

Iowa Ambient Air Monitoring 2026 Network Plan



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Introduction

States and other agencies delegated to perform air monitoring under the Clean Air Act are required to examine their networks annually to verify that they meet federal requirements ([Appendix A](#)). These requirements¹ include the number and type of monitors operated and the frequency of sampling. Certain monitors in the network, known as State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS), are required by federal regulations and discontinuing a SLAMS monitor requires concurrence from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ([Appendix B](#)). Special Purpose Monitors (SPMs) provide important additional air quality information (such as background concentrations for permitting activities^{2,3}), but changes to the SPM network do not require concurrence from EPA.

One of the requirements of the annual network plan is to provide specific information for monitors that produce data that may be compared with federal air standards. This information, along with information concerning various types of monitors operated in the Iowa air monitoring network, is contained in [Appendix C](#) and [Appendix D](#).

Ozone Monitoring Network Analysis

EPA's population-based monitoring requirements for ozone are reproduced in [Appendix E](#). These requirements apply to metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs)—more recently denoted as core based statistical areas (CBSAs) by the Census Bureau—and depend on the population of the MSA ([Appendix F](#)) and the ozone levels monitored in or downwind of the MSA over the past three years ([Appendix G](#)). Based on this information, the minimum number of population-based SLAMS ozone monitoring sites is indicated below:

| MSA | Number of Monitoring Sites Required |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | 2 * |
| Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | 2 |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | 2 ** |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | 1 |
| Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA | 1 |
| Sioux City, IA-NE-SD | 1 *** |

* Nebraska operates two SLAMS ozone sites, and Iowa operates an additional one.

¹ For the convenience of the reader, relevant CFR sections are included in the appendices of this document. The CFR is updated continuously, for the latest version of the CFR see: [CFR Title 40](#)

² For examples of the way monitoring data is used to develop background concentrations for permitting activities, see the discussions of PM_{2.5}, NO₂ and SO₂ at: [Modeling Memos](#)

³ The federal statute that requires baseline ambient air quality data in an area before initiating construction of a new "major source" of air pollution is a download here: [US Code 2010](#)

** Obligation is met by Iowa. Illinois operates one additional SLAMS ozone site in the MSA.

*** Obligation is met by Iowa since neither S. Dakota nor Nebraska operate SLAMS ozone sites in this MSA.

In Iowa, there is one SLAMS monitoring site operated in the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA, two SLAMS monitoring sites operated in the Des Moines MSA, one SLAMS site in the Sioux City MSA, two SLAMS monitoring sites operated in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA, one SLAMS monitoring site operated in the Cedar Rapids MSA, and one SLAMS monitoring site operated in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls MSA that fulfill the ozone monitoring requirements. The state of Iowa shares the responsibility for ozone monitoring in the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA with Nebraska agencies, in the Sioux City MSA with South Dakota and Nebraska agencies, and in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA with Illinois agencies ([Appendix H](#)). Currently Nebraska agencies operate two SLAMS ozone sites in the Omaha, Nebraska MSA. Illinois agencies operate one SLAMS ozone site in Rock Island, Illinois in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA.

In addition to population-based requirements, each state is required to operate one multi-pollutant NCore site. Year-round ozone monitoring is required at an NCore site. Iowa monitors for ozone at its NCore site in Davenport to meet this requirement.

EPA's AQI reporting requirements for ozone are reproduced in [Appendix I](#). AQI reporting for ozone is required in MSAs with populations over 350,000. MSAs in this category include Omaha-Council Bluffs, Des Moines-West Des Moines, and Davenport-Moline-Rock Island ([Appendix F](#)). All Iowa ozone monitoring data, including data from each of these MSAs, is uploaded to EPA's [AirNow](#)⁴ real-time reporting system and included in the national ozone and AQI maps. Historical concentration data and AQI values are publicly available on EPA's [AirData](#)⁵ web site a few days after the data is uploaded to EPA. The DNR regularly updates a list of dates when monitoring sites record AQIs greater than 100 on its [web site](#).⁶ AQI and real-time information is also available on the [Polk County](#)⁷, [Linn County](#)⁸ and [State Hygienic Laboratory](#)⁹ websites.

EPA's collocated monitoring requirements are indicated in [Appendix J](#). A comprehensive comparison of Iowa's monitoring network to these requirements is located in [Appendix K](#). There are no EPA requirements for collocated ozone monitoring.

Iowa operates more ozone monitoring sites than required by EPA in order to increase public data reporting, improve air quality mapping, enhance compliance, and better understand ozone

⁴ [EPA AirNow](#)

⁵ [EPA Air Data](#)

⁶ [Iowa DNR Air Monitoring](#)

⁷ [Polk County Air Monitoring](#)

⁸ [Linn County Air Monitoring](#)

⁹ [SHL Real Time Data](#)

related atmospheric processes. All Iowa ozone monitors are listed in [Appendix D](#) and displayed in [Appendix L](#).

Changes to the network that are expected to occur before the submission of the next network plan are indicated in [Appendix M](#). Iowa is not proposing any changes to the Ozone network in this network plan. Iowa’s current monitoring network meets federal requirements and will continue to meet the requirements after any of the changes described in [Appendix M](#) occur.

PM_{2.5} Monitoring Network Analysis

EPA’s population-based monitoring requirements for PM_{2.5} are contained in 40 CFR Part 58, Appendix D (reproduced in [Appendix E](#)). These requirements apply to metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) and depend on the population of the MSA ([Appendix F](#)) and the PM_{2.5} levels monitored in the MSA over the past three years ([Appendix N](#)). Based on this information, the minimum number of required population-based SLAMS PM_{2.5} monitoring sites is indicated below:

| MSA | Number of Monitoring Sites Required |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | 3 * |
| Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | 2 |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | 1 ** |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | 1 |
| Iowa City, IA | 1 |
| Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA | 1 |
| Sioux City, IA-NE-SD | 1 *** |

* Obligation is met by Nebraska. Iowa does operate a PM 2.5 site in this MSA, but it is designated as a SPM.

** Iowa operates two SLAMS PM 2.5 sites, and Illinois operates an additional one.

*** Obligation is met by Iowa since neither S. Dakota nor Nebraska operate SLAMS PM 2.5 sites in this MSA.

Iowa currently operates filter samplers at a SLAMS PM_{2.5} monitoring site in Des Moines at the Health Department. In March 2024, EPA lowered the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS from 12.0 to 9.0 ug/m³. However, this lower standard is currently undergoing reconsideration. On Nov. 24, 2025 EPA requested that the D.C. Circuit court vacate the agency’s 2024 revision of the PM_{2.5} NAAQS.^{10, 11} In the event that the 9.0 ug/m³ standard is not rescinded; the DNR intends to change the classification of another existing PM_{2.5} site in Des Moines at Public Works from SPM to SLAMS; change the existing Iowa City site from SPM to SLAMS; and change the existing

¹⁰ [https://eelp.law.harvard.edu/tracker/epa-finalized-strict-national-air-quality-standards-naaqs-for-particulate-matter-pm/#:~:text=state%20environmental%20offices.,Nov.,6%2C%202024\).](https://eelp.law.harvard.edu/tracker/epa-finalized-strict-national-air-quality-standards-naaqs-for-particulate-matter-pm/#:~:text=state%20environmental%20offices.,Nov.,6%2C%202024).) (See Trump Administration II sub-link.)

¹¹ <https://www.uschamber.com/assets/documents/DOJ-Motion-for-Vacatur-Chamber-v.-EPA-D.C.-Circuit.pdf>

Sioux City MSA site from SPM to SLAMS. These actions will meet network design criteria in consideration of the minimum monitoring requirements. Specifics regarding these sites are included in [Appendix M](#). Assuming the 9.0 ug/m³ annual standard is not vacated, the sites will be fully operational on January 1, 2027, or after the final ruling on EPA's request to repeal the lower annual standard, whichever comes later. Iowa shares the responsibility for PM_{2.5} monitoring in the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA with Nebraska agencies and four SLAMS PM_{2.5} monitoring sites are operated by Nebraska in the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA ([Appendix H](#)).

Iowa operates two SLAMS PM_{2.5} monitoring sites in Davenport, and one SLAMS PM_{2.5} site in the Cedar Rapids and Waterloo-Cedar Falls MSAs.

In addition to population-based minimum requirements, 40 CFR Part 58 also specifies that each state operate at least one PM_{2.5} monitoring site to measure background concentrations, and at least one site to measure regional transport of PM_{2.5}. A SLAMS background monitoring site is located at Emmetsburg in Northwest Iowa, and SLAMS transport monitoring sites are located at Lake Sugema in Southeast Iowa and Viking Lake in Southwest Iowa.

EPA also requires that each state operate at least one multi-pollutant NCore site ([Appendix O](#)). Continuous and filter-based PM_{2.5} monitors as well as PM_{2.5} chemical speciation samplers are required at each NCore site. Iowa operates these three types of PM_{2.5} samplers at its NCore site in Davenport to meet this requirement.

For PM_{2.5}, there is both an annual and a 24-hour NAAQS. To be comparable to either PM_{2.5} NAAQS a site must be population-oriented. In 40 CFR Part 58, EPA defines a population-oriented monitoring site as follows:

Population-oriented monitoring (or sites) means residential areas, commercial areas, recreational areas, industrial areas where workers from more than one company are located, and other areas where a substantial number of people may spend a significant fraction of their day.

Following this definition, all PM_{2.5} monitoring sites in Iowa are population-oriented.

In a populated area near an industrial source, monitoring data may only be comparable to the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. According to Subpart D of 40 CFR Part 58:

PM_{2.5} measurement data from monitors that are not representative of area-wide air quality but rather of relatively unique micro-scale, or localized hot spot, or unique middle-scale impact sites are not eligible for comparison to the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS. PM_{2.5} measurement data from these monitors are eligible for comparison to the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. For example, if a micro- or middle-scale PM_{2.5} monitoring site is adjacent to a unique dominating local PM_{2.5} source, then the PM_{2.5} measurement data from such a site would only be eligible for comparison to the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

Iowa has two population-oriented monitoring sites near industrial sources that produce data that may be compared to the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS, but not to the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS. The PM_{2.5} monitoring sites near Chancy Park in Clinton (AQS ID 190450019), and Musser Park in Muscatine (AQS ID 191390020), are adjacent to industrial sources and are not comparable to the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

EPA's AQI reporting requirements for PM_{2.5} are reproduced in [Appendix I](#). AQI reporting is required in MSAs with required PM_{2.5} monitors and populations over 350,000. MSA's in this population category include Omaha-Council Bluffs, Des Moines-West Des Moines, and Davenport-Moline-Rock Island ([Appendix F](#)). Nebraska provides real-time PM_{2.5} data for the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA; Iowa provides real-time PM_{2.5} monitoring data for the Des Moines-West Des Moines, and Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSAs. Real-time data is uploaded to EPA's [AirNow](#)¹² real-time reporting system and included in the national AQI maps. Historical data and AQI values from continuous and filter samplers are publicly available on EPA's [AirData](#)¹³ web site a few days after the data is uploaded to EPA. The DNR regularly updates a list of dates when monitoring sites record AQIs greater than 100 on its [web site](#).¹⁴ AQI and real-time information is also available on the [Polk County](#),¹⁵ [Linn County](#)¹⁶ and [State Hygienic Laboratory](#)¹⁷ websites.

EPA's collocated monitoring requirements for PM_{2.5} are indicated in [Appendix J](#). Iowa's monitoring network meets these requirements ([Appendix K](#)).

40 CFR Part 58 specifies that the minimum frequency for manual PM_{2.5} sampling at required SLAMS sites is one sample every three days. Required SLAMS sites with a 24-hour design value within 5% of the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS (34 µg/m³ to 36 µg/m³) must assume a daily sampling schedule until the design value no longer meets the criteria for three consecutive years. The maximum 24-hour PM_{2.5} design values recorded in the Iowa Network for the past three years are: 2023: 25 µg/m³, 2024: 23 µg/m³, and 2025: 24 µg/m³.¹⁸ No PM_{2.5} samplers recorded design values from 34-36 µg/m³ for the past three years.

EPA also requires CBSAs with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons to collocate at least one PM_{2.5} monitor at a near-road NO₂ station ([Appendix P](#)). Since the population of the Omaha MSA has now exceeded 1 million people, Nebraska plans to establish a near-road NO₂ site along portions of Interstate 80 in south Omaha, and collocate it with a PM_{2.5} monitor.¹⁹

¹² [EPA AirNow](#)

¹³ [EPA Air Data](#)

¹⁴ [Iowa DNR Air Monitoring](#)

¹⁵ [Polk County Air Monitoring](#)

¹⁶ [Linn County Air Monitoring](#)

¹⁷ [SHL Real Time Data](#)

¹⁸ See: Iowa PM_{2.5} Design Values for 2023, 2024, and 2025 under "Design Value Reports" at [Iowa DNR Air Monitoring](#)

¹⁹ [Nebraska Draft 2025 Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan and Five-Year Assessment](#)

The total number of PM_{2.5} monitoring sites needed to support the basic monitoring objectives of public data reporting, air quality mapping, compliance, and understanding PM_{2.5}-related atmospheric processes includes more sites than these minimum numbers. Iowa's complete PM_{2.5} monitoring network is listed in [Appendix D](#) and displayed in [Appendix L](#). Note: The map in [Appendix L](#) shows the site where the full suite of PM_{2.5} speciation measurements (metals, ions and carbon) are performed on filter samples. Changes to the PM_{2.5} network that are expected to occur before the submission of the next network plan are detailed in [Appendix M](#). Iowa's current PM_{2.5} monitoring network meets federal requirements and will continue to meet the requirements after the changes described in [Appendix M](#) occur.

PM₁₀ Monitoring Network Analysis

EPA's population-based monitoring requirements for PM₁₀ are reproduced in [Appendix E](#). These requirements apply to metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) and depend on the population of the MSA ([Appendix F](#)) and PM₁₀ levels in the MSA ([Appendix Q](#)). Based on this information, the minimum numbers of population-based SLAMS PM₁₀ monitoring sites is indicated below:

| MSA | Number of Monitoring Sites Required |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | 2-4 * |
| Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | 1-2 |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | 1-2 ** |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | 1-2 |

* Obligation met by Nebraska. Iowa does not operate any PM₁₀ sites in this MSA.

** Obligation is met by Iowa since Illinois does not operate SLAMS PM₁₀ sites in this MSA.

Iowa operates one SLAMS PM₁₀ monitoring site in the Des Moines-West Des Moines MSA, two in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA, and one in the Cedar Rapids MSA. Iowa shares the responsibility for PM₁₀ monitoring in the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA with Nebraska agencies, and in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA with Illinois agencies ([Appendix H](#)). Currently three SLAMS PM₁₀ sites are operated by Nebraska in the Omaha MSA, but one site in Cass County is source oriented and Nebraska does not consider it representative of the MSA. No SLAMS PM₁₀ monitors are operated by Illinois in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA.

In addition to population-oriented PM₁₀ monitoring requirements, EPA requires that each State operate at least one multi-pollutant NCore site ([Appendix O](#)). PM₁₀ samplers are required at each NCore site. Iowa operates a PM₁₀ sampler at its NCore site in Davenport to meet this requirement.

EPA's AQI reporting requirements for PM₁₀ are reproduced in [Appendix I](#). AQI reporting is required in MSAs with required PM₁₀ monitors and populations over 350,000. MSA's in this category include Omaha-Council Bluffs, Des Moines-West Des Moines, and Davenport-Moline-

Rock Island ([Appendix F](#)). Nebraska provides real-time PM₁₀ data for the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA. Iowa has two sites that produce real-time PM₁₀ monitoring data. These are located in Fort Dodge and near Buffalo inside the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA. A graph of the real-time data from these sites is publicly available on the [SHL website](#).²⁰ The AQI associated with PM₁₀ data from all filter samplers, including data from monitoring sites in each of the three MSA's, is publicly available on EPA's [Air Data](#)²¹ web site a few days after the data is uploaded to EPA. The DNR regularly updates a list of dates when monitoring sites recorded AQIs greater than 100 on its [web site](#).²²

EPA's collocated monitoring requirements for PM₁₀ are indicated in [Appendix J](#). Iowa's monitoring network meets these requirements ([Appendix K](#)).

Iowa's complete PM₁₀ monitoring network is listed in [Appendix D](#) and displayed in [Appendix L](#). Changes to the network that are expected to occur before the submission of the next network plan are detailed in [Appendix M](#). No changes to the network are planned for PM₁₀ in this network plan. Iowa's current monitoring network meets federal requirements and will continue to meet the requirements after any of the changes described in [Appendix M](#) occur.

Sulfur Dioxide Monitoring Network Analysis

Federal requirements for SO₂ monitoring are reproduced in [Appendix R](#) and [Appendix S](#). These rules require monitors in populated areas with high SO₂ emissions as well as characterizing the SO₂ levels around large sources (>2,000 tons per year) with either monitoring or modeling data.

To implement the populated area requirements, EPA uses the population weighted emissions index (PWEI) to determine if SO₂ monitoring is required in a CBSA. The PWEI is calculated by multiplying the population of the CBSA by the total tons of SO₂ emissions in the CBSA and dividing by 1,000,000. The PWEI for each Iowa CBSA is computed in [Appendix T](#). Based on this information, the minimum number of SLAMS SO₂ monitoring sites for each Iowa CBSA is indicated below:

| CBSA | Number of Monitoring Sites Required |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | 1 *** |

*** Obligation met by Nebraska

Nebraska's NCORE site (AQI ID 310550019) is located in Omaha and the required SO₂ monitor at this location fulfills this PWEI requirement.

²⁰ [SHL Real Time Data](#)

²¹ [EPA Air Data](#)

²² [Iowa DNR Air Monitoring](#)

In addition to the PWEI-based and large source monitoring requirements, sulfur dioxide is included in the suite of pollutants to be monitored at EPA National Core (NCore) monitoring sites. Iowa operates a sulfur dioxide analyzer at its NCore site in Davenport to meet this requirement.

After a new NAAQS is promulgated, states engage with EPA to designate the attainment status of the counties of their state relative to the new NAAQS. In the case of the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS finalized on 6/22/2010, the size of the national SO₂ monitoring network was deemed too small to establish whether ambient SO₂ levels near large SO₂ emitters would meet the new more stringent 1-hour standard. On 8/21/2015, EPA finalized a rule (known as the Data Requirements Rule or “DRR”) to clarify state responsibilities in establishing the NAAQS attainment near large SO₂ emitters ([Appendix S](#)). As defined in this rule, a large SO₂ emitter is defined as one that emits 2,000 tons per year (tpy) or more of SO₂. Under the provisions of the DRR, these large sources must either take permit limits to reduce their emissions below the 2,000 tpy threshold, or establish the attainment status near the source by performing ambient air monitoring or dispersion modeling.

According to deadlines of the DRR, the State was required to send its list of facilities that emit over 2,000 tpy to EPA by January 15, 2016 and indicate, by July 1, 2016, whether monitoring, modeling or emissions limits will be used to comply with the rule. Monitoring required under the rule needed to be initiated by January 1, 2017. Emissions limits reducing facility emissions below the 2,000 tpy threshold needed to be in place by January 13, 2017. Dispersion modeling required under the rule needed to be submitted to EPA by January 13, 2017.

DNR sent its list of affected facilities to EPA on December 15, 2015, and indicated its choice of compliance method for each affected facility in a letter to EPA on June 20, 2016.²³ No Iowa facilities opted to use monitoring to comply with the DRR. The Iowa DNR²⁴ and EPA²⁵ exchanged technical analyses, and EPA posted designations under the DRR rule in December 2017.²⁶

The DRR also requires annual documentation of the SO₂ emissions of each affected facility in cases where modeling of actual emissions served as the basis for designating that area to be in attainment with the NAAQS. These annual requirements are fulfilled in separate reports posted to the DNR’s [Air Quality Implementation Plans](#) website, in the “Designation Recommendations” section, under the “2010 SO₂ (Includes Muscatine 1-hour SO₂ Nonattainment Area)” subsection.²⁷

In the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA, there was a facility subject to the DRR on the Nebraska side that opted for monitoring. The Nebraska DEQ /Douglas County Health Department sited a

²³ [Iowa Source Characterization](#)

²⁴ [Iowa Technical Support](#)

²⁵ [EPA Round 3 Designations](#)

²⁶ [EPA Final Sulfur Dioxide Designations](#)

²⁷ [DNR Air Quality Implementation Plans](#)

monitor to establish the attainment status near this facility (OPPD North Omaha Power station), and began operation of a SLAMs SO₂ site (AQS ID 310550057) near the facility in 2017. Monitoring at this site ended at the end of 2020 with EPA approval.

EPA's AQI reporting requirements for SO₂ are reproduced in [Appendix I](#). AQI reporting is required in MSAs with required SO₂ monitors and populations over 350,000. MSAs in this population category include Omaha-Council Bluffs, Des Moines-West Des Moines, and Davenport-Moline-Rock Island ([Appendix F](#)). As indicated above, there are requirements for SO₂ monitors in Omaha and Davenport, but not in Des Moines. Nebraska provides real-time SO₂ data for the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA; Iowa provides real-time SO₂ monitoring data for the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA.

Real-time data is uploaded to EPA's [AirNow](#)²⁸ real-time reporting system. Historical concentration data and AQI values are publicly available on EPA's [AirData](#)²⁹ web site a few days after the data is uploaded to EPA. The DNR regularly updates a list of dates when monitoring sites recorded AQIs greater than 100 on its [web site](#).³⁰ AQI and real-time information is also available on the [Polk County](#),³¹ [Linn County](#)³² and [State Hygienic Laboratory](#)³³ websites.

EPA's collocated monitoring requirements are indicated in [Appendix J](#). A comprehensive comparison of Iowa's monitoring network to these requirements is located in [Appendix K](#). There are no EPA requirements for collocated SO₂ monitoring.

Existing SO₂ monitors are listed in [Appendix D](#) and displayed in [Appendix L](#). Changes to the network that are anticipated before the submission of the next network plan are indicated in [Appendix M](#). No changes are planned to the SO₂ network as a part of this network plan. Iowa's current monitoring network meets federal requirements and will continue to meet the requirements after the changes described in [Appendix M](#) occur.

Nitrogen Dioxide Monitoring Network Analysis

On January 22, 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency revised the nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) NAAQS. The new NAAQS included population-based monitoring requirements and traffic-based (near-road) monitoring requirements.

EPA's population-based NO₂ monitoring requirements are reproduced in [Appendix E](#). EPA requires one NO₂ monitor in any CBSA with a population of more than 1 million in order to measure community-wide concentrations. The population of the Omaha MSA topped 1 million

²⁸ [EPA AirNow](#)

²⁹ [EPA Air Data](#)

³⁰ [Iowa DNR Air Monitoring](#)

³¹ [Polk County Air Monitoring](#)

³² [Linn County Air Monitoring](#)

³³ [SHL Real Time Data](#)

in the July 2024 estimate. Nebraska plans to begin operating a PAMS site that will include direct NO₂ monitoring and operate the NO₂ monitor at their PAMS site year-round, or may choose another site for NO₂ as required by the CFR.³⁴

EPA's updated near-road based NO₂ monitoring requirements are reproduced in [Appendix P](#). The Omaha MSA is required to operate a near-road NO₂ site as the population has topped 1 million people. Nebraska plans to establish a new near-road NO₂ site along portions of Interstate 80 in south Omaha, to meet this requirement.³⁵

At NCore sites, EPA normally requires NO_y instead of NO₂ monitoring in order to quantify more of the oxidation products of NO. These additional oxidation products are relevant to secondary formation of ozone and PM_{2.5}. However, in May 2023 DNR asked EPA for permission to substitute NO₂ for NO_y monitoring at the Iowa NCore site, arguing that the more uncommon reactive oxides of nitrogen (NO₃, N₂O₅, HNO₂, HNO₃, PAN, organic nitrates and aerosol nitrates) make a negligible addition to the simple sum of NO and NO₂. EPA granted the request and on 1/1/2024 the NO_y monitor at Iowa's NCore site was replaced with a conventional NO₂ (or NO_x) monitor.

The NO₂ monitor at Iowa's NCore site meets a federal requirement, and the SLAMs monitor type includes NCore monitors. There are currently no minimum federal requirements for NO₂ monitors applicable to Iowa, other than those outlined above. There are no other monitors designated as SLAMS monitors in the Iowa network. SPM NO₂ monitors are operated to provide a general knowledge of pollutant levels and to support permitting activities.

EPA's AQI reporting requirements for NO₂ are reproduced in [Appendix I](#). Other than requirements pertaining to the Omaha MSA that will be addressed by Nebraska, Iowa does not contain or share any MSAs that require NO₂ monitoring based on population or near road requirements. AQI reporting is required in MSAs with required NO₂ monitors and populations over 350,000. Iowa provides real-time NO₂ monitoring data for the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA and at a background site near Lake Sugema in the southeast corner of the state.

Real-time data is uploaded to EPA's [AirNow](#)³⁶ real-time reporting system. Historical concentration data and the AQI are publicly available on EPA's [AirData](#)³⁷ web site a few days after the data is uploaded to EPA. The DNR regularly updates a list of dates and locations of recorded AQIs greater than 100 on its [web site](#).³⁸ AQI information is also available on the [Polk County](#),³⁹ [Linn County](#)⁴⁰ and [State Hygienic Laboratory](#)⁴¹ websites.

³⁴ [Nebraska Draft 2025 Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan and Five-Year Assessment](#)

³⁵ [Nebraska Draft 2025 Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan and Five-Year Assessment](#)

³⁶ [EPA AirNow](#)

³⁷ [EPA Air Data](#)

³⁸ [Iowa DNR Air Monitoring](#)

³⁹ [Polk County Air Monitoring](#)

⁴⁰ [Linn County Air Monitoring](#)

⁴¹ [SHL Real Time Data](#)

EPA's collocated monitoring requirements are indicated in [Appendix J](#). A comprehensive comparison of Iowa's monitoring network to these requirements is located in [Appendix K](#). There are no EPA requirements for collocated NO₂ monitoring.

NO₂ monitors are listed in [Appendix D](#) and displayed in [Appendix L](#). Changes to the network that are anticipated before the submission of the next network plan are indicated in [Appendix M](#). Iowa is not proposing any changes to the NO₂ network as a part of this network plan. Iowa's current monitoring network meets federal requirements and will continue to meet the requirements after the changes described in [Appendix M](#) occur.

Carbon Monoxide Monitoring Network Analysis

EPA requires that each State operate at least one multi-pollutant NCore site ([Appendix O](#)). Carbon monoxide monitoring is required at each NCore site. Iowa operates a carbon monoxide monitor at its NCore site in Davenport to meet this requirement.

EPA also requires CBSA's with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons to collocate at least one CO monitor at a near-road NO₂ station ([Appendix P](#)). Nebraska plans to establish a near-road NO₂ site along portions of Interstate 80 in south Omaha. At this new site, they plan to either install a new CO monitor or relocate the CO monitor from 78th and Dodge Streets in Omaha to the yet to be established near-road site.⁴²

EPA's AQI reporting requirements for CO are reproduced in [Appendix I](#). AQI reporting is required in MSAs with required CO monitors and populations over 350,000. MSAs in this population category include Omaha-Council Bluffs, Des Moines-West Des Moines, and Davenport-Moline-Rock Island ([Appendix F](#)). Nebraska provides real-time CO data for the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA. There is no monitoring requirement for the Des Moines-West Des Moines MSA, and Iowa provides real-time monitoring for the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA.

Real-time data is uploaded to EPA's [AirNow](#)⁴³ real-time reporting system. Historical data and the AQI are publicly available on EPA's [AirData](#)⁴⁴ web site a few days after the data is uploaded to EPA. The DNR regularly updates a list of dates when monitoring sites recorded AQIs greater than 100 on its [web site](#).⁴⁵ AQI information is also available on the [Polk County](#),⁴⁶ [Linn County](#)⁴⁷ and [State Hygienic Laboratory](#)⁴⁸ websites.

⁴² [Nebraska Draft 2025 Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan and Five-Year Assessment](#)

⁴³ [EPA AirNow](#)

⁴⁴ [EPA Air Data](#)

⁴⁵ [Iowa DNR Air Monitoring](#)

⁴⁶ [Polk County Air Monitoring](#)

⁴⁷ [Linn County Air Monitoring](#)

⁴⁸ [SHL Real Time Data](#)

EPA's collocated monitoring requirements are indicated in [Appendix J](#). A comprehensive comparison of Iowa's monitoring network to these requirements is located in [Appendix K](#). There are no EPA requirements for collocated CO monitoring.

Iowa's carbon monoxide monitor is listed in [Appendix D](#) and displayed in [Appendix L](#). Changes to the network that are anticipated before the submission of the next network plan are indicated in [Appendix M](#). No changes to the CO network are anticipated as a part of this network plan. Iowa's current monitoring network meets federal requirements and will continue to meet the requirements after the changes described in [Appendix M](#) occur.

Toxics Monitoring Network Analysis

There are no federal requirements for minimum numbers of air toxics sites contained in 40 CFR Part 58.

The state currently operates four toxic monitoring sites to determine the concentration of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds, including aldehydes and ketones, in ambient air. These sites utilize EPA's TO-11A method for the lab analysis of compounds collected on DNPH-coated sorbent cartridges. Two of these sites are located in Des Moines. The other two sites are in Cedar Rapids and Clinton.

At the McKinley Academy site in Cedar Rapids volatile organic compound (VOC) toxics are collected in canisters and analyzed using EPA method TO-15A.

