrations  
Permit Scenario**



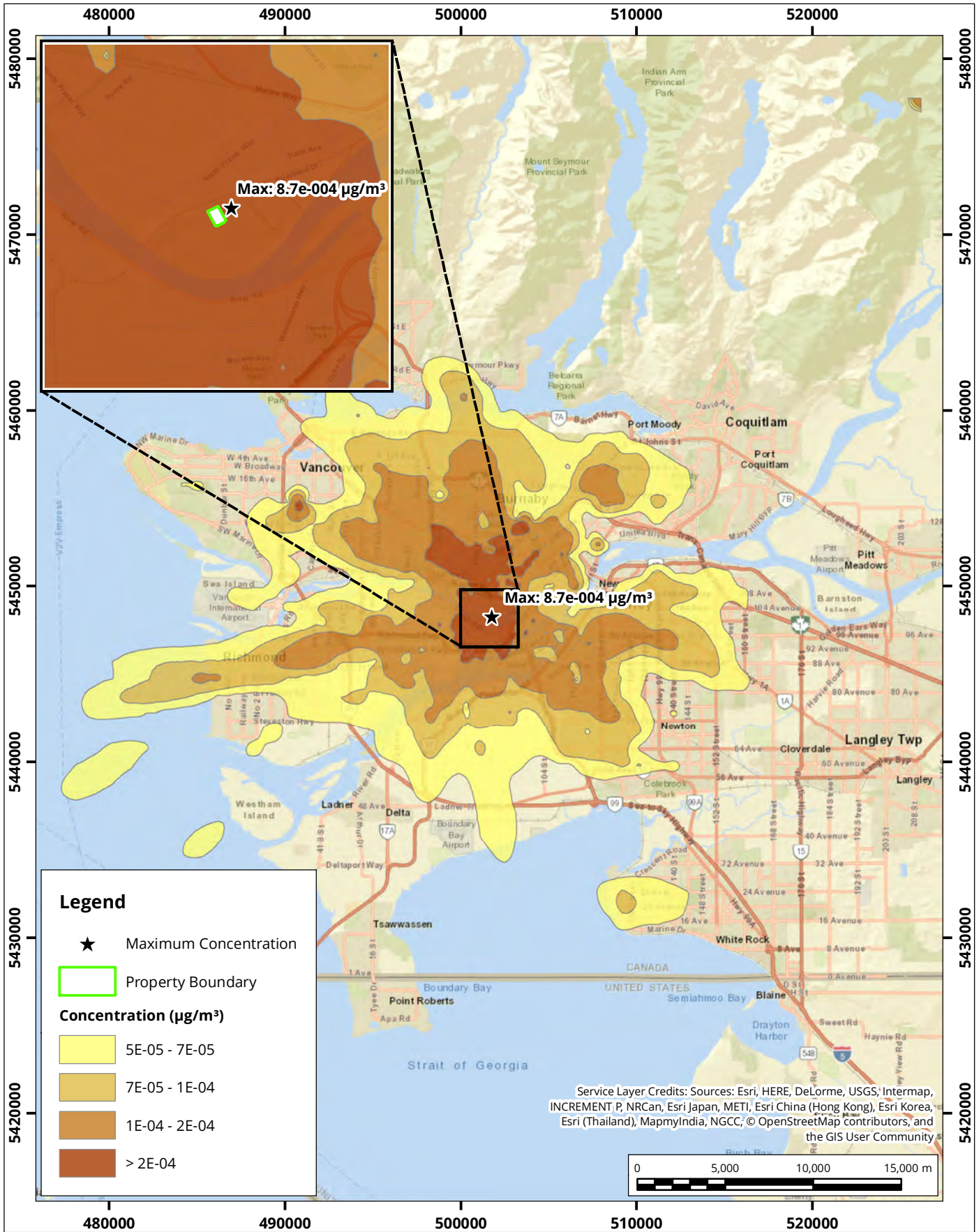
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Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

Reference Objective from Alberta Parks Ambient Air  
Quality Objectives (adopted from Texas) =  $75 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
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## Maximum predicted 24-hour PAH concentrations Permit Scenario



