

SPRING ACOUSTIC AUDIT - IMMISSION REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Howe Gastmeier Chapnik Limited (“HGC Engineering”) was retained by Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership to complete an acoustic immission audit of the Grand Bend Wind Farm (“Wind Project”). The Wind Project includes 40 Siemens wind turbine generators, each rated at 2483 kW. The acoustic immission audit is required as a condition of Renewable Energy Approval number 5186-9HBJXR, issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (“MOECC”) on June 26, 2014 and amended on March 24, 2015. HGC Engineering has assessed the acoustic impact against the acoustic criteria of the MOECC in accordance with the requirements of the MOECC’s Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise. This report summarizes the second of two seasonal immission audits to be conducted at the Wind Project. This spring immission audit was completed between March 9, 2017 and July 21, 2017.

The sound level measurements and analysis, as performed in accordance with the MOECC’s Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise, indicate that the Wind Project is operating in compliance of the applicable sound level criteria. Details of the measurements and analysis are provided herein.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Howe Gastmeier Chapnik Limited (“HGC Engineering”) was retained by Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership to complete an Acoustic Audit – Immission of the Grand Bend Wind Farm (“Wind Project”). The Wind Project is located northeast of the town of Grand Bend, Ontario and consists of 40 Siemens wind turbine generators, each rated at 2483 kW and with a hub height of 99.5 m.

The audit is required as part of the Renewable Energy Approval (“REA”) number 5186-9HBJXR [1] issued for the project by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (“MOECC”) on June 26, 2014 and amended on March 24, 2015. Specifically, this report summarizes measurements that were conducted in the spring in order to satisfy the second of two seasonal audits required under Condition E of the REA.

2 MONITORING LOCATIONS

The Environmental Noise Impact Assessment (“ENIA”) report released by Aercoustics [2] on April 15, 2014 includes sound level predictions for locations within 1500 m of the Wind Project wind turbine generators. Condition E1 (2) in the REA requires that immission measurements be completed at five receptor locations which are selected using the following criteria:

- The receptors should represent the location of the greatest predicted noise impact.
- The receptors should be in the direction of prevailing winds from the facility.

A summary of the monitoring location selection and the historical wind rose for the area can be found in Appendix A.

The monitoring locations were selected based on their downwind location, predicted sound level, and consultation with the land owners. Detailed overviews of the selected monitoring locations are shown in Figures 1a to 1e and photos of the installations are provided in Appendix B.

HGC Engineering developed an acoustic predictive model of the site to determine the sound levels at the five selected monitoring and receptor locations. The predicted sound levels at the receptor and monitoring locations, along with UTM coordinates of the locations can be found in Table 1.

Table 1: Predicted Sound Levels and UTM Coordinates of Selected Locations

Location		Easting	Northing	Predicted Sound Level [dBA]
R0258	Receptor	444967	4809319	38.5
M0258	Monitoring Location	444979	4809237	38.6
R0792	Receptor	444440	4805109	38.2
M0792	Monitoring Location	444375	4805037	39.1
R1857	Receptor	441861	4797033	37.1
M1857	Monitoring Location	441775	4797014	37.4
R2960	Receptor	442457	4798653	38.0
M2960	Monitoring Location	442432	4798623	38.0
R2972	Participating Receptor	446728	4805245	41.0
R0776	Receptor	446660	4805375	39.0
M2972	Monitoring Location	446676	4805325	39.7

Receptor R0258 is a single storey home located at 73217 Blackbush Line. Turbine T-09 is approximately 790 m to the southwest and T-07 is approximately 1000 m to the west. The sound level meter was installed in an adjacent lot south of the residential property, approximately 760 m from T-09, designated Monitoring Location M0258.

Receptor R0792 is a single storey home located at 35602 Sararas Road. The closest turbine, T-22 is approximately 660 m to the southwest and T-18 is approximately 760 m to the west. The sound level meter was installed in a field on the south edge of the property, approximately 560 m from turbine T-22, designated Monitoring Location M0792.

Receptor R1857 is a single storey home located at 70966 B Line. The closest turbine, T-44 is approximately 760 m to the west. The sound level meter was installed in a vacant lot west of the property, approximately 670 m from turbine T-44, designated Monitoring Location M1857.

