



**REPORT**

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## 1.0 BACKGROUND

To meet Metro Vancouver Air Permit GVA0081 (issued September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016) requirements, Neptune Bulk Terminals Ltd. (Neptune) has implemented a procedure for periodic permit reporting requirements to Metro Vancouver including this quarterly reporting.

Fulfilling these requirements requires processing and checking large amounts of data. The procedures in this report provide an efficient means of processing large amounts of data and ensuring that all calculations and outputs generated are completed accurately. In order to increase the efficiency of this process, Neptune has implemented a data management system which allows for uploading of data to the Neptune database and generation of outputs. Envirochem Services Inc. (Envirochem) has been retained to calculate, tabulate and report these requirements to Metro Vancouver and ensure that:

- Raw data being collected and used for generating outputs is valid,
- Correct methodologies are used to generate these outputs, and
- Any outputs being generated undergo quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) before being submitted electronically to Metro Vancouver.

All of the procedures contained within this report detail methodologies in conformance with Section 3 Schedules A and B of the current version of the permit (September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016).

This report includes quarterly particulate matter monitoring reporting requirements.

## 2.0 QUARTERLY REPORTING

### 2.1 ON-SITE PM<sub>2.5</sub> AND PM<sub>10</sub> MONITORING – 24 HR ROLLING AVERAGES

#### 2.1.1 METHODOLOGY

Neptune is conducting continuous PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring using two Met-One E-BAM Plus monitors on-site near the northwest boundary of Neptune Terminals on the roof of the terminal's electrical substation building.

Ambient Air Monitoring data for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> are stored in Neptune's database. These data are retrieved and verified by Envirochem. QA/QC is performed on the raw data and any invalid data are flagged. Neptune's data management system is then updated accordingly.

#### 2.1.2 RESULTS

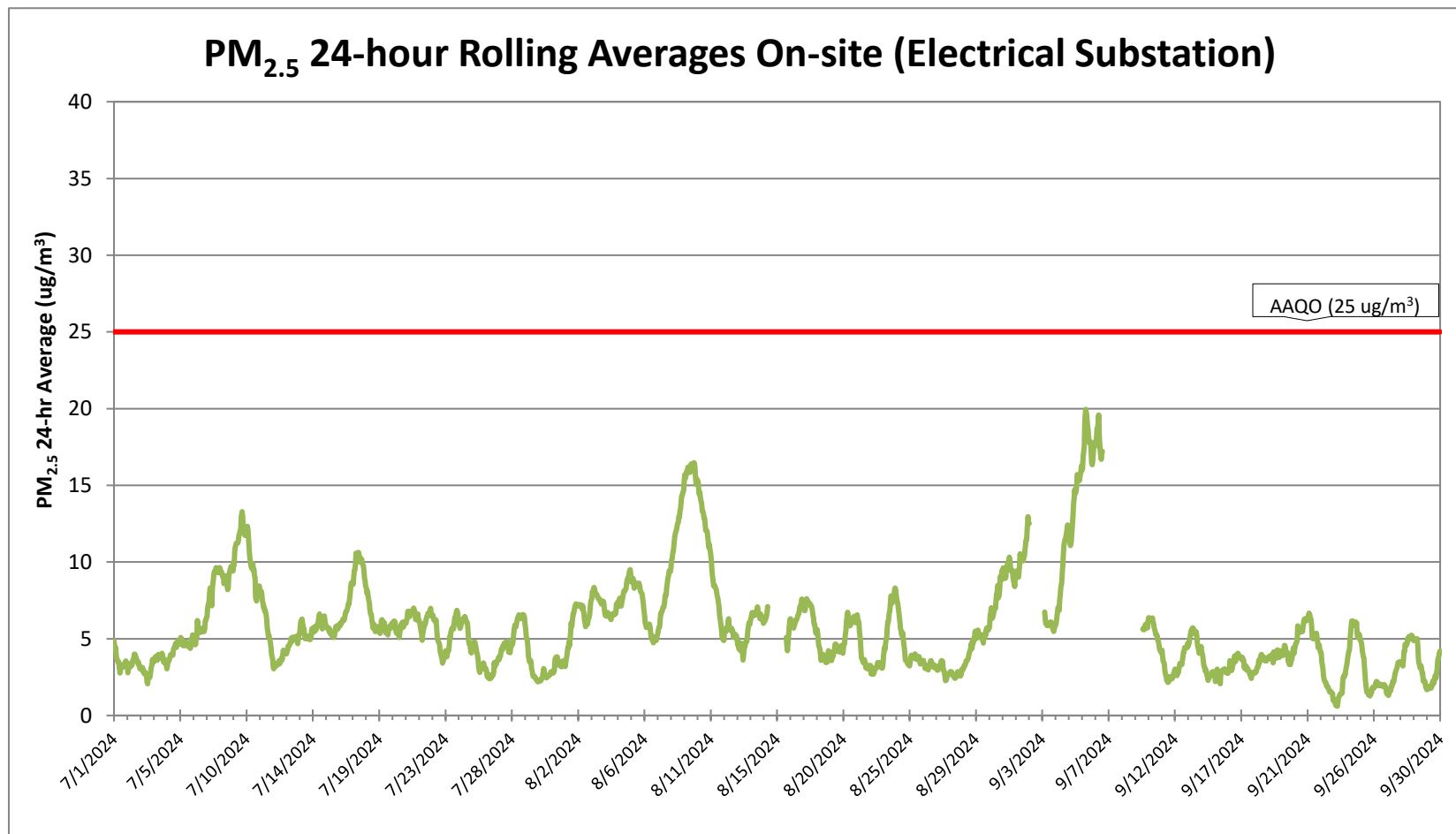
Using Neptune's data management system, Envirochem:

