

# Ambient Dust Monitoring Report

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## Glossary of Terms

COC	Chain of Custody
DEC	Department of Environment and Conservation
DECCW	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water
DG	Dust Deposition Gauge
LOR	Limit of Reporting
TPR	Transpacific Refiners Pty Ltd

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## Executive Summary

Ambient dust monitoring using depositional dust gauges was conducted at Transpacific Refiners Rutherford for the period 6 May 2010 to 3 June 2010 in general accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003. Monitoring was undertaken to the east, south and west of the site and samples analysed for ash content, combustible matter, soluble matter, total insoluble matter and total solids.

The on-site meteorological data showed the dominant wind direction for the month was from the west with minor winds in most directions, with an average wind speed of 0.74m/s and a calm wind percentage of 37%.

Total insoluble matter reported as an annual average for DG1, DG2 and DG3 was less than the DECCW guideline criterion of 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>.month.

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## 1.0 Introduction

AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (AECOM) was engaged by Transpacific Refiners Pty Ltd (TPR) to conduct an ambient dust monitoring program at TPR's oil hydrogenation plant located at 11 Kyle Street, Rutherford. This due diligence program was initiated to identify any potential impacts of dust fallout that may be occurring in the area surrounding the TPR facility, and together with meteorological data, identify if concentrations measured were likely to be from the TPR facility or external operators. The site location can be seen in **Figure 1**.

In this report the analytical results for dust samples collected during the May 2010 monitoring period are presented and evaluated. A summary of results is provided in **Table 2**.

### 1.1 Scope of Works

The ambient dust monitoring program consists of three depositional dust gauges. The depositional dust gauges (DGs) were installed in general accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 3580.1.1:2007 on 8 May 2008 at the following Locations (**Figure 1**):

- Dust Gauge DG1 – located adjacent to the west entrance gate on Kyle Street;
- Dust Gauge DG2 – located midway along the southern boundary; and
- Dust Gauge DG3 – located near to the north-eastern corner of the site.

All dust gauges are located within the facility boundary. These dust gauges are collected every  $30 \pm 2$  days in general accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003 and are analysed for the following parameters.

- Ash Content;
- Combustible Matter;
- Soluble Matter;
- Total Insoluble Matter; and
- Total Solids.

AECOM's Newcastle Office is NATA accredited (Accreditation Number 2778(14391)) for the installation and collection of depositional dust gauges.

The laboratory analysis is conducted by ALS Environmental Laboratory (NATA accreditation 825) detailed in the following report and supplied in **Appendix A**:

- EN1001316

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## 2.0 Assessment Criteria

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) publication *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (DEC 2005) defines the guideline value for insoluble solids as 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>.month, reported as an annual average (refer to **Table 1**). Dust levels at or above 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>.month may pose a nuisance resulting from dust fallout on adjacent properties. Guideline criteria have not been established for remaining parameters; however this data is used as an aid in the characterisation of dust fallout.

**Table 1: Ambient Air Quality Assessment Criteria**

Analyte	Criteria	Unit
Dust Deposition as Insoluble Solids Annual Average	4.0	g/m <sup>2</sup> .month

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### 3.0 Results

The DG samples for the period 6 May 2010 to 3 June 2010 were collected on the 3 June 2010 by AECOM.

Dust deposition samples consist of particles that settle from the ambient air into a dust deposition collection vessel together with any collected rainwater. On receipt at the laboratory the sample is passed through a sieve to remove any extraneous matter (e.g. leaves, insects) and the sieved sample containing the deposited matter is transferred to a filtration apparatus. The insoluble and soluble materials are separated by filtration and the mass of each portion is determined after drying and weighing.

Ash content (shown in **Figures 2 and 3**) refers to the mass remaining after combustion. Combustible matter (shown in **Figure 4**) refers to the portion lost during combustion. Total soluble matter (shown in **Figure 5**) is determined by evaporating and reweighing the filtrate. The total insoluble matter portion (shown in **Figure 6**) is combusted in a furnace at 850°C and reweighed. The total solids (shown in **Figure 8**) are obtained by the addition of the insoluble solids and the soluble solid. The mass deposition rate, reported as  $\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{month}$  is then calculated from the mass of solids obtained from each of the abovementioned steps, the collection funnel cross-sectional area and the sampling period.

The historical analytical results of each dust gauge are provided in graphical form in **Figures 2 to 8**. Laboratory analyses are provided in **Appendix A**. Field sheets and chain of custody documentation are provided in **Appendix B**. **Table 2** is a summary of the month's results.