Receptor R2960 is a vacant lot north of the intersection of Dashwood Road and Concession 19. The closest turbines T-41 and T-43 are approximately 850 m to the southwest and south, respectively. The sound level meter was installed on the south edge of the lot, approximately 820 m from turbines T-41 and T-43, designated Monitoring Location M2960.

Receptor R2972 is a vacant lot south of 37404 Sararas Road. The closest turbine, T-20 is approximately 605 m to the southeast and T-19 is approximately 625 m to the southwest. The sound level meter was installed on the north side of the lot, approximately 560 m from turbine T-20, designated Monitoring Location M2972. This location is representative of R0776.

All microphones were placed at a height of 4.5 m, consistent with the receptor heights used in the ENIA.

The Wind Project area is generally rural in nature with infrequently travelled gravel and asphalt roads, with the exception of receptors along Highway 21 and Dashwood Road which are frequently travelled.

3 INSTRUMENTATION

The MOECC document, *Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise – Guidelines for Acoustic Assessment and Measurement* [3] (“Compliance Protocol”) provides instrumentation requirements for Acoustical Audits of wind energy projects. The instrumentation used for this acoustic audit satisfies the requirements of the Compliance Protocol.

Audio frequency sound levels were measured using Svantek 977 sound level meters, each connected to ½” microphones. The microphones were set at a height of approximately 4.5 m and equipped with 176 mm diameter windscreens to minimize wind-induced microphone self-noise.

The energy-equivalent average sound level, denoted L_{EQ} , was recorded by the instrumentation. The audio-frequency measurements are presented as A-weighted sound levels as they are intended to represent the loudness of sounds as perceived by the human ear. The overall audio-frequency sound level monitoring results are summarized in this report.

In addition to the acoustic instrumentation, meteorological instruments were used. A Davis weather station was deployed at Monitoring Location M2972 to collect ground weather conditions including temperature, humidity, and precipitation. NRG anemometers and wind vanes were used at each monitoring location to collect 10 m height wind speed and direction.

The various instruments deployed by HGC Engineering are summarized in Table 2, and their respective locations are shown in Figures 1a to 1e.

Table 2: Measurement Instrumentation

Monitoring Location	Instrumentation Make and Model	Serial Number
M0258	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36428
	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500245122
M0792	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36426
	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500235190
M1857	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36827
	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500239935
M2960	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36816
	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500244824
M2972	Svantek 977 sound level meter	36439
	NRG #40C anemometer connected to a Campbell Scientific datalogger	179500244813

The sound level meters were configured to measure and record spectral (frequency-dependent) one-minute L_{EQ} sound levels. For identification of dominant sources, the sound level meters also recorded audio files.

Correct calibration of the acoustic instrumentation was verified using an acoustic calibrator manufactured by Brüel & Kjær (B&K). Calibration verification was carried out on a weekly basis throughout the measurement period.

Windscreens were used on the microphones, consistent with the requirements of MOECC technical publication NPC-103, *Procedures* [4]. A large wind screen, 175 mm in diameter, was used on each sound level meter to minimize wind-induced microphone self-noise at higher wind speeds. Sound level data included herein has not been adjusted for the sound insertion loss of the large wind screen.

All the equipment was within its annual or bi-annual calibration, and the calibration certificates can be found in Appendix C.

4 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The MOECC publication *Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms – Interpretation for Applying MOE NPC Publications to Wind Power Generation Facilities* [5] indicates the applicable sound level limit for wind energy projects. Additionally, the Compliance Protocol and the REA approval include the same sound level limits which are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Wind Turbine Noise Criteria [dBA]

10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]	< 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wind Turbine Sound Level Limits Class 3 Area [dBA]	40.0	40.0	40.0	43.0	45.0	49.0	51.0

It should be noted that the sound level limits of the MOECC apply only to the sound level contribution of the sound source under assessment, in this case the sound from the wind turbine generators. Thus, where a sound level measured at a receptor location includes significant sound due to the relevant sound source and unrelated background sound sources (i.e., road vehicles, trains, air traffic, farming machinery, wind, etc.), some form of evaluation must be made to determine the sound level contribution of the source under assessment in the absence of the background sounds. Methodology prescribed by the MOECC to complete an assessment of a wind energy project is discussed in the following section.