- Converts the vetted PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> data to 24-hour rolling averages and performs QA/QC;
- On a quarterly basis, submits the graphs (**Figure 1** and **Figure 2**) to Metro Vancouver.

During Quarter 3 of 2024, there were a few exceedances of the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> AAQO at Neptune's on-site monitor (see **Figure 2**). No exceedances of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> AAQO were observed. To investigate the attributable particulate for exceedances of the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> AAQO outside of Metro Vancouver Air Quality Advisory periods:

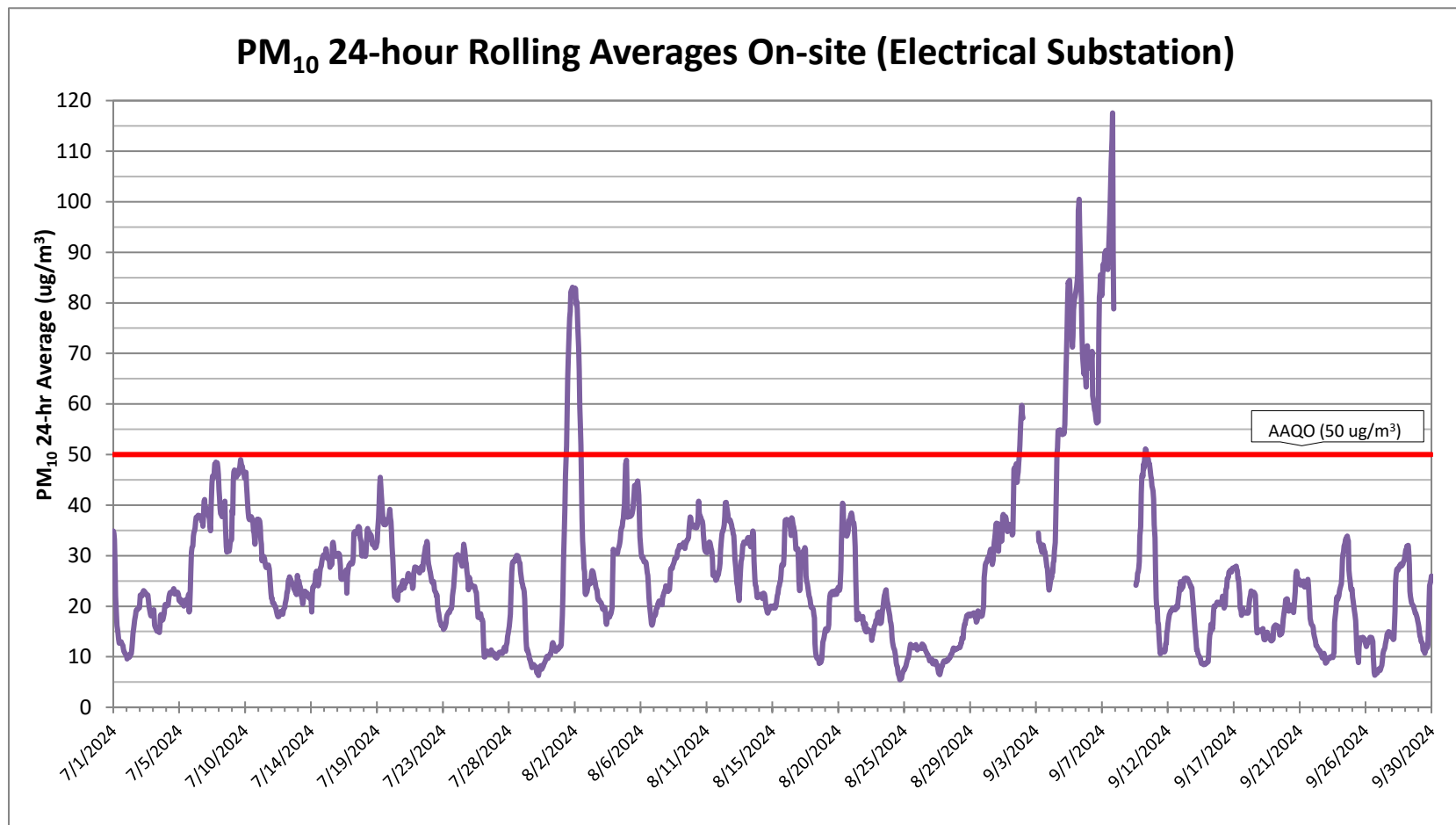
- Wind speed and direction during hours with PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations where the hourly average concentration was at or above the 24-hour AAQO level of 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> were analyzed (**Figure 3**).

