

**QUALITY ASSURANCE AUDIT REPORT**

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**Ambient Air and Meteorological Monitoring**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>, and June 11<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, an audit team from the AECOM ambient air group in Austin, Texas conducted performance and technical system audits of the North Texas Commission (NTC) ambient air monitoring network. The audits provide an independent assessment of the monitoring program.

The monitoring program at NTC consists of continuous gas chromatographs (GC), volatile organic compound (VOC) canister collection systems, and meteorological sensors including wind speed, wind direction, and temperature.

The performance audit results indicate acceptable responses for measurement systems with the exceptions summarized below.

The wind direction sensors were found to be outside the total maximum error specification of  $\pm 5^\circ$  at three sites: Bowie, Weatherford, and Wichita Falls. The wind direction sensor at Bowie was replaced after the audit. The wind direction sensors at Weatherford and Wichita Falls were realigned and found to be within the audit objective. Following realignment, there is no further field action required.

The wind speed sensor bearings were outside of the audit guidance of 0.3 g-cm for the torque test at Benbrook. New bearings were installed at the site that proceeded to pass the re-audit with a torque test result of 0.1 g-cm.

Out of the 48 compounds being analyzed, six compounds (ethylene, propylene, acetylene, styrene, 1,2,3-trimethylbenzene, and n-undecane) were found to be outside of the audit objective of 70% - 130% recovery at several sites. In addition, Benbrook site had the following GC compound recoveries outside of the audit specification:

Locations	Compounds
Benbrook	M&P-xylene, isopropylbenzene, n-propylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, n-decane

These network GC audit results are comparable historically to other AECOM auto-GC audits. No problems were identified in the quality control procedures at any of these sites that would indicate a persistent measurement error.

Technical systems audit results demonstrate satisfactory operational procedures for collecting valid data.

A performance evaluation (PE) sample is prepared by the AECOM QA group on a quarterly basis and submitted to the VOC laboratory for analysis. This performance evaluation sample contained known (spiked) concentrations of the target VOCs. A review of the sample recoveries for the spiked target VOCs shows that ten of the compounds were not within the range of expected values (70-130%). All ten compounds were below the acceptable sample recovery, with the exception of ethane:

- 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (46.1%),
- 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (55.1%),
- 1-hexene (62.0%),
- 4-ethyltoluene (49.5%),
- ethane (154.6%),
- ethylbenzene (62.4%),
- M&P-xylene (66.7%),
- o-xylene (64.0%),
- styrene (61.9%), and
- toluene (67.2%)

Over the past year, the PE sample recoveries have been lower than expected for heavier, non-halogenated VOCs. 1-hexene has also historically been a problematic compound for VOC work and typically has lower recoveries. AECOM QA staff and the sampling lab have been working together to investigate the low recoveries of these compounds. The percent recovery for ethene and other C2 compounds can be challenging for lower concentrations due to the lab's level of quantification limit being higher than the theoretical input. AECOM QA staff shared the performance evaluation results with the VOC laboratory, and no other corrective action was taken. We will continue to evaluate these compounds in our PE samples and work with the lab to resolve these discrepancies. Below are GD Air's most recent performance evaluation canister results during the second quarter of 2018.