5 METHODOLOGY

The REA requires the acoustic audit be completed in accordance with Part D of the Compliance Protocol. Part D includes requirements for instrumentation, measurement, and data reduction procedures to assist with determining compliance.

A series of one-minute energy equivalent sound level measurements are collected with (“ON”) and without (“OFF”) the turbines operating. Simultaneously, wind speed and direction at 10 m height are measured and collected in one-minute intervals. The measured sound level data is separated into integer wind speed “bins” where the sound levels corresponding to each integer

wind speed are logarithmically averaged to determine the average sound level when the wind turbines are operational and when they are parked. The ambient L_{EQ} (turbines parked) is logarithmically subtracted from the overall L_{EQ} (turbines operational) to determine the sound level contribution of the wind turbines alone. Supplementary data including wind speed at turbine hub height, wind speed at noise measurement height, turbine electrical power output, turbine yaw position, temperature, humidity, and statistical noise indices (L_n) can also be measured during the monitoring campaign to aid in the analysis.

Part D of the Compliance Protocol requires at least 120 one-minute intervals be measured for each 10 m height wind speed between 4 and 7 m/s when the turbines are operating and at least 60 one-minute intervals be measured for each 10 m height wind speed between 4 and 7 m/s when the turbines are parked. Prior to determining the number of data points measured in each wind speed bin, the data is filtered to only include night-time hours (between 22:00 and 05:00) and data outside of rainfall (no rain within one hour of the measurement interval). Data is also filtered to only include periods where the closest turbine is operating at greater or equal to 85% of its rated electrical power output and at least 90% of its maximum sound power, and the turbine yaw position is +/-45 degrees from the line of sight between the closest turbine and the measurement location (measurement location is downwind).

If the measurement campaign does not yield sufficient data to satisfy the minimum data counts of Part D of the Compliance Protocol, a Revised Assessment Methodology Immission Audit (“RAM I-Audit”) can be completed. As described in Part E5.5 of the Compliance Protocol, three wind speed bins between 1 and 7 m/s or two wind speed bins between 1 and 4 m/s are required. With appropriate justification, the number of one-minute intervals required in each bin may be reduced to 60 for turbine operational measurements (ON) and 30 for ambient measurements (OFF). If there is insufficient ambient sound level data (OFF), a value of 30 dBA may be used or data from a lower wind speed bin may be used to represent a higher wind speed bin.

The Compliance Protocol allows for the removal of individual events to improve the signal to noise ratio. A review of the audio recordings allows for the identification of the dominant noise

source within a given one minute interval, and the subsequent removal of data points that contain interference.

Adjustments to the measured sound levels may be required based on wind turbine tonality, if any. If during the acoustic measurement campaign the project wind turbines exhibit tonal characteristics (a whine, screech, buzz or hum) then an assessment of the tonal audibility is required according to the CAN/CSA publication *Wind Turbine Generator Systems – Part 11: Acoustical Measurement Techniques* [6]. The average tonal audibility correction must be determined for each integer wind speed and the correction added to the final noise contribution of the Wind Project at those wind speeds, in accordance with International Standards Organization 1996-2 [7].

6 TONALITY ASSESSMENT

Based on our site observations and measurements up close to the wind turbine generators (emission testing) there were no tones observed at the turbines or the monitoring locations.

7 MEASUREMENTS AND RESULTS

Sound level measurements were conducted between March 9 and July 21, 2017. The weather during the monitoring period varied, including several days with rain or snow. Temperatures ranged from -10°C to 25°C. Wind speeds at 10 m height ranged from 0 m/s up to 20 m/s. The prevailing wind direction during the measurement campaign was from the south and southeast. Figures 2 through 6 show the wind roses for the monitoring locations during the ON and OFF conditions.

The sound level summary for data collected at Monitoring Location M0258 is shown in Tables 4a and 4b. Data were collected between March 9 and July 20, 2017.

