

26 April 2021

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Dear Chris,

Environmental Monitoring for National Ceramic Industries Australia - March 2021

Please find enclosed the documentation for the environmental monitoring carried out for National Ceramic Industries Australia during March 2021. Sampling methodology and adopted assessment criteria are detailed below.

1.0 Sampling Methodology

Sampling was performed by AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (AECOM) and sample analysis was carried out by ALS NATA accredited laboratory. All sampling and analysis were carried out in accordance with Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) approved methods with reference to the following Australian Standards:

- Monitoring of fine suspended particulates (PM₁₀) on the EPA six-day cycle in accordance with:
 - *AS/NZS 3580.9.6 (2015) Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Ambient Air – Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter – PM₁₀ High Volume Sampler with Size Selective Inlet - Gravimetric Method.*
- Monitoring of fluorides in ambient air in accordance with:
 - *AS/NZS 3580.13.2 (2013) Determination of fluorides—Gaseous and acid-soluble particulate fluorides—Manual, double filter paper sampling.*
- Meteorological monitoring in accordance with:
 - *AS 3580.1.1 (2016) – Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air – Part 1.1 – Guide to siting air monitoring equipment; and*
 - *AS 3580.14 (2014) – Methods for sampling and analysis of ambient air – Part 14: Meteorological monitoring for ambient air quality monitoring.*
- Monitoring of surface water quality in accordance with:
 - *AS/NZS 5667.1:1998(R2016) Guidance on the design of sampling programs, sampling techniques and the preservation and handling of samples; and*
 - *AS/NZS 5667.4:1998(R2016) Guidance on sampling from lakes, natural and manmade.*

2.0 Assessment Criteria

Suspended particulate loads are assessed against the impact assessment criteria defined in the Project Approval conditions (09_0006 – National Ceramic Industries Australia Tile Manufacturing Facility Expansion Project, 19 January 2012). The assessment criteria for PM₁₀ (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 µm) are:

- 50 µg/m³ over a 24-hour period; and
- 30 µg/m³ as an annual average.

Ambient fluoride concentrations are assessed against the guidelines defined in NSW EPA *Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales* (NSW EPA (2016)).

The NSW EPA impact assessment criteria for ambient fluoride are:

- 2.9 µg/m³ over a 24-hour period; and
- 1.7 µg/m³ over a 7-day period.

Surface waters are assessed in accordance with default trigger values for physical and chemical stressors for southeast Australia in the *Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality* (ANZG, 2018). These values are:

- pH in the range of 6.5 - 8.5 (Table 3.3.2 - NSW Lowland River); and
- Electrical conductivity (EC) in the range of 125 – 2200 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ (Table 3.3.3 - NSW Lowland River).

Monitoring Results

Monitoring results for the month of March 2021 are presented in the attachments to this letter. Monitoring results for the preceding two months are also presented to demonstrate quarterly trends in results.

The March 2021 monitoring results show that all ambient PM_{10} results were below the short-term impact assessment criterion ($50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) as defined in the DPIE Project Approval (Schedule 3, Condition 15, Table 2).

The PM_{10} rolling annual average concentration at the South East site remains below the Project Approval annual criterion of $30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with an average of $15.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ following the March monitoring period. The North West annual average is also below the criteria and is sitting at $24.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ following the completion of the March monitoring period.

Fluoride results for March remain below the relevant assessment criteria at both the North West and South East monitoring sites with no exceedances of either the 24 hour or 7 day criteria this month. The results of the 24 hour South East sample for 22 March have been removed from the data set due to filter papers being wet resulting in a sample volume well below the minimum requirement. A catch-up sample will be performed at this location during April 2021.

The adopted ANZG 2018 guidelines for pH and conductivity are the default trigger values for slightly disturbed aquatic ecosystems in NSW lowland rivers. pH measurements for March were recorded above the ANZG guideline 8.5 upper limit on two occasions (3 and 11 March). Pond 4 was not observed to be flowing offsite on any of these occasions.

All conductivity measurements were within the relevant ANZG guidelines for March. Water temperature was also measured weekly however no guideline is available for assessment.

A figure showing the monitoring locations and monitoring results and plots can be found attached along with the wind rose for March. Laboratory certificates, field sheets and calibration data along with relevant meteorology data can be provided on request.