**Table 2: Analytical Results – Dust Deposition – May 2010**

Parameter	Unit	DG1	DG2	DG3
Ash Content	$\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{month}$	1.9	0.4	0.4
Percentage Ash content	%	79	57	44
Combustible Matter	$\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{month}$	0.5	0.3	0.5
Total Soluble Matter	$\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{month}$	0.2	0.9	1.0
Total Insoluble Matter	$\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{month}$	2.4	0.7	0.9
Annual Average Total Insoluble Matter	$\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{month}$	2.5	1.7	1.9
	Assessment Criteria	4 $\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{month}$		
Total Solids	$\text{g/m}^2\cdot\text{month}$	2.6	1.6	1.9

The meteorological data for the month was sourced from the TPR on-site meteorological station. The data showed the dominant wind direction was from the west with minor winds in most directions, with an average wind speed of 0.74 m/s and a calm wind percentage of 37%. A wind rose for the month is provided in **Appendix C**

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## 4.0 Discussion

Examination of the ambient dust monitoring data obtained between to 6 May 2010 to 3 June 2010 (refer to **Figures 2 to 8**) indicates the following:

- The ash content increased for DG1 whilst DG2 and DG3 decreased compared to last month. The percentage of ash to total insoluble matter decreased for DG1 and DG3 whilst DG2 increased compared to last month. DG1 showed the highest results for the month with 79%;
- The combustible matter increased for DG1 whilst DG2 and DG3 decreased compared to last month;
- The total soluble matter decreased for DG1, DG2 and DG3 compared to last month;
- The total insoluble matter increased for DG1 whilst DG2 and DG3 decreased compared to last month. Total insoluble matter reported as an annual average for DG1, DG2 and DG3 were less than the guideline criterion of 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>.month.
- The total solids increased for DG1 whilst DG2 and DG3 decreased compared to last month; and
- Meteorological data sourced from the site indicates the dominant wind direction was from the west with minor winds in most directions. As such, it is expected that DG3 (located on the Eastern side of the plant) would show the highest results if the plant was a potential significant contributor to off-site dust. The analytical data shows that DG1 had the highest results for 4 of the measured parameters.

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## 5.0 Conclusion

The on-site meteorological data showed the dominant wind direction for the month was from the west with an average wind speed of 0.74 m/s and a calm wind percentage of 37%. Total insoluble matter reported as an annual average for DG1, DG2 and DG3 were less than the guideline criterion of 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>.month.

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## 6.0 References

The New South Wales Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) (2005) *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales*, Sydney.

Standards Australia (2003) AS/NZS 3580.10.1:2003, *Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air; Method 10.1: Determination of particulate matter – Deposited matter – Gravimetric method*.

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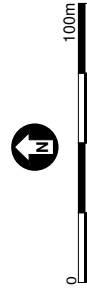


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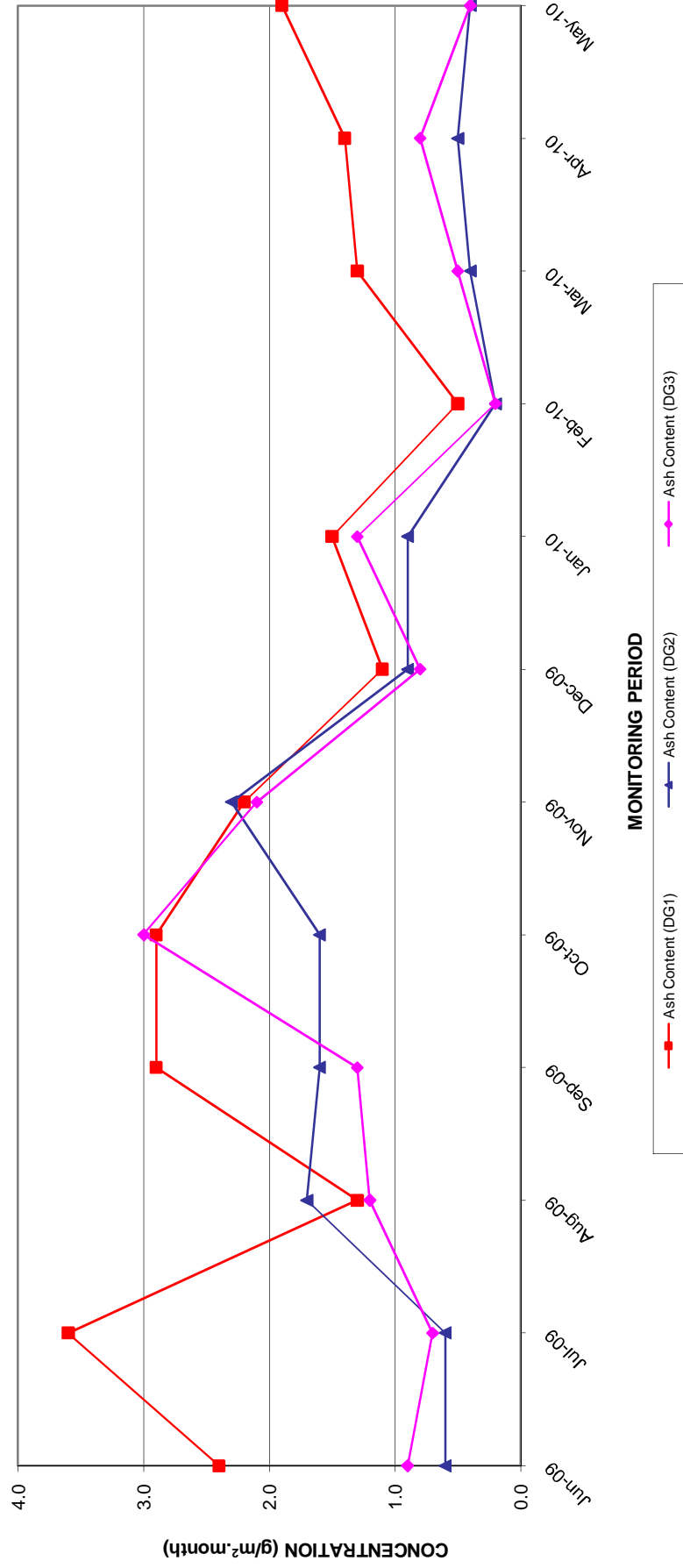