Table 4a: Monitoring Location M0258 – Sound Level Summary

LEQ Sound Level [dBA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]									
	1		2		3		4		5	
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	- ¹		39	1.0	40	1.5	- ¹		- ¹	
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	27	4.4	25	4.0	30 ^{1,2}	n/a	35	4.2	40	4.1
Wind Project Only	-		39		39		-		-	
Criteria	40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0	
Excess	-		0		0		-		-	

¹ Less than 30 data points for Ambient (OFF) condition, or 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

² Due to insufficient background data, a sound level of 30 dBA is assumed

Table 4b: Monitoring Location M0258 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Project Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
	1	2	3	4	5
Operating (ON)	37 ¹	117	84	44 ¹	45 ¹
Ambient (OFF)	376	67	16 ¹	93	102

¹ Less than 30 data points for Ambient (OFF) condition, or 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

Based on the data presented above and in Figures 7a and 7b, the Wind Project is compliant with the MOECC sound level criteria at Monitoring Location M0258.

The sound level summary for data collected at Monitoring Location M0792 is shown in Tables 5a and 5b. Data were collected between March 9 and July 21, 2017.

Table 5a: Monitoring Location M0792 - Sound Level Summary

LEQ Sound Level [dBA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]									
	1		2		3		4		5	
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	40	1.1	41	1.9	43	1.6	43	1.3	42	0.6
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	32	5.8	35	6.2	38	1.3	- ¹		- ¹	
Wind Project Only	38 ²		38 ²		40 ²		-		-	
Criteria	40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0	
Excess	0		0		0		-		-	

¹ Less than 30 data points for Ambient (OFF) condition.

² Sound level adjusted to represent receptor location R0792 (correction of 0.9 dBA).

Table 5b: Monitoring Location M0792 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Project Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
	1	2	3	4	5
Operating (ON)	68	65	184	116	70
Ambient (OFF)	269	104	33	5 ¹	12 ¹

¹ Less than 30 data points for Ambient (OFF) condition, or 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

Monitoring Location M0792 is 115 m closer to turbine T22 than Receptor R0792, equating to a sound level adjustment of approximately -1 dB to the Wind Project Only sound level. Based on the data presented above and in Figures 8a and 8b, the Wind Project is compliant with the MOECC sound level criteria at Receptor Location R0792.

The sound level summary for data collected at Monitoring Location M1857 is shown in Tables 6a and 6b. Data were collected between March 9 and July 18, 2017.

Table 6a: Monitoring Location M1857 - Sound Level Summary

LEQ Sound Level [dBA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]									
	2		3		4		5		6	
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	- ¹		41	1.4	42	0.9	42	0.9	42	0.9
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	34	3.5	- ¹		37	2.1	37	2.1	37	2.1
Wind Project Only	-		-		40		40		40	
Criteria	40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0	
Excess	-		-		0		0		0	

¹ Less than 30 data points for Ambient (OFF) condition, or 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

Table 6b: Receptor Location M1857 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Project Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
	2	3	4	5	6
Operating (ON)	12 ¹	81	126	133	85
Ambient (OFF)	71	13 ¹	82	237	117

¹ Less than 30 data points for Ambient (OFF) condition, or 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

Based on the data presented above and in Figures 9a and 9b, the Wind Project is compliant with the MOECC sound level criteria at Monitoring Location M1857.

The sound level summary for data collected at Monitoring Location M2960 is shown in Tables 7a and 7b. Data were collected between March 9 and July 18, 2017.

Table 7a: Monitoring Location M2960 - Sound Level Summary

LEQ Sound Level [dBA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]									
	2		3		4		5		6	
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	- ¹		41	2.3	42	1.8	- ¹		- ¹	
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	31	3.8	36	2.0	36	1.7	38	2.2	40	2.3
Wind Project Only	-		39		40		-		-	
Criteria	40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0	
Excess	-		0		0		-		-	

¹ Less than 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

Table 7b: Monitoring Location M2960 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Project Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
	2	3	4	5	6
Operating (ON)	12 ¹	60	125	47 ¹	59 ¹
Ambient (OFF)	30	71	76	140	59

¹ Less than 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

Based on the data presented above and in Figures 10a and 10b, the Wind Project is compliant with the MOECC sound level criteria at Monitoring Location M2960.

The sound level summary for data collected at receptor location M2972 is shown in Tables 8a and 8b. Data were collected between March 9 and July 18, 2017.