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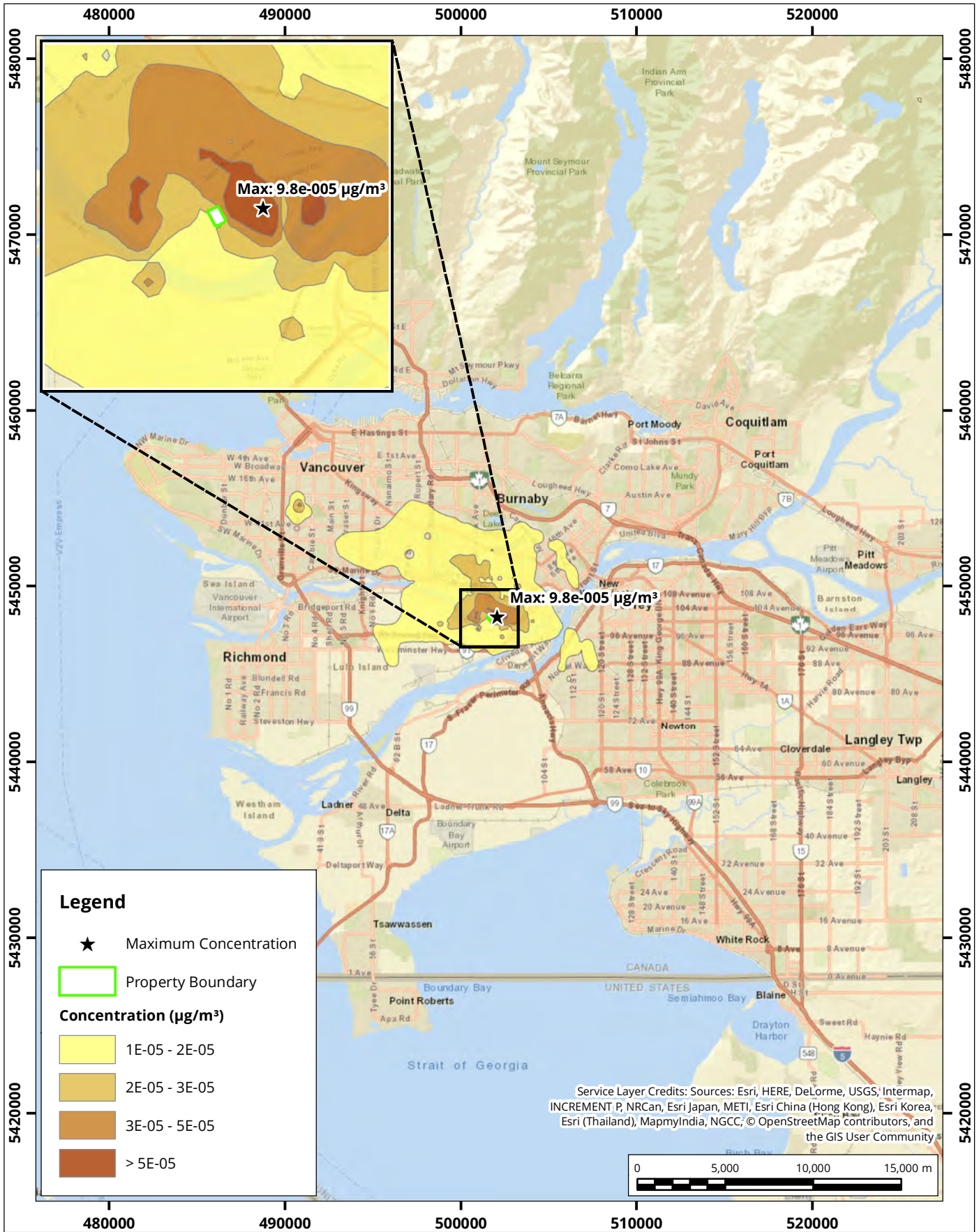


Map Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N  
Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

Reference Objective from Ontario Ambient Air Quality  
Criteria (Health Limiting Effect) = 5E-05  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

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**Predicted annual average PAH concentrations**  
**Permit Scenario**



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 Waste-To-Energy Facility - Burnaby, British Columbia

Reference Objective from Ontario Ambient Air Quality  
 Criteria (Health Limiting Effect) =  $1\text{E}-05 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

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