**Figure 1** Dust Gauge Locations at TPR Rutherford  
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*Ambient Dust Monitoring*  
Rutherford, NSW



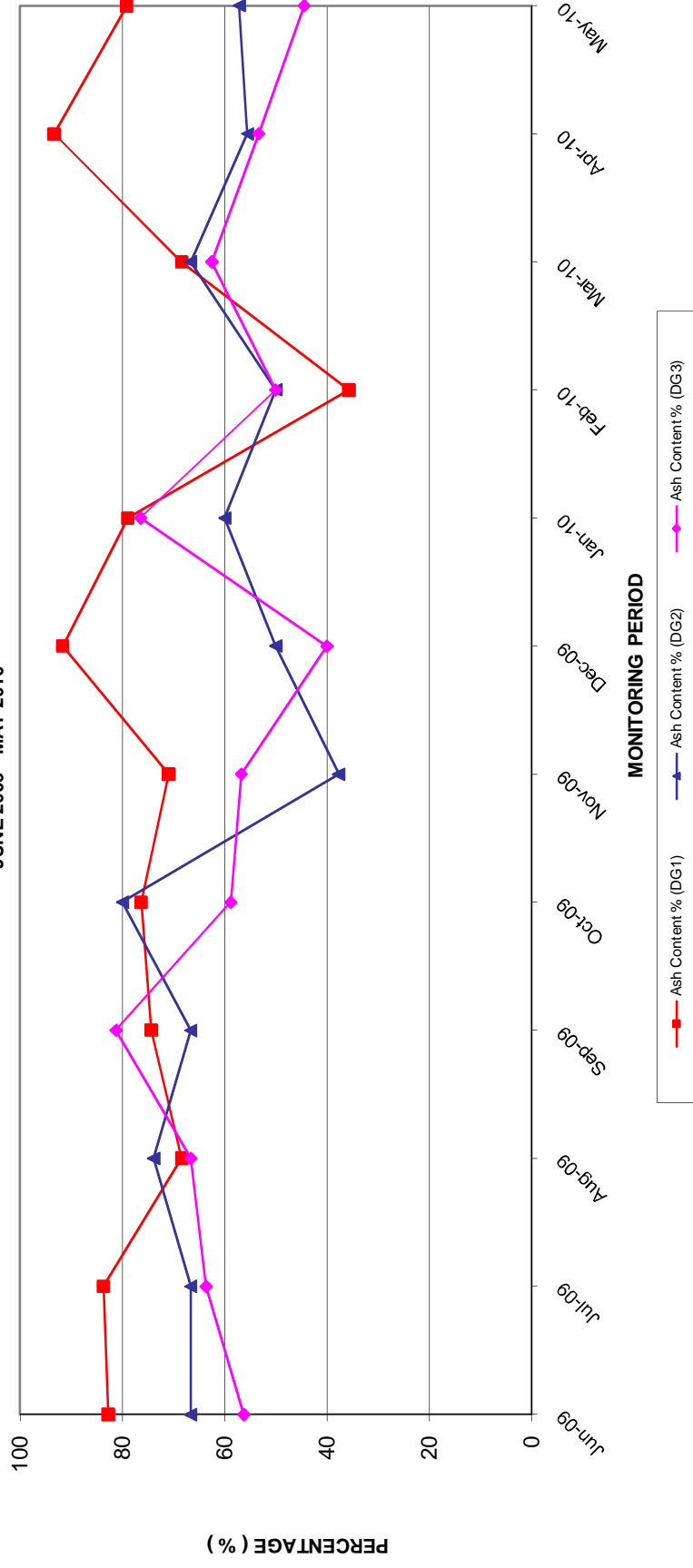
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FIGURE 2: ASH CONTENT  
JUNE 2009 - MAY 2010