Table 8a: Monitoring Location M2972 - Sound Level Summary

LEQ Sound Level [dBA]	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]									
	3		4		5		6		7	
Average Operating (ON) / Std Dev.	- ¹		42	1.9	42	1.4	44	1.5	45	1.2
Average Ambient (OFF) / Std Dev.	36	0.7	37	0.8	- ¹		41	1.2	44	1.6
Wind Project Only	-		40		-		40		40	
Criteria	40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0		43.0	
Excess	-		0		-		0		0	

¹ Less than 30 data points for Ambient (OFF) condition, or 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

Table 8b: Monitoring Location M2972 - Summary of Valid Data Points

Wind Project Condition	10 m Height Wind Speed [m/s]				
	3	4	5	6	7
Operating (ON)	50 ¹	124	132	181	109
Ambient (OFF)	74	50	6 ¹	39	131

¹ Less than 30 data points for Ambient (OFF) condition, or 60 data points for Operating (ON) Condition.

Based on the data presented above and in Figures 11a and 11b, the Wind Project is compliant with the MOECC sound level criteria at Monitoring Location M2972.

Appendix D includes a statement from Grand Bend Wind Farms Limited Partnership indicating the wind turbine generators were operating normally from March 9 to July 21, 2017.

8 CONCLUSIONS

The measurements and analysis, performed in accordance with the methods prescribed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change publication *Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise* indicates that the Wind Project is operating in compliance of the MOECC's sound level criteria. This report summarizes the measurements collected as part of the second of two immission audits.

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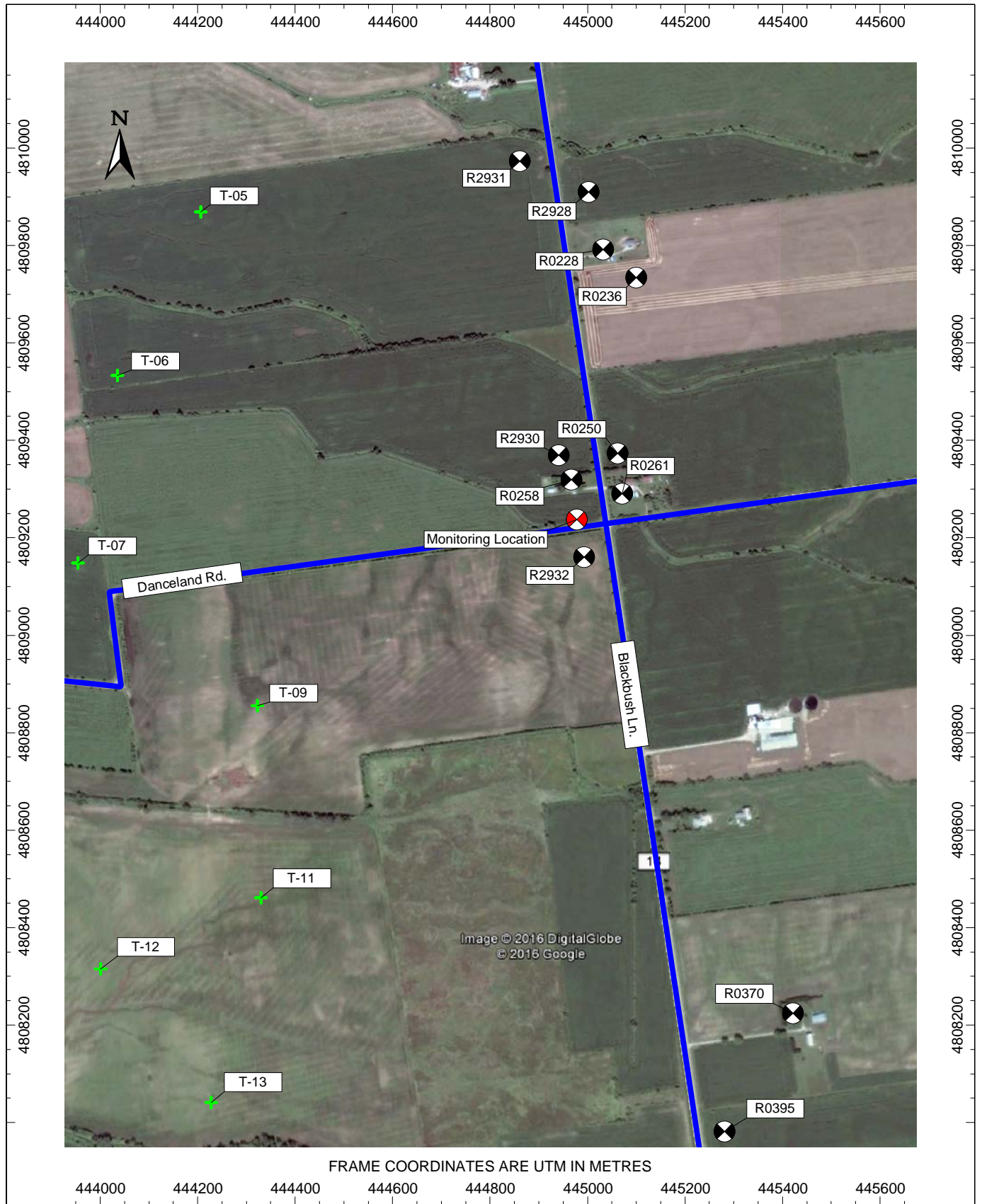