Details concerning Iowa's air toxics network are contained in [Appendix D](#) and displayed in [Appendix L](#). No changes to the toxics network are anticipated before the submission of the next network plan.

NCore Monitoring Network Analysis

Requirements for a multi-pollutant "NCore" site are contained in 40 CFR Part 58, and reproduced in [Appendix O](#). The Department operates an NCore site at Jefferson School in Davenport (AQS ID 191630015) to meet this requirement. As indicated in the section above discussing NO₂ requirements, a waiver request was approved by EPA to substitute NO₂ (NO_x) monitoring for NO_y monitoring at Iowa's NCore site.

Lead Monitoring Network Analysis

EPA requires source-oriented SLAMS lead monitoring near industries that emit over 0.5 tons per year (tpy) of lead. The rule allows for a waiver of monitoring requirements if air dispersion modeling predicts ambient air concentrations less than half the NAAQS. These waivers must be renewed as an element of each State's five-year network assessment. Current federal lead monitoring rules are reproduced in [Appendix U](#).

According to the Department's latest (2024 NEI) emissions estimates ([Appendix V](#)), there are no facilities in Iowa with lead emissions of 0.5 tpy or greater.

The Department sited a SLAMS lead monitoring site in Council Bluffs near Griffin Pipe in 2009. The site recorded levels above the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for lead in 2010 and 2012. The area around Griffin Pipe was declared a non-attainment area by EPA late in 2011.⁴⁹ The Griffin Pipe Plant was closed indefinitely in May 2014, after acquisition of Griffin Pipe by American Pipe.⁵⁰ The DNR submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) in January 2015 that provides for ongoing attainment of the lead NAAQS by establishing federally enforceable permit limits at Griffin Pipe and a nearby facility, Alter Metal Recycling.⁵¹ EPA re-designated the area as attainment on 10/4/2018.⁵²

Startup issues with new samplers installed in December of 2021 caused a loss of all but one December sample. The problems encountered in December 2021 impacted the data completeness calculations for the 2019-2021, 2020-2022, 2021-2023, and 2022-2024 periods. No exceedances of the standard were measured over the 2019-2024 period. The 2023-2025 design value is the first valid design value after several years with adequate data completeness, and is 0.11 µg/m³ or 73% of the standard.

EPA's collocated monitoring requirements for lead are indicated in [Appendix J](#). Iowa's monitoring network meets these requirements ([Appendix K](#)).

The location of Iowa's lead monitoring site is listed in [Appendix D](#) and displayed in [Appendix L](#). Changes to the network that are expected to occur before the submission of the next network plan are indicated in [Appendix M](#). No changes are planned for the lead network as a part of this network plan. Iowa's current monitoring network meets federal requirements and will continue to meet the requirements after the changes described in [Appendix M](#) occur.

⁴⁹ [Federal Register Lead Designations](#)

⁵⁰ [Foundry Magazine Article Griffin Pipe](#)

⁵¹ [Iowa Lead SIP](#)

⁵² [EPA Iowa SIP Status](#)

Appendix A: Federal Requirements for Annual Network Plans and Completion

§ 58.10 Annual monitoring network plan and periodic network assessment.

(a)

(1) Beginning July 1, 2007, the State, or where applicable local, agency shall submit to the Regional Administrator an annual monitoring network plan which shall provide for the documentation of the establishment and maintenance of an air quality surveillance system that consists of a network of SLAMS monitoring stations that can include FRM and FEM monitors that are part of SLAMS, NCore, CSN, PAMS, and SPM stations. The plan shall include a statement of whether the operation of each monitor meets the requirements of appendices A, B, C, D, and E to this part, where applicable. The Regional Administrator may require additional information in support of this statement. The annual monitoring network plan must be made available for public inspection and comment for at least 30 days prior to submission to the EPA and the submitted plan shall include and address, as appropriate, any received comments.

(2) Any annual monitoring network plan that proposes network modifications (including new or discontinued monitoring sites, new determinations that data are not of sufficient quality to be compared to the NAAQS, and changes in identification of monitors as suitable or not suitable for comparison against the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS) to SLAMS networks is subject to the approval of the EPA Regional Administrator, who shall approve or disapprove the plan within 120 days of submission of a complete plan to the EPA.

(3) The plan for establishing required NCore multipollutant stations shall be submitted to the Administrator not later than July 1, 2009. The plan shall provide for all required stations to be operational by January 1, 2011.

(4) A plan for establishing source-oriented Pb monitoring sites in accordance with the requirements of appendix D to this part for Pb sources emitting 1.0 tpy or greater shall be submitted to the EPA Regional Administrator no later than July 1, 2009, as part of the annual network plan required in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. The plan shall provide for the required source-oriented Pb monitoring sites for Pb sources emitting 1.0 tpy or greater to be operational by January 1, 2010. A plan for establishing source-oriented Pb monitoring sites in accordance with the requirements of appendix D to this part for Pb sources emitting equal to or greater than 0.50 tpy but less than 1.0 tpy shall be submitted to the EPA Regional Administrator no later than July 1, 2011. The plan shall provide for the required source-oriented Pb monitoring sites for Pb sources emitting equal to or greater than 0.50 tpy but less than 1.0 tpy to be operational by December 27, 2011.

(5)

(i) A plan for establishing or identifying an area-wide NO₂ monitor, in accordance with the requirements of Appendix D, section 4.3.3 to this part, shall be submitted as part of the Annual Monitoring Network Plan to the EPA Regional Administrator by July 1, 2012. The plan shall provide for these required monitors to be operational by January 1, 2013.

(ii) A plan for establishing or identifying any NO₂ monitor intended to characterize vulnerable and susceptible populations, as required in Appendix D, section 4.3.4 to this part, shall be submitted as part of the Annual Monitoring Network Plan to the EPA Regional Administrator by July 1, 2012. The plan shall provide for these required monitors to be operational by January 1, 2013.

(iii) A plan for establishing a single near-road NO₂ monitor in CBSAs having 1,000,000 or more persons, in accordance with the requirements of Appendix D, section 4.3.2 to this part, shall be submitted as part of the Annual Monitoring Network Plan to the EPA Regional Administrator by July 1, 2013. The plan shall provide for these required monitors to be operational by January 1, 2014.

(iv) A plan for establishing a second near-road NO₂ monitor in any CBSA with a population of 2,500,000 persons or more, or a second monitor in any CBSA with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons that has one or more roadway segments with 250,000 or greater AADT counts, in accordance with the requirements of appendix D, section 4.3.2 to this part, shall be submitted as part of the Annual Monitoring Network Plan to the EPA Regional Administrator by July 1, 2014. The plan shall provide for these required monitors to be operational by January 1, 2015.

(6) A plan for establishing SO₂ monitoring sites in accordance with the requirements of appendix D to this part shall be submitted to the EPA Regional Administrator by July 1, 2011 as part of the annual network plan required in paragraph (a) (1). The plan shall provide for all required SO₂ monitoring sites to be operational by January 1, 2013.

(7) A plan for establishing CO monitoring sites in accordance with the requirements of appendix D to this part shall be submitted to the EPA Regional Administrator. Plans for required CO monitors shall be submitted at least six months prior to the date such monitors must be established as required by section 58.13.

(8)

(i) A plan for establishing near-road PM_{2.5} monitoring sites in CBSAs having 2.5 million or more persons, in accordance with the requirements of appendix D to this part, shall be submitted as part of the annual monitoring network plan to the EPA Regional Administrator by July 1, 2014. The plan shall provide for these required monitoring stations to be operational by January 1, 2015.

(ii) A plan for establishing near-road PM_{2.5} monitoring sites in CBSAs having 1 million or more persons, but less than 2.5 million persons, in accordance with the requirements of appendix D to this part, shall be submitted as part of the annual monitoring network plan to the EPA Regional Administrator by July 1, 2016. The plan shall provide for these required monitoring stations to be operational by January 1, 2017.

(9) The annual monitoring network plan shall provide for the required O₃ sites to be operating on the first day of the applicable required O₃ monitoring season in effect on January 1, 2017 as listed in Table D-3 of appendix D of this part.

(10) A plan for making Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) measurements, if applicable, in accordance with the requirements of appendix D paragraph 5(a) of this part shall be submitted to the EPA Regional Administrator no later than July 1, 2018. The plan shall provide for the required PAMS measurements to begin by June 1, 2019.

(11) An Enhanced Monitoring Plan for O₃, if applicable, in accordance with the requirements of appendix D paragraph 5(h) of this part shall be submitted to the EPA Regional Administrator no later than October 1, 2019 or two years following the effective date of a designation to a classification of Moderate or above O₃ nonattainment, whichever is later.

(12) A detailed description of the PAMS network being operated in accordance with the requirements of appendix D to this part shall be submitted as part of the annual monitoring network plan for review by the EPA Administrator. The PAMS Network Description described in section 5 of appendix D may be used to meet this requirement.

(b) The annual monitoring network plan must contain the following information for each existing and proposed site:

(1) The AQS site identification number.

(2) The location, including street address and geographical coordinates.

(3) The sampling and analysis method(s) for each measured parameter.

(4) The operating schedules for each monitor.

(5) Any proposals to remove or move a monitoring station within a period of 18 months following plan submittal.

(6) The monitoring objective and spatial scale of representativeness for each monitor as defined in appendix D to this part.

(7) The identification of any sites that are suitable and sites that are not suitable for comparison against the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS as described in § 58.30.

(8) The MSA, CBSA, CSA or other area represented by the monitor.

(9) The designation of any Pb monitors as either source-oriented or non-source-oriented according to Appendix D to 40 CFR part 58.

(10) Any monitors for which a waiver has been requested or granted by the EPA Regional Administrator as allowed for under appendix D or appendix E to this part. For those monitors where a waiver has been approved, the annual monitoring network plan shall include the date the waiver was approved.

(11) Any source-oriented or non-source-oriented site for which a waiver has been requested or granted by the EPA Regional Administrator for the use of Pb-PM₁₀ monitoring in lieu of Pb-TSP monitoring as allowed for under paragraph 2.10 of Appendix C to 40 CFR part 58.

(12) The identification of required NO₂ monitors as near-road, area-wide, or vulnerable and susceptible population monitors in accordance with Appendix D, section 4.3 of this part.

(13) The identification of any PM_{2.5} FEMs used in the monitoring agency's network where the data are not of sufficient quality such that data are not to be compared to the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). For required SLAMS where the agency identifies that the PM_{2.5} Class III FEM does not produce data of sufficient quality for comparison to the NAAQS, the monitoring agency must ensure that an operating FRM or filter-based FEM meeting the sample frequency requirements described in § 58.12 or other Class III PM_{2.5} FEM with data of sufficient quality is operating and reporting data to meet the network design criteria described in appendix D to this part.

(14) The identification of any site(s) intended to address being sited in an at-risk community where there are anticipated effects from sources in the area as required in section 4.7.1(b)(3) of appendix D to this part. An initial approach to the question of whether any new or moved sites are needed and to identify the communities in which they intend to add monitoring for meeting the requirement in this paragraph (b)(14), if applicable, shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of section 4.7.1(b)(3) of appendix D to this part, which includes submission to the EPA Regional Administrator no later than July 1, 2024. Specifics on the resulting proposed new or moved sites for PM_{2.5} network design to address at-risk communities, if applicable, would need to be detailed in annual monitoring network plans due to each applicable EPA Regional office no later than July 1, 2025. The plan shall provide for any required sites to be operational no later than 24 months from date of approval of a plan or January 1, 2027, whichever comes first.

(c) The annual monitoring network plan must document how state and local agencies provide for the review of changes to a PM_{2.5} monitoring network that impact the location of a violating PM_{2.5} monitor. The affected state or local agency must document the process for obtaining public comment and include any comments received through the public notification process within their submitted plan.

(d) The State, or where applicable local, agency shall perform and submit to the EPA Regional Administrator an assessment of the air quality surveillance system every 5 years to determine, at a minimum, if the network meets the monitoring objectives defined in appendix D to this part, whether new sites are needed, whether existing sites are no longer needed and can be terminated, and whether new technologies are appropriate for incorporation into the ambient air monitoring network. The network assessment must consider the ability of existing and proposed sites to support air quality characterization for areas with relatively high populations of susceptible individuals (*e.g.*, children with asthma) and other at-risk populations, and, for any sites that are being proposed for discontinuance, the effect on data users other than the agency itself, such as nearby States and Tribes or health effects studies. The State, or where applicable local, agency must submit a copy of this 5-year assessment, along with a revised annual network plan, to the Regional Administrator. The assessments are due every 5 years beginning July 1, 2010.

(e) All proposed additions and discontinuations of SLAMS monitors in annual monitoring network plans and periodic network assessments are subject to approval according to § 58.14.

[71 FR 61298, Oct. 17, 2006, as amended at 72 FR 32210, June 12, 2007; 73 FR 67059, Nov. 12, 2008; 73 FR 77517, Dec. 19, 2008; 75 FR 6534, Feb. 9, 2010; 75 FR 35601, June 22, 2010; 75 FR 81137, Dec. 27, 2010; 76 FR 54341, Aug. 31, 2011; 78 FR 16188, Mar. 14, 2013; 78 FR 3282, Jan. 15, 2013; 80 FR 65466, Oct. 26, 2015; 81 FR 17279, Mar. 28, 2016; 81 FR 96388, Dec. 30, 2016; 89 FR 16388, Mar. 6, 2024]

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§ 58.11 Network technical requirements.

- (a)
- (1) State and local governments shall follow the applicable quality assurance criteria contained in appendix A to this part when operating the SLAMS networks.
 - (2) Beginning January 1, 2009, State and local governments shall follow the quality assurance criteria contained in appendix A to this part that apply to SPM sites when operating any SPM site which uses an FRM or an FEM and meets the requirements of appendix E to this part, unless the Regional Administrator approves an alternative to the requirements of appendix A with respect to such SPM sites because meeting those requirements would be physically and/or financially impractical due to physical conditions at the monitoring site and the requirements are not essential to achieving the intended data objectives of the SPM site. Alternatives to the requirements of appendix A may be approved for an SPM site as part of the approval of the annual monitoring plan, or separately.
 - (3) The owner or operator of an existing or a proposed source shall follow the quality assurance criteria in appendix B to this part that apply to PSD monitoring when operating a PSD site.
- (b) State and local governments must follow the criteria in appendix C to this part to determine acceptable monitoring methods or instruments for use in SLAMS networks. Appendix C criteria are optional at SPM stations.
- (c) State and local governments must follow the network design criteria contained in appendix D to this part in designing and maintaining the SLAMS stations. The final network design and all changes in design are subject to approval of the Regional Administrator. NCore and STN network design and changes are also subject to approval of the Administrator. Changes in SPM stations do not require approvals, but a change in the designation of a monitoring site from SLAMS to SPM requires approval of the Regional Administrator.
- (d) State and local governments must follow the criteria contained in appendix E to this part for siting monitor inlets, paths or probes at SLAMS stations. Appendix E adherence is optional for SPM stations.
- (e) State and local governments must assess data from Class III PM_{2.5} FEM monitors operated within their network using the performance criteria described in table C-4 to subpart C of part 53 of this chapter, for cases where the data are identified as not of sufficient comparability to a collocated FRM, and the monitoring agency requests that the FEM data should not be used in comparison to the NAAQS. These assessments are required in the monitoring agency's annual monitoring network plan described in § 58.10(b) for cases where the FEM is identified as not of sufficient comparability to a collocated FRM. For these collocated PM_{2.5} monitors, the performance criteria apply with the following additional provisions:
- (1) The acceptable concentration range (R_j), µg/m³ may include values down to 0 µg/m³.
 - (2) The minimum number of test sites shall be at least one; however, the number of test sites will generally include all locations within an agency's network with collocated FRMs and FEMs.
 - (3) The minimum number of methods shall include at least one FRM and at least one FEM.
 - (4) Since multiple FRMs and FEMs may not be present at each site, the precision statistic requirement does not apply, even if precision data are available.
 - (5) All seasons must be covered with no more than 36 consecutive months of data in total aggregated together.
 - (6) The key statistical metric to include in an assessment is the bias (both additive and multiplicative) of the PM_{2.5} continuous FEM(s) compared to a collocated FRM(s). Correlation is required to be reported in the assessment, but failure to meet the correlation criteria, by itself, is not cause to exclude data from a continuous FEM monitor.

40 CFR Part 58, § 58.13 Monitoring network completion.

- (a) The network of NCore multipollutant sites must be physically established no later than January 1, 2011, and at that time, operating under all of the requirements of this part, including the requirements of appendices A, C, D, E, and G to this part. NCore sites required to conduct Pb monitoring as required under 40 CFR part 58 appendix D paragraph 3(b), or approved alternative non-source-oriented Pb monitoring sites, shall begin Pb monitoring in accordance with all of the requirements of this part, including the requirements of appendices A, C, D, E, and G to this part no later than December 27, 2011.
- (b) Notwithstanding specific dates included in this part, beginning January 1, 2008, when existing networks are not in conformance with the minimum number of required monitors specified in this part, additional required monitors must be identified in the next applicable annual monitoring network plan, with monitoring operation beginning by January 1 of the following year. To allow sufficient time to prepare and comment on Annual Monitoring Network Plans, only monitoring requirements effective 120 days prior to the required submission date of the plan (i.e., 120 days prior to July 1 of each year) shall be included in that year's annual monitoring network plan.
- (c) The NO₂ monitors required under Appendix D, section 4.3 of this part must be physically established and operating under all of the requirements of this part, including the requirements of appendices A, C, D, and E to this part, no later than:
 - (1) January 1, 2013, for area-wide NO₂ monitors required in Appendix D, section 4.3.3;
 - (2) January 1, 2013, for NO₂ monitors intended to characterize vulnerable and susceptible populations that are required in Appendix D, section 4.3.4;
 - (3) January 1, 2014, for an initial near-road NO₂ monitor in CBSAs having 1,000,000 million or more persons that is required in Appendix D, section 4.3.2;
 - (4) January 1, 2015, for a second near-road NO₂ monitor in CBSAs that have a population of 2,500,000 or more persons or a second monitor in any CBSA with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons that has one or more roadway segments with 250,000 or greater AADT counts that is required in appendix D, section 4.3.2.
- (d) The network of SO₂ monitors must be physically established no later than January 1, 2013, and at that time, must be operating under all of the requirements of this part, including the requirements of appendices A, C, D, and E to this part.
- (e) The CO monitors required under Appendix D, section 4.2 of this part must be physically established and operating under all of the requirements of this part, including the requirements of appendices A, C, D, and E to this part, no later than:
 - (1) January 1, 2015 for CO monitors in CBSAs having 2.5 million persons or more; or
 - (2) January 1, 2017 for other CO monitors.
- (f) PM_{2.5} monitors required in near-road environments as described in appendix D to this part, must be physically established and operating under all of the requirements of this part, including the requirements of appendices A, C, D, and E to this part, no later than:
 - (1) January 1, 2015 for PM_{2.5} monitors in CBSAs having 2.5 million persons or more; or
 - (2) January 1, 2017 for PM_{2.5} monitors in CBSAs having 1 million or more, but less than 2.5 million persons.
- (g) The O₃ monitors required under appendix D, section 4.1 of this part must operate on the first day of the applicable required O₃ monitoring season in effect January 1, 2017.

- (h) The Photochemical Assessment Monitoring sites required under appendix D of this part, section 5(a), must be physically established and operating under all of the requirements of this part, including the requirements of appendix A, C, D, and E of this part, no later than June 1, 2021.

[71 FR 61298, Oct. 17, 2006, as amended at 73 FR 67059, Nov. 12, 2008; 75 FR 6534, Feb. 9, 2010; 75 FR 35601, June 22, 2010; 75 FR 81137, Dec. 27, 2010; 76 FR 54341, Aug. 31, 2011; 78 FR 16188, Mar. 14, 2013; 78 FR 3283, Jan. 15, 2013; 80 FR 65466, Oct. 26, 2015; 81 FR 96388, Dec. 30, 2016; 85 FR 837, Jan. 8, 2020]

Appendix B: SLAMS Network Modification

40 CFR Part 58, § 58.14 System modification.

(a) The state, or where appropriate local, agency shall develop a network modification plan and schedule to modify the ambient air quality monitoring network that addresses the findings of the network assessment required every 5 years by §58.10(d). The network modification plan shall be submitted as part of the Annual Monitoring Network Plan that is due no later than the year after submittal of the network assessment.

(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude the State, or where appropriate local, agency from making modifications to the SLAMS network for reasons other than those resulting from the periodic network assessments. These modifications must be reviewed and approved by the Regional Administrator. Each monitoring network may make or be required to make changes between the 5-year assessment periods, including for example, site relocations or the addition of PAMS networks in bumped-up ozone nonattainment areas. These modifications must address changes invoked by a new census and changes due to changing air quality levels. The State, or where appropriate local, agency shall provide written communication describing the network changes to the Regional Administrator for review and approval as these changes are identified.

(c) State, or where appropriate, local agency requests for SLAMS monitor station discontinuation, subject to the review of the Regional Administrator, will be approved if any of the following criteria are met and if the requirements of appendix D to this part, if any, continue to be met. Other requests for discontinuation may also be approved on a case-by-case basis if discontinuance does not compromise data collection needed for implementation of a NAAQS and if the requirements of appendix D to this part, if any, continue to be met.

(1) Any PM_{2.5}, O₃, CO, PM₁₀, SO₂, Pb, or NO₂ SLAMS monitor which has shown attainment during the previous five years, that has a probability of less than 10 percent of exceeding 80 percent of the applicable NAAQS during the next three years based on the levels, trends, and variability observed in the past, and which is not specifically required by an attainment plan or maintenance plan. In a nonattainment or maintenance area, if the most recent attainment or maintenance plan adopted by the State and approved by EPA contains a contingency measure to be triggered by an air quality concentration and the monitor to be discontinued is the only SLAMS monitor operating in the nonattainment or maintenance area, the monitor may not be discontinued.

(2) Any SLAMS monitor for CO, PM₁₀, SO₂, or NO₂ which has consistently measured lower concentrations than another monitor for the same pollutant in the same county (or portion of a county within a distinct attainment area, nonattainment area, or maintenance area, as applicable) during the previous five years, and which is not specifically required by an attainment plan or maintenance plan, if control measures scheduled to be implemented or discontinued during the next five years would apply to the areas around both monitors and have similar effects on measured concentrations, such that the retained monitor would remain the higher reading of the two monitors being compared.

(3) For any pollutant, any SLAMS monitor in a county (or portion of a county within a distinct attainment, nonattainment, or maintenance area, as applicable) provided the monitor has not measured violations of the applicable NAAQS in the previous five years, and the approved SIP provides for a specific, reproducible approach to representing the air quality of the affected county in the absence of actual monitoring data.

(4) A PM_{2.5} SLAMS monitor which EPA has determined cannot be compared to the relevant NAAQS because of the siting of the monitor, in accordance with §58.30.

(5) A SLAMS monitor that is designed to measure concentrations upwind of an urban area for purposes of characterizing transport into the area and that has not recorded violations of the relevant NAAQS in the previous five years, if discontinuation of the monitor is tied to start-up of another station also characterizing transport.

(6) A SLAMS monitor not eligible for removal under any of the criteria in paragraphs (c)(1) through (c)(5) of this section may be moved to a nearby location with the same scale of representation if logistical problems beyond the State's control make it impossible to continue operation at its current site.

Appendix C: 2025 Iowa Ambient Air Monitoring Sites

| City | Site | Address | County | MSA | Latitude | Longitude | AQS Site ID | Responsible Agency |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----|------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Buffalo | Linwood Mining | 11100 110th Ave. | Scott | DMR | 41.46724 | -90.68845 | 191630017 | DNR |
| Cedar Rapids | McKinley Academy | 620 10th Street SE | Linn | CDR | 41.98088 | -91.65391 | 191130042 | Linn Local Prog. |
| Cedar Rapids | Public Health | 500 11th St. NW | Linn | CDR | 41.97677 | -91.68766 | 191130040 | Linn Local Prog. |
| Clinton | Chancy Park | 23rd & Camanche | Clinton | - | 41.82328 | -90.21198 | 190450019 | DNR |
| Clinton | Rainbow Park | Roosevelt St. | Clinton | - | 41.875 | -90.17757 | 190450021 | DNR |
| Coggon | Coggon Elementary School | 408 E Linn St. | Linn | CDR | 42.28056 | -91.52694 | 191130033 | Linn Local Prog. |
| Council Bluffs | Franklin School | 3130 C Ave. | Pottawattamie | OMC | 41.26417 | -95.89612 | 191550009 | DNR |
| Council Bluffs | Griffin Pipe | 8th Avenue and 27th St | Pottawattamie | OMC | 41.25425 | -95.88725 | 191550011 | DNR |
| Davenport | Hayes School | 622 South Concord St | Scott | DMR | 41.51208 | -90.62404 | 191630020 | DNR |
| Davenport | Jefferson School | 10th St. & Vine St. | Scott | DMR | 41.53001 | -90.58761 | 191630015 | DNR |
| Des Moines | East High School | 815 East 13th Street | Polk | DMR | 41.599751 | -93.599504 | 191531427 | Polk Local Prog. |
| Des Moines | Health Dept. | 1907 Carpenter | Polk | DSM | 41.60318 | -93.6433 | 191530030 | Polk Local Prog. |
| Des Moines | Public Works | 5885 NE 14th | Polk | DSM | 41.6670322 | -93.599221 | 191535885 | Polk Local Prog. |
| Emmetsburg | Iowa Lakes College | Iowa Lakes Community College | Palo Alto | - | 43.1237 | -94.69352 | 191471002 | DNR |
| Fort Dodge | Day Park | 107 South 15th St | Webster | | 42.504804 | -94.177399 | 191870013 | DNR |
| Iowa City | Hoover School | 2200 East Court | Johnson | IAC | 41.65723 | -91.50348 | 191032001 | DNR |
| Muscatine | Greenwood Cemetery | Fletcher St. & Kimble St. | Muscatine | - | 41.41943 | -91.07098 | 191390016 | DNR |
| Muscatine | Muscatine HS, East Campus Roof | 1409 Wisconsin | Muscatine | - | 41.40095 | -91.06781 | 191390015 | DNR |
| Muscatine | Muscatine HS, East Campus Trailer | 1409 Wisconsin | Muscatine | - | 41.40145 | -91.06845 | 191390019 | DNR |
| Muscatine | Musser Park | Oregon St. & Earl Ave. | Muscatine | - | 41.4069 | -91.0616 | 191390020 | DNR |
| Pisgah | Forestry Office | 206 Polk St. | Harrison | OMC | 41.83226 | -95.92819 | 190850007 | DNR |

| City | Site | Address | County | MSA | Latitude | Longitude | AQS Site ID | Responsible Agency |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----|-----------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Sheldahl | Southern Crossroads | 15795 NW 58 th St | Polk | DSM | 41.84943 | -93.69762 | 191531579 | Polk Local Prog. |
| Sioux City | Irving School | 901 Floyd Blvd. | Woodbury | SXC | 42.499844 | -96.394755 | 191930021 | DNR |
| Waterloo | Water Tower | Vine St. & Steely | Black Hawk | WTL | 42.50154 | -92.31602 | 190130009 | DNR |
| Waverly | Waverly Airport | Waverly Airport | Bremer | WTL | 42.74117 | -92.51285 | 190170011 | DNR |
| - | Lake Sugema | 24430 Lacey Trl, Keosauqua | Van Buren | - | 40.69508 | -92.00632 | 191770006 | DNR |
| - | Scott County Park | Scott County Park | Scott | DMR | 41.69917 | -90.52194 | 191630014 | DNR |
| - | Stone State Park | 5001 Talbot Rd | Woodbury | SXC | 42.55468 | -96.46293 | 191930022 | DNR |
| - | Viking Lake State Park | 2780 Viking Lake Road | Montgomery | - | 40.96911 | -95.04495 | 191370002 | DNR |

Site Table Definitions:

City – the city closest to the monitor location.

Site – the name of the monitoring site.

Address – an intersection or street address close to the monitoring site.

County – the county where the monitoring site resides.

MSA – Metropolitan Statistical Area. Iowa’s Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) according to the U.S. Census Bureau:

| U.S. Census Geographic area | Abbreviation |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | OMC |
| Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | DSM |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | DMR |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | CDR |
| Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA | WTL |
| Sioux City, IA-NE-SD | SXC |
| Iowa City, IA | IAC |
| Dubuque, IA | - |
| Ames, IA | - |

Source for Counties: [US Census MSA Delineation](#)

Maximum ozone concentrations are typically measured 10-30 miles downwind of an MSA. The site intended to record the maximum ozone concentration resulting from a given MSA may be located outside the MSA boundaries. Sites intended to measure background levels of pollutants for an MSA may also be located upwind and outside of that particular MSA.

Latitude – the latitude of a monitoring site, given in decimal degrees using the WGS (World Geodetic System) 84 datum.

Longitude – the longitude of a monitoring site, given in decimal degrees using the WGS (World Geodetic System) 84 datum.

AQS Site ID – The identifier of a monitoring site used in the US EPA Air Quality System (AQS) database. It has the form XX-XXX-XXXX where the first two digits specify the state (19 for Iowa), the next set of three digits the county, and the last four digits the site.

Responsible Agency – The agency responsible for performing ambient air monitoring at a monitoring site. The Polk County Local Program operates sites in or near Polk County. The Linn County Local Program operates sites in or near Linn County. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) contracts with the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa (SHL) to operate monitoring sites not operated by the Polk or Linn County Local Programs.

