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South Durban Community for Environmental Alliance (SDCEA)

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Ambient Air Quality Monitoring: Pitman Road

1. Introduction:

Ambient Air Quality monitoring was undertaken at a residential property along Pitman Road, Fynnlands from the 24th to the 31st of October 2014. Air pollutants such as Sulphur Dioxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Volatile Organic Compounds and Dust Fallout was monitored using passive Radiello samplers and ASTM 1739-98 (Reapproved 2004) Dust Fallout stands and buckets.

The Radiello samplers for SO₂, NO₂ and VOC's were deployed for a period of 7 days, whilst the DFO Unit was deployed for a period of 30 days.

The figure below indicates the locality of the residential property in relation to its surrounding land use;



2. Results:

TABLE 1: RADIELLO SAMPLER'S RESULTS

Sample	Compound	Measured Concentration - $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Ambient Air Quality Standard - $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Evaluation
7929 – 2	Sulphur Dioxide – SO ₂	3.72	125 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 24hr	Compliant Results
	Nitrogen Dioxide – NOx	13.03	40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 1 Year	
	Volatile Organic Compounds:			
	Benzene	1.13	5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 1 Year	Compliant Result
	n-Pentane	3.78	N / A	No set National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
	Isohexane	11.12		
	1-Hexene	0.55		
	n-Hexane	5.60		
	MEK	0.11		
	Ethyl acetate	0.37		
	2-Methylhexane	1.83		
	3-Methylhexane	2.41		
	Isooctane	4.66		
	1-Heptene	0.09		
	Trichloroethylene	0.03		
	Propyl acetate	0.31		
	MIBK	0.46		
	Toluene	11.99		
	n-Octane	1.11		
	Perchloroethylene	0.18		
	n-Butyl acetate	0.21		
	Ethyl benzene	1.82		
	Xylene	8.38		
	n-Nonane	1.38		
	Propyl benzene	0.41		
	1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	0.68		
	n-Decane	2.60		
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	2.55			
d-limonene	0.23			
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0.77			
Total VOC	64.46	-		

TABLE 2: DUST FALLOUT RESULTS

Sample	Location	GPS Coordinates	Residential Area (mg/m ² /Day)	Measured Concentration (mg/m ² /Day)
7929 - 2	Pitman Road	29° 53' 34.44" S 31° 02' 0.19" E	D < 600	302

STANDARD LIMITS APPLIED

TABLE 3: NATIONAL DUST CONTROL REGULATIONS LIMITS

1	2	3	4
Level	Dustfall rate, D (mg·m ⁻² ·day ⁻¹ , 30-d average)	Averaging period	Permitted frequency of exceeding dustfall rate
Residential Area	D < 600	30 days	Two within any year, no two sequential months.
Non-residential Area	600 < D < 1200	30 days	Two within any year, not sequential months.

Source: National Dust Control Regulations, Government Gazette 36974 dated 1 November 2013

3. Evaluations

Radiello diffusive samplers deployed for Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) returned **compliant** results when compared to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

The Radiello diffusive sampler deployed for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) returned a result below the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Benzene, i.e. compliant. The presence of Benzene is as a result of the various chemical and petrochemical companies operating and storing chemicals and other liquids, out of Island View Storage, located less than 200 meters to the East of the sample location.

For all other VOCs, no set National Ambient Air Quality Standards are available to which the results can be compared. Future monitoring results could be used to establish a trend in concentrations.

The results obtained from the DFO unit returned results well below the Residential Area rate of D < 600 mg/m²/Day.

It was noted at the time of the survey that some of the premises were not operational due to schedule maintenance activities. Elevated results are anticipated during full operational timeframes.

4. Limitations

The results obtained were indicative of the conditions that prevailed during the sampling period. Changes in season, meteorology, production rate, process and other factors which affect contaminant generation and transmission, would cause variations in sample results. The archived DFO filters could be subjected to further analytical methods, on instruction from SDCEA or recommendation by Apex Environmental.

5. Certification Statement

This is to certify that the attached report has been compiled and issued under the authority, direction and the responsibility of an Apex Environmental, Occupational Hygienist.

Yours Sincerely,



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