Figure 1a: Monitoring Location M0258
Grand Bend Wind Farm

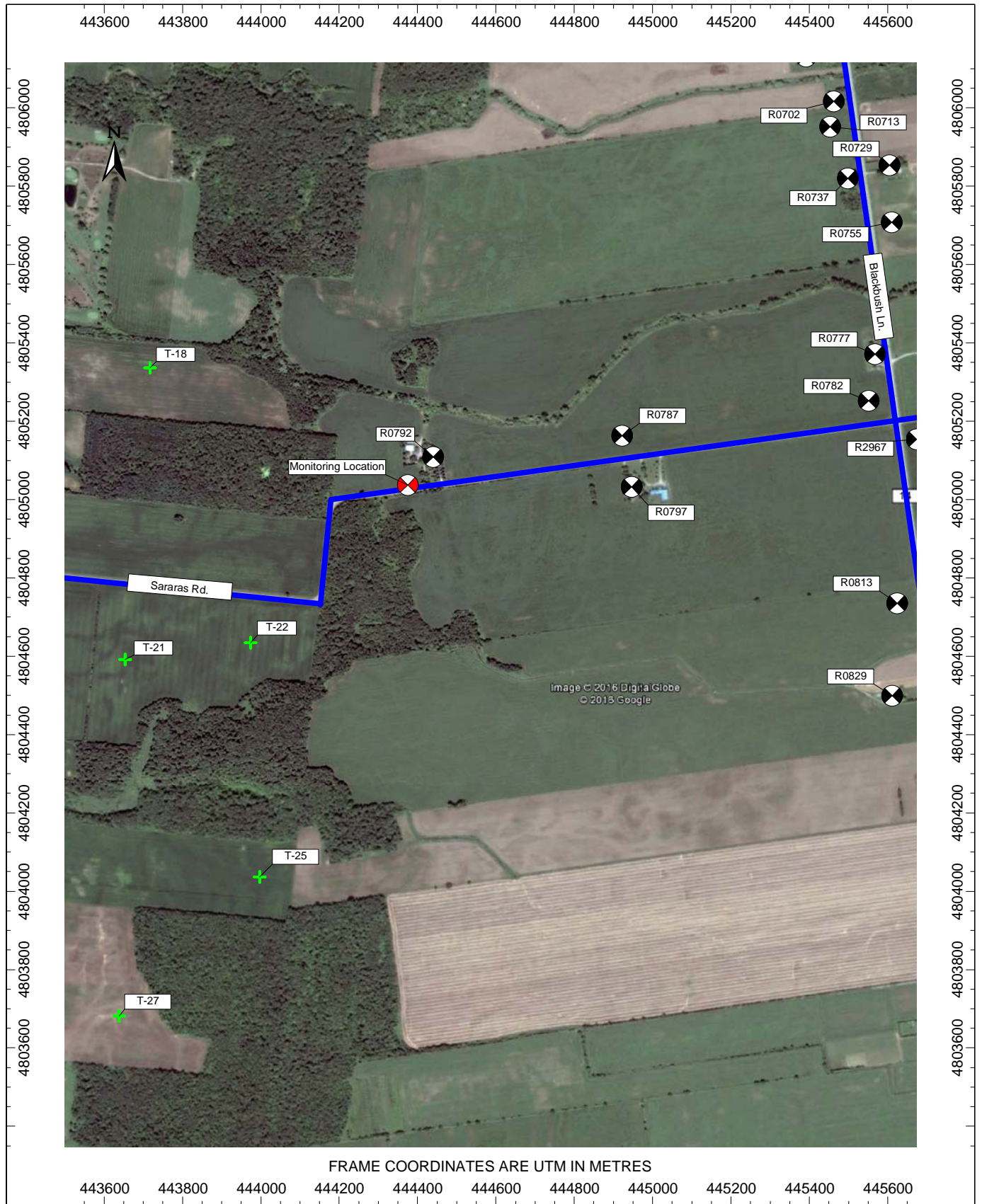