Results and findings are summarized below.



**Figure 1: 24-hour rolling averages of PM<sub>2.5</sub> data from on-site monitor for the third calendar quarter 2024  
(July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**

*Note: Blank spaces indicate that no data is available due to power failure or instrument maintenance.*



**Figure 2: 24-hour rolling averages of PM<sub>10</sub> data from on-site monitor for the third calendar quarter 2024 (July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**

**Note:** Blank spaces indicate that no data is available due to power failure or instrument maintenance.

### 2.1.3 WIND ANALYSIS

To investigate the attributable particulate to the observed PM<sub>10</sub> exceedances, wind speed and direction during hours of those events with hourly average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations of 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> or greater were analyzed. 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> was conservatively chosen as it is the 24-hour AAQO for PM<sub>10</sub>. Hence, hours with 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> PM<sub>10</sub> or above were considered to have a possible contribution to the AAQO exceedances. Hours during periods impacted by Metro Vancouver Air Quality Advisories for fine particulate were not considered. As can be seen in **Figure 3**, during hours with 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> of PM<sub>10</sub> or higher, the most frequent wind direction was blowing from the west.





**Figure 3: Wind rose during hours contributing to PM<sub>10</sub> 24-hr rolling average AAQO exceedances PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations greater than 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in the third calendar quarter 2024 (July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**

*Note: The presented wind rose is based on "winds blowing from"*



## 2.2 OFF-SITE PM<sub>2.5</sub> AND PM<sub>10</sub> MONITORING – 24 HR ROLLING EXCEEDANCES OF PM<sub>2.5</sub> AND PM<sub>10</sub> FROM AAQO

### 2.2.1 METHODOLOGY

Neptune is conducting continuous PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring off-site from the terminal at these two locations (in the neighbouring areas):

- To the northeast of the Neptune Terminals, on the roof of 340 Brooksbank Avenue (Neptune's office) equipped with a PM<sub>10</sub> monitor (Met One E-BAM Plus) and a PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor (SHARP 5030i).
- To the northwest of the Neptune Terminals in the residential area at 618 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East using two pole mounted PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> monitors (Met One E-BAM Plus). *(Note that this location was non-operational during this period due to construction, demolition, and electrical supply issue. This was communicated to Metro Vancouver and relocation plan has been submitted pending approval.*

Ambient Air Monitoring data for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> is stored in Neptune's database. These data are retrieved and verified by Envirochem. QA/QC is performed on the raw data and any invalid data are flagged. Neptune's data management system is then updated accordingly.

### 2.2.2 RESULTS

Using Neptune's data management system, Envirochem:

- Converts the vetted PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> data to 24-hour rolling averages;
- Retrieves the quarterly 24-hour rolling averages from Neptune's database;
- Identifies and flags any 24-hour rolling averages which exceed Metro Vancouver Ambient Air Quality Objectives (AAQOs) for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>;
- On a quarterly basis, tabulates all exceedances (**Table 1**) and submits them to Metro Vancouver.

**Table 1: Off-Site 24-hour rolling average PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> AAQO exceedances for the third calendar quarter 2024 (July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**

METRO VANCOUVER PERMIT GVA 0081	
Neptune Bulk Terminals (Canada) Ltd.	
OFF-SITE 24-HR ROLLING AVERAGE PM <sub>2.5</sub> AND PM <sub>10</sub> AAQO EXCEEDANCES	
Reporting Period:	July 1 <sup>st</sup> to September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

Exceedance Event	MV AAQO		Neptune Office (340 Brooksbank Ave)	Neighbourhood Pole (618 E 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.)	Possible Cause
	Contaminant	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Period of Exceedance		
1	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	25	No exceedances	(a)	N/A
	PM <sub>10</sub>	50	02:00 July 10 <sup>th</sup> – 04:00 July 10 <sup>th</sup>	(a)	Stagnation Condition (Metro Vancouver Ozone Advisory)
2	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	25	No exceedances	(a)	N/A
	PM <sub>10</sub>	50	14:00 September 5 <sup>th</sup> – 14:00 September 6 <sup>th</sup>	(a)	Appears to be a localized spike

**Note:** AAQOs are based on 24-hour rolling averages. For hours presented above, periods are representative of the previous 24 hours.

**(a):** The PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> units at Neighbourhood Pole (618 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St) were non-operational during this period due to construction, demolition, and electrical supply issue. This was communicated to Metro Vancouver and relocation plan has been submitted pending approval.