Appendix D: 2025 Iowa Ambient Air Monitors

| Site Name | PQAO | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Design Value 23-25 | High Design Value? | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Buffalo, Linwood Mining | SHL | PM10 | 2 | SLAMS | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Buffalo, Linwood Mining | SHL | PM10 | 3 | SLAMS | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance |
| Buffalo, Linwood Mining | SHL | PM10 | 5 | SLAMS | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting |
| Cedar Rapids, Mckinley Academy | Linn | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | na* | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Cedar Rapids, Mckinley Academy | Linn | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Cedar Rapids, Mckinley Academy | Linn | Toxics | 6 | SPM | | | Cannister | TO-15A | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | na | |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | Ozone | 1 | SPM | 66 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | Ozone | 2 | SPM | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | PM10 | 1 | SLAMS | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | PM10 | 2 | SLAMS | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |

| Site Name | PQAO | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Design Value 23-25 | High Design Value? | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|-----|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | 21/8.2 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | PM2.5 | 2 | SLAMS | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | SO2 | 1 | SPM | | | UV Fluorescent | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Cedar Rapids, Public Health | Linn | Toxics | 16 | SPM | | | Cartridge | TO-11A | 1 in 12 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | na | |
| Clinton, Chancy Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | 21/na* | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Clinton, Chancy Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting |
| Clinton, Chancy Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting |
| Clinton, Chancy Park | SHL | SO2 | 1 | SPM | | | UV Fluorescent | | Continuous | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Clinton, Chancy Park | SHL | Toxics | 16 | SPM | | | Cartridge | TO-11A | 1 in 12 | Population Exposure | Middle | na | |
| Clinton, Rainbow Park | SHL | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 70 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Clinton, Rainbow Park | SHL | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |

| Site Name | PQAO | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Design Value 23-25 | High Design Value? | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|-----|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Clinton, Rainbow Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | 19/7.6 | No | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Coggon, Elementary School | Linn | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 68 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Max Ozone Concentration | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Coggon, Elementary School | Linn | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Max Ozone Concentration | Urban | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Council Bluffs, Franklin School | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | 24/8.5 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Council Bluffs, Franklin School | SHL | PM2.5 | 2 | SPM | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |
| Council Bluffs, Griffin Pipe | SHL | Lead | 1 | SLAMS | | | High Volume FRM | ICP-MS | 1 in 6 | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Council Bluffs, Griffin Pipe | SHL | Lead | 2 | SLAMS | | | High Volume FRM | ICP-MS | 1 in 6 | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |
| Davenport, Hayes Sch. | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | 20/8.2 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | CO | 1 | NCORE | | | Non-Dispersive Infrared | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | CSN Speciation | 5 | NCORE | | | CSN Sampler | CSN Protocol | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | No | |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | NO2 | 2 | NCORE | | | Chemiluminescence | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | na | NAAQS Compliance |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | Ozone | 1 | NCORE | 68 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | Ozone | 2 | NCORE | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | PM10 | 1 | NCORE | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |

| Site Name | PQAO | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Design Value 23-25 | High Design Value? | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | PM10 | 2 | NCORE | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | NCORE | 20/7.9 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | PM2.5 | 2 | NCORE | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | NCORE | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | NCORE | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | SHL | SO2 | 1 | NCORE | | | UV Fluorescent | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Des Moines, East High School | Polk | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | na* | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Des Moines, East High School | Polk | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Des Moines, East High School | Polk | Toxics | 16 | SPM | | | Cartridge | TO-11A | 1 in 12 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | na | |
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 66 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | PM10 | 1 | SLAMS | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | PM10 | 2 | SLAMS | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | 23/7.9 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |

| Site Name | PQAO | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Design Value 23-25 | High Design Value? | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | PM2.5 | 2 | SLAMS | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | PM2.5 | 3 | SLAMS | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Des Moines, Health Dept. | Polk | Toxics | 16 | SPM | | | Cartridge | TO-11A | 1 in 12 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | na | |
| Des Moines, Public Works | Polk | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | 21/8.2 | yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 1 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Des Moines, Public Works | Polk | PM2.5 | 2 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Des Moines, Public Works | Polk | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Emmetsburg, Iowa Lakes Coll. | SHL | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 67 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Emmetsburg, Iowa Lakes Coll. | SHL | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Emmetsburg, Iowa Lakes Coll. | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | 22/7.5 | No | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | General / Background | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Emmetsburg, Iowa Lakes Coll. | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | General / Background | Regional | No | |
| Emmetsburg, Iowa Lakes Coll. | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | General / Background | Regional | No | |
| Fort Dodge, Day Park | SHL | PM10 | 1 | SPM | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |

| Site Name | PQAO | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Design Value 23-25 | High Design Value? | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Fort Dodge, Day Park | SHL | PM10 | 3 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640x | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Fort Dodge, Day Park | SHL | PM10 | 4 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640x | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Fort Dodge, Day Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | na* | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Fort Dodge, Day Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640x | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Fort Dodge, Day Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640x | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Iowa City, Hoover Sch. | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | 21/7.9 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Iowa City, Hoover Sch. | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Iowa City, Hoover Sch. | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Light Scattering | T640 | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Lake Sugema | SHL | NO2 | 1 | SPM | | | Chemiluminescence | | Continuous | General / Background | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Lake Sugema | SHL | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 62 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Lake Sugema | SHL | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Lake Sugema | SHL | PM10 | 1 | SPM | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | General / Background | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Lake Sugema | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | 17/7.0 | No | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Regional Transport | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Lake Sugema | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | No | |
| Lake Sugema | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | No | |
| Lake Sugema | SHL | SO2 | 1 | SPM | | | UV Fluorescent | | Continuous | General / Background | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Muscatine HS, East Campus Roof | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | 21/8.1 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |

| Site Name | PQAO | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Design Value 23-25 | High Design Value? | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose |
|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Muscatine HS, East Campus Roof | SHL | PM2.5 | 2 | SLAMS | | | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 6 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | QA NAAQS Compliance* |
| Muscatine HS, East Campus Trailer | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | No | |
| Muscatine HS, East Campus Trailer | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | No | |
| Muscatine HS, East Campus Trailer | SHL | SO2 | 1 | SPM | | | UV Fluorescent | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Muscatine, Greenwood Cemetery | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | 19/7.6 | No | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Muscatine, Musser Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | 19/na* | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Muscatine, Musser Park | SHL | SO2 | 1 | SLAMS | | | UV Fluorescent | | Continuous | Source Oriented | Middle | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Pisgah, Forestry Office | SHL | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 69 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Max Ozone Concentration | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Pisgah, Forestry Office | SHL | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Max Ozone Concentration | Urban | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Scott County Park | SHL | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 70 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Max Ozone Concentration | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Scott County Park | SHL | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Max Ozone Concentration | Urban | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |

| Site Name | PQAO | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Design Value 23-25 | High Design Value? | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Sheldahl, Southern Crossroads | Polk | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 64 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Max Ozone Concentration | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Sheldahl, Southern Crossroads | Polk | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Max Ozone Concentration | Urban | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Sioux City, Irving School | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | 23/8.3 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Stone State Park | SHL | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | na* | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Stone State Park | SHL | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Viking Lake State Park | SHL | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 65 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Viking Lake State Park | SHL | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |
| Viking Lake State Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | 16/6.9 | No | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Regional Transport | Regional | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Viking Lake State Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | No | |
| Viking Lake State Park | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Regional Transport | Regional | No | |
| Waterloo, Water Tower | SHL | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | 19/7.9 | Yes | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Waterloo, Water Tower | SHL | PM2.5 | 3 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | No | |
| Waterloo, Water Tower | SHL | PM2.5 | 4 | SPM | | | Beta Attenuation | Met One BAM | Continuous | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | No | |
| Waverly Airport | SHL | Ozone | 1 | SLAMS | 68 | Yes | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | NAAQS Compliance |
| Waverly Airport | SHL | Ozone | 2 | SLAMS | | | UV Absorption | | Continuous | Population Exposure | Urban | Yes | QA Real-Time AQI Reporting* |

* "na" means not applicable, and is assigned in the column labeled "Design Value 23-25" for the following reasons: The Clinton, Chancy Park and Muscatine, Musser Park PM2.5 sites are source orientated, and therefore the annual design value cannot be compared to the NAAQS. The Stone State Park ozone site; and the PM2.5 sites at McKinley Steam Academy in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines E. High School, and Fort Dodge Day Park, have not been in operation long enough to obtain a valid three year design value.

Monitor Table Definitions:

Site Name – a combination of the city and site name from the previous table

Pollutant – indicates the pollutant, or set of pollutants, measured by each monitor

- CO – carbon monoxide.
- CSN Speciation – a speciation monitor and suite of lab analysis procedures developed by the Chemical Speciation Network (CSN) program to identify and quantify the chemical components of PM_{2.5}.
- Lead—lead (Pb).
- NO₂ – nitrogen dioxide.
- NO_y – the sum of all reactive oxides of nitrogen: NO, NO₂, NO₃, N₂O₅, HNO₂, HNO₃, PAN, organic nitrates and aerosol nitrates.
- Ozone – an unstable molecule consisting of three oxygen atoms.
- PM₁₀ – particles with a diameter of 10 micrometers or less.
- PM_{2.5} – particles with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less, also known as “fine particles”.
- SO₂ – sulfur dioxide.
- Toxics – monitoring for a pollutant identified on EPA’s Urban Air Toxics list.

POC – “Parameter Occurrence Code” an integer in the AQS database that labels monitors at a monitoring site. If there are multiple monitors for a given pollutant at a monitoring site, each monitor will have its own POC.

Monitor Type – This column indicates how the monitor is classified in the AQS database.

- NCore – monitors operated at a site that has been accepted into EPA’s national network of long term multi-pollutant sites.
- SLAMS – State and Local Air Monitoring Stations. SLAMS make up the ambient air quality monitoring sites that are primarily needed for NAAQS comparisons, but may serve other data purposes. SLAMS exclude special purpose monitor (SPM) stations and include NCore, and all other State or locally operated stations that have not been designated as SPM stations.
- SPM – means a monitor that is designated as a special purpose monitor in the monitoring network plan and in EPA’s AQS database. SPM monitors do not count when showing compliance with minimum SLAMS requirements for monitor numbers and siting, unless a SPM designation is required for documenting a NAAQS exclusion for a poorly performing FEM PM_{2.5} monitor.

Design Value – A design value is a number computed from monitoring data (see 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix N) that is used for comparisons to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). For PM_{2.5} and ozone, the monitoring requirements depend on these design values. For PM_{2.5}, there are two design values—a 24-hour design value (in µg/m³) and an annual design value (also in µg/m³). For PM_{2.5} monitors in the table, the 24-hour design value is listed first and an annual design value is listed second, i.e.21/8.2. For ozone, there is a single design value; the 8-hour design value (in ppb) is indicated in the table.

High Design Value? – A “Yes” in this column indicates that the design value is within 85% of the NAAQS. For PM_{2.5}, 24-hour design values of 30 µg/m³ or greater are considered greater than or equal to 85% of the 24-hour NAAQS (35 µg/m³) and values of 7.7 µg/m³ or greater are considered greater than or equal to the 85% of the annual NAAQS (9.0 µg/m³). For ozone, 8-hour design values of 60 ppb or greater are considered greater than or equal to 85% of the 8-hour NAAQS (70 ppb).

Sampling Method – Indicates how the sample is collected. This column also shows how the sample is analyzed, if it is analyzed on site at the time of collection.

- Beta Attenuation—a type of continuous PM_{2.5} monitor that reports data in real time. Continuous PM_{2.5} monitors typically have three components: a size selective inlet (cyclone) that knocks out all but the fine particles, a conditioning system that rapidly dries the fine particles, and a mass measurement system that determines the mass of the conditioned sample. One type of continuous PM_{2.5} monitor currently used in the Iowa Network is the BAM (BAM=Beta Attenuation Monitor). This monitor conditions particles using an inlet heater to reduce particle-bound water. Mass measurements are made by measuring the attenuation of beta particles caused by fine particles collected on a sampling tape during the sampling period.
- Canister – Specially treated stainless steel canisters are used to collect VOC’s.
- Cartridge – A 2,4-Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNPH) cartridge is used to collect toxics that contain a carbonyl group.
- Chemiluminescence – When a nitric oxide (NO) molecule collides with an ozone molecule, a nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) molecule and an oxygen (O₂) molecule result. The NO₂ molecule is in an excited state, and subsequently emits infrared light that can be measured by a photomultiplier tube.
- High Volume FRM – a sampler that utilizes a flow of ~ 80 cubic meters per hour or about 80 times that of a low volume FRM.
- Light Scattering – a type of continuous PM sampler that utilizes scattered light to determine the number, diameter and concentration of particles in ambient air. These instruments typically condition the sample by lowering the relative humidity of the air stream (via a heater or Nafion dryer) to eliminate interferences due to particle bound water.
- Low Volume FRM – a sampler that uses a flow of 16.67 liters per minute, which has been designated as a Federal Reference Method.
- Non-Dispersive Infrared – Carbon Monoxide absorbs infrared radiation; this property is the basis of the analytical method used by continuous CO monitors to quantify CO concentrations.
- CSN Sampler – a speciation monitor to identify and quantify the chemical components of PM_{2.5} via CSN protocol.
- UV Absorption – Ozone absorbs ultraviolet light; this property is the basis of the analytical method used by continuous ozone monitors to quantify ozone concentrations.
- UV Fluorescent – When excited by ultraviolet light, SO₂ molecules emit light at a lower frequency that may be detected by a photomultiplier tube. This property is the basis for the analytical method used for continuous SO₂ gas analyzers.

Analysis – indicates the method of analysis that is done either in situ or in a lab environment.

- Gravimetric – A filter is weighed before and after collecting a particulate sample.

- ICP-MS – Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry is a highly sensitive analytical technique capable of determining a range of metals. The metal sample is atomized and ionized by argon plasma, and the ions are separated and quantified via a mass spectrometer.
- CSN Protocol – refers to EPA’s chemical speciation network protocol. This protocol utilizes X-Ray Fluorescence, Ion Chromatography, and Thermal Optical Reflectance to identify and quantify the components of PM_{2.5}.
- Met One BAM—See Beta Attenuation above. This category includes Met One models 1020 and 1022. The 1020 measurement unit resides in an air-conditioned shelter, while the 1022 measurement unit is outdoors. The 1022 reduces the chances of condensation in the inlet line of the sampler in humid weather.
- TO-11A – an EPA protocol in which carbonyl cartridge extracts are analyzed using High Performance Liquid Chromatography and an ultraviolet detector. EPA protocol TO-11A is used for UATMP (Urban Air Toxics Monitoring Program) compounds.
- TO-15A – These analysis methods are used for air samples collected in specially treated stainless steel canisters. EPA protocol TO-15A is used for UATMP (Urban Air Toxics Monitoring Program) compounds. According to method TO-15A, toxic gases are separated with a gas chromatograph, and quantified by a mass spectrometer (GCMS).
- T640 – A Teledyne T640 analyzer that uses scattered light to measure PM_{2.5}.
- T640x – A Teledyne T640 analyzer that uses scattered light to simultaneously measure both PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀.

Operating Schedule – Continuous monitors run constantly and measure hourly average concentrations in real time. Manual samplers, such as PM filter samplers or toxics samplers, collect a single 24-hour sample from midnight to midnight on a particular day, which is quantified later in an analytical laboratory. A fractional (e.g. 1/2, 1/3, 1/6, and 1/12) schedule for a manual samplers refers to collecting a sample every second, third, sixth, and twelfth day, respectively. Ozone monitors in Iowa (except at the NCore site) are operated only during ozone season (March to October) when higher temperatures favor ozone formation.

Primary Monitoring Objective – the primary reason a monitor is operated at a particular location.

- General Background – The objective is to establish the background levels of a pollutant.
- Max. Ozone Conc. – The objective is to record the maximum ozone concentration. Because ozone is a secondary pollutant, ozone concentrations are typically highest 10-30 miles downwind of an urban area.
- Population Exposure – The objective is to monitor the exposure of individuals in the area represented by the monitor.
- Regional Transport – The objective is to assess the extent to which pollutants are transported between two regions that are separated by tens to hundreds of kilometers.
- Source Oriented – The objective is to determine the impact of a nearby source.

Spatial Scale – The scale of representativeness is described in terms of the physical dimensions of the air parcel nearest to a monitoring site throughout which actual pollutant concentrations are reasonably similar. Monitors are classified according to the largest applicable scale below:

- Microscale - defines the concentrations in air volumes associated with area dimensions ranging from several meters up to about 100 meters.

- Middle scale - defines the concentration typical of areas up to several city blocks in size with dimensions ranging from about 100 meters to 0.5 kilometer.
- Neighborhood scale - defines concentrations within some extended area of the city that has relatively uniform land use with dimensions in the 0.5 to 4.0 kilometers range. The neighborhood and urban scales listed below have the potential to overlap in applications that concern secondarily formed or homogeneously distributed air pollutants.
- Urban scale - defines concentrations within an area of city-like dimensions, on the order of 4 to 50 kilometers. Within a city, the geographic placement of sources may result in there being no single site that can be said to represent air quality on an urban scale.
- Regional scale – usually defines a rural area of reasonably homogeneous geography without large sources, and extends from tens to hundreds of kilometers.

FRM/FEM – “Federal Reference Method/Federal Equivalent Method” EPA specifies that only these types of monitors or monitoring methods may be used to establish attainment with the NAAQS. The first method that EPA declares to have sufficient accuracy and repeatability for ambient measurements is the reference method. Once the reference method is defined, other methods or equipment may be used for NAAQS comparisons, provided the candidate method passes tests that demonstrate comparability to the reference method. A criteria pollutant monitor that is not a FRM/FEM may not be used for NAAQS comparisons, but may still be useful for other purposes, such as real time reporting.

EPA has designated the Met One BAM as a Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) for PM_{2.5} when configured and operated as prescribed in the federal equivalence designation. Iowa operates several Met One BAM analyzers, but most are not configured in accordance with the designation, and the data cannot be compared with the NAAQS.

FRM/FEM Purpose – When more than one FRM/FEM is operated at a monitoring site at the same time (i.e. multiple POCs for the same pollutant), there is the potential for ambiguity in the attainment status at a monitoring site. To avoid this ambiguity, we declare one of the monitors to be the NAAQS compliance (primary) monitor at the monitoring site and indicate the purpose for the other monitors at the site.

- NAAQS Compliance – denotes a monitor that is the primary monitor used to establish attainment with the NAAQS.
- QA NAAQS Compliance – denotes a monitor that is used to satisfy a federal requirement to provide quality assurance data for the primary NAAQS monitor. Addition of an asterisk, i.e. QA NAAQS Compliance* means that data from this monitor may be substituted for the primary monitor data when the primary monitor data is missing.^{53, 54}
- Real-time AQI Reporting – Denotes a monitor used for real-time reporting. Addition of an asterisk, i.e. Real-time AQI Reporting* means that data from this monitor may be substituted for the primary monitor data when the primary monitor data is missing.
- QA Real-Time AQI Reporting – Denotes a monitor that is used to provide real-time QA of a continuous monitor used for real-time reporting. Addition of an asterisk, i.e. QA Real-time AQI

⁵³ For substitution rules for PM_{2.5}, Lead, and PM₁₀ see [EPA POC Technical Note](#)

⁵⁴ For AQS Guidelines for Reporting Collocated PM_{2.5} and Lead Data see [EPA Collocated Guidelines](#)

Reporting* means that data from this monitor may be substituted for the primary monitor data when the primary monitor data is missing.

Appendix E: Population-Based Minimum Monitoring Requirements

Ozone

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix D, Table D-2 specifies the minimum number of SLAMS (State and Local Air Monitoring Stations) ozone monitors required based on population and the most recent three years of monitoring data (design value).

TABLE D-2 OF APPENDIX D TO PART 58—SLAMS MINIMUM OZONE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

| MSA population^{1 2} | Most recent 3-year design value concentrations ≥85% of any O₃ NAAQS³ | Most recent 3-year design value concentrations <85% of any O₃ NAAQS^{3 4} |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| >10 million | 4 | 2 |
| 4-10 million | 3 | 1 |
| 350,000-<4 million | 2 | 1 |
| 50,000-<350,000 ⁵ | 1 | 0 |

¹Minimum monitoring requirements apply to the Metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

²Population based on latest available census figures.

³The ozone (O₃) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) levels and forms are defined in 40 CFR part 50.

⁴These minimum monitoring requirements apply in the absence of a design value.

⁵Metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) must contain an urbanized area of 50,000 or more population.

PM_{2.5}

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix D, Table D-5 specifies the minimum number of SLAMS PM_{2.5} monitors required based on population and 3-year design values.

TABLE D-5 OF APPENDIX D TO PART 58—PM_{2.5} MINIMUM MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

| MSA population^{1 2} | Most recent 3-year design value ≥85% of any PM_{2.5} NAAQS³ | Most recent 3-year design value <85% of any PM_{2.5} NAAQS^{3 4} |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| >1,000,000 | 3 | 2 |
| 500,000-1,000,000 | 2 | 1 |
| 50,000-<500,000 ⁵ | 1 | 0 |

¹Minimum monitoring requirements apply to the Metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

²Population based on latest available census figures.

³The PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) levels and forms are defined in 40 CFR part 50.

⁴These minimum monitoring requirements apply in the absence of a design value.

⁵Metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) must contain an urbanized area of 50,000 or more population.

PM₁₀

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix D, Table D-4 lists the minimum requirements for the number of PM₁₀ stations per MSA based on population and measured levels:

TABLE D-4 OF APPENDIX D TO PART 58—PM₁₀ MINIMUM MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STATIONS PER MSA)¹

| Population category | High concentration ² | Medium concentration ³ | Low concentration ^{4 5} |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| >1,000,000 | 6-10 | 4-8 | 2-4 |
| 500,000-1,000,000 | 4-8 | 2-4 | 1-2 |
| 250,000-500,000 | 3-4 | 1-2 | 0-1 |
| 100,000-250,000 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 0 |

¹Selection of urban areas and actual numbers of stations per area will be jointly determined by EPA and the State agency.

²High concentration areas are those for which ambient PM₁₀ data show ambient concentrations exceeding the PM₁₀ NAAQS by 20 percent or more.

³Medium concentration areas are those for which ambient PM₁₀ data show ambient concentrations exceeding 80 percent of the PM₁₀ NAAQS.

⁴Low concentration areas are those for which ambient PM₁₀ data show ambient concentrations less than 80 percent of the PM₁₀ NAAQS.

⁵These minimum monitoring requirements apply in the absence of a design value.

Nitrogen Dioxide

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix D, section 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 contain the minimum requirement for population-based NO₂ Monitoring:

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4.3.2 Requirement for Near-road NO₂ Monitors

(a) Within the NO₂ network, there must be one microscale near-road NO₂ monitoring station in each CBSA with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons to monitor a location of expected maximum hourly concentrations sited near a major road with high AADT counts as specified in paragraph 4.3.2(a)(1) of this appendix. An additional near-road NO₂ monitoring station is required for any CBSA with a population of 2,500,000 persons or more, or in any CBSA with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons that has one or more roadway segments with 250,000 or greater AADT counts to monitor a second location of expected maximum hourly concentrations. CBSA populations shall be based on the latest available census figures.

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4.3.3 Requirement for Area-wide NO₂ Monitoring

(a) Within the NO₂ network, there must be one monitoring station in each CBSA with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons to monitor a location of expected highest NO₂ concentrations representing the neighborhood or larger spatial scales. PAMS sites collecting NO₂ data that are situated in an area of expected high NO₂ concentrations at the neighborhood or larger spatial scale may be used to satisfy this minimum monitoring requirement when the NO₂ monitor is operated year round. Emission inventories and meteorological analysis should be used to identify the appropriate locations within a CBSA for locating required area-wide NO₂ monitoring stations. CBSA populations shall be based on the latest available census figures.

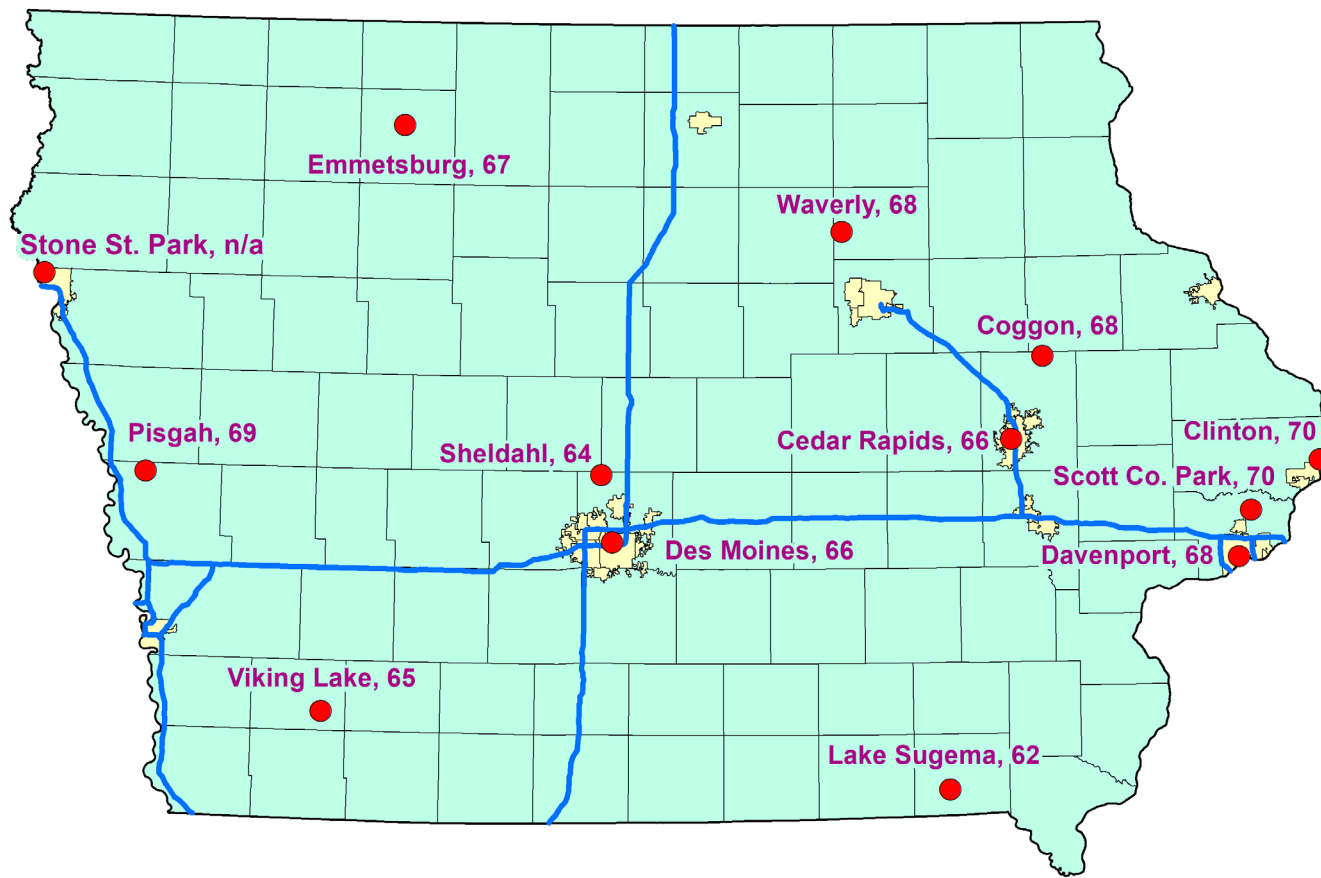
Appendix F: Census Bureau 2025 Estimates for Iowa MSAs

| US Census Geographic Area | Counties in MSA | Population |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | IA: Harrison, Mills, Pottawattamie NE: Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, Washington | 1,009,836 |
| Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Polk, Warren | 758,539 |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | IA: Scott IL Henry, Mercer, Rock Island | 380,452 |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | Benton, Jones, Linn | 279,285 |
| Iowa City, IA | Johnson, Washington | 182,711 |
| Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA | Black Hawk, Bremer, Grundy | 169,189 |
| Sioux City, IA-NE-SD | IA: Woodbury NE: Dakota SD: Union | 145,738 |
| Ames, IA | Boone, Story | 128,090 |
| Dubuque, IA | Dubuque | 99,381 |

Source for Counties: [US Census MSA Delineation](#)

Source for July 1, 2025 Population Estimates: [US Census Population Estimates](#)