Figure 1b: Monitoring Location M0792
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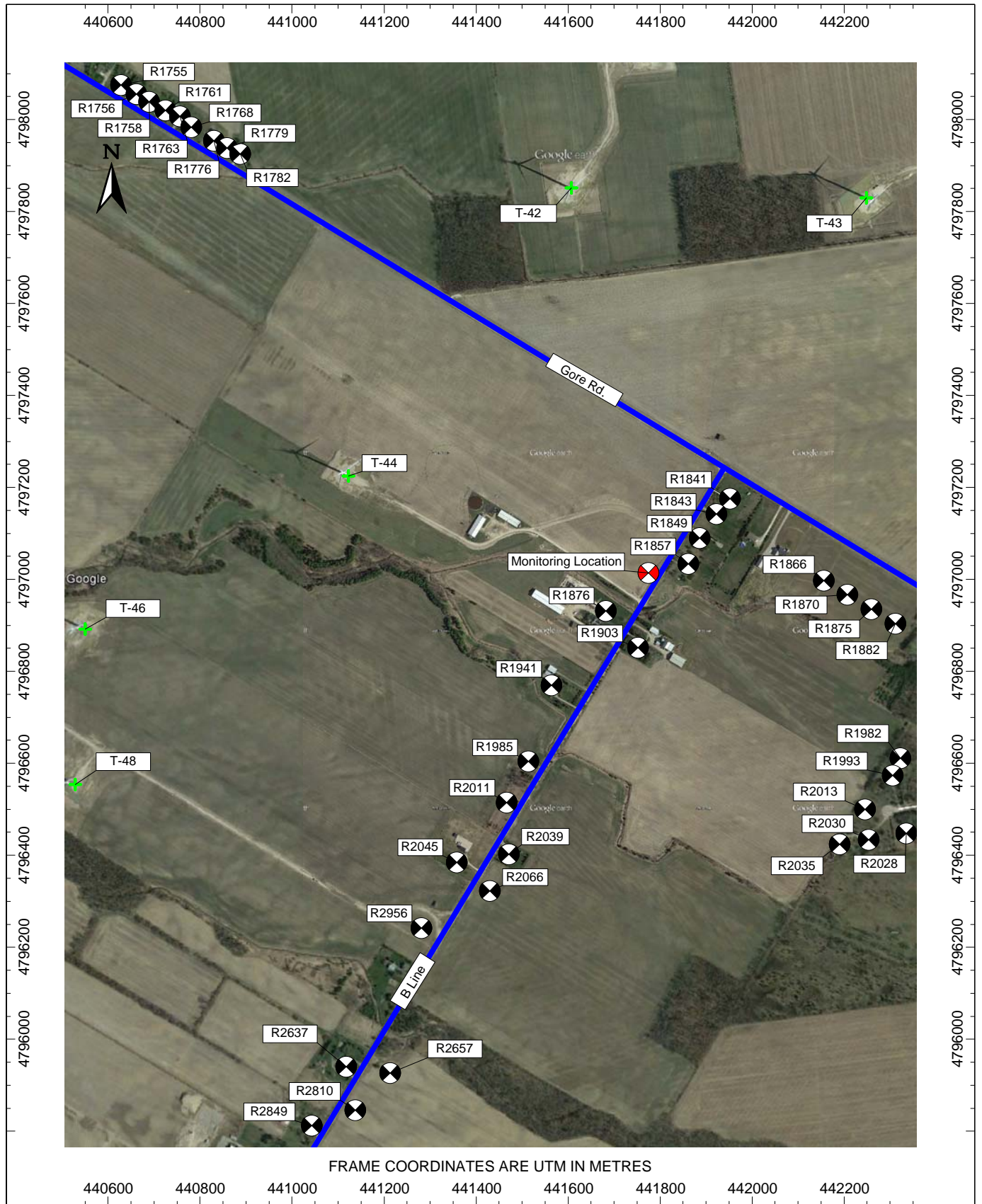