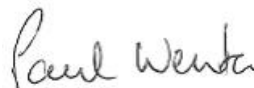
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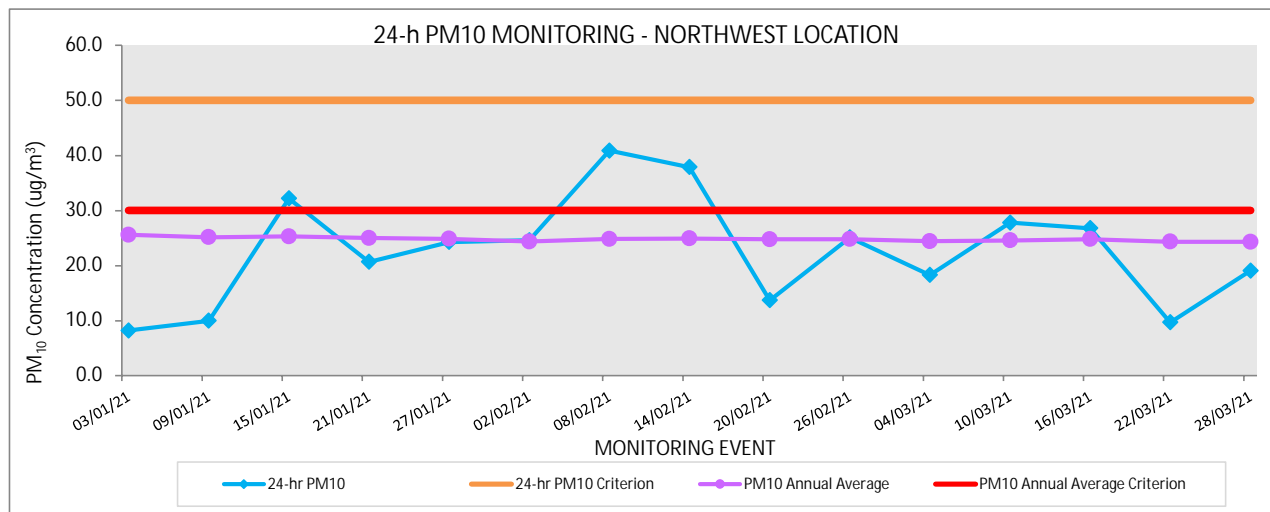
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North West Monitoring Location - 24 hour PM10 Monitoring

North West - 24 hour PM10 Monitoring				
January 2021 to March 2021				
Monitoring Event	24-hr PM ₁₀	24-hr PM ₁₀ Criterion	PM ₁₀ Annual Average	PM ₁₀ Annual Average Criterion
	(µg/m ³)	(µg/m ³)	(µg/m ³)	
3-Jan-21	8.2	50	25.6	30
9-Jan-21	10.0	50	25.2	30
15-Jan-21	32.2	50	25.3	30
21-Jan-21	20.7	50	25.0	30
27-Jan-21	24.3	50	24.9	30
2-Feb-21	24.6	50	24.4	30
8-Feb-21	40.9	50	24.9	30
14-Feb-21	37.9	50	24.9	30
20-Feb-21	13.7	50	24.8	30
26-Feb-21	25.1	50	24.8	30
4-Mar-21	18.3	50	24.4	30
10-Mar-21	27.8	50	24.6	30
16-Mar-21	26.8	50	24.8	30
22-Mar-21	9.7	50	24.4	30
28-Mar-21	19.1	50	24.3	30

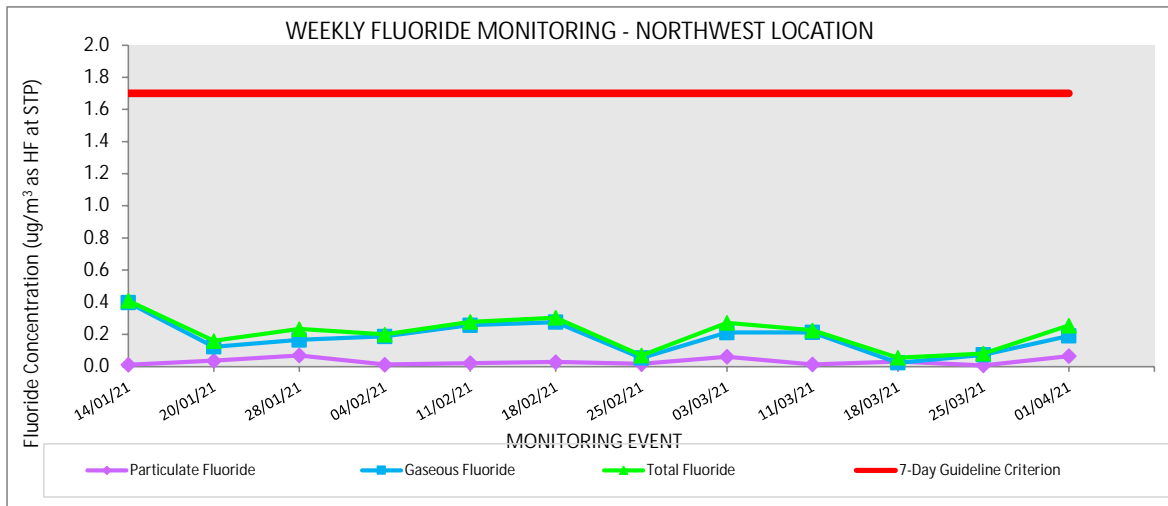
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North West Monitoring Location - 7 Day Fluoride Monitoring