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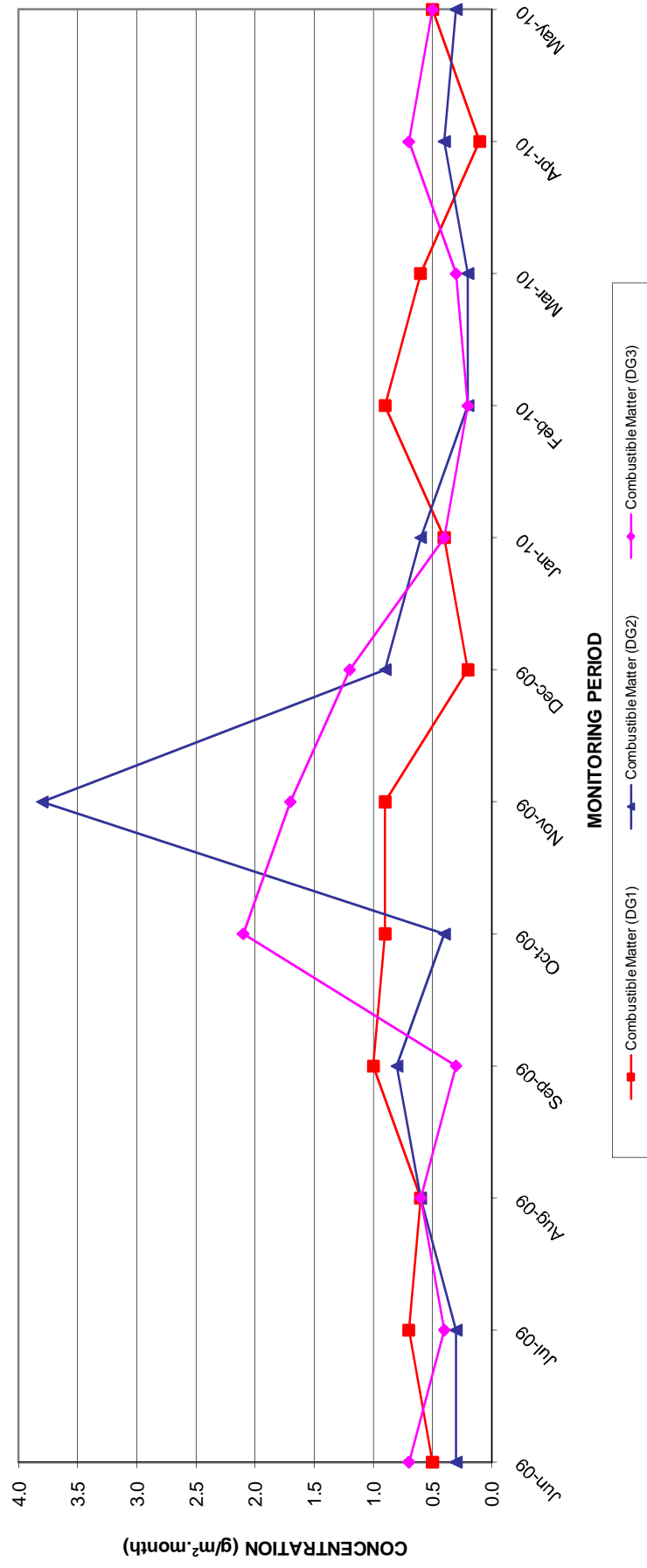
**FIGURE 3: ASH CONTENT  
EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF INSOLUBLE SOLIDS  
JUNE 2009 - MAY 2010**