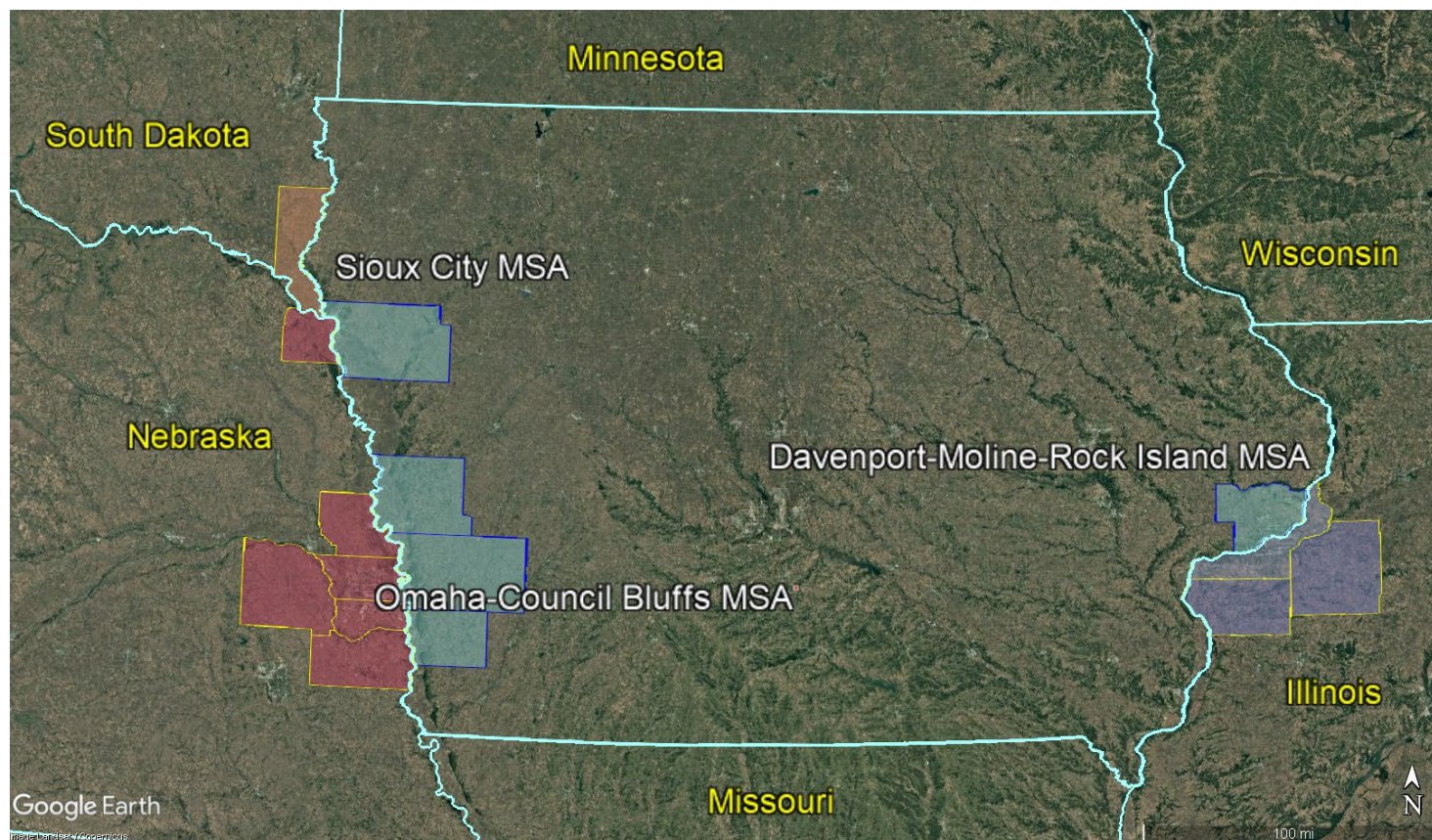
Appendix G: 2025 Design Value Map for Ozone



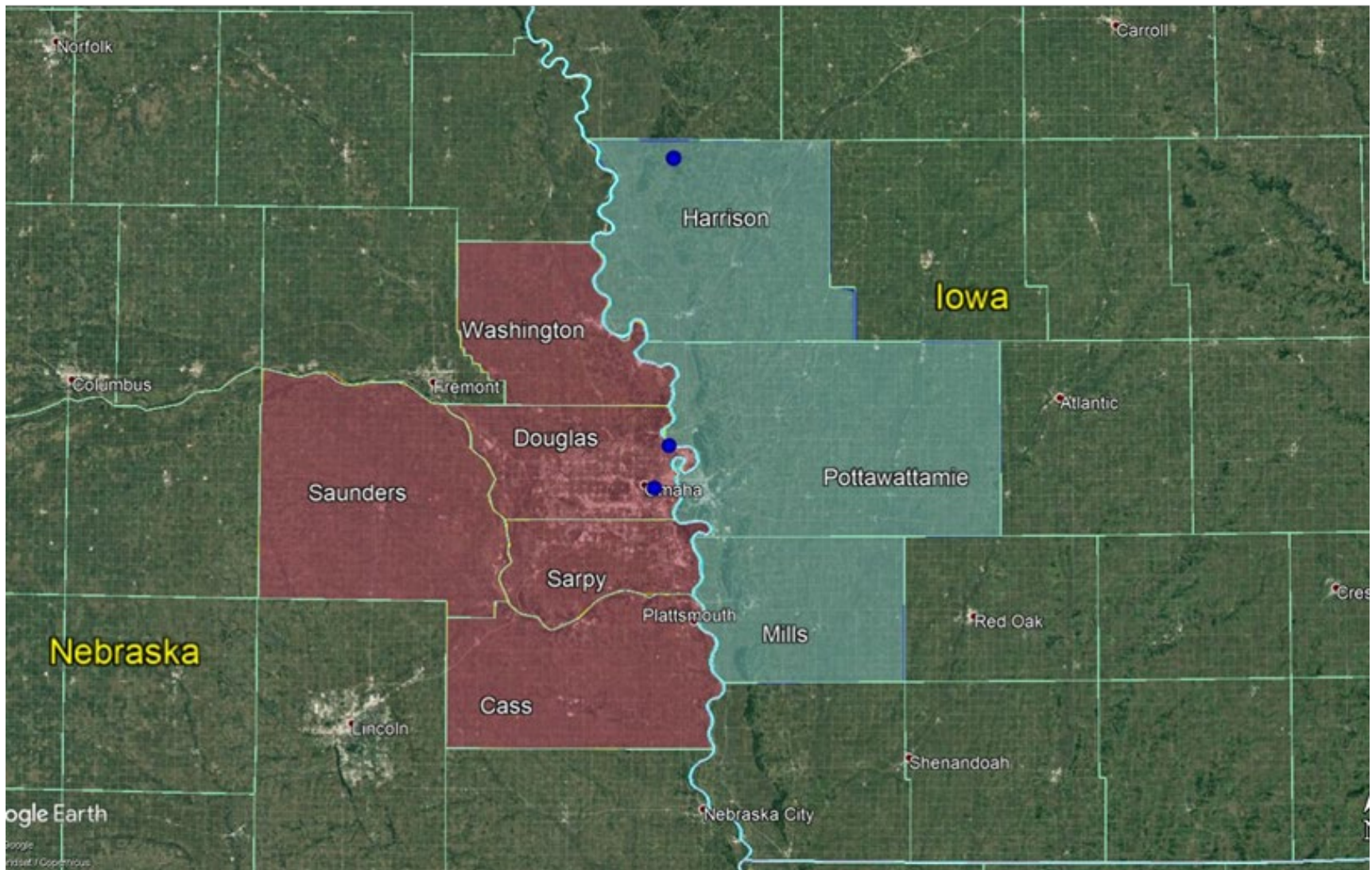
2023-2025 Ozone Design Values (ppb) Source: EPA Design Value Report (AMP 480) 4/27/26. (The National Ambient Air Quality 8 hour Standard for Ozone is 70 ppb.)

Appendix H: Maps of SLAMS Monitoring Sites in MSAs on the State Border

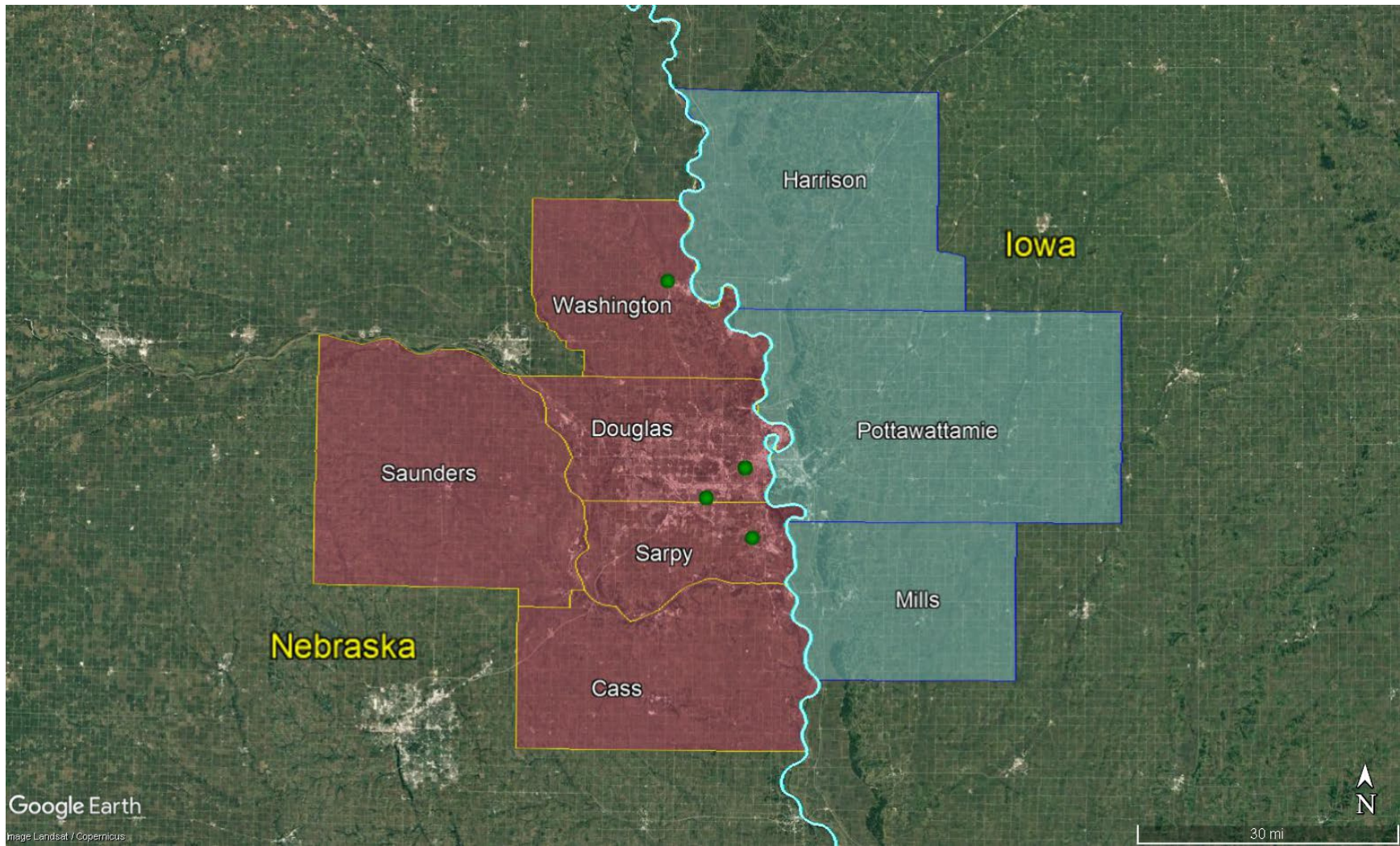
Iowa includes portions of three MSAs that it shares with other states: Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL; Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA; and Sioux City, NE-IA-SD. To estimate the SLAMS sites operating at the time of this review, Air Quality System (AQS) reports (AMP390 and AMP450) and Network Plans from adjacent states were examined. The following maps show the locations of SLAMS monitoring sites for ozone, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, and PM₁₀ in these MSA's.



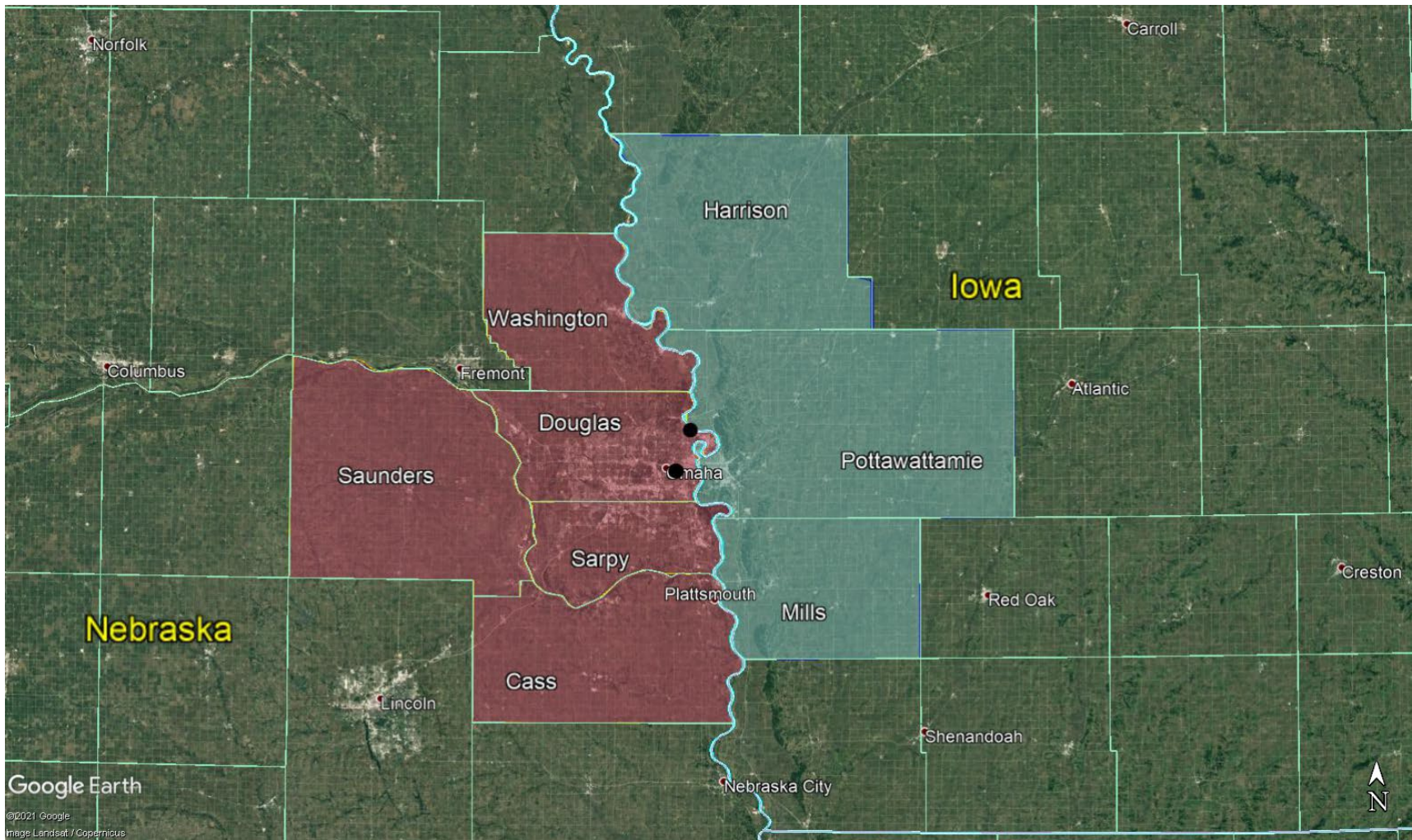
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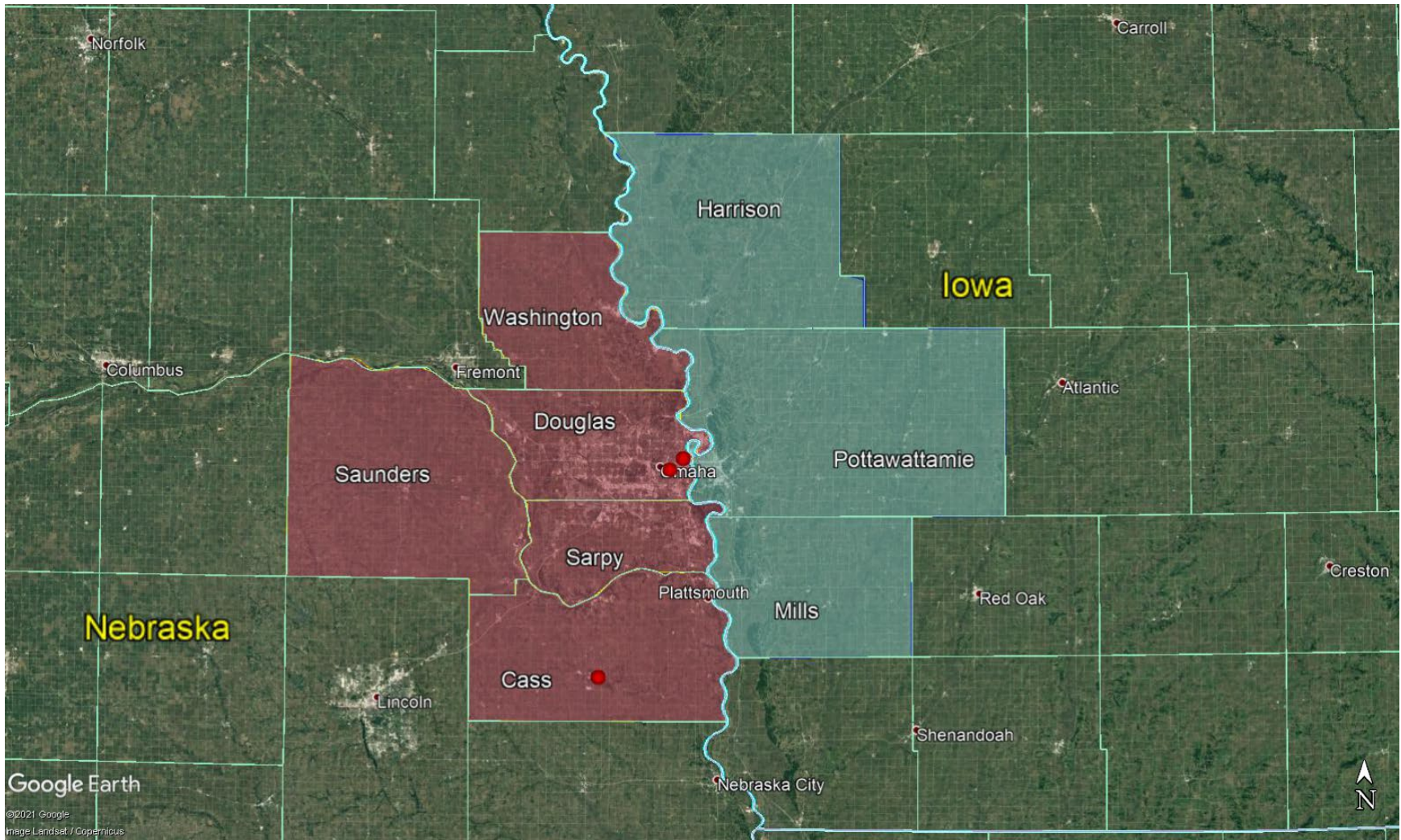
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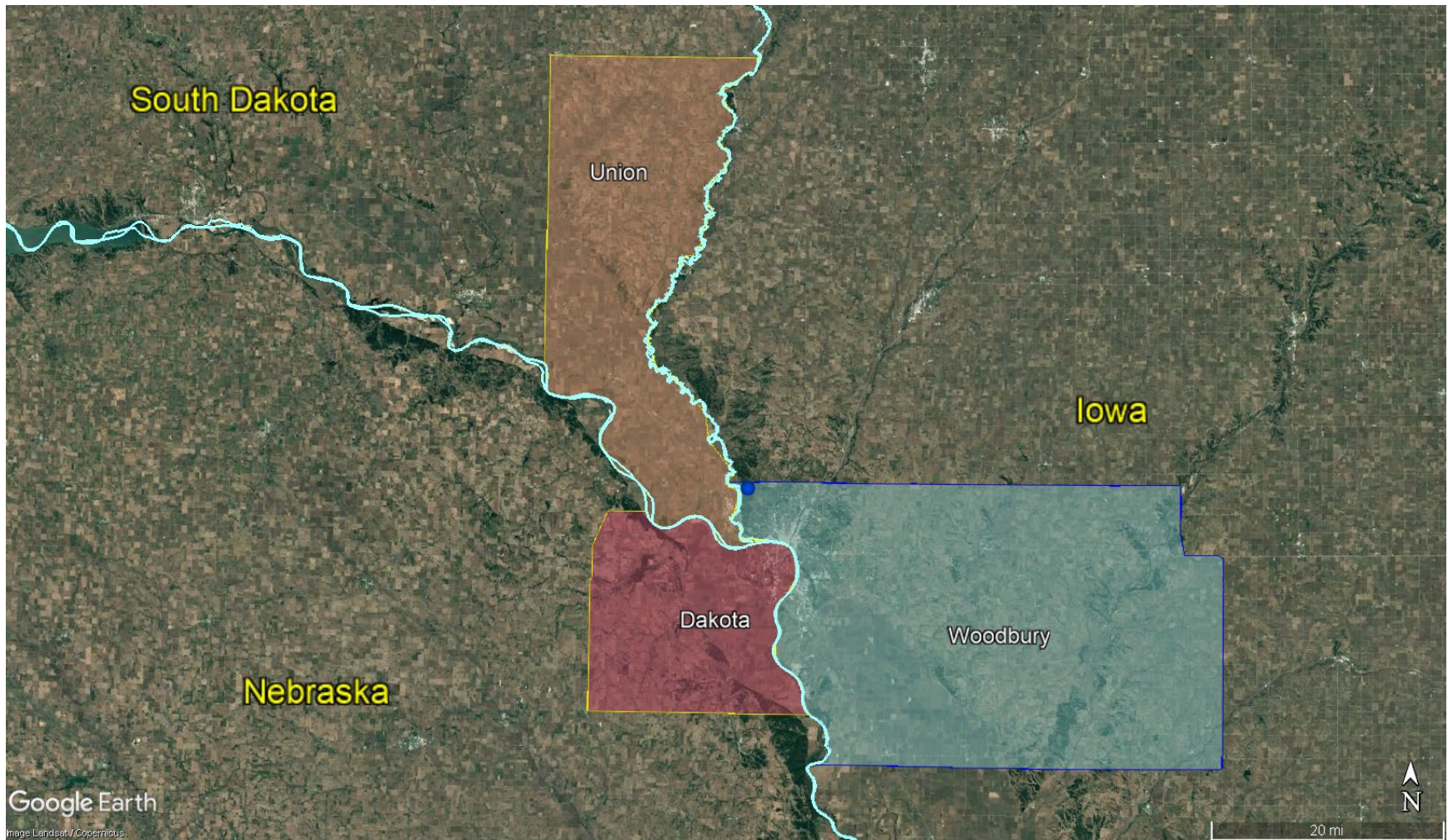
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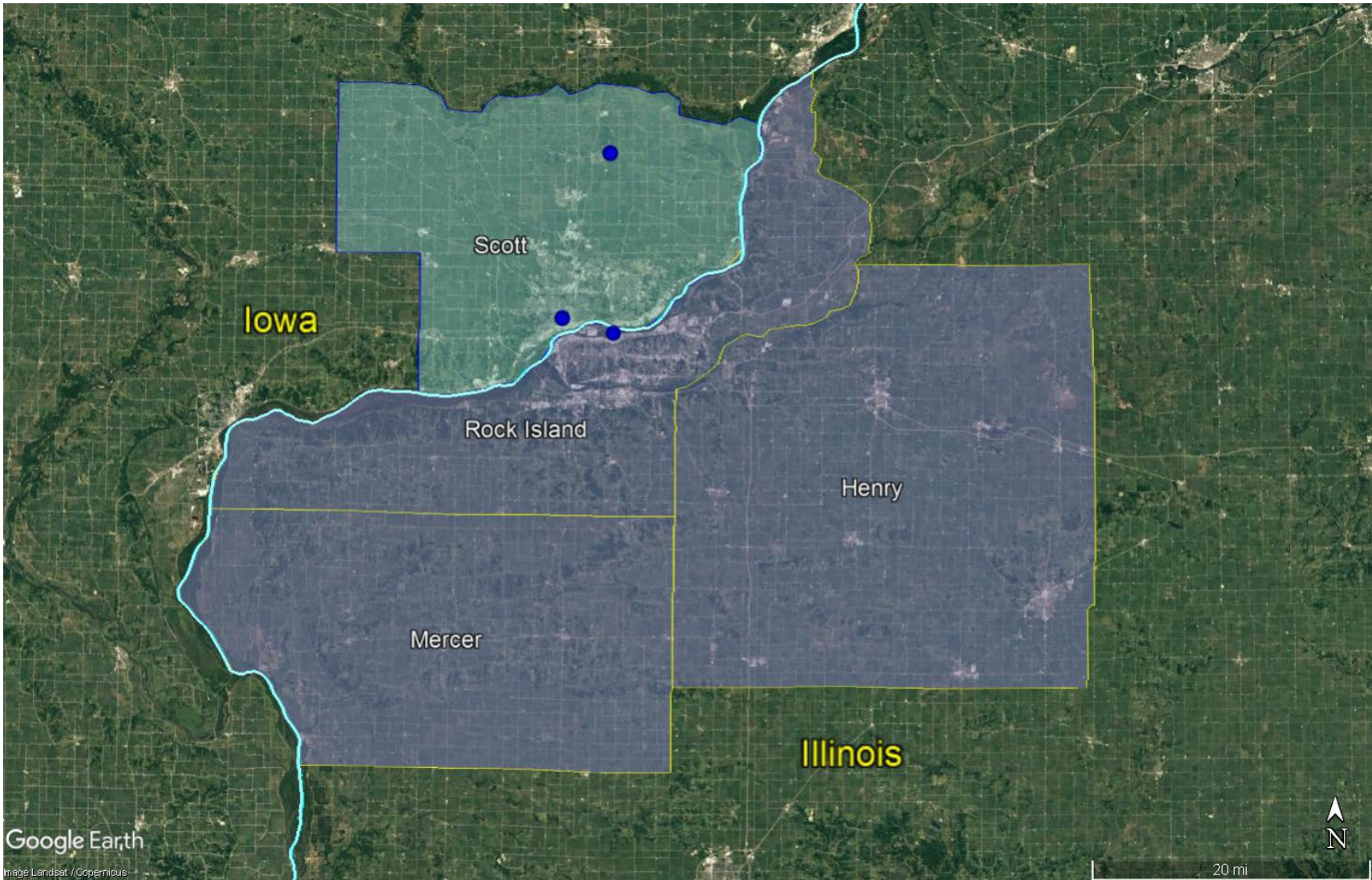
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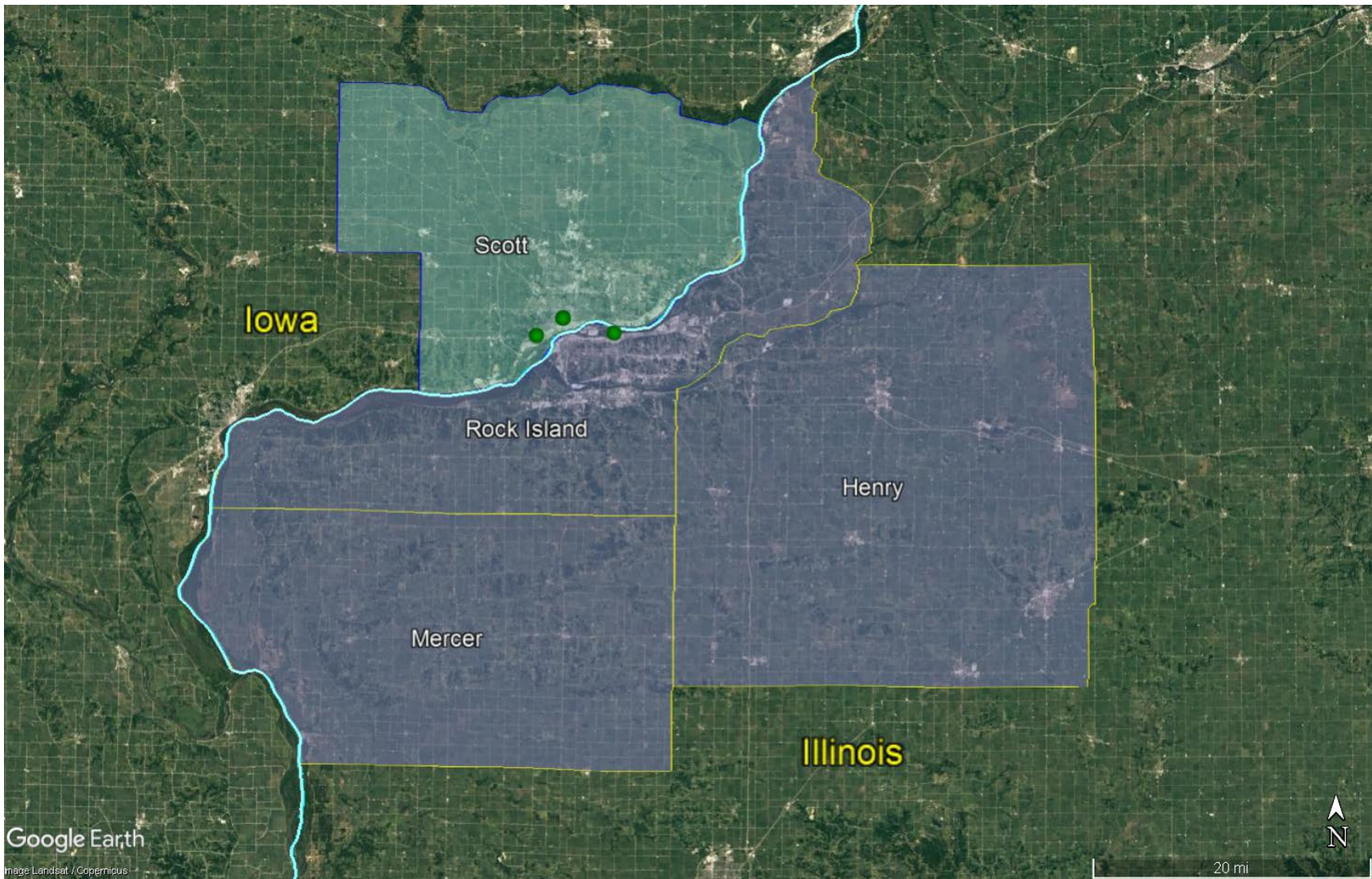
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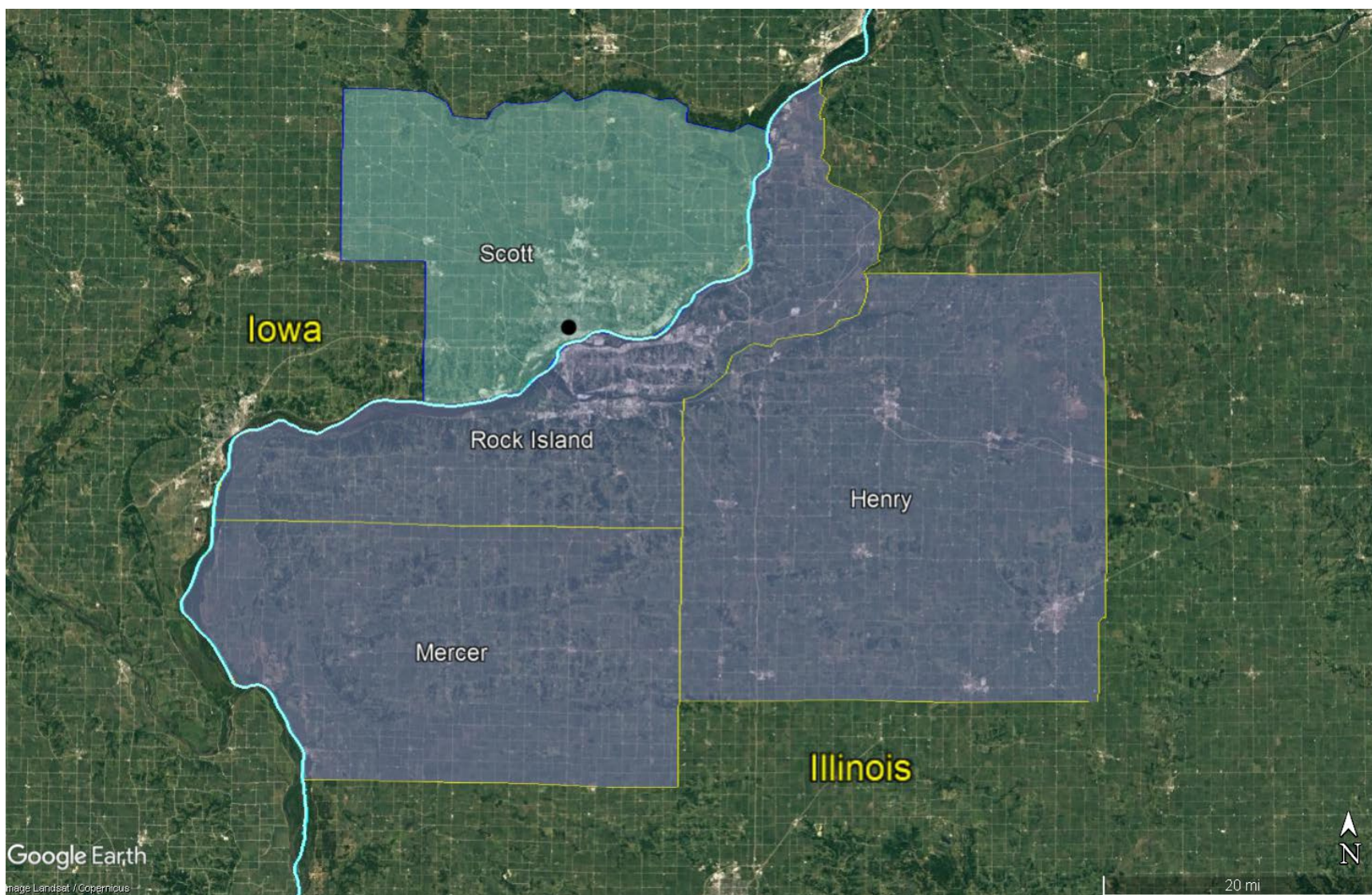
The only SLAMS site in the Sioux City, IA-NE-SD MSA is an ozone site in Iowa