**Table ES-1. Results of Performance Standard for Off-Site Analytical Lab**

Compound Name	CAS Number	Concentration (ppb-v)	Lab Results (ppb-v)	Percent Recovery
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	71-55-6	2.9	2.7	93.7%
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	2.9	2.1	73.0%
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79-00-5	2.9	2.4	81.3%
1,1-Dichloroethane	75-34-3	2.8	2.6	92.1%
1,1-Dichloroethene	75-35-4	2.9	2.7	94.5%
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6	2.8	1.3	<b>46.1%</b>
1,2-Dibromoethane	106-93-4	2.9	2.2	75.8%
1,2-Dichlorobenzene (o-Dichlorobenzene)	95-50-1	2.7	2.6	94.4%
1,2-Dichloroethane	107-06-2	2.9	2.6	89.8%
1,2-Dichloropropane	78-87-5	2.9	2.4	84.5%
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	2.8	1.5	<b>55.1%</b>
1,3-Butadiene	106-99-0	5.7	5.4	95.5%
1-Butene	106-98-9	2.9	2.9	101.1%
1-Hexene	592-41-6	2.7	1.7	<b>62.0%</b>
1-Pentene	109-67-1	2.9	2.4	83.4%
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	540-84-1	2.9	2.5	88.4%
4-Ethyltoluene (p-Ethyltoluene)	622-96-8	2.8	1.4	<b>49.5%</b>
Benzene	71-43-2	2.9	2.3	77.8%
Bromomethane	74-83-9	2.8	2.8	100.7%
c-1,3-Dichloropropene	10061-01-5	2.9	2.4	83.2%
Carbon tetrachloride	56-23-5	2.9	2.7	94.7%
Chlorobenzene	108-90-7	2.9	2.1	70.6%
Chloroform	67-66-3	2.8	2.6	93.2%
Chloromethane (Methyl Chloride)	74-87-3	2.9	3.1	108.7%
Cyclohexane	110-82-7	2.9	2.3	77.5%
Dichlorodifluoromethane (Freon-12)	75-71-8	2.8	2.9	105.8%
Ethane	74-84-0	3.0	4.7	<b>154.6%</b>
Ethene	74-85-1	3.0	3.6	119.9%
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	2.9	1.8	<b>62.4%</b>
Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane)	75-09-2	2.8	2.8	100.4%
m-Xylene & p-Xylene	108-38-3	5.6	3.7	<b>66.7%</b>
n-Butane	106-97-8	2.9	3.2	108.7%
n-Heptane	142-82-5	2.9	2.3	81.4%
n-Hexane	110-54-3	8.6	8.3	97.1%
n-Pentane	109-66-0	2.9	2.9	102.8%
o-Xylene	95-47-6	2.9	1.9	<b>64.0%</b>
Propane	74-98-6	2.9	3.3	116.4%
Propylene	115-07-1	5.9	5.1	86.8%
Styrene	100-42-5	2.9	1.8	<b>61.9%</b>
t-1,3-Dichloropropene	10061-02-6	2.9	2.5	87.7%
Tetrachloroethene	127-18-4	2.9	2.0	70.6%
Toluene	108-88-3	2.9	2.0	<b>67.2%</b>
Trichloroethene	79-01-6	2.9	2.3	78.5%
Trichlorofluoromethane (Freon-11)	75-69-4	2.9	2.8	96.5%
Vinyl Chloride	75-01-4	2.9	2.9	100.7%