North West - 7 Day Fluoride Monitoring
January 2021 to April 2021

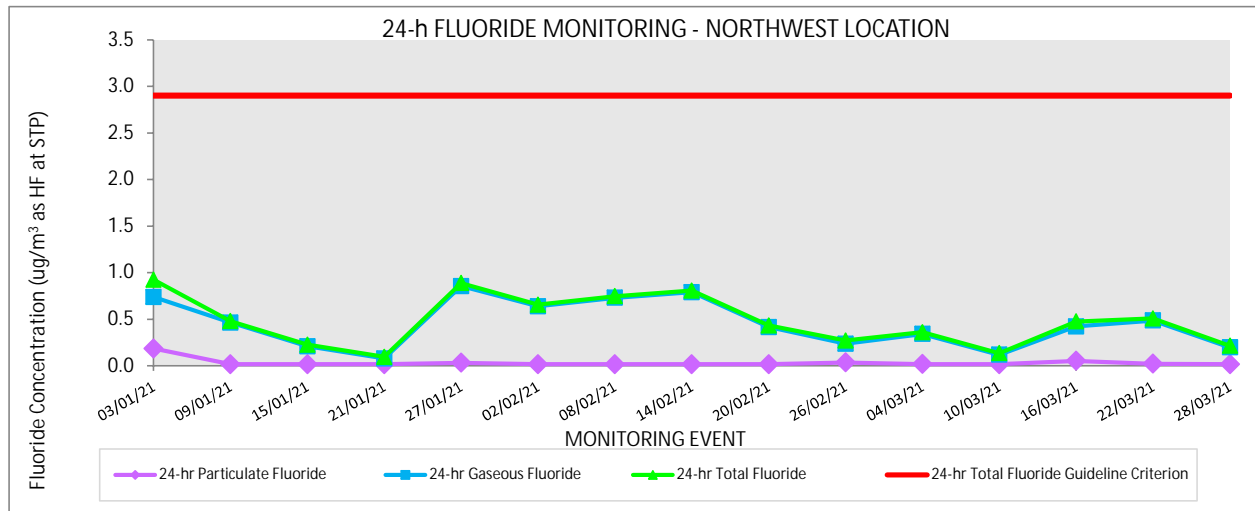
Monitoring Event		Particulate Fluoride	Gaseous Fluoride	Total Fluoride	7-Day Guideline Criterion
Start Date	End Date	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)
6-Jan-21	14-Jan-21	0.011	0.398	0.409	1.7
14-Jan-21	20-Jan-21	0.036	0.123	0.159	1.7
20-Jan-21	28-Jan-21	0.068	0.165	0.233	1.7
28-Jan-21	4-Feb-21	0.012	0.187	0.199	1.7
4-Feb-21	11-Feb-21	0.021	0.257	0.278	1.7
11-Feb-21	18-Feb-21	0.028	0.276	0.304	1.7
18-Feb-21	25-Feb-21	0.016	0.053	0.069	1.7
25-Feb-21	3-Mar-21	0.061	0.211	0.272	1.7
3-Mar-21	11-Mar-21	0.013	0.212	0.225	1.7
11-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	0.031	0.023	0.054	1.7
18-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	0.008	0.072	0.080	1.7
25-Mar-21	1-Apr-21	0.065	0.190	0.255	1.7



