FINAL AGENDA NADP Fall Technical Meeting Network Operations Subcommittee Meeting September 10, 2002



Tuesday, September 10

1:00-1:20	Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview Approval of NOS Spring Meeting Minutes Report from July Executive Committee Meeting	Kristi Morris/U.S. FWS
1:20-1:45	New Version of the Ott-Pluvio Precipitation Gage	Malcolm Lynch/CC Lynch and Associates
1:45-1:55	N-CON Modification #2 Mercury Collector	Mark Nilles/USGS
1:55-2:15	Ad Hoc Committee Report: Data Relay of Future Sites	Scott Dossett/NADP
2:15-2:30	Ad Hoc Committee Report: Value of Field Chemistry	Chris Lehman/NADP
2:30-2:45	Plastic Bucket Liner Study	Karen Harlin/CAL
2:45-3:00	Archive Sample Distribution	Karen Harlin/CAL
3:00-3:30	Break	
3:30-3:45	ATS External Site Survey/Audit Reports	Tom Jones/ATS
3:45-4:15	Belfort Fine Baseline Adjustment Screw Modification	Scott Dossett/NADP Tom Jones/ATS
4:15-4:30	Ad Hoc Committee Update: Review of NADP Siting Criteria	Chris Lehman/NADP
4:30-4:45	NED Report	Scott Dossett/NADP
4:45-4:55	Update on NOAA Climate Reference Network Efforts	Scott Dossett/NADP
4:55-5:10	Election of New NOS Secretary	Kristi Morris/U.S. FWS
5:10	Adjourn	

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DATA RELAY IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2

Moving electronic data from NADP field sites to the laboratories

Fall 2002 NADP Technical Committee Meeting

Seattle, Washington

ATA RELAY IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2

ASSUMPTIONS

- NADP site operators will collect a physical sample of precipitation and this sample will be sent to a central lab
- •Routine field sampling will take place in challenging ambient conditions
- •Site operators technical access and expertise is highly variable
- •Program goals for data completeness will remain constant
- •Provision of uniform equipment across all sites will continue

DATA RELAY IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2

ASSUMPTION 1- NADP site operators will collect a physical sample of precipitation and this sample will be sent to a central lab

Routine weekly site access ,evaluation and materials shipments

Mailing costs determined by weight and siz

Materials will be reused by sites.

Media must be moderately sized, easily transferable and economical

TA RELAY IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2

ASSUMPTION 2 - Routine field sampling will take place in challenging ambient conditions

High portability

Enable gloved use

Femperature independent

Solid state, battery powered handheld device

RELAY IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2

ASSUMPTION 3 - Site operators technical access and expertise is highly variable

- Low reliance on operator supplies hardware or software
- Single use/one-way connection devices
- Common language instructions
- Friendly and convenient operation
- Menu driven YES/NO systems
- Minimized data entry

Preprogrammed versatile device

RELAY IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2

ASSUMPTION 4 - Program goals for data completeness will remain constant

- One sample/ one data sheet format
- Physical sample and data will be locked together
- Routine error checking with flagged communications cycles

Operator active in passing data

ATA RELAYIN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2

ASSUMPTION 5 - Provision of uniform equipment across all sites will continue.

Central supply

Customized, uniform hard and software

Components mailable and operator connectible

No reliance on local sources of support

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DATA RELAY IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2

SUMMARY

Operator uses PDA to electronic report conditions of site, sample, equipment as well as for query of data system at the site and stores this data for transfer.

Operator enters data via detachable keyboard to complete report form in the lab.

PDA supplies much of the data for; times and dates, site ID, Precipitation record, condition checks.

Digital memory card and sample shipped back to lab.

None of this precludes remote or network enabled access to data. We are simply building a handheld physical transfer of data as the first step.

A RELAY IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD-PART 2





Current Field Chemistry Issue

• A motion was passed at the July Executive Committee Meeting recommending to the Technical Committee that field chemistry measurements be discontinued as of January 2003.