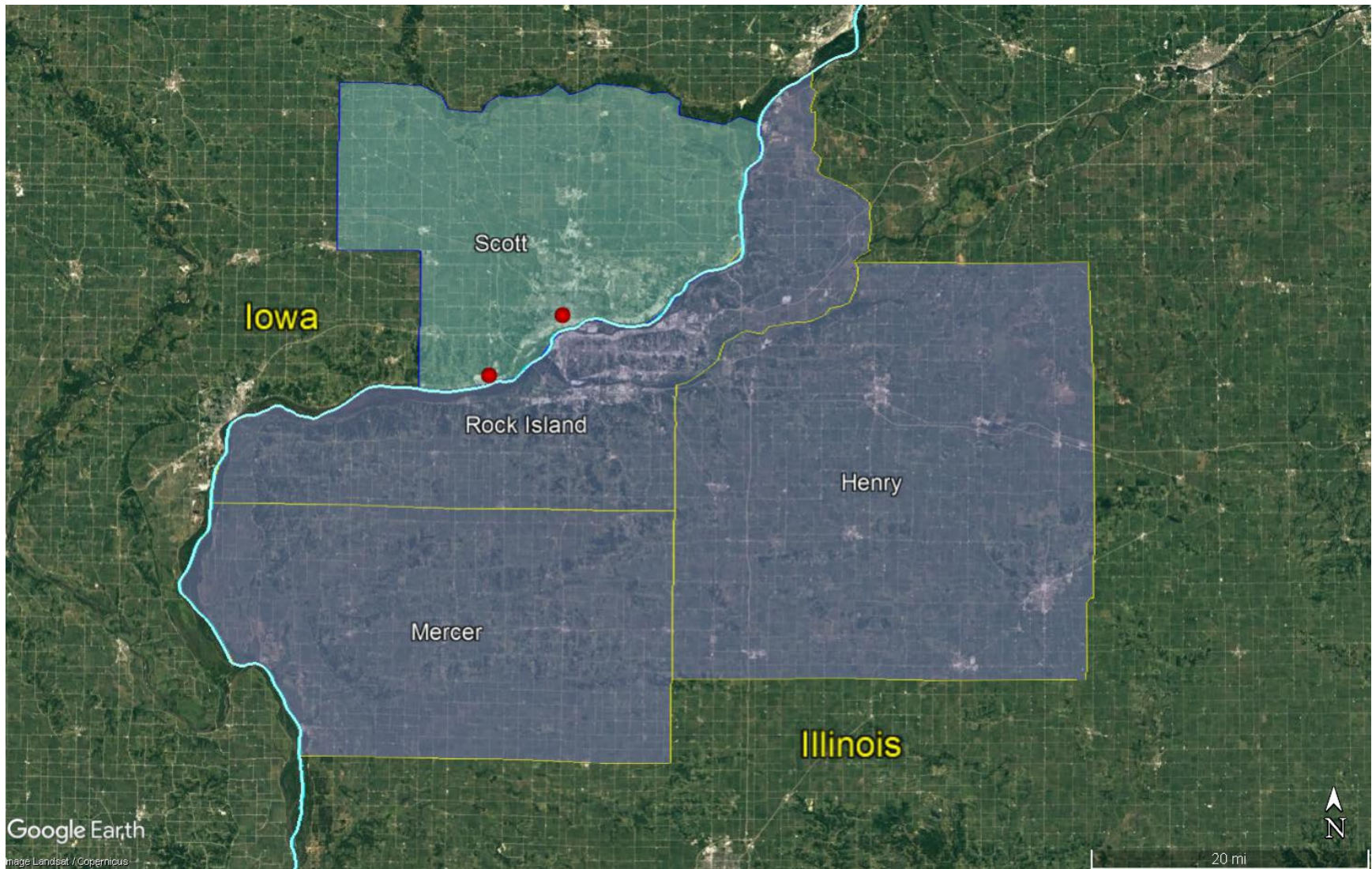
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL Ozone SLAMS Monitoring Sites



Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL PM_{2.5} SLAMS Monitoring Sites



Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL SO₂ SLAMS Monitoring Site



Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL PM₁₀ SLAMS Monitoring Sites

Appendix I: Uniform Air Quality Index (AQI) and Daily Reporting

Appendix G to Part 58—Uniform Air Quality Index (AQI) and Daily Reporting

1. General Information
2. Reporting Requirements
3. Data Handling

1. General Information

1.1 AQI Overview. The AQI is a tool that simplifies reporting air quality to the public in a nationally uniform and easy to understand manner. The AQI converts concentrations of pollutants, for which the EPA has established a national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS), into a uniform scale from 0-500. These pollutants are ozone (O₃), particulate matter (PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The scale of the index is divided into general categories that are associated with health messages.

2. Reporting Requirements

2.1 Applicability. The AQI must be reported daily for a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) with a population over 350,000. When it is useful and possible, it is recommended, but not required for an area to report a sub-daily AQI as well.

2.2 Contents of AQI Report.

2.2.1 Content of AQI Report Requirements. An AQI report must contain the following:

- a. The reporting area(s) (the MSA or subdivision of the MSA).
- b. The reporting period (the day for which the AQI is reported).
- c. The main pollutant (the pollutant with the highest index value).
- d. The AQI (the highest index value).
- e. The category descriptor and index value associated with the AQI and, if choosing to report in a color format, the associated color. Use only the following descriptors and colors for the six AQI categories:

Table 1 to Section 2 of Appendix G—AQI Categories

| For this AQI | Use this descriptor | And this color ¹ |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0 to 50 | “Good” | Green. |
| 51 to 100 | “Moderate” | Yellow. |
| 101 to 150 | “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups” | Orange. |

| For this AQI | Use this descriptor | And this color ¹ |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 151 to 200 | “Unhealthy” | Red. |
| 201 to 300 | “Very Unhealthy” | Purple. |
| 301 and above | “Hazardous” | Maroon ¹ . |

¹Specific color definitions can be found in the most recent reporting guidance (Technical Assistance Document for the Reporting of Daily Air Quality), which can be found at <https://www.airnow.gov/publications/air-quality-index/technical-assistance-document-for-reporting-the-daily-aqi/>.

f. The pollutant specific sensitive groups for any reported index value greater than 100. The sensitive groups for each pollutant are identified as part of the periodic review of the air quality criteria and the NAAQS. For convenience, the EPA lists the relevant groups for each pollutant in the most recent reporting guidance (Technical Assistance Document for the Reporting of Daily Air Quality), which can be found at <https://www.airnow.gov/publications/air-quality-index/technical-assistance-document-for-reporting-the-daily-aqi/>.

2.2.2 Contents of AQI Report When Applicable. When appropriate, the AQI report may also contain the following, but such information is not required:

- a. Appropriate health and cautionary statements.
- b. The name and index value for other pollutants, particularly those with an index value greater than 100.
- c. The index values for sub-areas of your MSA.
- d. Causes for unusually high AQI values.
- e. Pollutant concentrations.
- f. Generally, the AQI report applies to an area's MSA only. However, if a significant air quality problem exists (AQI greater than 100) in areas significantly impacted by the MSA but not in it (for example, O₃ concentrations are often highest downwind and outside an urban area), the report should identify these areas and report the AQI for these areas as well.

2.3. Communication, Timing, and Frequency of AQI Report. The daily AQI must be reported 7 days per week and made available via website or other means of public access. The daily AQI report represents the air quality for the previous day. Exceptions to this requirement are in section 2.4 of this appendix.

- a. Reporting the AQI sub-daily is recommended, but not required, to provide more timely air quality information to the public for making health-protective decisions.
- b. Submitting hourly data in real-time to the EPA's AirNow (or future analogous) system is recommended, but not required, and assists the EPA in providing timely air quality information to the public for making health-protective decisions.
- c. Submitting hourly data for appropriate monitors (referenced in section 3.2 of this appendix) satisfies the daily AQI reporting requirement because the AirNow system makes daily and sub-daily AQI reports widely available through its website and other communication tools.

d. Forecasting the daily AQI provides timely air quality information to the public and is recommended but not required. Sub-daily forecasts are also recommended, especially when air quality is expected to vary substantially throughout the day, like during wildfires. Long-term (multi-day) forecasts can also be made available when useful.

2.4. Exceptions to Reporting Requirements.

a. If the index value for a particular pollutant remains below 50 for a season or year, then it may be excluded from the calculation of the AQI in section 3 of this appendix.

b. If all index values remain below 50 for a year, then the AQI may be reported at the discretion of the reporting agency. In subsequent years, if pollutant levels rise to where the AQI would be above 50, then the AQI must be reported as required in section 2 of this appendix.

c. As previously mentioned in section 2.3 of this appendix, submitting hourly data in real-time from appropriate monitors (referenced in section 3.2 of this appendix) to the EPA's AirNow (or future analogous) system satisfies the daily AQI reporting requirement.

3. Data Handling.

3.1 Relationship of AQI and pollutant concentrations. For each pollutant, the AQI transforms ambient concentrations to a scale from 0 to 500. As appropriate, the AQI is associated with the NAAQS for each pollutant. In most cases, the index value of 100 is associated with the numerical level of the short-term standard (*i.e.*, averaging time of 24-hours or less) for each pollutant. The index value of 50 is associated with the numerical level of the annual standard for a pollutant, if there is one, at one-half the level of the short-term standard for the pollutant or at the level at which it is appropriate to begin to provide guidance on cautionary language. Higher categories of the index are based on the potential for increasingly serious health effects to occur following exposure and increasing proportions of the population that are likely to be affected. The reported AQI corresponds to the pollutant with the highest calculated AQI. For the purposes of reporting the AQI, the sub-indexes for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are to be considered separately. The pollutant responsible for the highest index value (the reported AQI) is called the "main" pollutant for that day.

3.2 Monitors Used for AQI Reporting. Concentration data from State/Local Air Monitoring Station (SLAMS) or parts of the SLAMS required by 40 CFR 58.10 must be used for each pollutant except PM. For PM, calculate and report the AQI on days for which air quality data has been measured (*e.g.*, from continuous PM_{2.5} monitors required in appendix D to this part). PM measurements may be used from monitors that are not reference or equivalent methods (for example, continuous PM₁₀ or PM_{2.5} monitors). Detailed guidance for relating non-approved measurements to approved methods by statistical linear regression is referenced here:

Reference for relating non-approved PM measurements to approved methods (Eberly, S., T. Fitz-Simons, T. Hanley, L. Weinstock., T. Tamanini, G. Denniston, B. Lambeth, E. Michel, S. Bortnick. Data Quality Objectives (DQOs) For Relating Federal Reference Method (FRM) and Continuous PM_{2.5} Measurements to Report an Air Quality Index (AQI). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC. EPA-454/B-02-002, November 2002).

3.3 AQI Forecast. The AQI can be forecasted at least 24-hours in advance using the most accurate and reasonable procedures considering meteorology, topography, availability of data, and forecasting expertise. The guidance document, "Guidelines for Developing an Air Quality (Ozone and PM_{2.5}) Forecasting Program," can be found at <https://www.airnow.gov/publications/weathercasters/guidelines-developing-air-quality-forecasting-program/>.

3.4 Calculation and Equations.

a. The AQI is the highest value calculated for each pollutant as follows:

i. Identify the highest concentration among all of the monitors within each reporting area and truncate as follows:

(A) Ozone—truncate to 3 decimal places

PM_{2.5}—truncate to 1 decimal place

PM₁₀—truncate to integer

CO—truncate to 1 decimal place

SO₂—truncate to integer

NO₂—truncate to integer

(B) [Reserved]

ii. Using table 2 to this appendix, find the two breakpoints that contain the concentration.

iii. Using equation 1 to this appendix, calculate the index.

iv. Round the index to the nearest integer.

Table 2 to Section 3.4 of Appendix G—Breakpoints for the AQI

| These breakpoints | | | | | | | Equal these AQI's | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| O ₃ (ppm) 8-hour | O ₃ (ppm) 1-hour ¹ | PM _{2.5} (µg/m ³) 24-hour | PM ₁₀ (µg/m ³) 24-hour | CO (ppm) 8-hour | SO ₂ (ppb) 1-hour | NO ₂ (ppb) 1-hour | AQI | Category |
| 0.000-0.054 | | 0.0-9.0 | 0-54 | 0.0-4.4 | 0-35 | 0-53 | 0-50 | Good. |
| 0.055-0.070 | | 9.1-35.4 | 55-154 | 4.5-9.4 | 36-75 | 54-100 | 51-100 | Moderate. |
| 0.071-0.085 | 0.125-0.164 | 35.5-55.4 | 155-254 | 9.5-12.4 | 76-185 | 101-360 | 101-150 | Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups. |
| 0.086-0.105 | 0.165-0.204 | 55.5-125.4 | 255-354 | 12.5-15.4 | ³ 186-304 | 361-649 | 151-200 | Unhealthy. |
| 0.106-0.200 | 0.205-0.404 | 125.5—225.4 | 355-424 | 15.5-30.4 | ³ 305-604 | 650-1249 | 201-300 | Very Unhealthy. |
| 0.201-(²) | 0.405+ | 225.5+ | 425+ | 30.5+ | ³ 605+ | 1250+ | 301+ | ⁴ Hazardous. |

¹ Areas are generally required to report the AQI based on 8-hour ozone values. However, there are a small number of areas where an AQI based on 1-hour ozone values would be more precautionary. In these cases, in addition to calculating the 8-hour ozone index value, the 1-hour ozone index value may be calculated, and the maximum of the two values reported.

² 8-hour O₃ concentrations do not define higher AQI values (>301). AQI values > 301 are calculated with 1-hour O₃ concentrations.

³ 1-hr SO₂ concentrations do not define higher AQI values (≥200). AQI values of 200 or greater are calculated with 24-hour SO₂ concentration.

⁴ AQI values between breakpoints are calculated using equation 1 to this appendix. For AQI values in the hazardous category, AQI values greater than 500 should be calculated using equation 1 and the concentration specified for the AQI value of 500. The AQI value of 500 are as follows: O₃ 1-hour—0.604 ppm; PM_{2.5} 24-hour—325.4 µg/m³; PM₁₀ 24-hour—604 µg/m³; CO ppm—50.4 ppm; SO₂ 1-hour—1004 ppb; and NO₂ 1-hour—2049 ppb.

b. If the concentration is equal to a breakpoint, then the index is equal to the corresponding index value in table 2 to this appendix. However, equation 1 to this appendix can still be used. The results will be equal. If the concentration is between two breakpoints, then calculate the index of that pollutant with equation 1. It should also be noted that in some areas, the AQI based on 1-hour O₃ will be more precautionary than using 8-hour values (see footnote 1 to table 2). In these cases, the 1-hour values as well as 8-hour values may be used to calculate index values and then use the maximum index value as the AQI for O₃.

Equation 1 to Appendix G to Part 58

$$I_p = \frac{I_{Hi} - I_{Lo}}{BP_{Hi} - BP_{Lo}} (C_p - BP_{Lo}) + I_{Lo}$$

Where:

I_p = the index value for pollutant_p.

C_p = the truncated concentration of pollutant_p.

BP_{Hi} = the breakpoint that is greater than or equal to C_p .

BP_{Lo} = the breakpoint that is less than or equal to C_p .

I_{Hi} = the AQI value corresponding to BP_{Hi} .

I_{Lo} = the AQI value corresponding to BP_{Lo} .

c. If the concentration is larger than the highest breakpoint in table 2 to this appendix then the last two breakpoints in table 2 may be used when equation 1 to this appendix is applied.

Example:

d. Using table 2 and equation 1 to this appendix, calculate the index value for each of the pollutants measured and select the one that produces the highest index value for the AQI. For example, if a PM₁₀ value of 210 µg/m³ is observed, a 1-hour O₃ value of 0.156 ppm, and an 8-hour O₃ value of 0.130 ppm, then do this:

i. Find the breakpoints for PM₁₀ at 210 µg/m³ as 155 µg/m³ and 254 µg/m³, corresponding to index values 101 and 150;

ii. Find the breakpoints for 1-hour O₃ at 0.156 ppm as 0.125 ppm and 0.164 ppm, corresponding to index values 101 and 150;

iii. Find the breakpoints for 8-hour O₃ at 0.130 ppm as 0.116 ppm and 0.374 ppm, corresponding to index values 201 and 300;

iv. Apply equation 21 to this appendix for 210 µg/m³, PM₁₀:

Equation 2 to Appendix G to Part 58

$$\frac{150 - 101}{254 - 155} (210 - 155) + 101 = 128$$

v. Apply equation 3 to this appendix for 0.156 ppm, 1-hour O₃:

Equation 3 to Appendix G to Part 58

$$\frac{150 - 101}{0.164 - 0.125} (0.156 - 0.125) + 101 = 140$$

vi. Apply equation 4 to this appendix for 0.130 ppm, 8-hour O₃:

Equation 4 to Appendix G to Part 58

$$\frac{300 - 201}{0.374 - 0.116} (0.130 - 0.116) + 201 = 206$$

vii. Find the maximum, 206. This is the AQI. A minimal AQI report could read: "Today, the AQI for my city is 206, which is Very Unhealthy, due to ozone." It would then reference the associated sensitive groups.

Appendix J: Federal Collocation Requirements and Operating Schedules

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following is quoted from Appendix A to 40 CFR Part 58.

Collocation Requirements for PM_{2.5}:

3.2.3 Collocated Quality Control Sampling Procedures for PM_{2.5}. For each pair of collocated monitors, designate one sampler as the primary monitor whose concentrations will be used to report air quality for the site, and designate the other as the quality control monitor. There can be only one primary monitor at a monitoring site for a given time period.

3.2.3.1 For each distinct monitoring method designation (FRM or FEM) that a PQAQO is using for a primary monitor, the PQAQO must have 15 percent of the primary monitors of each method designation collocated (values of 0.5 and greater round up); and have at least one collocated quality control monitor (if the total number of monitors is less than three). The first collocated monitor must be a designated FRM monitor.

3.2.3.2 In addition, monitors selected for collocation must also meet the following requirements:

(a) A primary monitor designated as an EPA FRM shall be collocated with a quality control monitor having the same EPA FRM method designation.

(b) For each primary monitor designated as an EPA FEM used by the PQAQO, 50 percent of the monitors designated for collocation, or the first if only one collocation is necessary, shall be collocated with a FRM quality control monitor and 50 percent of the monitors shall be collocated with a monitor having the same method designation as the FEM primary monitor. If an odd number of collocated monitors is required, the additional monitor shall be a FRM quality control monitor. An example of the distribution of collocated monitors for each unique FEM is provided below. Table A-2 of this appendix demonstrates the collocation procedure with a PQAQO having one type of primary FRM and multiple primary FEMs.

| #Primary FEMS of a unique method designation | #Collocated | #Collocated with an FRM | #Collocated with same method designation |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1-9 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10-16 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 17-23 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 24-29 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 30-36 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| 37-43 | 6 | 3 | 3 |

3.2.3.3 Since the collocation requirements are used to assess precision of the primary monitors and there can only be one primary monitor at a monitoring site, a site can only count for the collocation of the method designation of the primary monitor at that site.

3.2.3.4 The collocated monitors should be deployed according to the following protocol:

(a) Fifty percent of the collocated quality control monitors should be deployed at sites with annual average or daily concentrations estimated to be within plus or minus 20 percent of either the annual or 24-hour NAAQS and the remainder at the PQAOs discretion;

(b) If an organization has no sites with annual average or daily concentrations within ± 20 percent of the annual NAAQS or 24-hour NAAQS, 50 percent of the collocated quality control monitors should be deployed at those sites with the annual mean concentrations or 24-hour concentrations among the highest for all sites in the network and the remainder at the PQAOs discretion.

(c) The two collocated monitors must be within 4 meters (inlet to inlet) of each other and at least 2 meters apart for flow rates greater than 200 liters/min or at least 1 meter apart for samplers having flow rates less than 200 liters/min to preclude airflow interference. A waiver allowing up to 10 meters horizontal distance and up to 3 meters vertical distance (inlet to inlet) between a primary and collocated sampler may be approved by the Regional Administrator for sites at a neighborhood or larger scale of representation during the annual network plan approval process. Sampling and analytical methodologies must be consistently implemented for both primary and collocated quality control samplers and for all other samplers in the network.

(d) Sample the collocated quality control monitor on a 1-in-12 day schedule. Report the measurements from both primary and collocated quality control monitors at each collocated sampling site to AQS. The calculations for evaluating precision between the two collocated monitors are described in section 4.2.1 of this appendix.

From Appendix D to Part 58—Network Design Criteria for Ambient Air Quality Monitoring: 4.7.2 Requirement for Continuous PM_{2.5} Monitoring. The State, or where appropriate, local agencies must operate continuous PM_{2.5} analyzers equal to at least one-half (round up) the minimum required sites listed in table D-5 to this appendix. At least one required continuous analyzer in each MSA must be collocated with one of the required FRM/FEM monitors, unless at least one of the required FRM/FEM monitors is itself a continuous FEM monitor in which case no collocation requirement applies. State and local air monitoring agencies must use methodologies and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures approved by the EPA Regional Administrator for these required continuous analyzers. [This paragraph is from Appendix D to 40 CFR Part 58.]

Collocation Requirements for Manual PM₁₀:

3.3.4 Collocated Quality Control Sampling Procedures for Manual PM₁₀. Collocated sampling for PM₁₀ is only required for manual samplers. For each pair of collocated monitors, designate one sampler as the primary monitor whose concentrations will be used to report air quality for the site and designate the other as the quality control monitor.

3.3.4.1 For manual PM₁₀ samplers, a PQAQO must:

(a) Have 15 percent of the primary monitors collocated (values of 0.5 and greater round up); and

(b) Have at least one collocated quality control monitor (if the total number of monitors is less than three).

3.3.4.2 The collocated quality control monitors should be deployed according to the following protocol:

(a) Fifty percent of the collocated quality control monitors should be deployed at sites with daily concentrations estimated to be within plus or minus 20 percent of the applicable NAAQS and the remainder at the PQAOs discretion;

(b) If an organization has no sites with daily concentrations within plus or minus 20 percent of the NAAQS, 50 percent of the collocated quality control monitors should be deployed at those sites with the daily mean concentrations among the highest for all sites in the network and the remainder at the PQAOs discretion.

(c) The two collocated monitors must be within 4 meters (inlet to inlet) of each other and at least 2 meters apart for flow rates greater than 200 liters/min or at least 1 meter apart for samplers having flow rates less than 200 liters/min to preclude airflow interference. A waiver allowing up to 10 meters horizontal distance and up to 3 meters vertical distance (inlet to inlet) between a primary and collocated sampler may be approved by the Regional Administrator for sites at a neighborhood or larger scale of representation. This waiver may be approved during the annual network plan approval process. Sampling and analytical methodologies must be consistently implemented for both collocated samplers and for all other samplers in the network.

(d) Sample the collocated quality control monitor on a 1-in-12 day schedule. Report the measurements from both primary and collocated quality control monitors at each collocated sampling site to AQS. The calculations for evaluating precision between the two collocated monitors are described in section 4.2.1 of this appendix.

Collocated Quality Control Sampling for TSP Pb:

3.4.4 Collocated Quality Control Sampling for TSP Pb for monitoring sites other than non-source oriented NCore. For each pair of collocated monitors for manual TSP Pb samplers, designate one sampler as the primary monitor whose concentrations will be used to report air quality for the site, and designate the other as the quality control monitor.

3.4.4.1 A PQAQO must:

(a) Have 15 percent of the primary monitors (not counting non-source oriented NCore sites in PQAQO) collocated. Values of 0.5 and greater round up; and

(b) Have at least one collocated quality control monitor (if the total number of monitors is less than three).

3.4.4.2 The collocated quality control monitors should be deployed according to the following protocol:

(a) The first collocated Pb site selected must be the site measuring the highest Pb concentrations in the network. If the site is impractical, alternative sites, approved by the EPA Regional Administrator, may be selected. If additional collocated sites are necessary, collocated sites may be chosen that reflect average ambient air Pb concentrations in the network.

(b) The two collocated monitors must be within 4 meters (inlet to inlet) of each other and at least 2 meters apart for flow rates greater than 200 liters/min or at least 1 meter apart for samplers having flow rates less than 200 liters/min to preclude airflow interference.

(c) Sample the collocated quality control monitor on a 1-in-12 day schedule. Report the measurements from both primary and collocated quality control monitors at each collocated sampling site to AQS. The calculations for evaluating precision between the two collocated monitors are described in section 4.2.1 of this appendix.

§ 58.12 Operating schedules.

State and local governments shall collect ambient air quality data at any SLAMS station on the following operational schedules:

(a) For continuous analyzers, consecutive hourly averages must be collected except during:

(1) Periods of routine maintenance,

(2) Periods of instrument calibration, or

(3) Periods or monitoring seasons exempted by the Regional Administrator.

(b) For Pb manual methods, at least one 24-hour sample must be collected every 6 days except during periods or seasons exempted by the Regional Administrator.

(c) For PAMS VOC samplers, samples must be collected as specified in section 5 of appendix D to this part. Area-specific PAMS operating schedules must be included as part of the PAMS network description and must be approved by the Regional Administrator.

(d) For manual PM_{2.5} samplers:

(1)

(i) Manual PM_{2.5} samplers at required SLAMS stations without a collocated continuously operating PM_{2.5} monitor must operate on at least a 1-in-3 day schedule unless a waiver for an alternative schedule has been approved per paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section.