**Table ES-2. Audit Standard Results for all Network GCs**

Compound Name <sup>a</sup>	CAS Number	Audit Conc (ppbc)	Benbrook	Decatur	Dish	Eagle Mountain
			% Recovery	% Recovery	% Recovery	% Recovery
Ethane	74-84-0	7.8	85.7%	103.1%	96.5%	96.8%
Ethylene	74-85-1	7.8	56.9%	75.5%	62.6%	76.6%
Propane	74-98-6	12.0	90.2%	96.3%	101.4%	97.0%
Propylene	115-07-1	12.0	60.4%	72.0%	69.3%	69.3%
Iso-Butane	75-28-5	15.7	103.4%	108.6%	103.4%	108.5%
N-Butane	106-97-8	15.7	105.5%	111.1%	105.3%	110.4%
Acetylene	74-86-2	7.8	74.4%	68.7%	59.7%	65.5%
Trans-2-Butene	624-64-6	15.5	104.2%	113.0%	106.9%	109.7%
1-Butene	106-98-9	15.7	104.8%	110.7%	104.4%	109.4%
Cis-2-Butene	590-18-1	16.8	103.0%	109.4%	103.9%	108.7%
Cyclopentane	287-92-3	19.8	103.2%	112.1%	104.9%	111.8%
Iso-Pentane	78-78-4	20.6	107.1%	110.4%	106.2%	114.0%
N-Pentane	109-66-0	19.8	106.2%	113.4%	106.7%	113.9%
1,3-Butadiene	106-99-0	17.4	97.1%	91.8%	97.1%	99.7%
Trans-2-Pentene	646-04-8	20.4	99.8%	100.8%	100.4%	101.2%
1-Pentene	109-67-1	19.8	98.7%	83.7%	101.0%	93.6%
Cis-2-Pentene	627-20-3	21.2	98.2%	85.6%	98.5%	91.5%
2,2-Dimethylbutane	75-83-2	24.2	108.2%	102.5%	99.3%	100.5%
2-Methylpentane	107-83-5	23.5	104.2%	105.9%	104.0%	99.9%
Isoprene	78-79-5	20.2	75.6%	74.5%	84.5%	80.6%
n-Hexane	110-54-3	24.5	85.2%	83.3%	91.4%	81.7%
Methylcyclopentane	108-87-2	24.7	79.6%	83.3%	89.0%	85.4%
2,4-Dimethylpentane	108-08-7	28.6	93.4%	111.5%	102.4%	113.0%
Benzene	71-43-2	24.5	84.1%	97.7%	90.0%	87.4%
Cyclohexane	110-82-7	24.2	88.9%	102.0%	94.7%	96.6%
2-Methylhexane	591-76-4	28.8	72.4%	81.0%	84.8%	75.7%
2,3-Dimethylpentane	565-59-3	29.1	95.5%	117.0%	103.6%	113.7%
3-Methylhexane	589-34-4	28.3	82.1%	103.2%	95.3%	99.4%
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	540-84-1	32.3	84.0%	96.0%	94.4%	95.5%
n-Heptane	142-82-5	28.6	83.5%	92.4%	95.5%	91.1%
Methylcyclohexane	108-87-2	28.6	80.3%	95.5%	95.1%	96.4%
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	565-75-3	32.0	80.7%	94.0%	93.0%	92.7%
Toluene	108-88-3	29.1	71.0%	87.7%	89.2%	89.3%
2-Methylheptane	592-27-8	32.3	79.9%	93.8%	93.1%	91.6%
3-Methylheptane	589-81-1	32.0	83.6%	94.6%	94.6%	95.3%
n-Octane	111-65-9	32.3	79.4%	93.6%	93.6%	93.0%
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	32.3	70.6%	90.2%	86.6%	85.5%
M&P-Xylene	108-38-3	64.6	67.3%	87.4%	84.7%	85.1%
Styrene	100-42-5	32.0	61.4%	78.7%	75.8%	76.8%
O-Xylene	95-47-6	32.0	74.3%	93.1%	84.7%	92.2%
N-Nonane	111-84-2	35.3	76.9%	92.5%	90.2%	94.1%
Isopropylbenzene	98-82-8	34.9	69.6%	90.1%	85.7%	86.5%
n-Propylbenzene	103-65-1	34.6	68.4%	87.5%	86.0%	83.9%
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	35.6	63.4%	87.5%	76.2%	76.8%
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6	34.9	68.1%	86.8%	83.5%	81.2%
n-Decane	124-18-5	39.2	68.0%	85.1%	84.6%	80.8%
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	526-73-8	33.8	55.1%	72.1%	72.3%	69.3%
n-Undecane	1120-21-4	41.8	64.2%	70.0%	63.1%	61.6%

<sup>a</sup> Compound order based on elution time.