Outline

- Current Field Chemistry Measurement Program
- Results of NADP Data User Survey
- Issues For and Against Continuance of Field Chemistry Measurements
- Potential Scenarios to Consider

Field Chemistry Measurement Program: CAL Support

- CAL supplies sites with pH probes, calibration solutions, check samples, training, and instruction manuals as part of general site support
- Sites must provide pH meter, conductivity meter, and conductivity cell
- Sites requested to perform weekly field chemistry measurements, but refusal will not generally exclude them from the network
- 7 sites do not currently perform field chemistry measurements.

Field Chemistry Measurement Program: External QA

- USGS supplies sites with verification samples to assess site measurement performance
 - Sites report measured pH & conductivity values
 - >90% of sites met pH & conductivity targets in 2001
 - USGS contacts sites that do not meet targets for follow up.
- Site Systems & Performance Surveys assess equipment performance and operator technique.













Issues Supporting Continuance of Field Chemistry Measurements

- Field chemistry data is utilized by data users.
- Up to 24 year data record for sites would be broken if measurements are discontinued.
- Field measurements are not as potentially "biased" by handling and transport, and are made closer in time to actual precipitation conditions.

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Issues Supporting Continuance of Field Chemistry Measurements

- Differences between field and laboratory measurements still exist.
- Field measurements are a QC tool to assess sample chemistry changes between the field and lab.
- Field measurements are a QC tool to ensure samples are not switched, misplaced, etc. during shipment or analysis.

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Issues Supporting Continuance of Field Chemistry Measurements Field measurement data are quality verified

- Field measurement data are quality verified through the measurement of standards, quality control samples, and external QA programs.
- Protocol and equipment changes are planned for NADP. Field chemistry measurements would provide a continued QC resource during these changes.

Issues Against Continuance of Field Chemistry Measurements

- Quality control criteria for laboratory measurements are more stringent than field measurements.
- Lab measurements are given priority over field measurements for low volume samples.
- Data quality can be irregular, due to the experience of operators, equipment condition, etc.

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Some Questions Remain.... Do resources committed to field chemistry measurements exceed value of data to program and data users? Would financial resources be better spent elsewhere in support of program? Are field measurements redundant with laboratory measurements? Can new information be provided by continued field chemistry measurements? Does performing field chemistry improve data quality?











OPTIONAL: Please provide additional comments regarding your use of NADP field chemistry data

- Comparison with own data (12 responses)
- Annual reports (2)
- Watershed loading studies (2)
- Reported to news agencies to provide current information on acid rain status



Diff	erence P	es Bet H for	ween I AIRMo	Field &	Lab
		Me	ean	Me	dian
Site	n	Field	Lab	Field	Lab
DE02	78	4.26	4.28	4.35	4.40
DE99	38	4.26	4.30	4.36	4.39
FL18	54	4.33	4.33	4.43	4.43
IL11	78	4.38	4.44	4.50	4.57
MD15	78	4.26	4.26	4.31	4.31
NY67	97	4.31	4.34	4.38	4.41
PA15	84	4.18	4.18	4.23	4.23
TN00	85	4.23	4.28	4.29	4.38
VT99	106	4.35	4.37	4.43	4.45
WV99	92	4.29	4.32	4.41	4.45

Sample Reanalysis and Field Chemistry, 2002

Month	Number of reanalysis samples	Total number of edits	Number of edits based on field chem
Jan	29	6	1
Feb	25	12	6
Mar	31	18	9
Apr	17	17	6
May	28	26	9
Jun	49	46	7
Jul	87	20	1
Aug	95	10	4
TOTAL	361	155	43





ATS External Site Survey Audit Reports

Tom Jones Field Team Leader ATS has audited as of today 52 sites

37 NTN

13 MDN

2 AIRMoN

Geographic locations of these sites

USA

California, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine Missouri, New Hampshire, Nevada, Vermont, and Washington Canada

Newfoundland New Brunswick Nova Scotia Quebec

This effort has taken the following to accomplish

9,933 Driving miles

27,690 Flying miles

551 Gallons of gasoline

Plans for the remaining audits include

Alaska, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia

British Columbia

Data to the Program office is in the process of catching up.