North West Monitoring Location - 24 hour Fluoride Monitoring

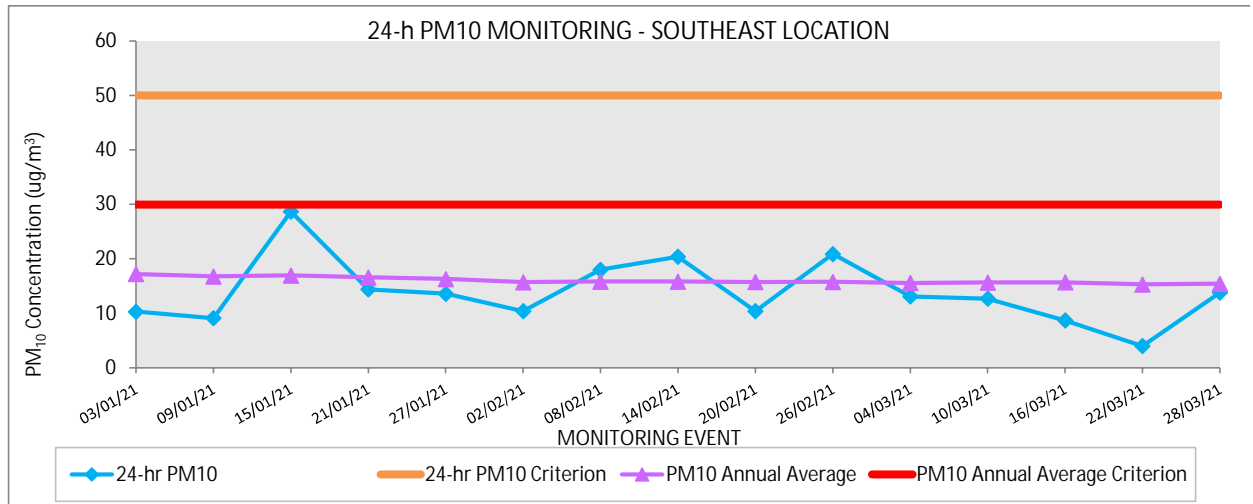
North West - 24 hour Fluoride Monitoring
January 2021 to March 2021

Monitoring Event	24-hr Particulate Fluoride	24-hr Gaseous Fluoride	24-hr Total Fluoride	24-hr Total Fluoride Guideline Criterion
	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)
3-Jan-21	0.185	0.739	0.924	2.9
9-Jan-21	0.016	0.463	0.479	2.9
15-Jan-21	0.017	0.21	0.227	2.9
21-Jan-21	0.017	0.078	0.095	2.9
27-Jan-21	0.033	0.856	0.889	2.9
2-Feb-21	0.017	0.64	0.657	2.9
8-Feb-21	0.017	0.731	0.748	2.9
14-Feb-21	0.017	0.791	0.808	2.9
20-Feb-21	0.017	0.416	0.433	2.9
26-Feb-21	0.036	0.236	0.272	2.9
4-Mar-21	0.018	0.342	0.360	2.9
10-Mar-21	0.017	0.118	0.135	2.9
16-Mar-21	0.053	0.423	0.476	2.9
22-Mar-21	0.022	0.486	0.508	2.9
28-Mar-21	0.017	0.197	0.214	2.9



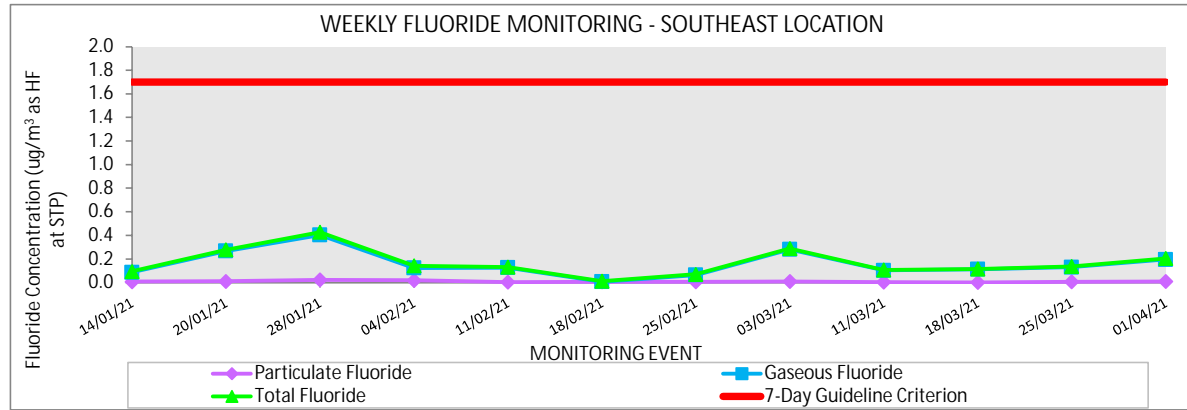
South East Monitoring Location - 24 hour PM10 Monitoring