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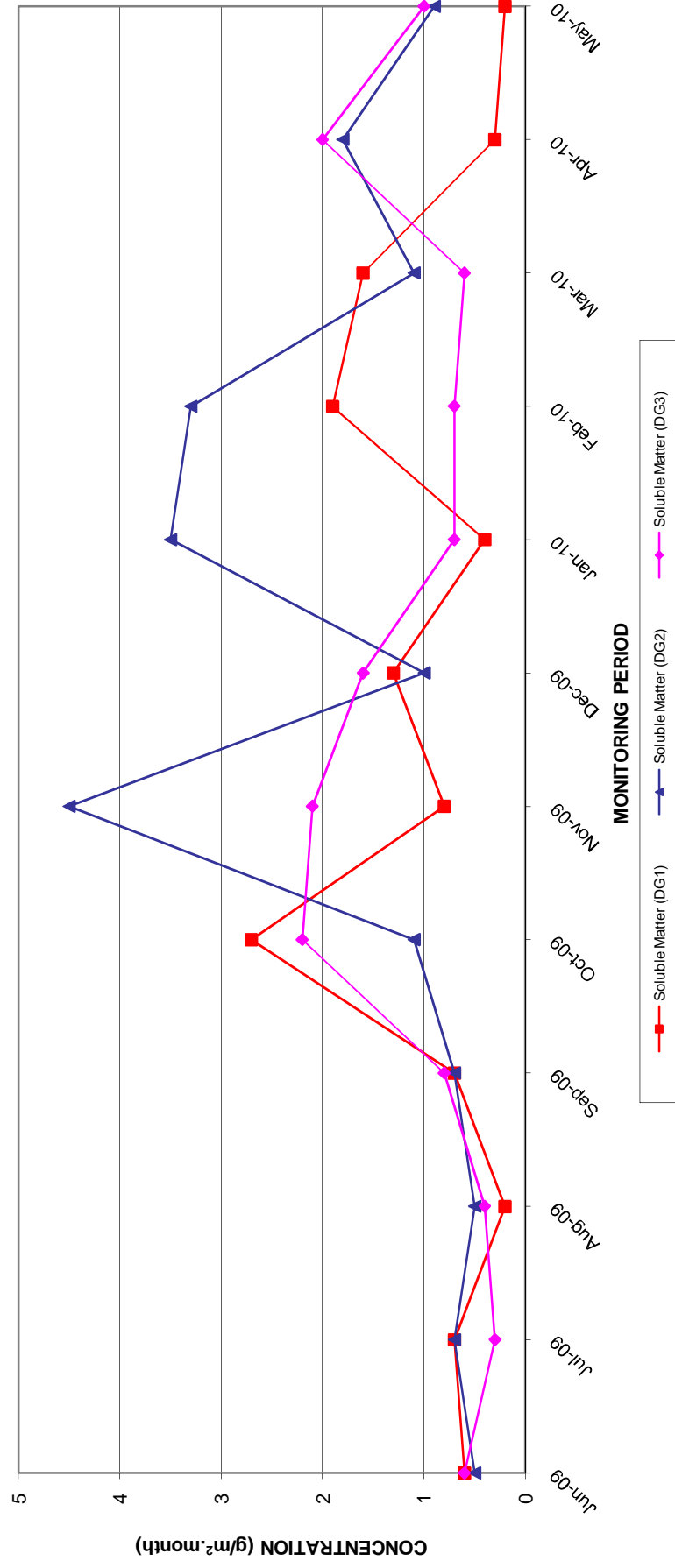


FIGURE 4: COMBUSTIBLE MATTER  
JUNE 2009 - MAY 2010



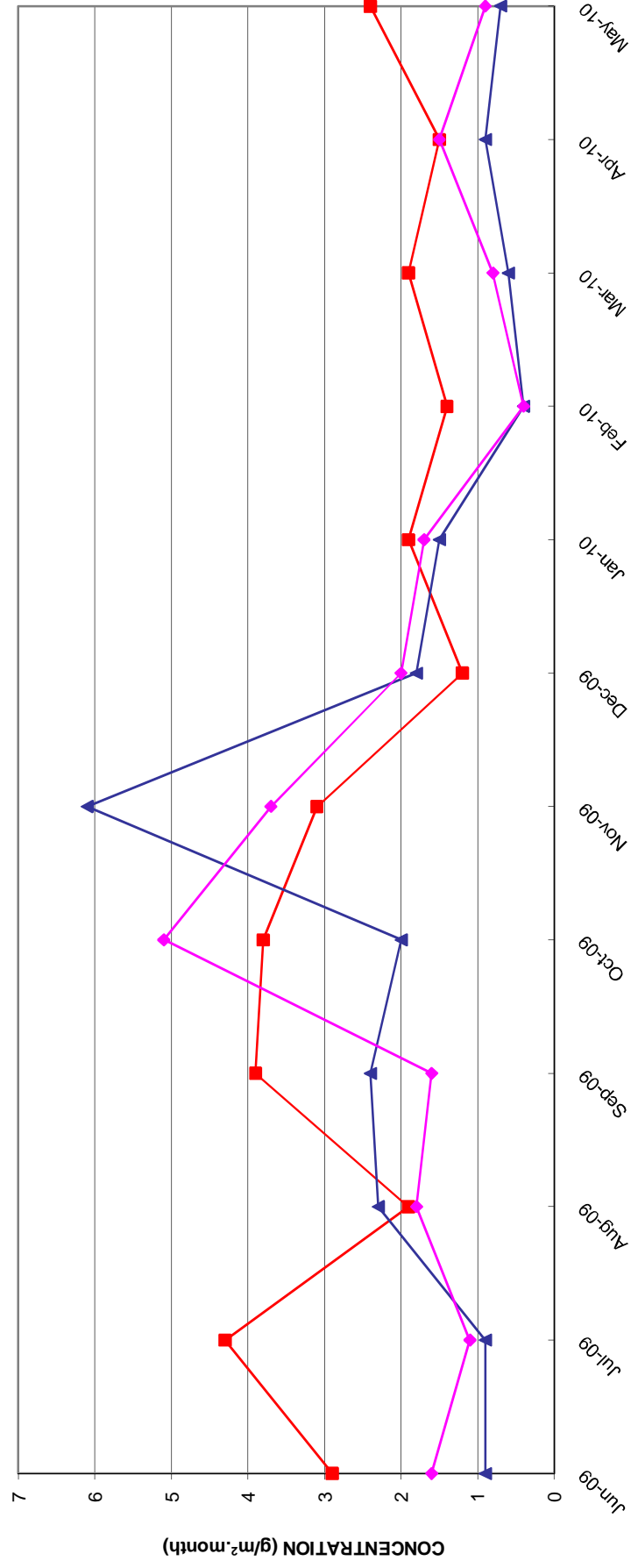
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FIGURE 5: TOTAL SOLUBLE MATTER  
JUNE 2009 - MAY 2010