**Table ES-2. (continued) Audit Standard Results for all Network GCs**

			Elm Fork	Everman	Flower Mound	Godley
Compound Name <sup>a</sup>	CAS Number	Audit Conc (ppbc)	% Recovery	% Recovery	% Recovery	% Recovery
Ethane	74-84-0	7.8	96.7%	101.5%	99.2%	99.5%
Ethylene	74-85-1	7.8	58.3%	69.3%	72.5%	69.2%
Propane	74-98-6	12.0	112.2%	101.9%	95.7%	99.9%
Propylene	115-07-1	12.0	84.6%	76.6%	70.6%	67.7%
Iso-Butane	75-28-5	15.7	120.6%	122.3%	106.0%	112.7%
N-Butane	106-97-8	15.7	123.6%	122.7%	105.2%	114.4%
Acetylene	74-86-2	7.8	99.1%	57.7%	88.3%	75.0%
Trans-2-Butene	624-64-6	15.5	120.9%	120.6%	106.8%	113.2%
1-Butene	106-98-9	15.7	121.6%	121.1%	107.2%	110.6%
Cis-2-Butene	590-18-1	16.8	118.2%	118.8%	104.3%	108.7%
Cyclopentane	287-92-3	19.8	121.5%	121.4%	106.1%	113.3%
Iso-Pentane	78-78-4	20.6	121.4%	123.5%	108.0%	113.9%
N-Pentane	109-66-0	19.8	122.5%	123.8%	107.9%	115.7%
1,3-Butadiene	106-99-0	17.4	105.8%	113.5%	92.1%	93.9%
Trans-2-Pentene	646-04-8	20.4	114.2%	117.0%	96.8%	103.1%
1-Pentene	109-67-1	19.8	109.3%	115.7%	92.9%	90.8%
Cis-2-Pentene	627-20-3	21.2	113.2%	117.1%	93.1%	99.7%
2,2-Dimethylbutane	75-83-2	24.2	120.6%	120.9%	94.7%	112.3%
2-Methylpentane	107-83-5	23.5	121.7%	120.0%	101.1%	112.9%
Isoprene	78-79-5	20.2	96.2%	104.5%	82.4%	85.1%
n-Hexane	110-54-3	24.5	99.1%	107.4%	98.3%	101.2%
Methylcyclopentane	108-87-2	24.7	92.6%	88.7%	85.6%	99.4%
2,4-Dimethylpentane	108-08-7	28.6	108.7%	112.5%	102.8%	104.7%
Benzene	71-43-2	24.5	100.3%	89.3%	82.9%	94.5%
Cyclohexane	110-82-7	24.2	102.5%	106.7%	92.5%	104.6%
2-Methylhexane	591-76-4	28.8	89.9%	73.0%	79.9%	90.3%
2,3-Dimethylpentane	565-59-3	29.1	109.8%	125.4%	103.8%	109.5%
3-Methylhexane	589-34-4	28.3	104.5%	99.7%	94.2%	104.0%
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	540-84-1	32.3	100.1%	97.3%	93.5%	97.8%
n-Heptane	142-82-5	28.6	103.0%	92.4%	93.4%	98.7%
Methylcyclohexane	108-87-2	28.6	99.6%	100.4%	94.1%	98.7%
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	565-75-3	32.0	98.1%	98.0%	92.6%	97.0%
Toluene	108-88-3	29.1	91.3%	90.5%	91.1%	85.9%
2-Methylheptane	592-27-8	32.3	97.0%	96.0%	92.2%	94.9%
3-Methylheptane	589-81-1	32.0	98.3%	93.9%	93.8%	100.0%
n-Octane	111-65-9	32.3	96.1%	97.2%	91.5%	94.8%
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	32.3	88.1%	88.2%	85.0%	85.5%
M&P-Xylene	108-38-3	64.6	84.9%	86.3%	82.4%	82.4%
Styrene	100-42-5	32.0	81.4%	68.6%	73.5%	74.5%
O-Xylene	95-47-6	32.0	90.1%	98.3%	87.1%	87.6%
N-Nonane	111-84-2	35.3	92.3%	98.4%	86.6%	90.0%
Isopropylbenzene	98-82-8	34.9	85.9%	90.1%	85.3%	86.5%
n-Propylbenzene	103-65-1	34.6	83.3%	85.6%	83.1%	87.4%
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	35.6	74.4%	84.9%	78.4%	79.1%
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6	34.9	79.6%	82.6%	80.0%	79.1%
n-Decane	124-18-5	39.2	76.6%	83.1%	79.8%	80.1%
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	526-73-8	33.8	67.1%	72.1%	70.6%	69.4%
n-Undecane	1120-21-4	41.8	64.2%	66.2%	67.8%	60.5%

<sup>a</sup> Compound order based on elution time.