South East - 24 hour PM10 Monitoring				
January 2021 to March 2021				
Monitoring Event	24-hr PM ₁₀	24-hr PM ₁₀ Criterion	PM ₁₀ Annual Average	PM ₁₀ Annual Average Criterion
	(µg/m ³)	(µg/m ³)	(µg/m ³)	
03-Jan-21	10.3	50	17.3	30
09-Jan-21	9.1	50	16.8	30
15-Jan-21	28.7	50	17.0	30
21-Jan-21	14.4	50	16.6	30
27-Jan-21	13.6	50	16.3	30
02-Feb-21	10.4	50	15.7	30
08-Feb-21	18.0	50	15.8	30
14-Feb-21	20.4	50	15.8	30
20-Feb-21	10.4	50	15.8	30
26-Feb-21	20.9	50	15.8	30
04-Mar-21	13.1	50	15.6	30
10-Mar-21	12.7	50	15.7	30
16-Mar-21	8.7	50	15.7	30
22-Mar-21	4.0	50	15.3	30
28-Mar-21	13.8	50	15.4	30



South East Monitoring Location - 7 Day Fluoride Monitoring

South East - 7 Day Fluoride Monitoring					
January 2021 to March 2021					
Monitoring Event		Particulate Fluoride	Gaseous Fluoride	Total Fluoride	7-Day Guideline Criterion
Start Date	End Date	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)
6-Jan-21	14-Jan-21	0.008	0.087	0.095	1.7
14-Jan-21	20-Jan-21	0.011	0.268	0.279	1.7
20-Jan-21	28-Jan-21	0.023	0.404	0.427	1.7
28-Jan-21	4-Feb-21	0.019	0.123	0.142	1.7
4-Feb-21	11-Feb-21	0.005	0.126	0.131	1.7
11-Feb-21	18-Feb-21	0.006	0.006	0.012	1.7
18-Feb-21	25-Feb-21	0.007	0.064	0.071	1.7
25-Feb-21	3-Mar-21	0.009	0.280	0.289	1.7
3-Mar-21	11-Mar-21	0.004	0.103	0.107	1.7
11-Mar-21	18-Mar-21	0.003	0.113	0.116	1.7
18-Mar-21	25-Mar-21	0.007	0.130	0.137	1.7
25-Mar-21	1-Apr-21	0.010	0.195	0.205	1.7