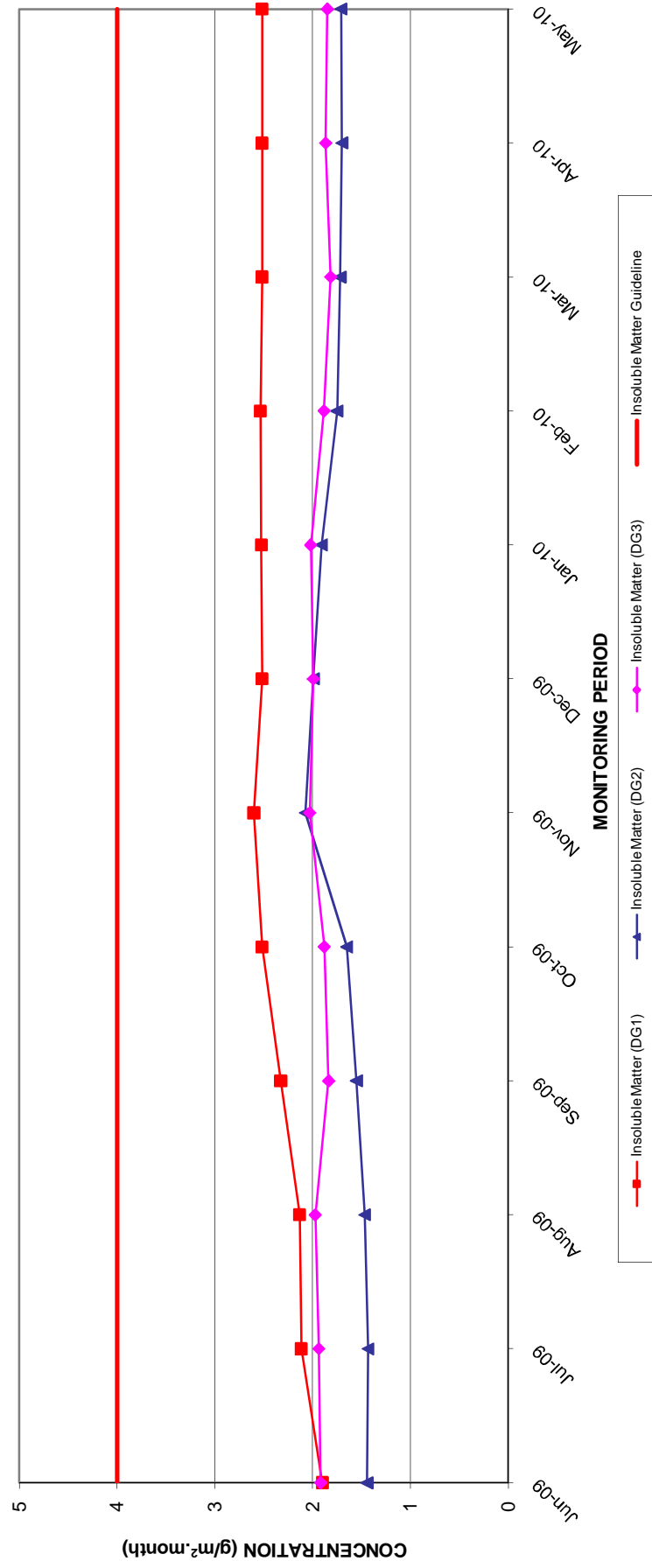
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FIGURE 6: TOTAL INSOLUBLE MATTER  
JUNE 2009 - MAY 2010