(ii) For SLAMS PM_{2.5} sites with both manual and continuous PM_{2.5} monitors operating, the monitoring agency may request approval for a reduction to 1-in-6 day PM_{2.5} sampling or for seasonal sampling from the EPA Regional Administrator. Other requests for a reduction to 1-in-6 day PM_{2.5} sampling or for seasonal sampling may be approved on a case-by-case basis. The EPA Regional Administrator may grant sampling frequency reductions after consideration of factors (including but not limited to the historical PM_{2.5} data quality assessments, the location of current PM_{2.5} design value sites, and their regulatory data needs) if the Regional Administrator determines that the reduction in sampling frequency will not compromise data needed for implementation of the NAAQS. Required SLAMS stations whose measurements determine the design value for their area and that are within plus or minus 10 percent of the annual NAAQS, and all required sites where one or more 24-hour values have exceeded the 24-hour NAAQS each year for a consecutive period of at least 3 years are required to maintain at least a 1-in-3 day sampling frequency until the design value no longer meets the criteria in this paragraph (d)(1)(ii) for 3 consecutive years. A continuously operating FEM PM_{2.5} monitor satisfies the requirement in this paragraph (d)(1)(ii) unless it is identified in the monitoring agency's annual monitoring network plan as not appropriate for comparison to the NAAQS and the EPA Regional Administrator has approved that the data from that monitor may be excluded from comparison to the NAAQS.

(iii) Required SLAMS stations whose measurements determine the 24-hour design value for their area and whose data are within plus or minus 5 percent of the level of the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS must have an FRM or FEM operate on a daily schedule if that area's design value for the annual NAAQS is less than the level of the annual PM_{2.5} standard. A continuously operating FEM or PM_{2.5} monitor satisfies the requirement in this paragraph (d)(1)(iii) unless it is identified in the monitoring agency's annual monitoring network plan as not appropriate for comparison to the NAAQS and the EPA Regional Administrator has approved that the data from that monitor may be excluded from comparison to the NAAQS. The daily schedule must be maintained until the referenced design values no longer meets the criteria in this paragraph (d)(1)(iii) for 3 consecutive years.

(iv) Changes in sampling frequency attributable to changes in design values shall be implemented no later than January 1 of the calendar year following the certification of such data as described in § 58.15.

(2) Manual PM_{2.5} samplers at NCore stations and required regional background and regional transport sites must operate on at least a 1-in-3 day sampling frequency.

(3) Manual PM_{2.5} speciation samplers at STN stations must operate on at least a 1-in-3 day sampling frequency unless a reduction in sampling frequency has been approved by the EPA Administrator based on factors such as area's design value, the role of the particular site in national health studies, the correlation of the site's species data with nearby sites, and presence of other leveraged measurements.

(e) For PM₁₀ samplers, a 24-hour sample must be taken from midnight to midnight (local standard time) to ensure national consistency. The minimum monitoring schedule for the site in the area of expected maximum concentration shall be based on the relative level of that monitoring site concentration with respect to the 24-hour standard as illustrated in Figure 1. If the operating agency demonstrates by monitoring data that during certain periods of the year conditions preclude violation of the PM₁₀ 24-hour standard, the increased sampling frequency for those periods or seasons may be exempted by the Regional Administrator and permitted to revert back to once in six days. The minimum sampling schedule for all other sites in the area remains once every six days. No less frequently than as part of each 5-year network assessment, the most recent year of data must be considered to estimate the air quality status at the site near the area of maximum concentration. Statistical models such as analysis of concentration frequency distributions as described in "Guideline for the Interpretation of Ozone Air Quality Standards," EPA-450/479-003, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC, January 1979, should be used. Adjustments to the monitoring schedule must be made on the basis of the 5-year network assessment. The site having the highest concentration in the most current year must be given first consideration when selecting the site for the more frequent sampling schedule. Other factors such as major change in sources of PM₁₀ emissions or in sampling site characteristics could influence the location of the expected maximum concentration site. Also, the use of the most recent 3 years of data might, in some cases, be justified in order to provide a more representative database from which to estimate current air quality status and to provide stability to the network. This multiyear consideration reduces the possibility of an anomalous year biasing a site selected for accelerated sampling. If the maximum concentration site based on the most current year is not selected for the more frequent operating schedule, documentation of the justification for selection of an alternative site must be submitted to the Regional Office for approval during the 5-year network assessment process. Minimum data completeness criteria, number of years of data and sampling frequency for judging attainment of the NAAQS are discussed in appendix K of part 50 of this chapter.

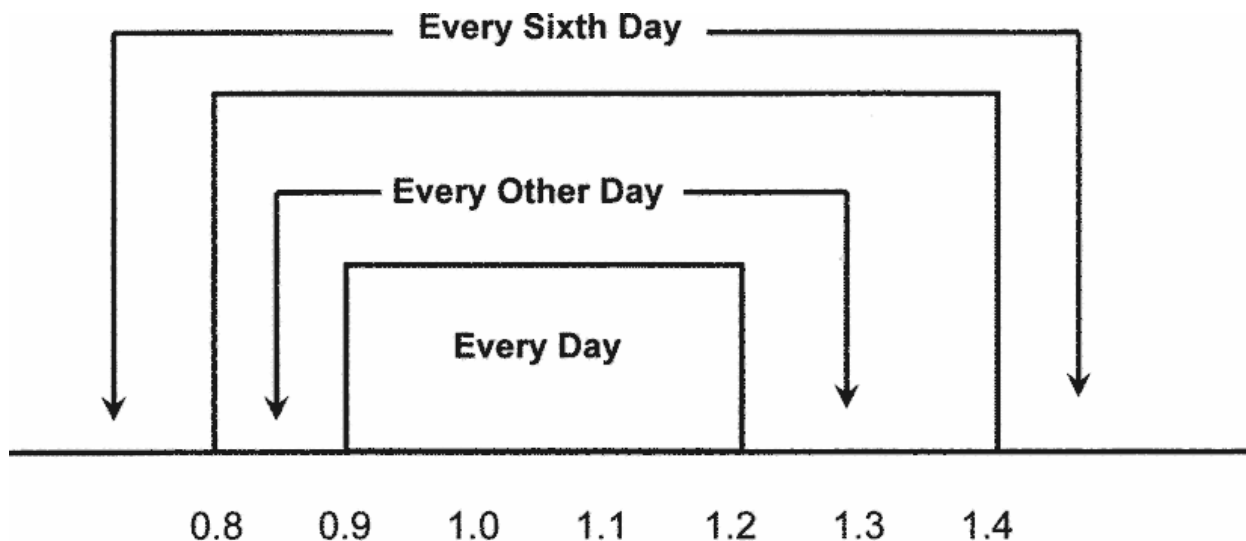


Figure 1 – Ratio to Standard

(f) For manual PM_{10-2.5} samplers:

(1) Manual PM_{10-2.5} samplers at NCore stations must operate on at least a 1-in-3 day schedule at sites without a collocated continuously operating federal equivalent PM_{10-2.5} method that has been designated in accordance with part 53 of this chapter.

(2) [Reserved]

(g) For continuous SO₂ analyzers, the maximum 5-minute block average concentration of the twelve 5-minute blocks in each hour must be collected except as noted in § 58.12 (a).

[71 FR 61298, Oct. 17, 2006, as amended at 72 FR 32210, June 12, 2007; 75 FR 35601, June 22, 2010; 78 FR 3282, Jan. 15, 2013; 81 FR 17279, Mar. 28, 2016; 89 FR 16389, Mar. 6, 2024]

Appendix K: Collocated Monitoring Network Analysis

For some criteria pollutants, EPA regulations require that multiple monitors be operated at the same site for the purpose of quality assurance ([Appendix J](#)) or public reporting ([Appendix I](#)). This Appendix compares the Iowa network to these requirements.

Ozone Network Analysis

There are no federal requirements for collocated ozone monitoring. In the Iowa network, continuous ozone data is generated at thirteen sites. The data is used for real-time and AQI reporting and uploaded to the EPA's AirNow real-time reporting system, where it is consolidated to produce the national ozone and AQI maps. At each of the thirteen sites, pairs of ozone monitors are operated to allow for a real-time check on the quality of the data. These are FEM monitors, and the data they produce is acceptable for NAAQS compliance and AQI reporting. When two FEM monitors are operated simultaneously at a monitoring site, data from the secondary ozone monitor is substituted for missing values from the primary monitor (40 CFR, Appendix U to Part 50). The combined dataset is then used to calculate a design value for the site.

PM_{2.5} Network Analysis

To meet EPA QA requirements, the Iowa network contains pairs of PM_{2.5} monitors (collocated monitors) at some sites. EPA regulations ([Appendix J](#)) require that 15 percent of the sites be collocated (values of 0.5 and greater round up), and a minimum of one collocated monitor within each monitoring group or primary quality assurance organization (PQAO). The Iowa network contains three PQAO's, corresponding to the Polk, Linn and SHL networks. Since the SHL network contains 15 FRM sites, 2.25 (rounding to 2) collocated sites are required. The Polk network (3 FRM sites) and Linn network (2 FRM sites), each meet minimum collocation requirements by operation of a single collocated FRM site.

Linn County operates a collocated monitor at its Public Health site. Polk County operates its collocated monitor at its Health Department site. SHL uses two groups of field operators to run its PM_{2.5} samplers. Members of the SHL staff collect filters in the eastern part of the state where levels are typically higher. Contract operators collect filters in the western half of the state where levels are typically lower. SHL operates a collocated pair of filter samplers at its NCORE site. SHL also operates a collocated pair of filter samplers at Muscatine High School. A contract operator collects filters at a collocated site at Franklin School in Council Bluffs.

EPA regulations indicate that "50 percent of the collocated quality control monitors should be deployed at sites with annual average or daily concentrations estimated to be within ± 20 percent of either the annual or 24-hour NAAQS and the remainder at the PQAOs discretion".

Iowa has no sites within 20% of the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS, but all but two Iowa sites are equal to or greater than 80% of the new 9 µg/m³ annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS standard. The two background sites at Viking Lake and Lake Sugema are less than 80% of the new annual NAAQS.

EPA also indicates that “If an organization has no sites with annual average or daily concentrations within ±20 percent of the annual NAAQS or 24-hour NAAQS, 50 percent of the collocated quality control monitors should be deployed at those sites with the annual mean concentrations or 24-hour concentrations among the highest for all sites in the network and the remainder at the PQAOs discretion”.

This requirement is met automatically in the Linn PQAO since they have only one PM_{2.5} site with a valid design value. It is also met in the Polk PQAO, which has two PM_{2.5} sites with valid design values, and those values are similar.

At all of the fourteen PM_{2.5} FRM sites operated by SHL with valid design values, the associated annual design value is a greater percentage of the annual NAAQS than the 24-hr design value is of the 24-hr NAAQS, so the annual ratio will be used as an indicator to rank the sites operated by SHL (see Figure K.1). The Muscatine High School site in Muscatine is among the top 50 percent in the SHL network. As for the remaining discretionary collocated sites, the Department feels that there is value in operating collocated PM_{2.5} monitors in support of a collocated PM_{10-2.5} site at Jefferson School in Davenport, and additional value in providing collocated PM_{2.5} data at the Franklin School site in Council Bluffs, located in the most highly populated MSA in the State.

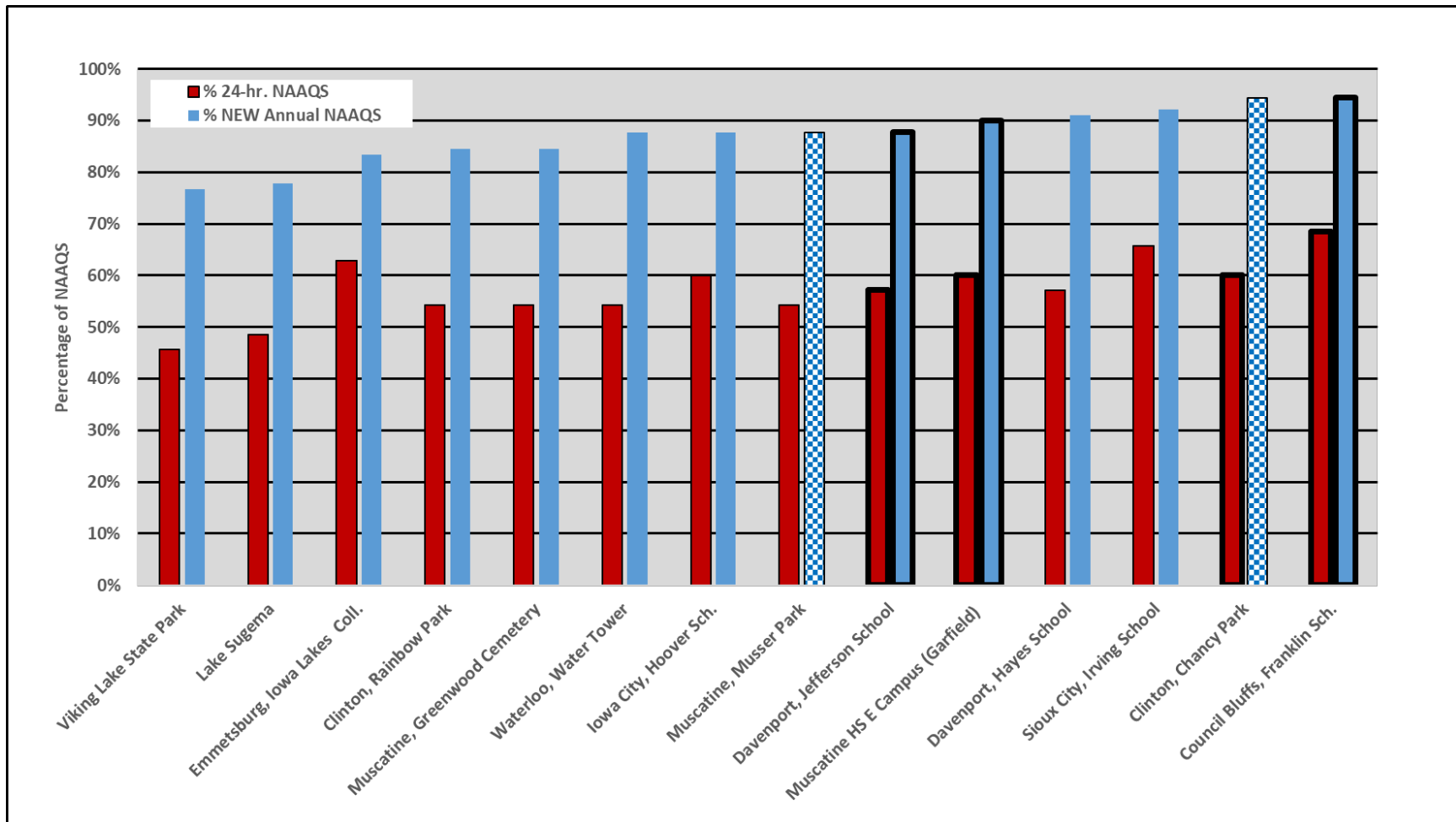


Figure K.1 SHL 2023-2025 PM_{2.5} Design Values as a percentage of the NAAQS. Collocated Monitors are outlined in black. Patterned bars indicate monitors exempt from comparison with the annual NAAQS.

Continuous PM_{2.5} Monitoring Requirements

In MSAs where a single PM_{2.5} monitor is required and with populations over 350,000 (i.e. the Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA and Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA MSA's⁵⁵), 40 CFR Part 58 requires that an additional continuous PM_{2.5} monitor is operated at the same monitoring location ([Appendix E](#) and [Appendix I](#)). A continuous PM_{2.5} monitor for the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA is operated by a Nebraska agency, and a continuous PM_{2.5} monitor is currently operated in Des Moines to meet this requirement. NCore sites ([Appendix O](#)) also require a continuous PM_{2.5} monitor. The Department operates a continuous PM_{2.5} sampler at its Jefferson School site in Davenport (AQS ID 191630015) to meet this requirement.

In the Iowa PM_{2.5} network, continuous PM_{2.5} data is generated at fourteen sites. At all but two of these sites, pairs of continuous monitors are operated. The secondary monitor allows for a real-time check on the quality of the data from the primary monitor. The data from all fourteen sites is uploaded to the EPA's AirNow⁵⁶ system where it is consolidated along with data from other states to produce the national PM_{2.5} and AQI maps.

If the data from a FEM continuous monitor can be determined to be NAAQS comparable, it can substitute for FRM data for establishing attainment with the NAAQS.⁵⁷

Throughout the entire year of 2025, six Iowa sites were operated with FEM monitors, the Health Department site (AQS ID 191530030) in Des Moines with collocated BAM 1022 analyzers, the Polk County Public Works site (191535885) with collocated BAM-1022 analyzers, the Jefferson School site (AQS ID 191630015) in Davenport, the Hoover School site (AQS ID 191032001) in Iowa City, the Chancy Park site (AQS ID 190450019) in Clinton, and the Public Health site (AQS ID 191130040) in Cedar Rapids, all with collocated T640 analyzers. The remaining five sites were operated with non-FEM monitors (BAM1020 analyzers with SCC separators).

In the mid to latter part of 2025 three new PM_{2.5} sites with FEM monitors began operating. Only one of the three sites was collocated, specifically the Fort Dodge, Day Park site (AQS ID 191870013) with collocated T640x monitors. The other two sites Des Moines East High (AQS ID 191531427) and Cedar Rapids McKinley Academy (AQS ID 191130042) utilize a single BAM-1022 and a single T640 monitor respectively.

⁵⁵ See: [PM_{2.5} Monitoring Network Analysis](#)

⁵⁶ [EPA's AirNow](#)

⁵⁷ [40 CFR Part 50 Appendix N](#)

PM_{10-2.5} Network Analysis

There are currently no PQAQO collocation requirements for PM_{10-2.5}. The Iowa network contains three PQAQO's, corresponding to the Polk, Linn, and SHL networks and the networks operate 1, 1, and 2 sites respectively. Each of the PQAQO's operates one collocated PM_{10-2.5} site.

PM₁₀ Network Analysis

EPA regulations require collocation at 15 percent (or at least one) of the monitoring sites within a PQAQO. The Iowa network contains three PQAQO's, corresponding to the Polk, Linn and SHL networks. Since the SHL network contains 3 FRM sites, one collocated site is required. For the Polk network (1 FRM site) and Linn network (1 FRM site), one collocated site each meets the requirement.

Linn County operates a collocated monitor at its Public Health site. Polk County operates its collocated monitor at its Health Department site. SHL operates a collocated pair of filter samplers at its NCORE site to meet the requirements.

According to EPA regulations, "Fifty percent of the collocated quality control monitors should be deployed at sites with daily concentrations estimated to be within plus or minus 20 percent of the applicable NAAQS and the remainder at the PQAQOs discretion". Based on data from the most recent 5 years, the only two sites in Iowa measuring daily concentration levels within 20 percent of the NAAQS (120 µg/m³ or more) are the Linwood Mining site in Buffalo, Iowa and the Public Health site in Cedar Rapids (see Table K.2). Both of these sites are currently collocated with FRM or FEM samplers.

| PQAQO | AQS ID | Site Name | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------|-----------|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| SHL | 191630017 | Buffalo, Linwood Mining | 115 | 131 | 160 | 89 | 95 |
| Linn | 191130040 | Cedar Rapids, Public Health | 68 | 116 | 126 | 71 | 61 |
| Polk | 191530030 | Des Moines, Health Dept. | 68 | 72 | 58 | 73 | 109 |
| SHL | 191630015 | Davenport, Jefferson Sch. | 49 | 62 | 80 | 48 | 41 |
| SHL | 191770006 | Keosauqua, Lake Sugema | 56 | 47 | 49 | 57 | 46 |

Table K.2 Annual Daily Maximum Values for Iowa PM₁₀ Sites. All units are µg/m³. Shaded rows indicate that the site has collocated monitors.

EPA also indicates that “If an organization has no sites with daily concentrations within plus or minus 20 percent of the NAAQS, 50 percent of the collocated quality control monitors should be deployed at those sites with the daily mean concentrations among the highest for all sites in the network and the remainder at the PQAOs discretion.”

The Polk and Linn County PQAOs each operate one PM₁₀ site and both of these sites are collocated to meet EPA collocation requirements.

When multiple FRM/FEM monitors are operated simultaneously at a monitoring site, in the absence of EPA rules describing how the monitor data is to be aggregated to establish the site data, there is potential ambiguity in establishing the data capture and NAAQS attainment status at the site (Figure K.3). Owing to comparability issues between filter-based and continuous methods, the Department considers the FRM method (filter data) to be more suitable for making PM₁₀ attainment decisions than continuous methods. At Linwood Mining near Buffalo, SHL collects filters from the primary filter sampler (POC 2) to establish NAAQS attainment, and operates a collocated BAM (POC 3) for quality assurance purposes and an additional BAM (POC 5) for real-time AQI reporting. A comparison of each BAM relative to the FRM is displayed in Figure K.3. To compare the hourly POC3 and POC5 PM₁₀ values to the FRM (POC2), daily BAM averages were used, which included only those days with at least 18 valid hours (75%) out of the 24 possible hours.

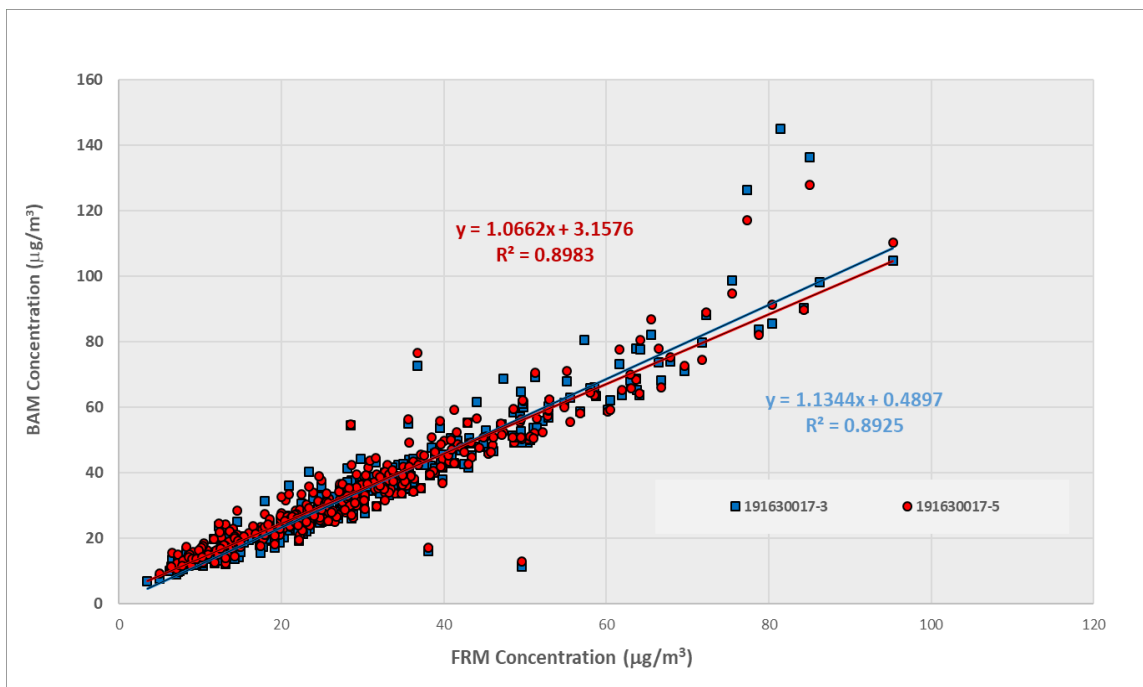


Figure K.3 Buffalo, Linwood Mining PM₁₀ BAMs vs FRM in 2025

SO₂, NO₂, CO Network Analysis

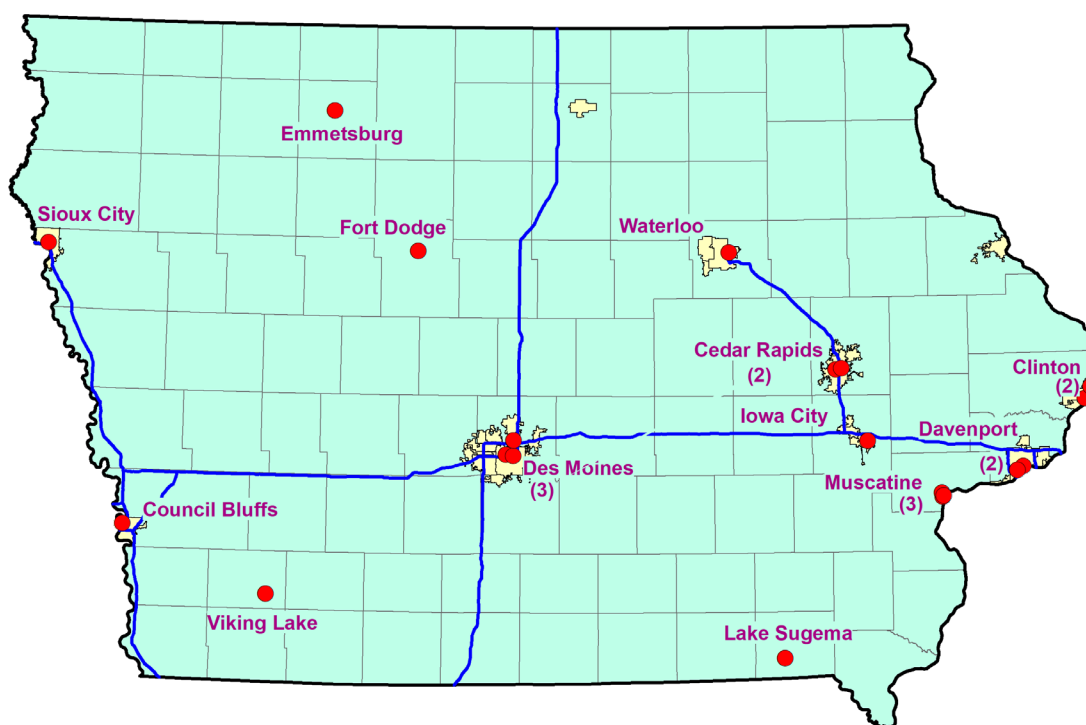
There are no federal requirements for collocated SO₂, NO₂ or CO monitoring, and there are no collocated monitors in the Iowa network for these criteria pollutants.

Lead Network Analysis

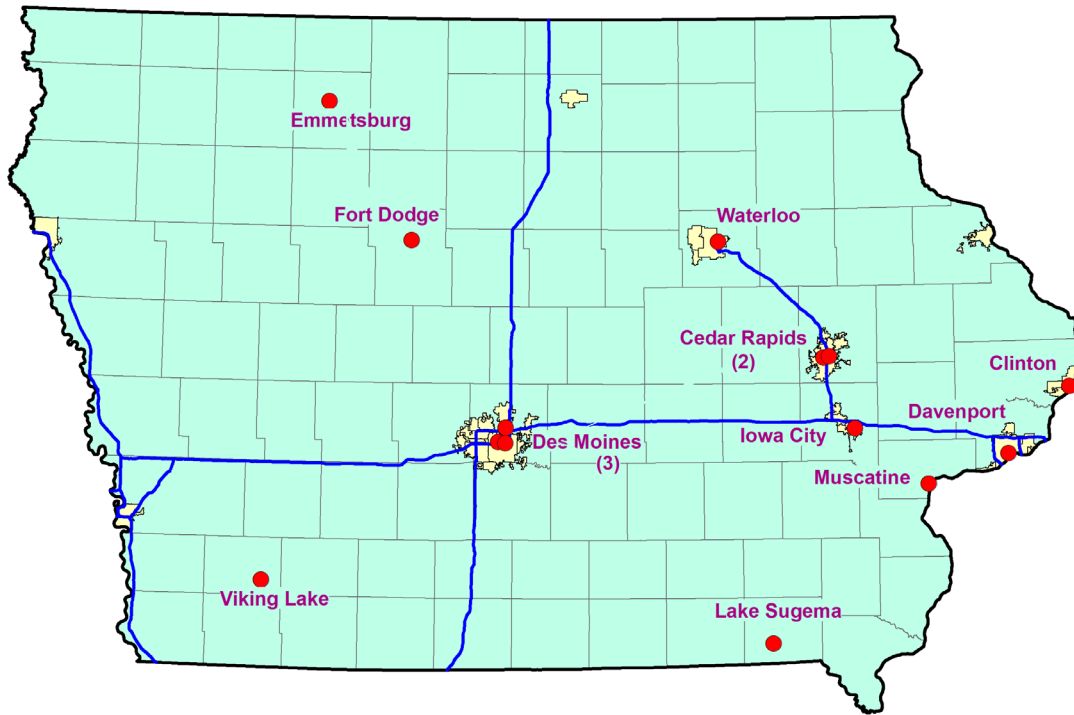
Iowa has only one Lead site and meets 40 CFR, Appendix A of Part 58, requirements by having one collocated monitor at this site.