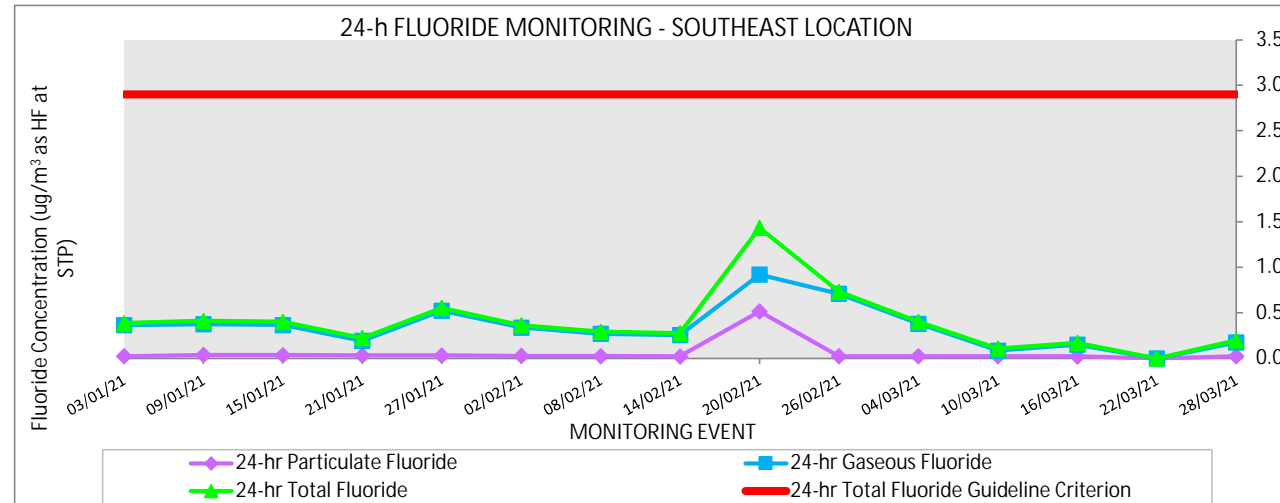


South East Monitoring Location - 24 hour Fluoride Monitoring

South East - 24 hour Fluoride Monitoring January 2021 to March 2021

Monitoring Event	24-hr Particulate Fluoride	24-hr Gaseous Fluoride	24-hr Total Fluoride	24-hr Total Fluoride Guideline Criterion
	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)	($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as HF at STP)
3-Jan-21	0.023	0.363	0.386	2.9
9-Jan-21	0.037	0.375	0.412	2.9
15-Jan-21	0.035	0.365	0.400	2.9
21-Jan-21	0.032	0.191	0.223	2.9
27-Jan-21	0.031	0.522	0.553	2.9
2-Feb-21	0.026	0.337	0.363	2.9
8-Feb-21	0.024	0.268	0.292	2.9
14-Feb-21	0.021	0.254	0.275	2.9
20-Feb-21	0.515	0.919	1.434	2.9
26-Feb-21	0.023	0.709	0.732	2.9
4-Mar-21	0.022	0.379	0.401	2.9
10-Mar-21	0.022	0.085	0.107	2.9
16-Mar-21	0.021	0.150	0.171	2.9
22-Mar-21	*	*	*	2.9
28-Mar-21	0.023	0.174	0.197	2.9

* Sample suffered water damage with result removed.

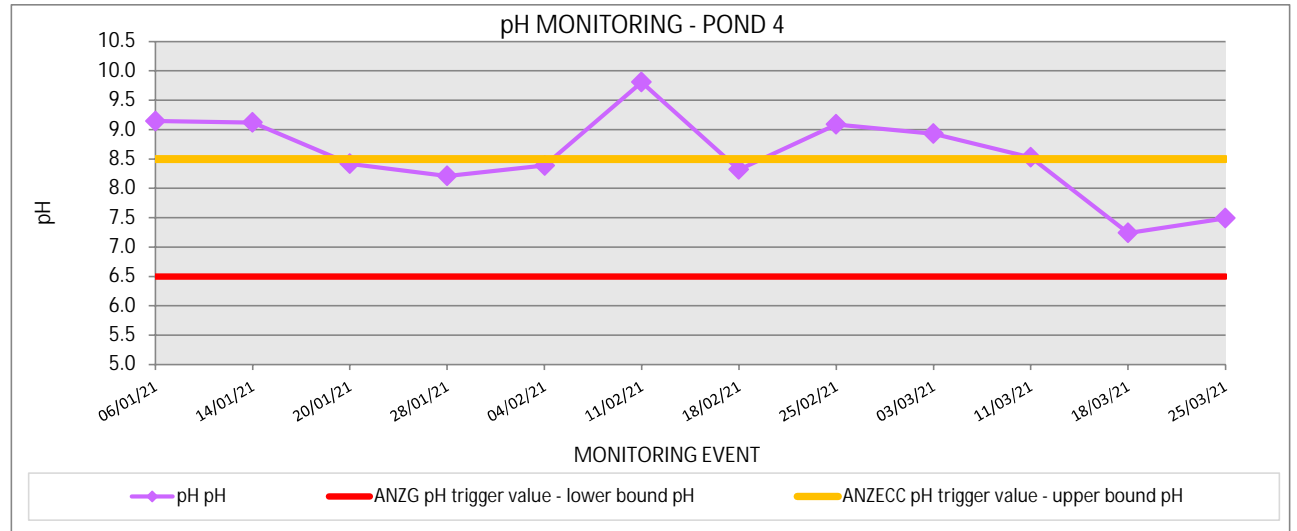


Pond 4 Monitoring Location - Weekly pH Monitoring

Pond 4 - Weekly pH Monitoring
January 2021 to March 2021

Monitoring Event	pH	ANZG pH trigger value - lower bound	ANZECC pH trigger value - upper bound	Unable to Sample
	pH	pH	pH	
6-Jan-21	9.15	6.5	8.5	
14-Jan-21	9.12	6.5	8.5	
20-Jan-21	8.42	6.5	8.5	
28-Jan-21	8.21	6.5	8.5	
4-Feb-21	8.39	6.5	8.5	
11-Feb-21	9.81	6.5	8.5	
18-Feb-21	8.32	6.5	8.5	
25-Feb-21	9.09	6.5	8.5	
3-Mar-21	8.93	6.5	8.5	
11-Mar-21	8.53	6.5	8.5	
18-Mar-21	7.24	6.5	8.5	
25-Mar-21	7.49	6.5	8.5	