Issues for the delay were a complete redesign of the audit survey, and the addition of surveys for the MDN and AIRMON programs. 98 % of the issues have been resolved and hopefully by the end of September 2002 ATS should be on schedule.

Of the 37 NTN sites 8 audits were new sites that have not been visited for this program.

Of the 13 MDN sites 6 audits were new sites that have not been visited for this program.

The 2 AIRMoN sites have not been visited for this program.

Recurring problems for revisited sites:

Replacement operator training

Vegetation control

Maintenance of backup batteries

ATS recommendations for corrective actions

Offer two training schedules and include all three programs

Have site liaison contact replacement operators to discuss protocol.

Discuss with operator if there is REAL need for having battery backup

Vegetation control

Trimming or removal of trees from older sites.

Recurring issues with new sites

Site set up

Operation of site

Operation of Belfort rain gage

New sites for the program

Have a representative from the program **GO** to the site to aid in site setup

Have representative train operator for collecting of sample, processing of sample, and operation of collector and Belfort rain gage.

Check operation of collector and if necessary calibrate the Belfort rain gage.

Belfort Fine Baseline Adjustment Screw

Proposed Modification



Scott Dossett and Tom Jones





During the IL11 audit struck upon an idea!

During field audits for the last four and one half years

We have discovered another or specific problem with the Belfort Rain gage

ATS has been finding a lot of gages out of calibration that was perceived to be operator induced.

Thus we come to you with our saga of the RED knob





Has caused a lot of Belfort gages to go out of

calibration.

Glad you asked

What is the function for the RED knob

From the Belfort instrument manual The RED knob is designed to be a FINE zero adjust. The problem with the design of this gage is when looking thru the door of the housing the only adjustment that is visible to the operator is the RED knob.

We have discovered that over adjusting the red knob tends to degrade the calibration of the gage.

The gages that we encounter that are over adjusted will come back into specifications when the fine adjustment is returned to a normal position.

Operators are not aware that over compensation of the red knob will cause the gage to go out of specifications.

Reality is the red knob will not cause the gage to lose calibration when over adjusted.

Through bench tests of a gage we have discovered that the problem lies here.



The ball and socket design of the coarse adjustment. Over time tends to bind and does not allow the design to function as a ball and socket fitting.

Thus when the RED knob is adjusted like this



The Z axis of the main spring will go off center.

Thus changing the linearity of the spring.

And the gage will go out of calibration

From the minds of Dossett and Jones comes a Proposal to modify the Belfort rain gage.

Our proposal is to eliminate the RED knob and replace it with a torx head set screw and a lock nut.

Set this screw to the OEM designed position and lock it in place.

Thus when an operator thinks it is necessary to adjust the zero of the gage. His or her only option will be to adjust the silver or course adjustment knob of the gage.

The main spring will remain in the proper vertical Position and the calibration will not change.

We have observed over the last four plus years that the zero adjustment of the gage can be accomplished with the silver or course adjustment knob. ATS has attempted to instruct operators not to adjust the ZERO with the RED adjustment knob.

However with operator turn over this information does not get passed on.

And we are back into gages needlessly going out of calibration.

Glad you asked that again !

What is the cost to the program to make this change?

We estimate the material cost to be around 50 dollars.

The labor will be provided by ATS when we visit a site for an audit.

Our proposal will only take away an adjustment to the gage.

It will NOT change the function of the gage.

And should allow gages to remain in calibration even with operators input.