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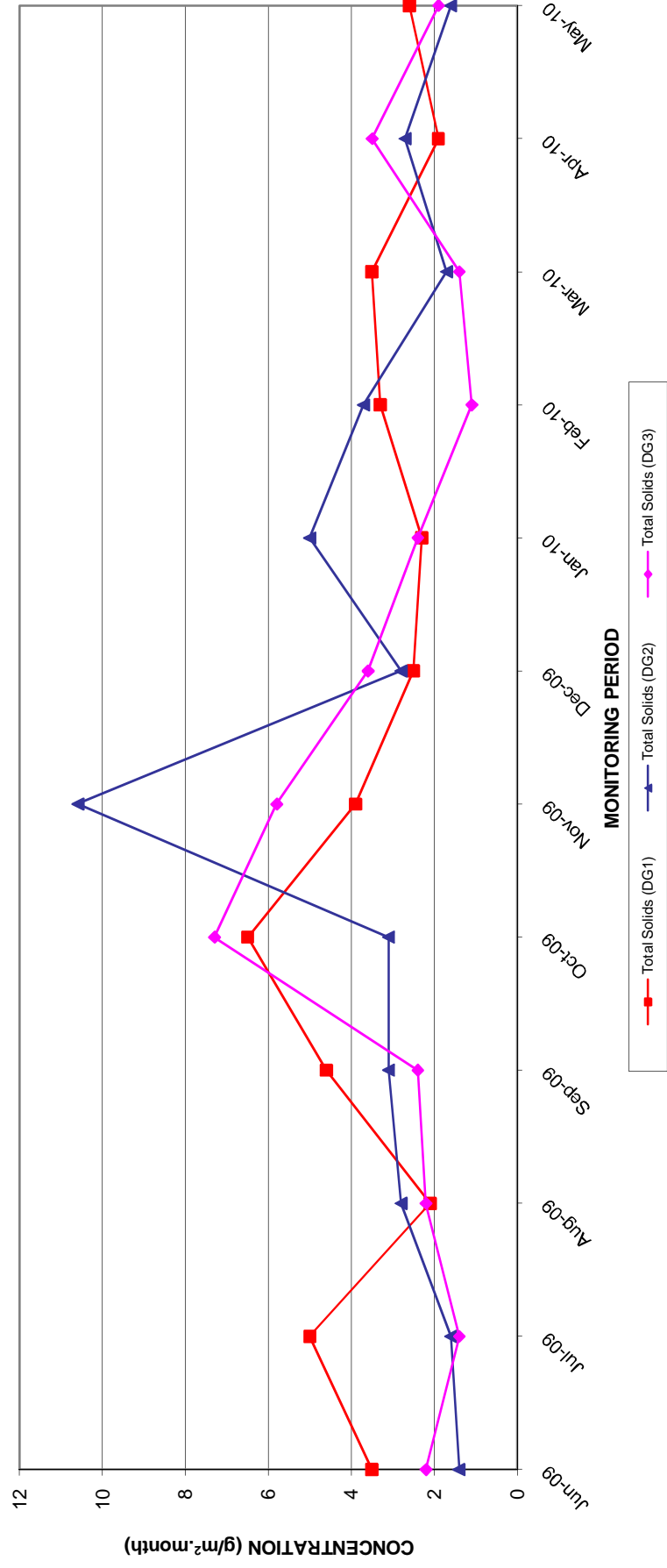
FIGURE 7: TOTAL INSOLUBLE MATTER  
EXPRESSED AS AN ANNUAL MOVING AVERAGE  
JUNE 2009 - MAY 2010



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FIGURE 8: TOTAL SOLIDS  
JUNE 2009 - MAY 2010



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## Appendix A

# Laboratory Certificates of Analysis

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## Environmental Division

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<b>Site</b>	<b>: ----</b>	<b>No. of samples analysed</b>	<b>: 3</b>
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- Analytical Results



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### General Comments

The analytical procedures used by the Environmental Division have been developed from established internationally recognized procedures such as those published by the USEPA, APHA, AS and NEPM. In house developed procedures are employed in the absence of documented standards or by client request.

Where moisture determination has been performed, results are reported on a dry weight basis.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference.

When date(s) and/or time(s) are shown bracketed, these have been assumed by the laboratory for processing purposes. If the sampling time is displayed as 0:00 the information was not provided by client.

Key : CAS Number = CAS registry number from database maintained by Chemical Abstracts Services. The Chemical Abstracts Service is a division of the American Chemical Society.  
LOR = Limit of reporting  
^ = This result is computed from individual analyte detections at or above the level of reporting

- Analysis as per AS3580.10.1-2003. Samples passed through a 1mm sieve prior to analysis. NATA accreditation is not held for results reported in g/m<sup>2</sup>.mth.



## Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: DUST

Compound	CAS Number			Client sample ID		Client sampling date / time		Client sample ID		Client sampling date / time	
	LOR	Unit	Unit	DG1	DG2	DG3	DG3	DG1	DG2	DG3	DG3
EA120: Ash Content											
Ash Content	0.1	g/m <sup>2</sup> .month	1.9	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10
Ash Content (mg)	1	mg	28	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00
EA125: Combustible Matter											
Combustible Matter	0.1	g/m <sup>2</sup> .month	0.5	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10
Combustible Matter (mg)	1	mg	8	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00
EA139: Total Soluble Matter											
Total Soluble Matter	0.1	g/m <sup>2</sup> .month	0.2	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10
Total Soluble Matter (mg)	1	mg	4	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00
EA141: Total Insoluble Matter											
Total Insoluble Matter	0.1	g/m <sup>2</sup> .month	2.4	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10
Total Insoluble Matter (mg)	1	mg	36	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00	03-JUN-2010 15:00
EA142: Total Solids											
Total Solids	0.1	g/m <sup>2</sup> .month	2.6	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10	06/05/10 - 03/06/10
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## Appendix B

# Field Sheets and Chain of Custody

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# Meteorological Data for May 2010

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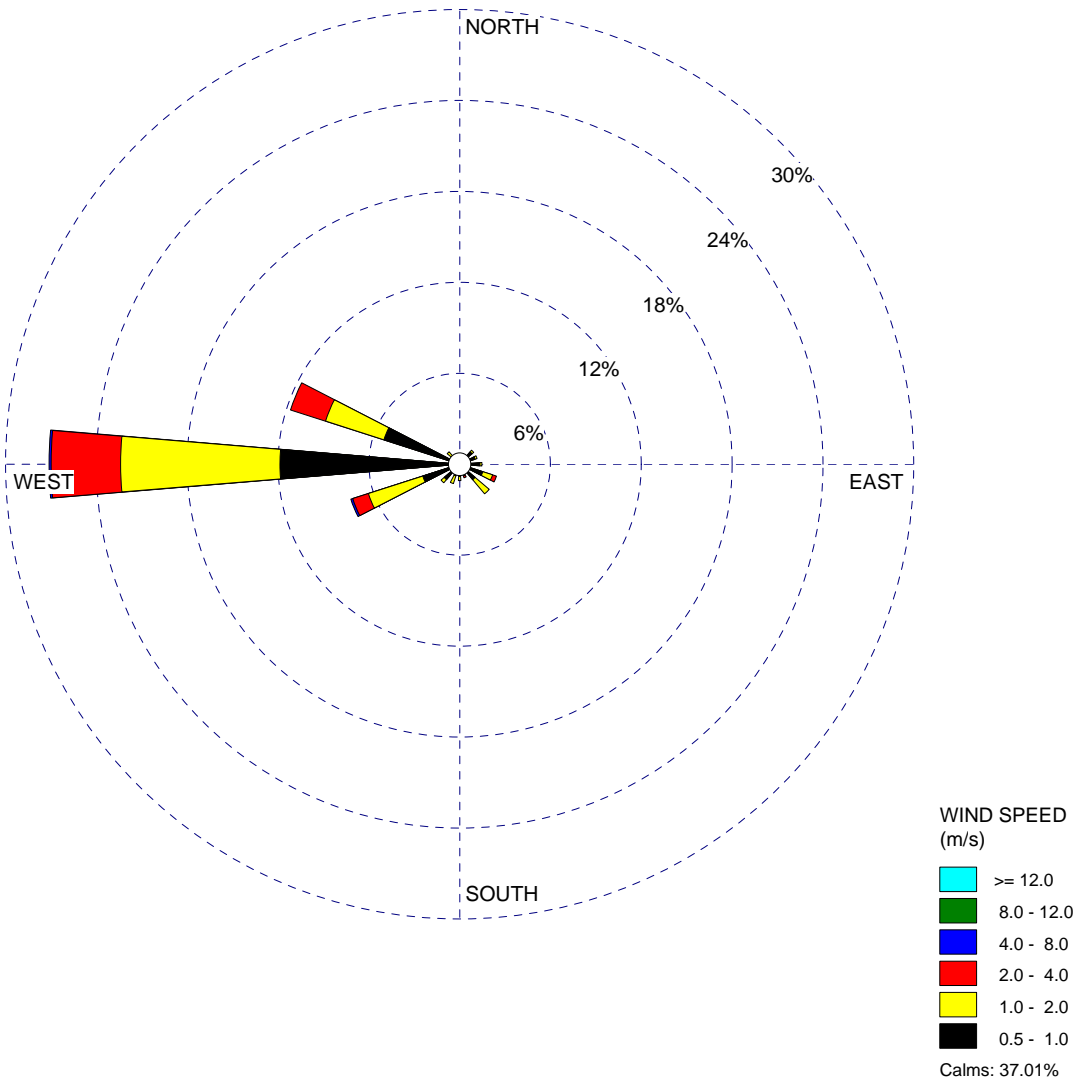


WIND ROSE PLOT:

# Transpacific Refiners Rutherford Meteorological Data May 2010

DISPLAY:

Wind Speed  
Direction (blowing from)



COMMENTS:

DATA PERIOD:

**2010**  
**May 1 - May 31**  
**00:00 - 23:00**

COMPANY NAME:

MODELER:

CALM WINDS:

**37.01%**

TOTAL COUNT:

**743 hrs.**

AVG. WIND SPEED:

**0.74 m/s**

DATE:

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