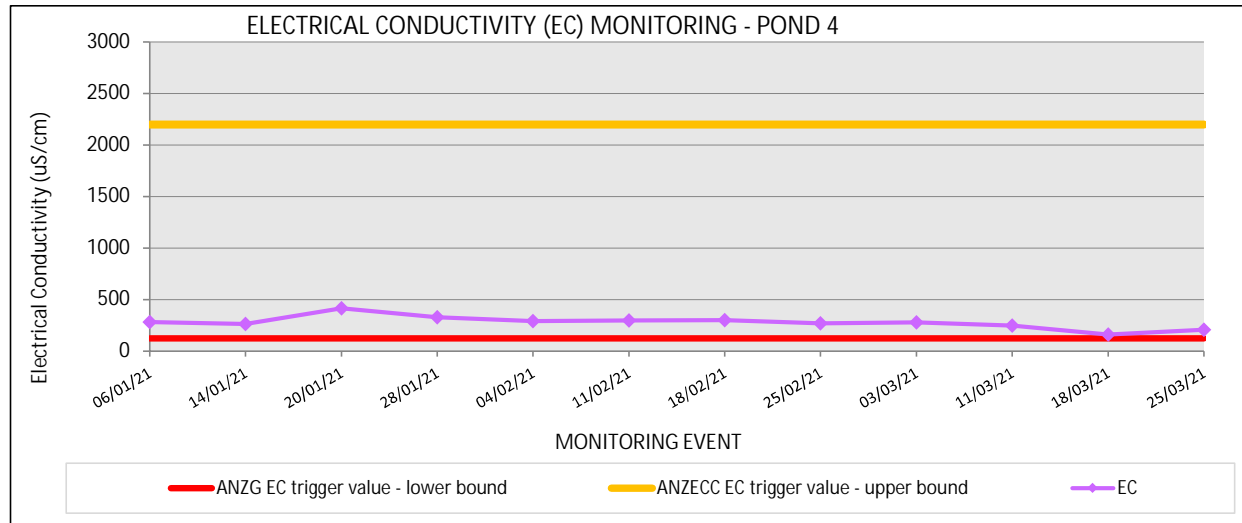
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Pond 4 Monitoring Location - Weekly EC Monitoring

Pond 4 - Weekly EC Monitoring
January 2021 to March 2021

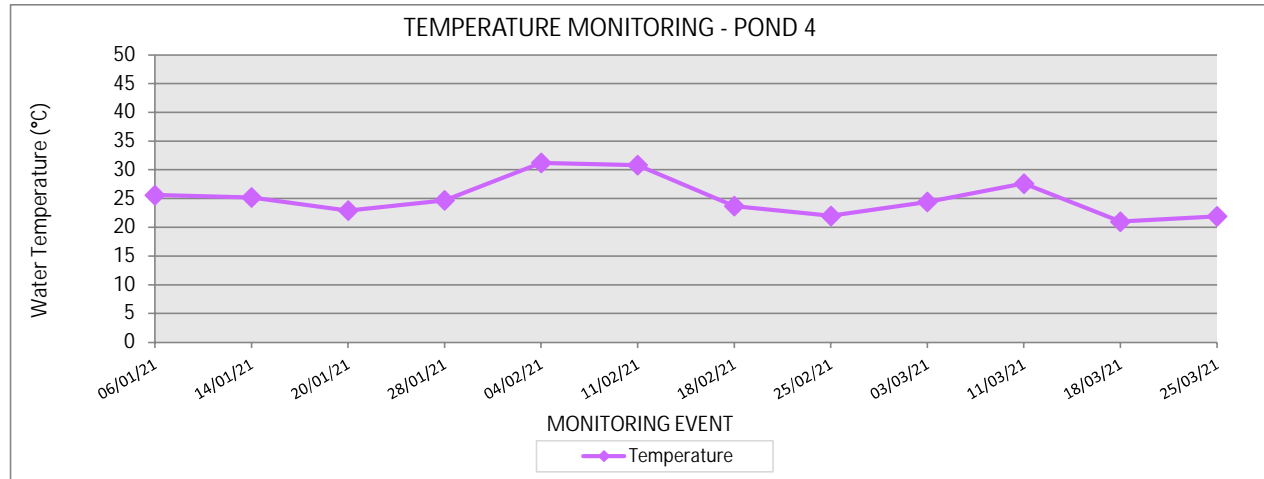
Monitoring Event	EC	ANZG EC trigger value - lower bound	ANZECC EC trigger value - upper bound	Unable to Sample
	µS/cm	µS/cm	µS/cm	
6-Jan-21	281	125	2200	
14-Jan-21	264	125	2200	
20-Jan-21	415	125	2200	
28-Jan-21	328	125	2200	
4-Feb-21	292	125	2200	
11-Feb-21	296	125	2200	
18-Feb-21	299	125	2200	
25-Feb-21	270	125	2200	
3-Mar-21	279	125	2200	
11-Mar-21	248	125	2200	
18-Mar-21	161	125	2200	
25-Mar-21	206	125	2200	