Appendix L: Iowa Ambient Air Monitoring Network Maps

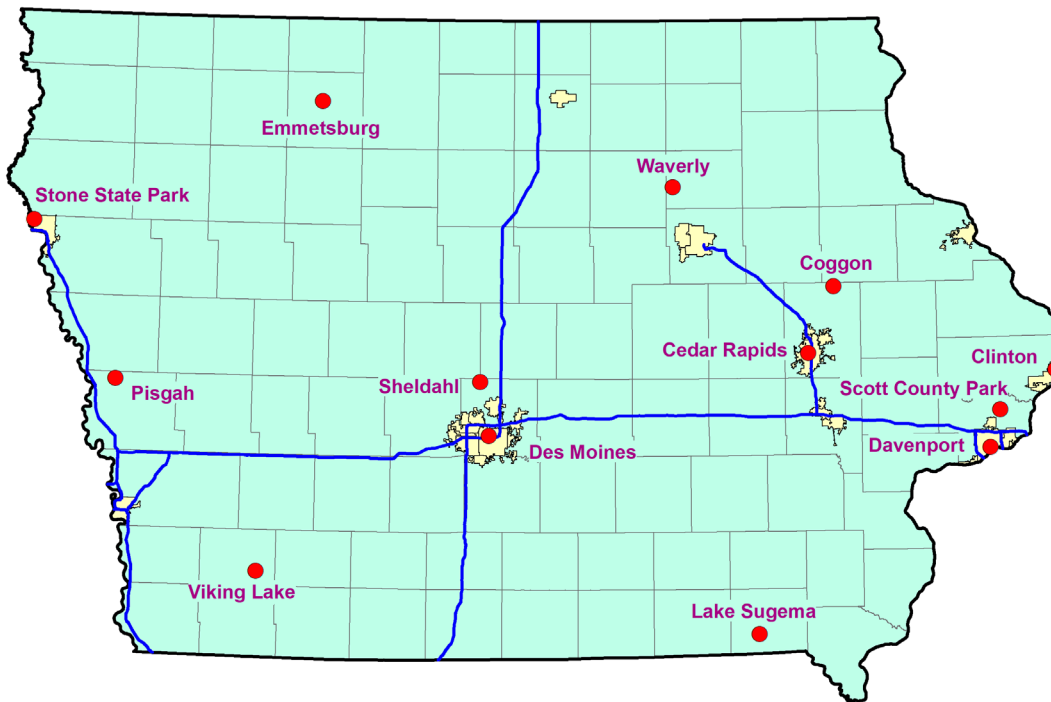
The following maps show the locations for the criteria pollutant monitors in the state of Iowa, which are current as of January 1, 2026. Non-criteria pollutant maps are also included for the continuous PM_{2.5} monitoring network and the Toxics and Speciation monitoring networks.



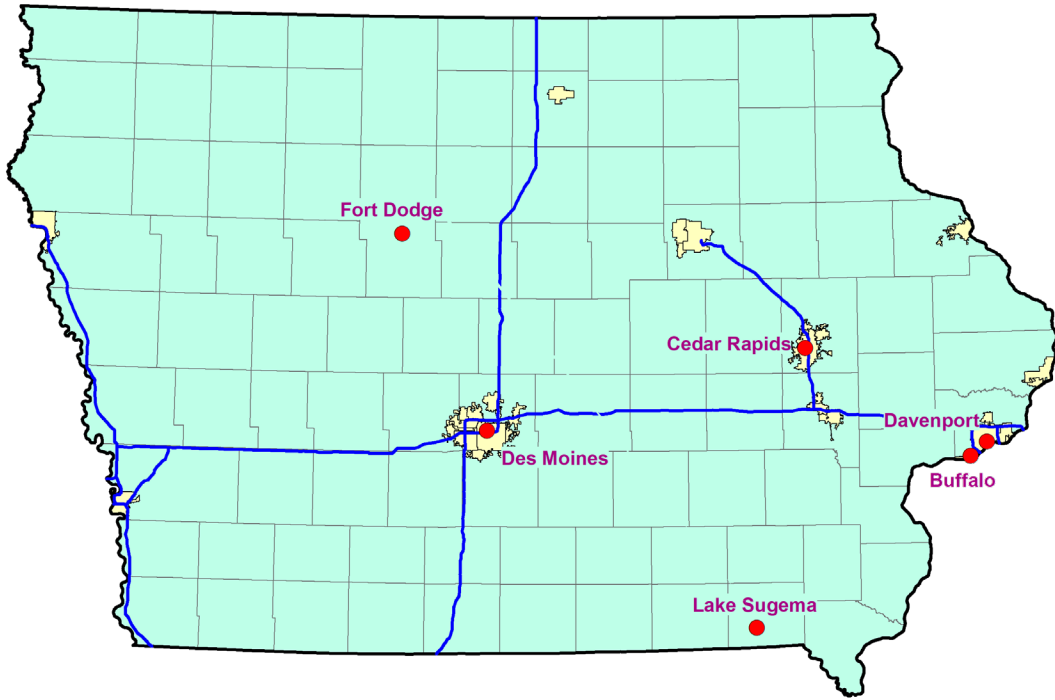
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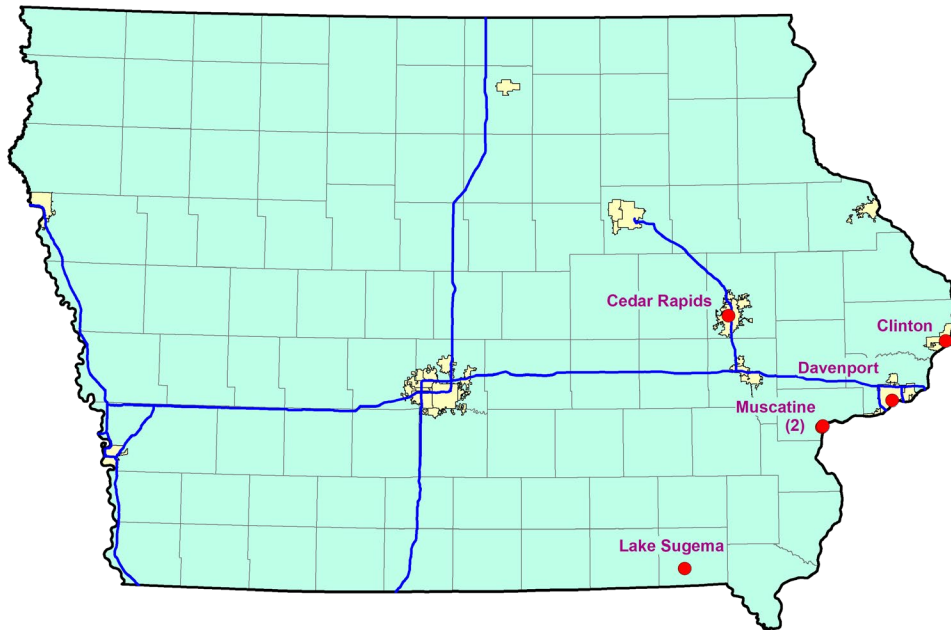
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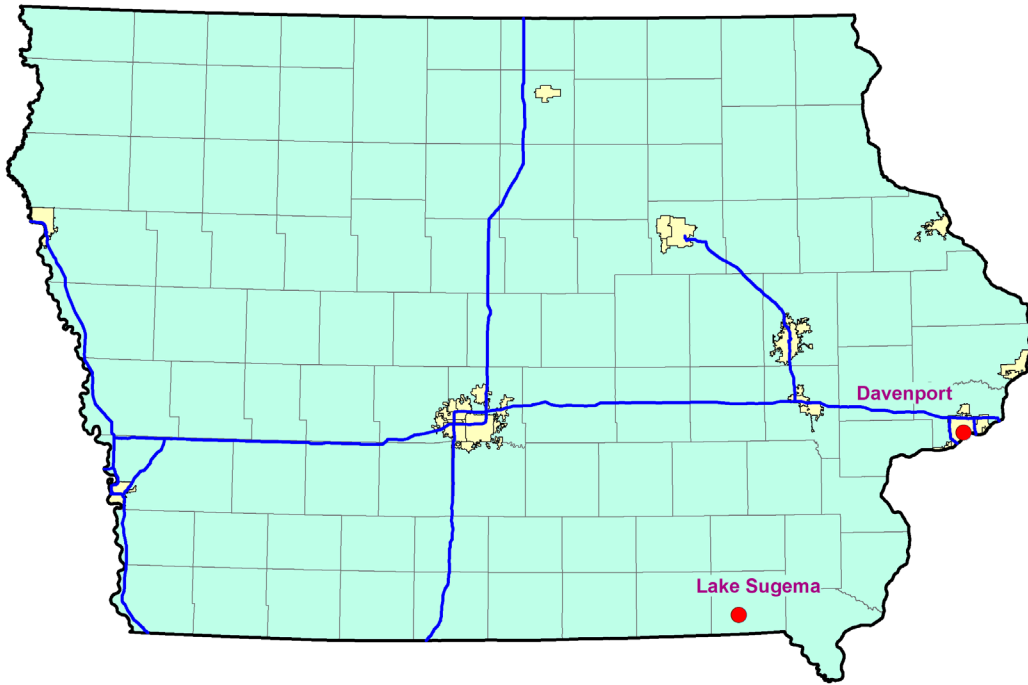
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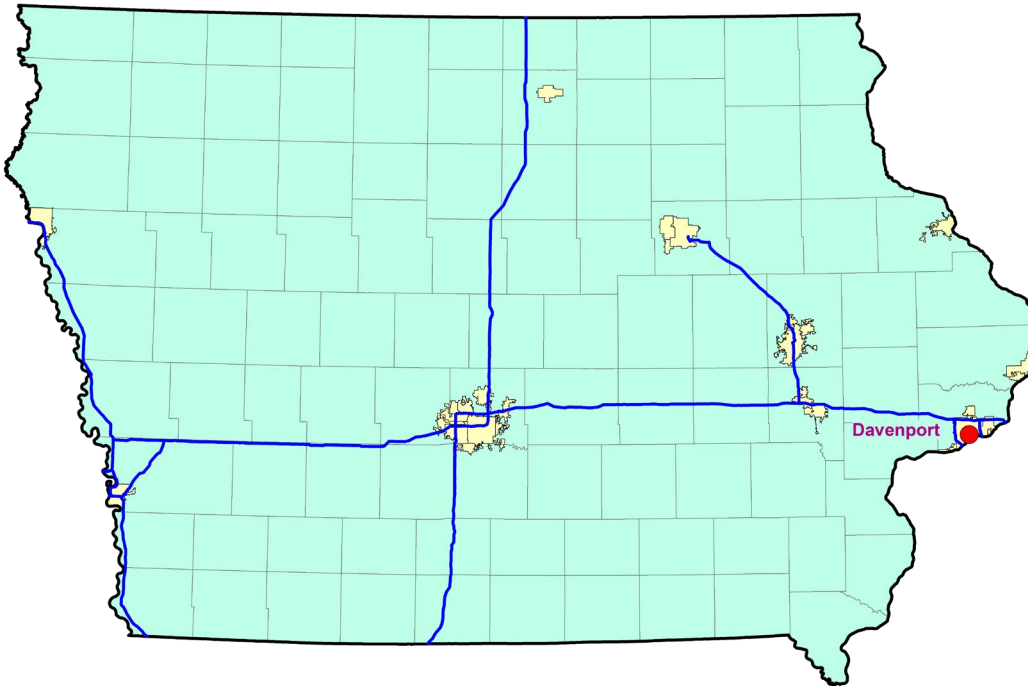
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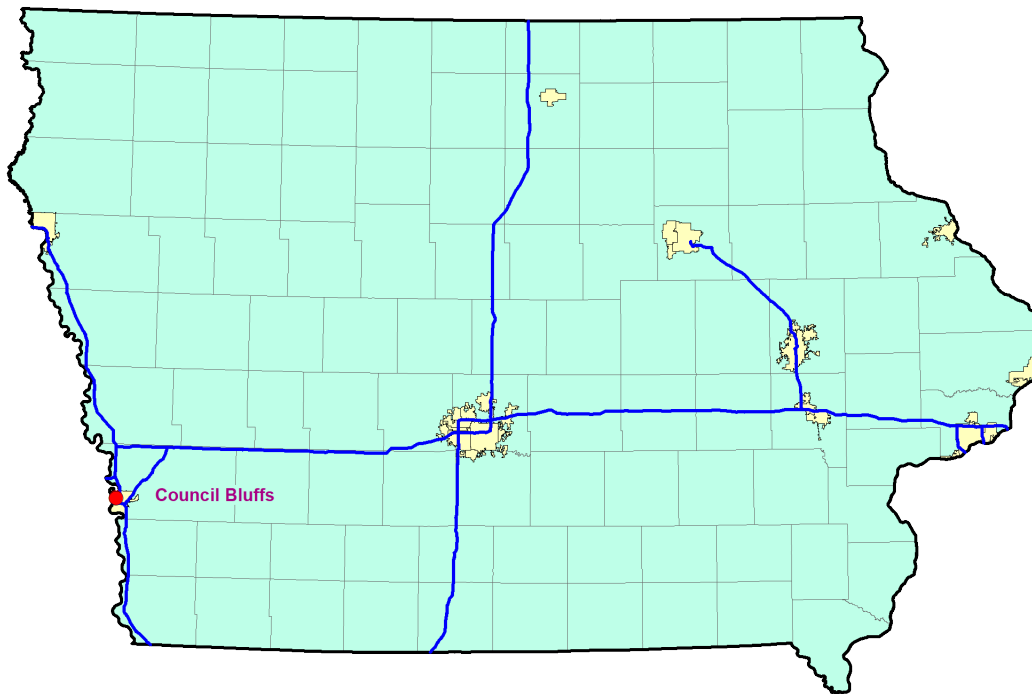
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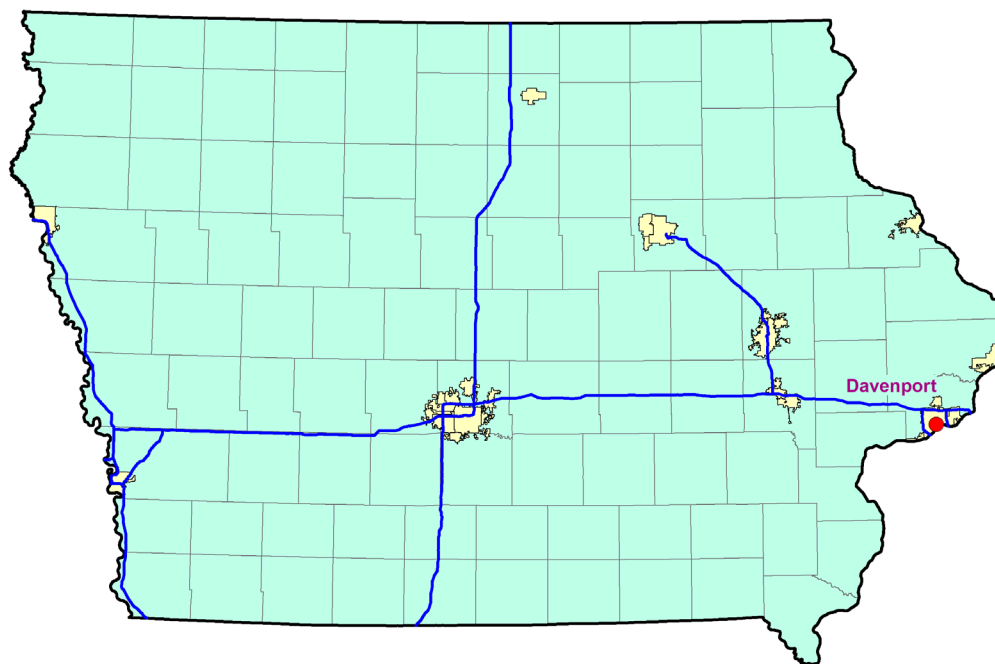
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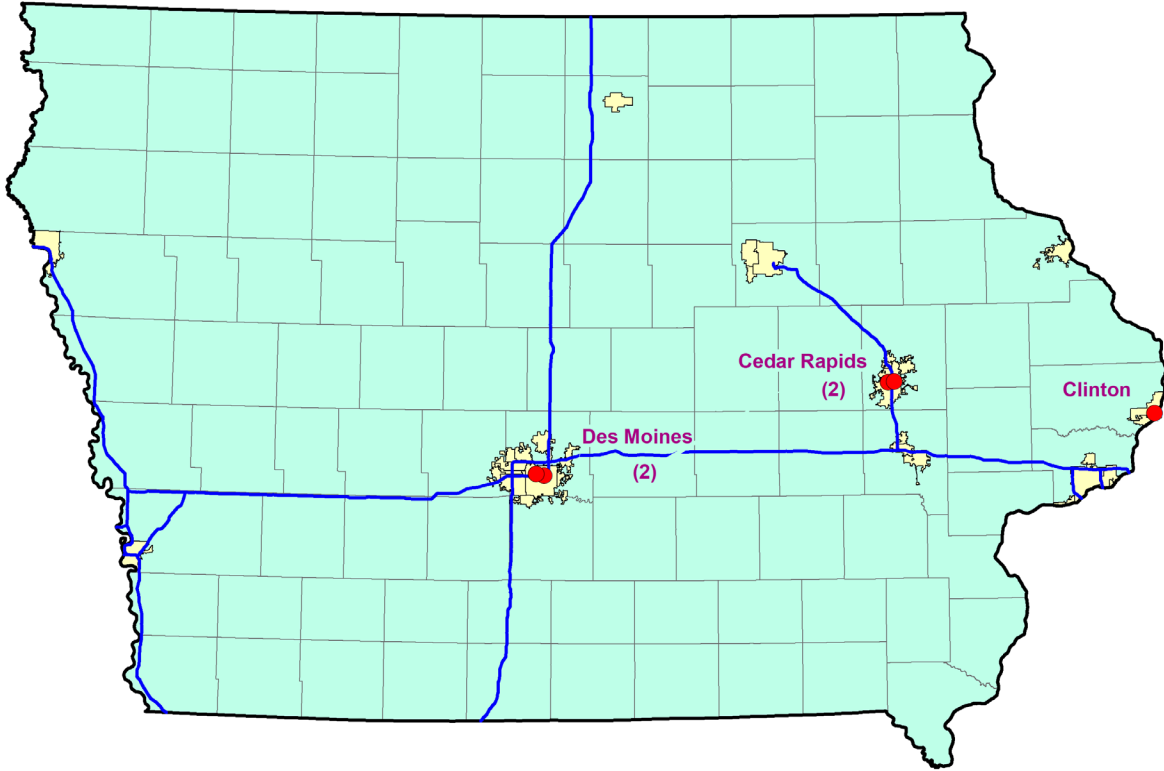
CO Monitoring Site



Lead (Pb) Monitoring Site



Speciation Monitoring Site (CSN)



Toxics Monitoring Sites

Appendix M: Network Changes

The Iowa City School District indicated that monitors on the Hoover School campus will eventually need to be re-located. All the monitors at this site have a spatial scale of Neighborhood and Population Exposure as their primary monitoring objective. The DNR intends to select a new site in Iowa City that will maintain the same spatial scale and primary monitoring objective. Timelines for the move are uncertain at this point.

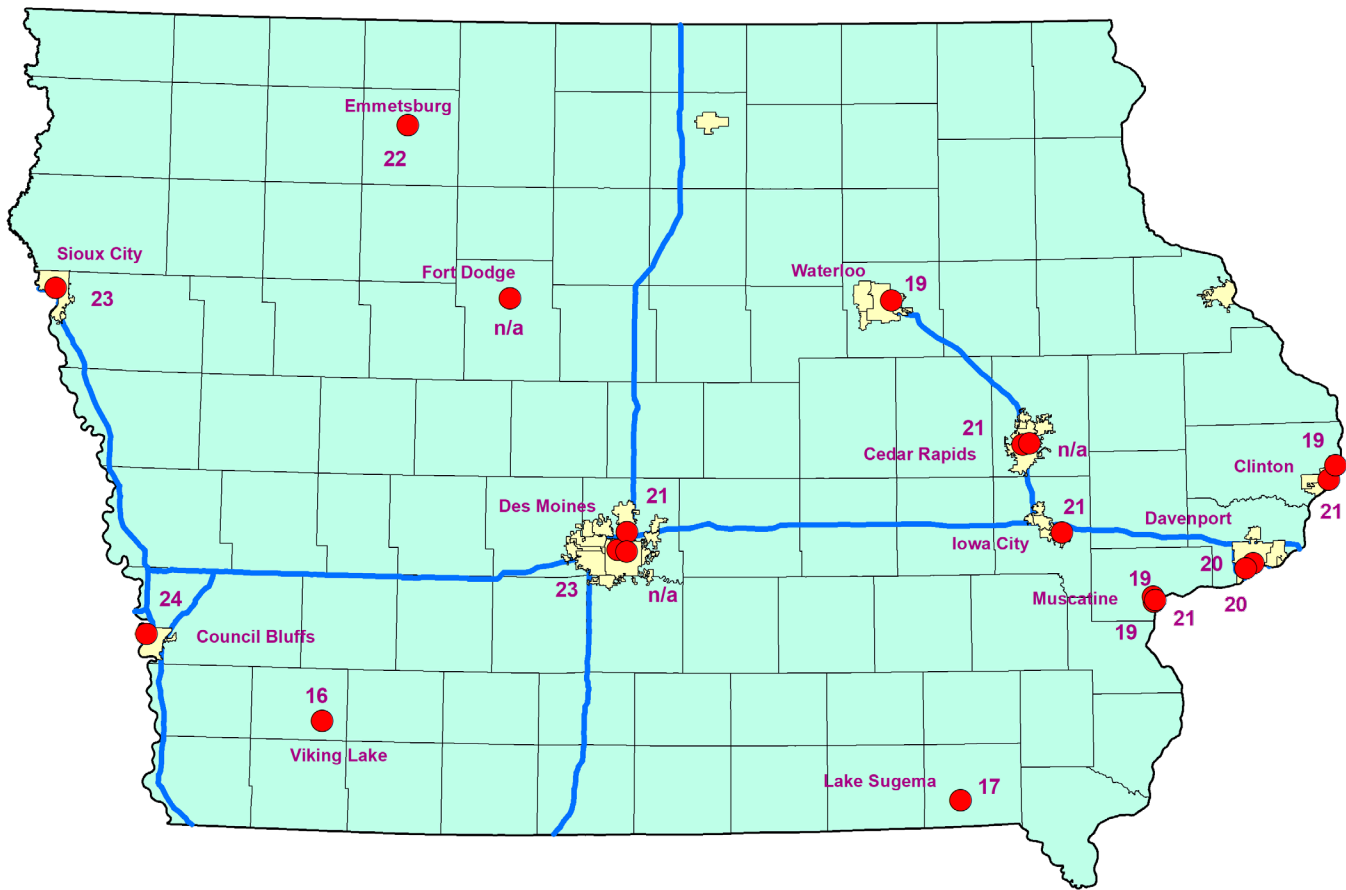
Changing the Monitor Type of PM2.5 Samplers from SPM to SLAMS:

| Site Name | PQAO | AQS ID | Pollutant | POC | Monitor Type | Sampling Method | Analysis | Operating Schedule | Primary Monitoring Objective | Spatial Scale | FRM/FEM | FRM/FEM Purpose | Action | Proposed Effective Date |
|---------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------|------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Des Moines, Public Works | Polk | 191535885 | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 1 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance | Delete | 1/1/27* |
| Iowa City, Hoover Sch. | SHL | 191032001 | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance | Delete | 1/1/27* |
| Sioux City, Irving School | SHL | 191930021 | PM2.5 | 1 | SPM | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance | Delete | 1/1/27* |
| Des Moines, Public Works | Polk | 191535885 | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 1 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance | Add | 1/1/27* |
| Iowa City, Hoover Sch. | SHL | 191032001 | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | Daily | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance | Add | 1/1/27* |
| Sioux City, Irving School | SHL | 191930021 | PM2.5 | 1 | SLAMS | Low Volume FRM | Gravimetric | 1 in 3 | Population Exposure | Neighborhood | Yes | NAAQS Compliance | Add | 1/1/27* |

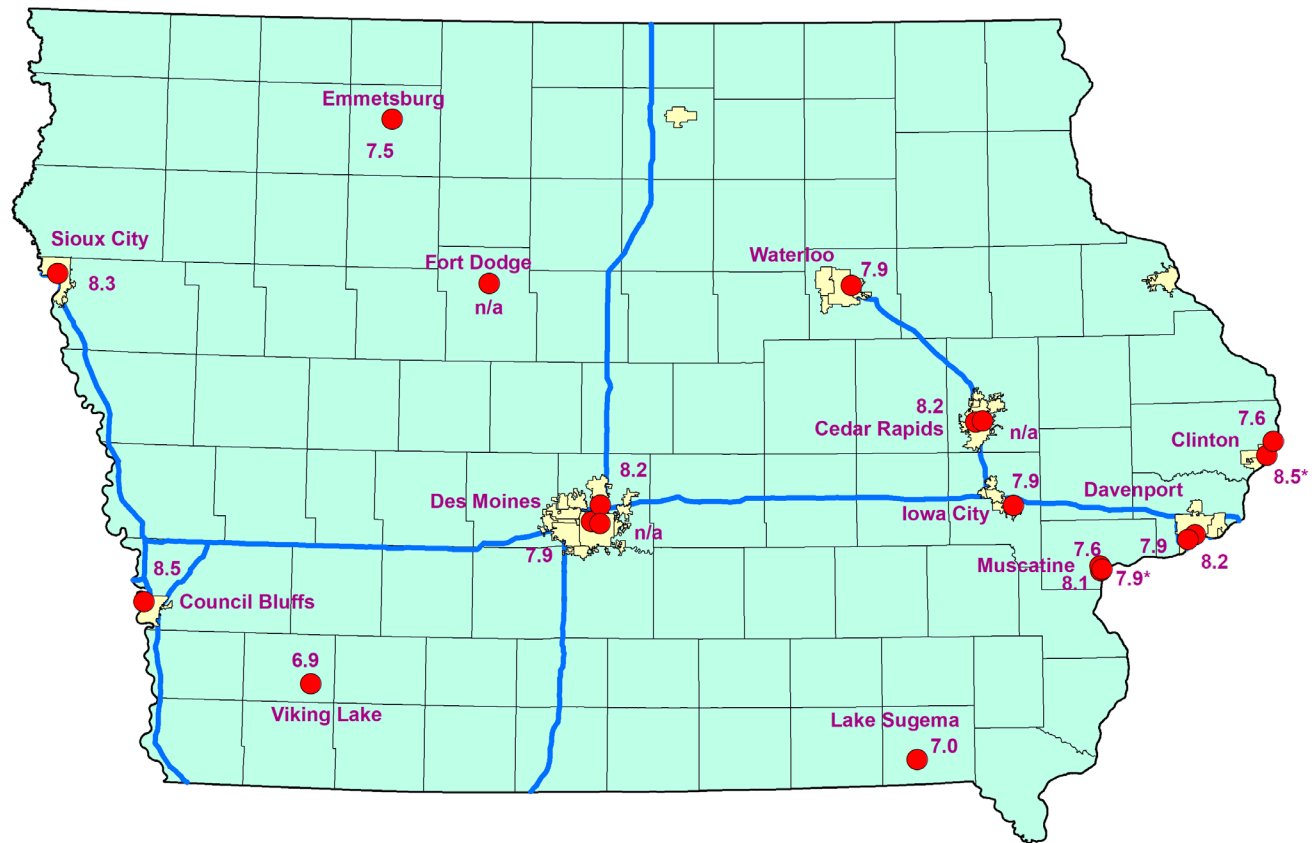
Table M-1: Iowa Network Changes (See [Appendix D](#) for definitions of the elements in this table.)

* This date is contingent upon developments discussed in detail in the earlier [PM2.5 Monitoring Network Analysis](#) section.

Appendix N: 2025 Design Value Maps for PM_{2.5}



2023-2025 PM_{2.5} 24-hr Design Values (µg/m³) Source: EPA Design Value Report (AMP 480) 4/27/26. (The National Ambient Air Quality 24 hour Standard for PM_{2.5} is 35 µg/m³.)



2023-2025 $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ Annual Design Values ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) Source: EPA Design Value Report (AMP 480) 4/27/26

Note: Asterisks indicate source-oriented sites where the annual NAAQS does not apply. (The National Ambient Air Quality annual Standard for $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ is $9 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.)

Appendix O: Federal Requirements for NCore Sites

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix D, Section 3: Design Criteria for NCore Sites.

(a) Each State (i.e. the fifty States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) is required to operate at least one NCore site. States may delegate this requirement to a local agency. States with many MSAs often also have multiple air sheds with unique characteristics and, often, elevated air pollution. These States include, at a minimum, California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas. These States are required to identify one to two additional NCore sites in order to account for their unique situations. These additional sites shall be located to avoid proximity to large emission sources. Any State or local agency can propose additional candidate NCore sites or modifications to these requirements for approval by the Administrator. The NCore locations should be leveraged with other multipollutant air monitoring sites including PAMS sites, National Air Toxics Trends Stations (NATTS) sites, CASTNET sites, and STN sites. Site leveraging includes using the same monitoring platform and equipment to meet the objectives of the variety of programs where possible and advantageous.

(b) The NCore sites must measure, at a minimum, PM_{2.5} particle mass using continuous and integrated/filter-based samplers, speciated PM_{2.5}, PM_{10-2.5} particle mass, O₃, SO₂, CO, NO/NO_y, wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, and ambient temperature.

(1) Although the measurement of NO_y is required in support of a number of monitoring objectives, available commercial instruments may indicate little difference in their measurement of NO_y compared to the conventional measurement of NO_x, particularly in areas with relatively fresh sources of nitrogen emissions. Therefore, in areas with negligible expected difference between NO_y and NO_x measured concentrations, the Administrator may allow for waivers that permit NO_x monitoring to be substituted for the required NO_y monitoring at applicable NCore sites.