Siting Rules vs. Siting Guidelines

RULE -Features that must be adhered to by the sites. NADP may decide to report exceptions to data users and implement remedial actions. GUIDELINE - Siting guidelines are features that are desirable and should be adhered to if possible. NADP may decide to report

			Attachm	ent 8. NADP NOS Minutes. Fall 2002			
NTN &	AIRMON Siting Rules/Guidelines(R/Gs) (Using the word "rules" in place of "criteria")						Does a s
Later s	some committee will need to revisit the R/Gs when considering MDN, urban sites, coastal sites, special	l sites					pub. support
and li	kely will make modification specific to these networks.						
A items -	To Minimize Influence of Anthropogenic Emission Sources to Air: Regional Requirements, > 10 km						the rule or guideline?
B items -	To Minimize Influence of Anthropogenic Emission Sources to Air: Local Requirements, < 10 km		NTN/AIRMoN				Comment
C items -	On-site Requirements, < 30 m, To Minimize Splash and Wind Flow Alterations	Original	Rule or			Qualita	tively, science
D items	- Other Criteria Affecting Sample Representativeness	text: should	guideline or			suppor	ts the rule?
		or must?	procedure.			List	
List	Number Summary of Original Wording of Siting Rule/Guideline			Summary of Suggested Word Changes of Siting Rule/Guidelines	Numbe	er	
A1-a	1 Industrial Operations, not in general upwind direction, then > 10 km	Should	omit	omit (in fact wind rose data has not been used)	1	A1-a Yes	Yes
A1-b	2 Industrial Operations, in general upwind direction, then > 20 km	Should	guideline	Major Industrial Operations should be > 20 km	2	A1-b	
A2-a	3 Suburban/Urban, approx. 10,000, not in general upwind direction, then > 10 km	Should	omit	omit (in fact wind rose data has not been used)	3	A2-a	
A2-b	4 Suburban/Urban, approx. 10,000, in general upwind direction, then > 20 km	Should	guideline	Suburban/Urban, approx. 10,000, should be > 20 km	4	A2-b	
A2-c	5 Suburban/Urban > 75,000, not in general upwind direction, then > 20 km	Should	omit	omit (in fact wind rose data has not been used)	5	A2-c	
A2-d	6 Suburban/Urban > 75,000, in general upwind direction, then > 40 km	Should	guideline	Suburban/Urban > 75,000 should be > 40 km	6	A2-d	
B1-a	7 No mobile pollution sources closer than 100 meters	Should	rule	No public roadways closer than 100 meters (need to add words about payed vs unpayed, and traffic volume)	7	B1-a	
B1-b	8 Consider traffic volume on the local road net	Should	omit	omit(maybe discuss more later: ?have guideline, not rule for intermediate distance from sight)	8	B1-b	
B2	9 No large feedlots dairy barns closer than 500 meters	Should	?rule	No large feedlots dairy barns etc. closer than 500 meters (large is > 200 cattle, 400 pigs, 2000 chickens)	9	B2	
B3	10 No grazing animals and pasture closer than 20 meters	Should	guideline	No grazing animals and pasture closer than 20 meters	10	B3	
B4	11 No surface storage of source materials (fuel, ag products) closer than 100 meters	Should	guideline	No uncovered surface storage of source materials (e.g. ag products) closer than 100 meters	11	B4	
B5	12 No parking lots or maintainance yards closer than 100 meters	2Should	guideline	No frequently used parking lots (6 or more vehicles) or maintainance varis closer than 100 meters	12	B5	
C1-a	13 Aerochem should be over undisturbed land	Should	rule	Aerochem should not be over disturbed land (e.g. concrete asphalt or gravel)	13	C1-a	
C1-h	14 Aerochem should be on its standard 1 meter base	Should	rule	Aerrochem should be on its standard aluminum base	14	Cl-b	
C1-c	15 Grassed cover (anthronogenic) tolerated: slopes up to $\pm/-15$ % tolerated	Should/Must	under review	inder review	15	Cl-c	% or degrees? Turn into 2 rules
C1-d	16 Avoid sudden changes in slone with 30 meters	Should	under review	under review	16	Cl-d	% of degrees. Turn into 2 futes
C1-e	17 Gound cover(natural or grass) must extend out at least 30 meters	Must	under review	under review	17	Cl-e	