Pond 4 Monitoring Location - Weekly Temperature Monitoring

Pond 4 - Weekly Temperature Monitoring
January 2021 to March 2021

Monitoring Event	Temperature °C	Unable to Sample
6-Jan-21	25.6	
14-Jan-21	25.2	
20-Jan-21	22.9	
28-Jan-21	24.7	
4-Feb-21	31.2	
11-Feb-21	30.8	
18-Feb-21	23.7	
25-Feb-21	22.0	
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11-Mar-21	27.6	
18-Mar-21	21.0	
25-Mar-21	21.9	

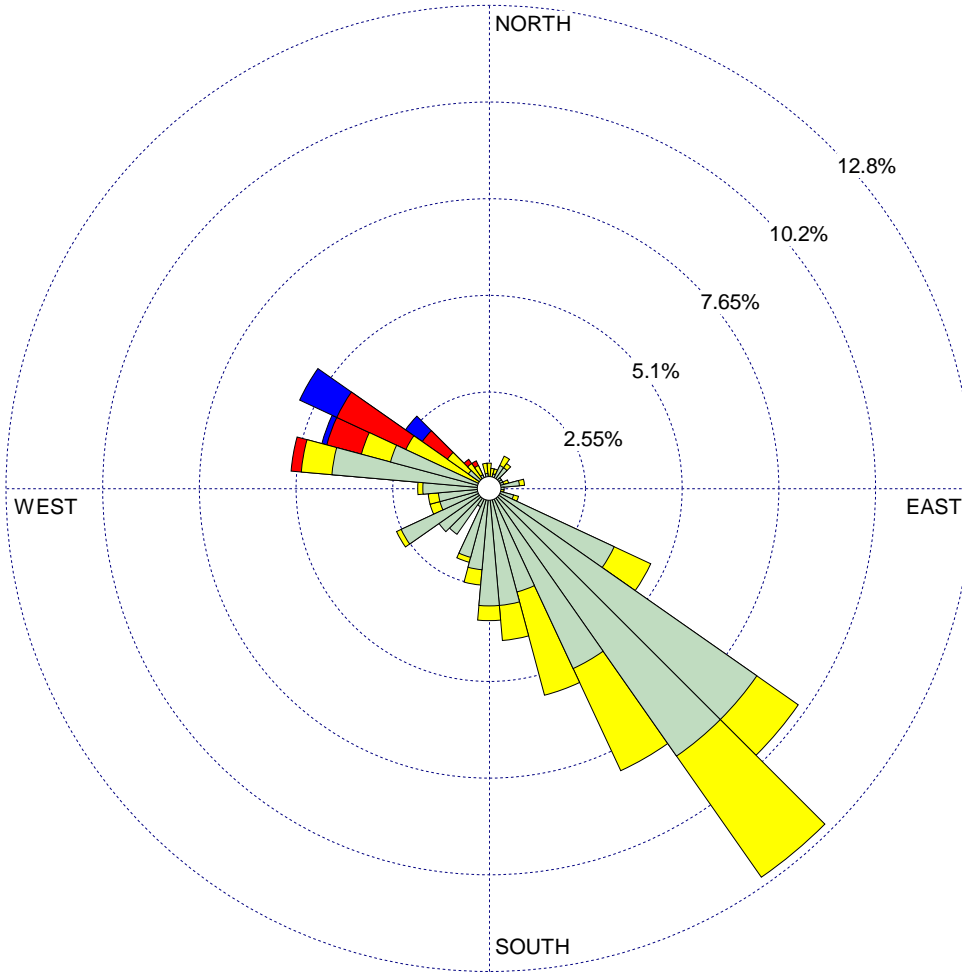


WIND ROSE PLOT:

**NCIA Meteorology
March 2021**

DISPLAY:

**Wind Speed
Direction (blowing from)**



WIND SPEED
(m/s)

- >= 11.10
- 8.80 - 11.10
- 5.70 - 8.80
- 3.60 - 5.70
- 2.10 - 3.60
- 0.30 - 2.10

Calms: 7.39%

COMMENTS:

DATA PERIOD:

**Start Date: 1/03/2021 - 00:00
End Date: 31/03/2021 - 23:00**

COMPANY NAME:

MODELER:

CALM WINDS:

7.39%

TOTAL COUNT:

743 hrs.

AVG. WIND SPEED:

1.63 m/s

DATE:

21/04/2021

PROJECT NO.:

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