(2) The EPA recognizes that, in some cases, the physical location of the NCore site may not be suitable for representative meteorological measurements due to the site's physical surroundings. It is also possible that nearby meteorological measurements may be able to fulfill this data need. In these cases, the requirement for meteorological monitoring can be waived by the Administrator.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) Siting criteria are provided for urban and rural locations. Sites with significant historical records that do not meet siting criteria may be approved as NCore by the Administrator. Sites with the suite of NCore measurements that are explicitly designed for other monitoring objectives are exempt from these siting criteria (e.g., a near-roadway site).

(1) Urban NCore stations are to be generally located at urban or neighborhood scale to provide representative concentrations of exposure expected throughout the metropolitan area; however, a middle-scale site may be acceptable in cases where the site can represent many such locations throughout a metropolitan area.

(2) Rural NCore stations are to be located to the maximum extent practicable at a regional or larger scale away from any large local emission source, so that they represent ambient concentrations over an extensive area.

Appendix P: Federal Requirements for Near-Road Sites

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix D—Network Design Criteria for Ambient Air Quality Monitoring

4.2 Carbon Monoxide (CO) Design Criteria

4.2.1 General Requirements. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), one CO monitor is required to operate collocated with one required near-road NO₂ monitor, as required in Section 4.3.2 of this part, in CBSAs having a population of 1,000,000 or more persons. If a CBSA has more than one required near-road NO₂ monitor, only one CO monitor is required to be collocated with a near-road NO₂ monitor within that CBSA.

(b) If a state provides quantitative evidence demonstrating that peak ambient CO concentrations would occur in a near-road location which meets microscale siting criteria in Appendix E of this part but is not a near-road NO₂ monitoring site, then the EPA Regional Administrator may approve a request by a state to use such an alternate near-road location for a CO monitor in place of collocating a monitor at near-road NO₂ monitoring site.

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4.3 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) Design Criteria

4.3.1 General Requirements

(a) State and, where appropriate, local agencies must operate a minimum number of required NO₂ monitoring sites as described below.

4.3.2 Requirement for Near-road NO₂ Monitors

(a) Within the NO₂ network, there must be one microscale near-road NO₂ monitoring station in each CBSA with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons to monitor a location of expected maximum hourly concentrations sited near a major road with high AADT counts as specified in paragraph 4.3.2(a)(1) of this appendix. An additional near-road NO₂ monitoring station is required for any CBSA with a population of 2,500,000 persons or more, or in any CBSA with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons that has one or more roadway segments with 250,000 or greater AADT counts to monitor a second location of expected maximum hourly concentrations. CBSA populations shall be based on the latest available census figures.

(1) The near-road NO₂ monitoring sites shall be selected by ranking all road segments within a CBSA by AADT and then identifying a location or locations adjacent to those highest ranked road segments, considering fleet mix, roadway design, congestion patterns, terrain, and meteorology, where maximum hourly NO₂ concentrations are expected to occur and siting criteria can be met in accordance with appendix E of this part. Where a state or local air monitoring agency identifies multiple acceptable candidate sites where maximum hourly NO₂ concentrations are expected to occur, the monitoring agency shall consider the potential for population exposure in the criteria utilized to select the final site location. Where one CBSA is required to have two near-road NO₂ monitoring stations, the sites shall be differentiated from each other by one or more of the following factors: fleet mix; congestion patterns; terrain; geographic area within the CBSA; or different route, interstate, or freeway designation.

(b) Measurements at required near-road NO₂ monitor sites utilizing chemiluminescence FRMs must include at a minimum: NO, NO₂, and NO_x.

4.3.3 Requirement for Area-wide NO₂ Monitoring

- (a) Within the NO₂ network, there must be one monitoring station in each CBSA with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons to monitor a location of expected highest NO₂ concentrations representing the neighborhood or larger spatial scales. PAMS sites collecting NO₂ data that are situated in an area of expected high NO₂ concentrations at the neighborhood or larger spatial scale may be used to satisfy this minimum monitoring requirement when the NO₂ monitor is operated year round. Emission inventories and meteorological analysis should be used to identify the appropriate locations within a CBSA for locating required area-wide NO₂ monitoring stations. CBSA populations shall be based on the latest available census figures.

4.3.4 Regional Administrator Required Monitoring

- (a) The Regional Administrators, in collaboration with States, must require a minimum of forty additional NO₂ monitoring stations nationwide in any area, inside or outside of CBSAs, above the minimum monitoring requirements, with a primary focus on siting these monitors in locations to protect susceptible and vulnerable populations. The Regional Administrators, working with States, may also consider additional factors described in paragraph (b) below to require monitors beyond the minimum network requirement.
- (b) The Regional Administrators may require monitors to be sited inside or outside of CBSAs in which:
 - (i) The required near-road monitors do not represent all locations of expected maximum hourly NO₂ concentrations in an area and NO₂ concentrations may be approaching or exceeding the NAAQS in that area;
 - (ii) Areas that are not required to have a monitor in accordance with the monitoring requirements and NO₂ concentrations may be approaching or exceeding the NAAQS; or
 - (iii) The minimum monitoring requirements for area-wide monitors are not sufficient to meet monitoring objectives.
- (c) The Regional Administrator and the responsible State or local air monitoring agency should work together to design and/or maintain the most appropriate NO₂ network to address the data needs for an area, and include all monitors under this provision in the annual monitoring network plan.

4.3.5 NO₂ Monitoring Spatial Scales

- (a) The most important spatial scale for near-road NO₂ monitoring stations to effectively characterize the maximum expected hourly NO₂ concentration due to mobile source emissions on major roadways is the microscale. The most important spatial scales for other monitoring stations characterizing maximum expected hourly NO₂ concentrations are the microscale and middle scale. The most important spatial scale for area-wide monitoring of high NO₂ concentrations is the neighborhood scale.
- (1) *Microscale*—This scale represents areas in close proximity to major roadways or point and area sources. Emissions from roadways result in high ground level NO₂ concentrations at the microscale, where concentration gradients generally exhibit a marked decrease with increasing downwind distance from

major roads. As noted in appendix E of this part, near-road NO₂ monitoring stations are required to be within 50 meters of target road segments in order to measure expected peak concentrations. Emissions from stationary point and area sources, and non-road sources may, under certain plume conditions, result in high ground level concentrations at the microscale. The microscale typically represents an area impacted by the plume with dimensions extending up to approximately 100 meters.

- (2) *Middle scale*—This scale generally represents air quality levels in areas up to several city blocks in size with dimensions on the order of approximately 100 meters to 500 meters. The middle scale may include locations of expected maximum hourly concentrations due to proximity to major NO₂ point, area, and/or non-road sources.
- (3) *Neighborhood scale*—The neighborhood scale represents air quality conditions throughout some relatively uniform land use areas with dimensions in the 0.5 to 4.0 kilometer range. Emissions from stationary point and area sources may, under certain plume conditions, result in high NO₂ concentrations at the neighborhood scale. Where a neighborhood site is located away from immediate NO₂ sources, the site may be useful in representing typical air quality values for a larger residential area, and therefore suitable for population exposure and trends analyses.
- (4) *Urban scale*—Measurements in this scale would be used to estimate concentrations over large portions of an urban area with dimensions from 4 to 50 kilometers. Such measurements would be useful for assessing trends in area-wide air quality, and hence, the effectiveness of large scale air pollution control strategies. Urban scale sites may also support other monitoring objectives of the NO₂ monitoring network identified in paragraph 4.3.4 above.

4.3.6 NO_y Monitoring

(a) NO/NO_y measurements are included within the NCore multi-pollutant site requirements and the PAMS program. These NO/NO_y measurements will produce conservative estimates for NO₂ that can be used to ensure tracking continued compliance with the NO₂ NAAQS. NO/NO_y monitors are used at these sites because it is important to collect data on total reactive nitrogen species for understanding O₃ photochemistry.

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4.7 Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) Design Criteria.

4.7.1 General Requirements.

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(b)(2) For CBSAs with a population of 1,000,000 or more persons, at least one PM_{2.5} monitor is to be collocated at a near-road NO₂ station required in section 4.3.2(a) of this appendix.

Appendix Q: Highest PM₁₀ Values in Iowa MSAs 2023-2025

The following table shows the highest values recorded by PM₁₀ monitors in Iowa Metropolitan Statistical Areas, including those shared with Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Table D-4 of Appendix D to Part 58 of the Code of Federal Regulations, specifies different minimum monitoring requirements for PM₁₀, depending on whether the concentrations are high, medium, or low. High concentrations are defined as exceeding the PM₁₀ NAAQS by 20% or more (186 µg/m³ or greater). Medium levels are defined as concentrations exceeding 80% of the NAAQS (between 124 and 186 µg/m³). If ambient concentrations are less than 80% of the PM₁₀ NAAQS, the levels are characterized as low. These categories are reflected in the last column of the following table.

| MSA | 2023 Max (µg/m³) | 2024 Max (µg/m³) | 2025 Max (µg/m³) | 3 Year Max (µg/m³) | Category |
|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------|
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | 77 | 88 | 116 | 116 | Low |
| Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | 58 | 73 | 109 | 109 | Low |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | 160 | 89 | 95 | 160 | Medium |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | 125 | 71 | 61 | 125 | Medium |

PM₁₀ Values in MSAs (3-year maximum).

Note: POC 2 FRM values are used for the Buffalo, IA monitoring site. This site records the highest PM₁₀ values in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA. See discussion in [Appendix K](#). Maximum value data from source-oriented monitors in Cass County Nebraska were not used for determination of the classification of the Omaha-Council Bluffs MSA as Nebraska indicates the data is not representative of the levels in the Omaha MSA as a whole.

Source: [EPA Monitor Values Report](#)

Appendix R: Federal Requirements for SO₂ Sites

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix D — Network Design Criteria for Ambient Air Quality Monitoring

4.4 Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Design Criteria.

4.4.1 General Requirements. (a) State and, where appropriate, local agencies must operate a minimum number of required SO₂ monitoring sites as described below.

4.4.2 Requirement for Monitoring by the Population Weighted Emissions Index. (a) The population weighted emissions index (PWEI) shall be calculated by States for each core based statistical area (CBSA) they contain or share with another State or States for use in the implementation of or adjustment to the SO₂ monitoring network. The PWEI shall be calculated by multiplying the population of each CBSA, using the most current census data or estimates, and the total amount of SO₂ in tons per year emitted within the CBSA area, using an aggregate of the most recent county level emissions data available in the National Emissions Inventory for each county in each CBSA. The resulting product shall be divided by one million, providing a PWEI value, the units of which are million persons-tons per year. For any CBSA with a calculated PWEI value equal to or greater than 1,000,000, a minimum of three SO₂ monitors are required within that CBSA. For any CBSA with a calculated PWEI value equal to or greater than 100,000, but less than 1,000,000, a minimum of two SO₂ monitors are required within that CBSA. For any CBSA with a calculated PWEI value equal to or greater than 5,000, but less than 100,000, a minimum of one SO₂ monitor is required within that CBSA.

(1) The SO₂ monitoring site(s) required as a result of the calculated PWEI in each CBSA shall satisfy minimum monitoring requirements if the monitor is sited within the boundaries of the parent CBSA and is one of the following site types (as defined in section 1.1.1 of this appendix): population exposure, highest concentration, source impacts, general background, or regional transport. SO₂ monitors at NCore stations may satisfy minimum monitoring requirements if that monitor is located within a CBSA with minimally required monitors under this part. Any monitor that is sited outside of a CBSA with minimum monitoring requirements to assess the highest concentration resulting from the impact of significant sources or source categories existing within that CBSA shall be allowed to count towards minimum monitoring requirements for that CBSA.

4.4.3 Regional Administrator Required Monitoring. (a) The Regional Administrator may require additional SO₂ monitoring stations above the minimum number of monitors required in 4.4.2 of this part, where the minimum monitoring requirements are not sufficient to meet monitoring objectives. The Regional Administrator may require, at his/her discretion, additional monitors in situations where an area has the potential to have concentrations that may violate or contribute to the violation of the NAAQS, in areas impacted by sources which are not conducive to modeling, or in locations with susceptible and vulnerable populations, which are not monitored under the minimum monitoring provisions described above. The Regional Administrator and the responsible State or local air monitoring agency shall work together to design and/or maintain the most appropriate SO₂ network to provide sufficient data to meet monitoring objectives.

4.4.4 SO₂ Monitoring Spatial Scales. (a) The appropriate spatial scales for SO₂ SLAMS monitors are the microscale, middle, neighborhood, and urban scales. Monitors sited at the microscale, middle, and neighborhood scales are suitable for determining maximum hourly concentrations for SO₂. Monitors sited at urban scales are useful for identifying SO₂ transport, trends, and, if sited upwind of local sources, background concentrations.

(1) Microscale—This scale would typify areas in close proximity to SO₂ point and area sources. Emissions from stationary point and area sources, and non-road sources may, under certain plume conditions, result in high ground level concentrations at the microscale. The microscale typically represents an area impacted by the plume with dimensions extending up to approximately 100 meters.

(2) Middle scale—This scale generally represents air quality levels in areas up to several city blocks in size with dimensions on the order of approximately 100 meters to 500 meters. The middle scale may include locations of

expected maximum short-term concentrations due to proximity to major SO₂ point, area, and/or non-road sources.

(3) Neighborhood scale—The neighborhood scale would characterize air quality conditions throughout some relatively uniform land use areas with dimensions in the 0.5 to 4.0 kilometer range. Emissions from stationary point and area sources may, under certain plume conditions, result in high SO₂ concentrations at the neighborhood scale. Where a neighborhood site is located away from immediate SO₂ sources, the site may be useful in representing typical air quality values for a larger residential area, and therefore suitable for population exposure and trends analyses.

(4) Urban scale—Measurements in this scale would be used to estimate concentrations over large portions of an urban area with dimensions from 4 to 50 kilometers. Such measurements would be useful for assessing trends in area-wide air quality, and hence, the effectiveness of large scale air pollution control strategies. Urban scale sites may also support other monitoring objectives of the SO₂ monitoring network such as identifying trends, and when monitors are sited upwind of local sources, background concentrations.

4.4.5 NCore Monitoring. (a) SO₂ measurements are included within the NCore multipollutant site requirements as described in paragraph (3)(b) of this appendix. NCore-based SO₂ measurements are primarily used to characterize SO₂ trends and assist in understanding SO₂ transport across representative areas in urban or rural locations and are also used for comparison with the SO₂ NAAQS. SO₂ monitors at NCore sites that exist in CBSAs with minimum monitoring requirements per section 4.4.2 above shall be allowed to count towards those minimum monitoring requirements.

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Appendix S: SO₂ Data Requirements Rule

Section I. 40 CFR Part 51, Subpart BB

Subpart BB—Data Requirements for Characterizing Air Quality for the Primary SO₂ NAAQS

Source: 80 FR 51087, Aug. 21, 2015, unless otherwise noted.

§51.1200 Definitions.

The following definitions apply for the purposes of this subpart. All terms not defined herein will have the meaning given them in §51.100 or in the Clean Air Act (CAA). Air agency means the agency or organization responsible for air quality management within a state, local governmental jurisdiction, territory or area subject to tribal government. Annual SO₂ emissions data means the quality-assured annual SO₂ emissions data for a stationary source. Such data may have been required to be reported to the EPA in accordance with an existing regulatory requirement (such as the Air Emissions Reporting Rule or the Acid Rain Program); however, annual SO₂ emissions data may be obtained or determined through other reliable means as well.

Applicable source means a stationary source that is:

- (1) Not located in a designated nonattainment area, and
- (2) Has actual annual SO₂ emissions data of 2,000 tons or more, or has been identified by an air agency or by the EPA Regional Administrator as requiring further air quality characterization. 2010 SO₂ NAAQS means the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for sulfur oxides (sulfur dioxide) as codified at 40 CFR 50.17, as effective August 23, 2010.

§51.1201 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to require air agencies to develop and submit air quality data characterizing maximum 1-hour ambient concentrations of SO₂ across the United States through either ambient air quality monitoring or air quality modeling analysis at the air agency's election. These monitoring and modeling data may be used in future determinations by the EPA regarding areas' SO₂ NAAQS attainment status, or for other actions designed to ensure attainment of the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS and provide protection to the public from the short-term health effects associated with exposure to SO₂ concentrations that exceed the NAAQS.

§51.1202 Applicability.

This subpart applies to any air agency in whose jurisdiction is located one or more applicable sources of SO₂ emissions that have annual actual SO₂ emissions of 2,000 tons or more; or in whose jurisdiction is located one or more sources of SO₂ emissions that have been identified by the air agency or by the EPA Regional Administrator as requiring further air quality characterization. For the purposes of this subpart, the subject air agency shall identify applicable sources of SO₂ based on the most recently available annual SO₂ emissions data for such sources.

§51.1203 Air agency requirements.

- (a) The air agency shall submit a list of applicable SO₂ sources identified pursuant to §51.1202 located in its jurisdiction to the EPA by January 15, 2016. This list may be revised by the Regional Administrator after review based on available SO₂ emissions data.
- (b) For each source area subject to requirements for air quality characterization, the air agency shall notify the EPA by July 1, 2016, whether it has chosen to characterize peak 1-hour SO₂ concentrations in such area through

ambient air quality monitoring; characterize peak 1-hour SO₂ concentrations in such area through air quality modeling techniques; or provide federally enforceable emission limitations by January 13, 2017 that limit emissions of applicable sources to less than 2,000 tpy, in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section, or provide documentation that the applicable source has permanently shut down. Emission limits in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section may be established in lieu of conducting monitoring or modeling unless, in the judgment of the air agency or the EPA Regional Administrator, the area warrants further air quality characterization even with the establishment of any new emission limit(s). If the air agency has chosen to establish requirements to limit emissions for applicable sources in an area, the notification from the air agency shall describe the requirements and emission limits the air agency intends to apply. For any area with multiple applicable sources, the air agency (or air agencies if a multi-state area) shall use the same technique (monitoring, modeling, or emissions limitation) for all applicable sources in the area. If multiple air agencies have applicable sources in an area, the air agencies must consult with each other to employ a common technique for the area.

(c) Monitoring. For each area identified in the notification submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section as an area for which SO₂ concentrations will be characterized through ambient monitoring, the required monitors shall be sited and operated either as SLAMS or in a manner equivalent to SLAMS. In either case, monitors shall meet applicable criteria in 40 CFR part 58, appendices A, C, and E and their data shall be subject to data certification and reporting requirements as prescribed in 40 CFR 58.15 and 58.16. These requirements include quarterly reporting of monitoring data to the Air Quality System, and the annual certification of data by May 1 of the following year.

(1) The air agency shall include relevant information about monitors used to meet the requirements of this paragraph (c) in the air agency's Annual Monitoring Network Plan required by 40 CFR 58.10 due July 1, 2016. The air agency shall consult with the appropriate EPA Regional Office in the development of plans to install, supplement, or maintain an appropriate ambient SO₂ monitoring network pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR part 58 and of this subpart.

(2) All existing, new, or relocated ambient monitors intended to meet the requirements of this paragraph (c) must be operational by January 1, 2017 and must be operated continually until approved for shut down by EPA.

(3) Any SO₂ monitor identified by an air agency in its approved Annual Monitoring Network Plan as having the purpose of meeting the requirements of this paragraph (c) that: Is not located in an area designated as nonattainment as the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS is not also being used to satisfy other ambient SO₂ minimum monitoring requirements listed in 40 CFR part 58, appendix D, section 4.4; and is not otherwise required as part of a SIP, permit, attainment plan or maintenance plan, may be eligible for shut down upon EPA approval if it produces a design value no greater than 50 percent of the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS from data collected in either its first or second 3-year period of operation. The air agency must receive EPA Regional Administrator approval of a request to cease operation of the monitor as part of the EPA's action on the Annual Monitoring Network Plan under 40 CFR 58.10 prior to shutting down any qualifying monitor under this paragraph (c).

(d) Modeling. For each area identified in the notification submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section as an area for which SO₂ concentrations will be characterized through air quality modeling, the air agency shall submit by July 1, 2016, a technical protocol for conducting such modeling to the Regional Administrator for review. The air agency shall consult with the appropriate EPA Regional Office in developing these modeling protocols.

(1) The modeling protocol shall include information about the modeling approach to be followed, including but not limited to the model to be used, modeling domain, receptor grid, emissions dataset, meteorological dataset and how the air agency will account for background SO₂ concentrations.

(2) Modeling analyses shall characterize air quality based on either actual SO₂ emissions from the most recent 3 years, or on any federally enforceable allowable emission limit or limits established by the air agency or the EPA and that are effective and require compliance by January 13, 2017.

(3) Except as provided by §51.1204, the air agency shall conduct the modeling analysis for any applicable source identified by the air agency pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, and for its associated area and any nearby area, as applicable, and submit the modeling analysis to the EPA Regional Office by January 13, 2017.

(e) Federally enforceable requirement to limit SO₂ emissions to under 2,000 tons per year. For each area identified in the notification submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section as an area for which the air agency will adopt federally enforceable requirements in lieu of characterizing air quality through monitoring or modeling, the air agency shall submit documentation to the EPA by January 13, 2017, showing that such requirements have been adopted, are in effect, and been made federally enforceable by January 13, 2017, through an appropriate legal mechanism, and the provisions either:

(1) Require the applicable sources in the area to emit less than 2,000 tons of SO₂ per year for calendar year 2017 and thereafter; or

(2) Document that the applicable sources in the area have permanently shut down by January 13, 2017.

Appendix T: Sulfur Dioxide Population Weighted Emissions Index

This SO₂ rule requires monitoring in or near Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA's) based on the population weighted emissions index (PWEI).⁵⁸ The PWEI is calculated using the most recent census data or estimates, and the most recent county level emissions data available in the National Emissions Inventory.

The PWEI is calculated by multiplying the population of the CBSA by the total tons per year of SO₂ emissions from counties that make up the CBSA and dividing that product by one million. The PWEI is expressed in units of million persons-tons per year.

The final monitoring regulations require monitors to be placed in Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA's) based on the PWEI for the area. The final rule requires:

- 3 monitors in CBSAs with index values of 1,000,000 or more;
- 2 monitors in CBSAs with index values less than 1,000,000 but greater than 100,000; and
- 1 monitor in CBSAs with index values greater than 5,000 but less than 100,000.

Iowa has chosen the 2020 National Emissions Inventory (NEI) data⁵⁹ as the most complete and accessible data to use for SO₂ emissions information available for Iowa and neighboring States. U.S. Census Bureau population estimates from [Appendix F](#) have been used for population data.

The PWEI for Iowa MSAs are listed in the table below. There are two categories of CBSA's.⁶⁰ A CBSA with an urbanized core of 50,000 or more is referred to as a Metropolitan Statistical Area. Table T.1 provides the PWEI for Iowa Metropolitan Statistical CBSAs. One SO₂ monitor is required for the Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA CBSA. Refer to the [Sulfur Dioxide Monitoring Network Analysis](#) for the fulfillment of this requirement. Those with an urbanized core of 10,000 but fewer than 50,000 in population are designated as Micropolitan Statistical Areas. The PWEI for all Iowa Micropolitan Statistical Areas are well under 5,000 and therefore no Micropolitan Statistical Area requires an SO₂ monitor.

⁵⁸ [40 CFR, Part 58, Appendix D, section 4.4](#)

⁵⁹ [EPA National Emissions Inventory](#)

⁶⁰ <https://www.inc.com/encyclopedia/metropolitan-statistical-area-msa.html>

| US Census Geographic Area | US Census Population Estimate, 2025 | SO2 Emissions, tons per year | SO2 Population Weighted Emissions Index | SO2 Monitors Required |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | 1,009,836 | 12,605 | 12,729 | 1 |
| Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | 758,539 | 368 | 279 | 0 |
| Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL | 380,452 | 964 | 367 | 0 |
| Cedar Rapids, IA | 279,285 | 2,800 | 782 | 0 |
| Iowa City, IA | 182,711 | 236 | 43 | 0 |
| Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA | 169,189 | 80 | 14 | 0 |
| Sioux City, IA-NE-SD | 145,738 | 2,987 | 435 | 0 |
| Ames, IA | 128,090 | 333 | 43 | 0 |
| Dubuque, IA | 99,381 | 30 | 3 | 0 |

Table T.1 PWEI for Metropolitan Statistical CBSAs.

Appendix U: Federal Requirements for Lead Sites

40 CFR Part 58 Appendix D —Network Design Criteria for Ambient Air Quality Monitoring

4.5 Lead (Pb) Design Criteria.

(a) State and, where appropriate, local agencies are required to conduct ambient air Pb monitoring near Pb sources which are expected to or have been shown to contribute to a maximum Pb concentration in ambient air in excess of the NAAQS, taking into account the logistics and potential for population exposure. At a minimum, there must be one source-oriented SLAMS site located to measure the maximum Pb concentration in ambient air resulting from each non-airport Pb source which emits 0.50 or more tons per year and from each airport which emits 1.0 or more tons per year based on either the most recent National Emission Inventory (<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/eiinformation.html>) or other scientifically justifiable methods and data (such as improved emissions factors or site-specific data) taking into account logistics and the potential for population exposure.

(i) One monitor may be used to meet the requirement in paragraph 4.5(a) for all sources involved when the location of the maximum Pb concentration due to one Pb source is expected to also be impacted by Pb emissions from a nearby source (or multiple sources). This monitor must be sited, taking into account logistics and the potential for population exposure, where the Pb concentration from all sources combined is expected to be at its maximum.

(ii) The Regional Administrator may waive the requirement in paragraph 4.5(a) for monitoring near Pb sources if the State or, where appropriate, local agency can demonstrate the Pb source will not contribute to a maximum Pb concentration in ambient air in excess of 50 percent of the NAAQS (based on historical monitoring data, modeling, or other means). The waiver must be renewed once every 5 years as part of the network assessment required under §58.10(d).

(iii) State and, where appropriate, local agencies are required to conduct ambient air Pb monitoring near each of the airports listed in Table D-3A for a period of 12 consecutive months commencing no later than December 27, 2011. Monitors shall be sited to measure the maximum Pb concentration in ambient air, taking into account logistics and the potential for population exposure, and shall use an approved Pb-TSP Federal Reference Method or Federal Equivalent Method. Any monitor that exceeds 50 percent of the Pb NAAQS on a rolling 3-month average (as determined according to 40 CFR part 50, Appendix R) shall become a required monitor under paragraph 4.5(c) of this Appendix, and shall continue to monitor for Pb unless a waiver is granted allowing it to stop operating as allowed by the provisions in paragraph 4.5(a)(ii) of this appendix. Data collected shall be submitted to the Air Quality System database according to the requirements of 40 CFR part 58.16.

Table D-3A Airports to be Monitored for Lead

| Airport | County | State |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Merrill Field | Anchorage | AK |
| Pryor Field Regional | Limestone | AL |
| Palo Alto Airport of Santa Clara County | Santa Clara | CA |
| McClellan-Palomar | San Diego | CA |

| Airport | County | State |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Reid-Hillview | Santa Clara | CA |
| Gillespie Field | San Diego | CA |
| San Carlos | San Mateo | CA |
| Nantucket Memorial | Nantucket | MA |
| Oakland County International | Oakland | MI |
| Republic | Suffolk | NY |
| Brookhaven | Suffolk | NY |
| Stinson Municipal | Bexar | TX |
| Northwest Regional | Denton | TX |
| Harvey Field | Snohomish | WA |
| Auburn Municipal | King | WA |

(b) [Reserved]

(c) The EPA Regional Administrator may require additional monitoring beyond the minimum monitoring requirements contained in paragraph 4.5(a) of this appendix where the likelihood of Pb air quality violations is significant or where the emissions density, topography, or population locations are complex and varied. The EPA Regional Administrators may require additional monitoring at locations including, but not limited to, those near existing additional industrial sources of Pb, recently closed industrial sources of Pb, airports where piston-engine aircraft emit Pb, and other sources of re-entrained Pb dust.

Appendix V: Lead (Pb) Emissions Inventory Memo



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Memo

To: John Gering
From: Nick Page
CC: Pete Zayudis, Brad Ashton, Marnie Stein, Brian Hutchins
Date: 4/30/2026
Re: Lead Emissions Inventory Narrative for 2026 Ambient Monitoring Network Plan

Purpose of this Document

To identify facilities that reported actual lead emissions of greater than or equal to 0.25 tons of lead (Pb) per year for calendar year 2024. The actual lead emissions estimates, as estimated by DNR, are estimated using the most recent and best available set of facility-specific data that includes, but is not limited to, actual throughput, valid stack test data, dust analyses, engineering estimates, operating schedules, and control efficiencies.

Introduction

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a revised standard for Pb on November 12, 2008. The standard was revised from 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) of air, to 0.15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. In conjunction with strengthening the lead NAAQS, EPA identified the need for states to improve existing lead monitoring networks by requiring monitors to be placed in areas with sources that have actual Pb emissions of 1.0 ton or more per year (tpy) and in urban areas with more than 500,000 people. States will base their specific siting decisions regarding Pb monitoring on dispersion modeling results and reviews of the existing emission inventories for Pb. On December 14, 2010, EPA signed an amendment to the lead ambient air monitoring requirement to expand the lead monitoring network. This amendment reduces the actual lead emissions threshold for the site specific monitoring requirement to 0.5 tons or more per year.

Table 1: Facilities included in the 2024 NEI submittal with actual emissions estimates of 0.25 tpy or greater.

| Facility Name | Facility ID | 2024 Actual Emissions (Tons) |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|
| No facilities emitted 0.25 tpy or greater | | |