C2	18 Annual vegetation within the site should be kent less than 2 feet in height	Should	guideline	Annual vegetation within 5 meters of the collector and raingage, should be kent less than 60 cm in height	18	C2	
C3-h	10 Angle to any object must be less than 45 degrees or less than 20 is considered optimal)	Must	rulo	Angle to gave object must be less than 45 degrees or less (less than 30 is considered ontimal) (bucket ton is ref.)	10	C3-b	
C3-9	20 For #19, pay particular attention to overhead wires and anemometer towers	2Must	rulo	Figure to any object indust be less than 45 degrees on less (less than 50 less considered optimal/backet top is ref.).	20	C3-9	
C1	20 For #17, bay particular attention to overhead wires and attentioneter towers.	Should	under review	I of #17, pay particular attention to overhead wires and atten	20	C4	
C5-h	21 Except, angle to a noise must be ress than 50 degrees.	Should	under review	under review	21	C5-b	
C5-0	22 The base of the Aerochem should not be enclosed.	Should	under review	under review	22	C5 a	Excep: Alter shields & open fances
C6 a	24 Paingage should be located within 5 30 maters of the collector	Should	under review	under review	23	C6 a	Exceptified shields & open fences.
C6 h	24 Raingage should be located within 1 foot of plana or collector.	Should	under review		24	C6 h	Horizontal plane?
C0-0	25 Raingage office should be writin 1 foot of plane of conector	Must	under review	under review	25	C0-0	Horizontal plane?
C?	20 If more than 20% of almual ppt is show, then aller whild sine d on rangage is required.	May/Should	under review		20	C7	Distform should be less than may snowneak
C0	27 Flatforms for conector and rangage anowed if over .5 meter of show accumulates.	Should	rulo	Inder review	21	C0	Show roof to be left on year round
D1	28 If she holmany gets show, show foot on conector is anowed it open/close is a problem.	Siloulu N/A	rule	It she normany gets show, show foot on conector is anowed only it open/close is a problem.	20	D1	Show roor to be left on year round.
D1 D2	29 Industrial and urban sources blend in to regional patient when > 50 km from a site	N/A Should	omit	omit	29	DI	
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D3-a	22 The site should be accessible in both winter and summer.	Should	ruie	The site should be accessible in both white and summer.	22	D3-a	
D3-0	32 The site should be a low risk to vandalism	Should	guideline	The site should be a low risk to vandarism	32	D3-0	
D4	55 Changes to a site must be submitted to CO before implementation.	Must	omit	omit		D4	
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General:	To judge the science the committee should take into account the details of now the CO,CAL,HAL and ATS	app1y/interpro	et me rules.				
Callari	E.g. now is the mean wind determined?						
Collector	refers to precipitation chemistry collector, e.g. the Aerochem.						
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9/4/02 \$	suggestion to consider seasonality. Maybe do on second pass through the list. This is more of an item about	getting into fr	om sites.			+	
9/4/02 \$	suggestion that sites be querried about major changes that might have occurred at the site. Maybe annually						











	NEWS ITEMS
HYBRII REQUE	O CLOCKS GOING OUT TO ALL SITES STING CLOCKS
29	finished (goal of 50 this year)
10	0 battery packs finished
TO DATE	3
20	to sites
4 0	of these returned
ex	panded instructions











They want to use the NADP network if possible to help find suitable Climate Reference Network sites.

Long term monitoring

Well buffered sites, minimize landscape changes Good operational history SURFRAD, NWS, CASTNET?

First request from Regional Climate Center in Nebraska



Program Office Action

USEPA/NDAMN MODEL USED

•Get site specific list from interested party, formal request

•Mail letters to site funder, supervisor and operator

•Wait ~7 days

•Provide information to interested party.

7 sites data (SITEDATA printout only) during 3rd week of July



	CENTRAL ANALYTICAL LABORATORY - ILLINOIS STATE WATER SURVEY NADP/NTN SITE INFORMATION							
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