

Department of Environmental Conservation's Air Monitoring Program Community-Based Air Monitoring Project

2024 Summer Season Air Quality Report for Maniilaq Association, Kotzebue, Alaska

The QuantAQ MODULAIR sensor in Kotzebue was installed on 07/09/2024.

The sensor measures for carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O₃), nitrogen oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀), temperature (°C), and relative humidity (RH).

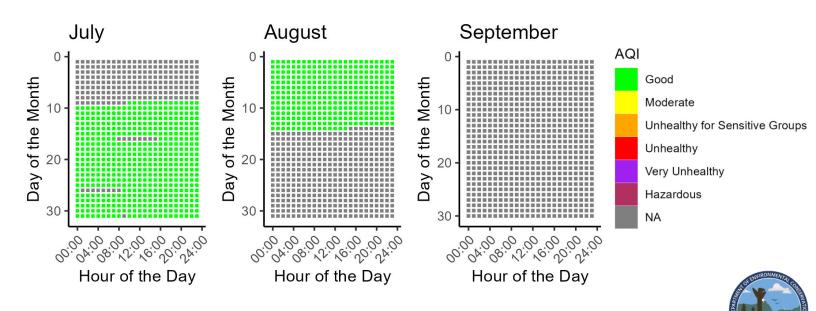
Data is collected every minute and is then processed into hourly averages.

The sensor in Kotzebue experienced a significant gap in data collection due a site relocation: The sensor underwent a planned outage on August 14th when it was removed from its original site (163 Lagoon St; site A, right), then remained offline until it could be relocated to a new site (66°53'53.5"N 162°34'58.4"W; site B, left) on October 11th.

This data report covers the date range of July 9, 2024, to September 30, 2024, therefore, data from this site contains only readings from the sensor's original location.



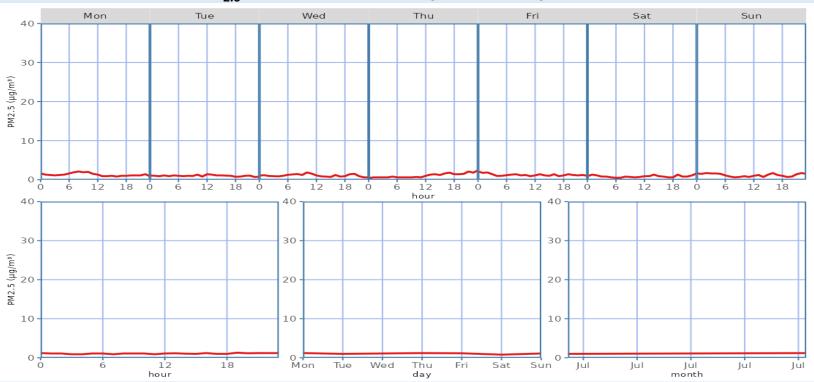
$\label{eq:pm2.5} \textbf{Daily PM}_{\textbf{2.5}} \ \textbf{Air Quality Index (AQI) for July 9, 2024 - September 30, 2024}$



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Median $PM_{2.5}$ Concentrations for July 9, 2024 - September 30, 2024



Descriptive Statistics of Air Pollutants*

Parameter	1-hr PM _{2.5} (µg/m³)	24-hr PM _{2.5} (μg/m³)	1-hr PM ₁₀ (µg/m³)	24-hr PM ₁₀ (μg/m³)	1-hr O ₃ (ppb)	1-hr NO ₂ (ppb)	1-hr NO (ppb)	1-hr CO (ppb)
Min								
	0.10	0.50	0.00	0.50	10.50	3.28	1.49	711.73
Mean								
	1.40	1.41	12.82 **	12.7 **	24.77	11.64	3.05	752.91
1 st Max								
	8.40	3.30	187 **	26 **	38.10	23.53	44.84	963.10
2 nd Max								
	7.00	3.10	111 **	25 **	37.50	23.07	39.09	883.91

Data Discussion

Kotzebue's $PM_{2.5}$ ambient air quality for the summer 2024 season reported consistently in the "good" range of the Air Quality Index (AQI; more information about AQI is provided on page 3). Diurnal patterns show little variability of $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations across different times of day or days of the week. $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations through July and August remained low and steady.

- * These statistics are based on preliminary data readings and are intended to provide a brief overview of sensor activity. Finalized data may be obtained upon request and through our annual statistical reports. Data from the community sensor network is non-regulatory and not comparable to the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS; more information about the EPA NAAQS is provided on page 3).
- ** PM10 particle sensors are influenced by weather events such as fog and snow due to hygroscopic effects, creating false maximum values that do not pose health risks.

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Resources



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EPA NAAQS Information





Air Quality Index (AQI) Basics





Real-Time AQI Data



Data Access

To access historical data for your community's sensor, please email a request to: AMQA-Data-Request@alaska.gov . Data will be provided in Excel or .csv format.

Questions or Comments?

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