**Table ES-2. (continued) Audit Standard Results for all Network GCs**

Compound Name <sup>a</sup>	CAS Number	Audit Conc (ppbc)	Kennedale	Mansfield	Rheme	Rushing	UTA Campus
			% Recovery	% Recovery	% Recovery	% Recovery	% Recovery
Ethane	74-84-0	7.8	95.8%	98.8%	99.3%	98.0%	98.0%
Ethylene	74-85-1	7.8	66.4%	71.1%	71.0%	69.0%	69.6%
Propane	74-98-6	12.0	102.6%	100.4%	95.5%	99.3%	95.3%
Propylene	115-07-1	12.0	65.3%	77.6%	64.1%	70.3%	70.0%
Iso-Butane	75-28-5	15.7	113.4%	121.2%	99.6%	114.6%	116.3%
N-Butane	106-97-8	15.7	116.9%	123.7%	101.1%	117.9%	117.9%
Acetylene	74-86-2	7.8	69.6%	49.0%	74.6%	53.9%	50.0%
Trans-2-Butene	624-64-6	15.5	116.6%	122.5%	99.5%	115.7%	115.0%
1-Butene	106-98-9	15.7	115.3%	121.2%	97.9%	113.0%	113.5%
Cis-2-Butene	590-18-1	16.8	114.3%	119.5%	96.0%	112.2%	112.5%
Cyclopentane	287-92-3	19.8	117.5%	122.9%	99.7%	115.8%	116.1%
Iso-Pentane	78-78-4	20.6	119.8%	124.6%	101.3%	115.4%	117.5%
N-Pentane	109-66-0	19.8	119.9%	125.2%	103.6%	117.4%	117.3%
1,3-Butadiene	106-99-0	17.4	104.7%	113.1%	89.8%	101.6%	101.1%
Trans-2-Pentene	646-04-8	20.4	110.3%	117.1%	94.7%	106.4%	105.6%
1-Pentene	109-67-1	19.8	110.2%	118.6%	93.2%	103.6%	106.6%
Cis-2-Pentene	627-20-3	21.2	110.4%	118.9%	94.4%	106.4%	98.8%
2,2-Dimethylbutane	75-83-2	24.2	115.7%	122.7%	99.6%	114.1%	113.7%
2-Methylpentane	107-83-5	23.5	117.3%	122.5%	101.2%	115.8%	115.6%
Isoprene	78-79-5	20.2	94.9%	106.9%	80.8%	90.0%	86.5%
n-Hexane	110-54-3	24.5	95.5%	96.6%	95.0%	94.8%	98.7%
Methylcyclopentane	108-87-2	24.7	87.2%	94.6%	91.2%	90.0%	96.5%
2,4-Dimethylpentane	108-08-7	28.6	108.6%	97.8%	100.3%	102.3%	97.9%
Benzene	71-43-2	24.5	93.7%	88.9%	91.3%	87.2%	98.0%
Cyclohexane	110-82-7	24.2	102.9%	97.5%	99.9%	102.2%	102.1%
2-Methylhexane	591-76-4	28.8	78.2%	89.2%	87.5%	79.3%	89.5%
2,3-Dimethylpentane	565-59-3	29.1	112.1%	98.2%	105.4%	109.7%	100.8%
3-Methylhexane	589-34-4	28.3	100.2%	95.5%	102.3%	95.6%	96.2%
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	540-84-1	32.3	91.6%	92.7%	94.8%	93.8%	92.1%
n-Heptane	142-82-5	28.6	91.1%	93.2%	92.8%	90.3%	94.1%
Methylcyclohexane	108-87-2	28.6	95.7%	94.3%	97.7%	94.2%	93.0%
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	565-75-3	32.0	88.0%	89.5%	95.7%	92.2%	91.3%
Toluene	108-88-3	29.1	80.3%	84.3%	84.2%	87.4%	82.4%
2-Methylheptane	592-27-8	32.3	86.7%	88.6%	92.1%	92.9%	88.7%
3-Methylheptane	589-81-1	32.0	89.2%	90.8%	97.2%	93.7%	90.1%
n-Octane	111-65-9	32.3	88.2%	87.2%	91.0%	88.9%	87.4%
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	32.3	78.9%	82.1%	83.0%	78.1%	78.8%
M&P-Xylene	108-38-3	64.6	77.0%	79.3%	84.3%	78.6%	76.1%
Styrene	100-42-5	32.0	63.8%	71.1%	66.9%	67.3%	72.5%
O-Xylene	95-47-6	32.0	85.4%	78.6%	83.6%	85.7%	82.0%
N-Nonane	111-84-2	35.3	87.5%	82.6%	88.9%	87.4%	86.0%
Isopropylbenzene	98-82-8	34.9	78.4%	81.0%	82.8%	79.2%	77.7%
n-Propylbenzene	103-65-1	34.6	75.7%	79.0%	83.1%	78.1%	75.3%
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	35.6	75.4%	70.8%	78.5%	75.3%	71.7%
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6	34.9	73.4%	77.8%	78.1%	85.2%	75.9%
n-Decane	124-18-5	39.2	72.9%	74.7%	82.4%	81.4%	73.5%
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	526-73-8	33.8	65.9%	69.0%	66.0%	65.5%	65.2%
n-Undecane	1120-21-4	41.8	69.0%	64.0%	63.0%	60.1%	61.7%

<sup>a</sup> Compound order based on elution time.