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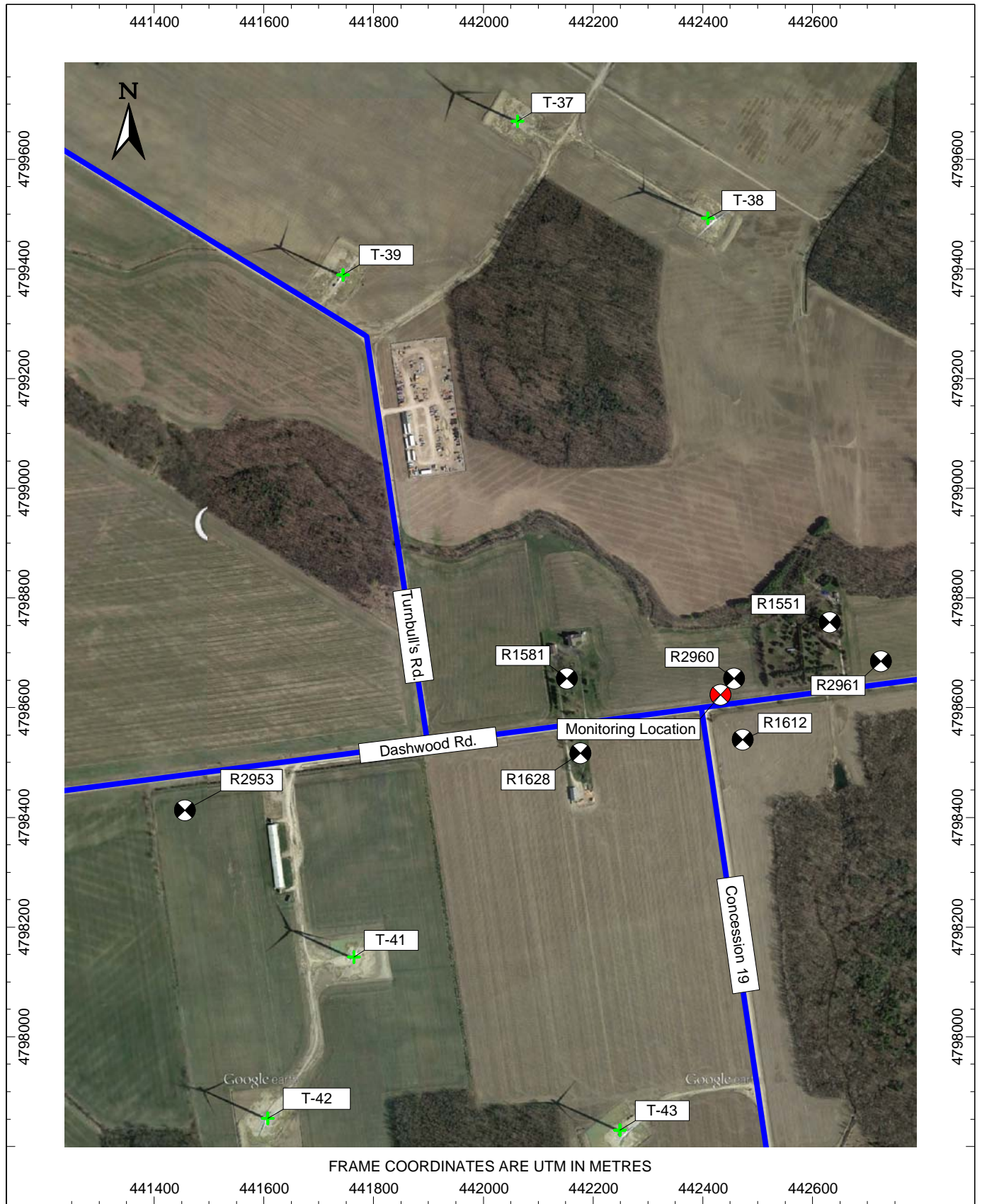


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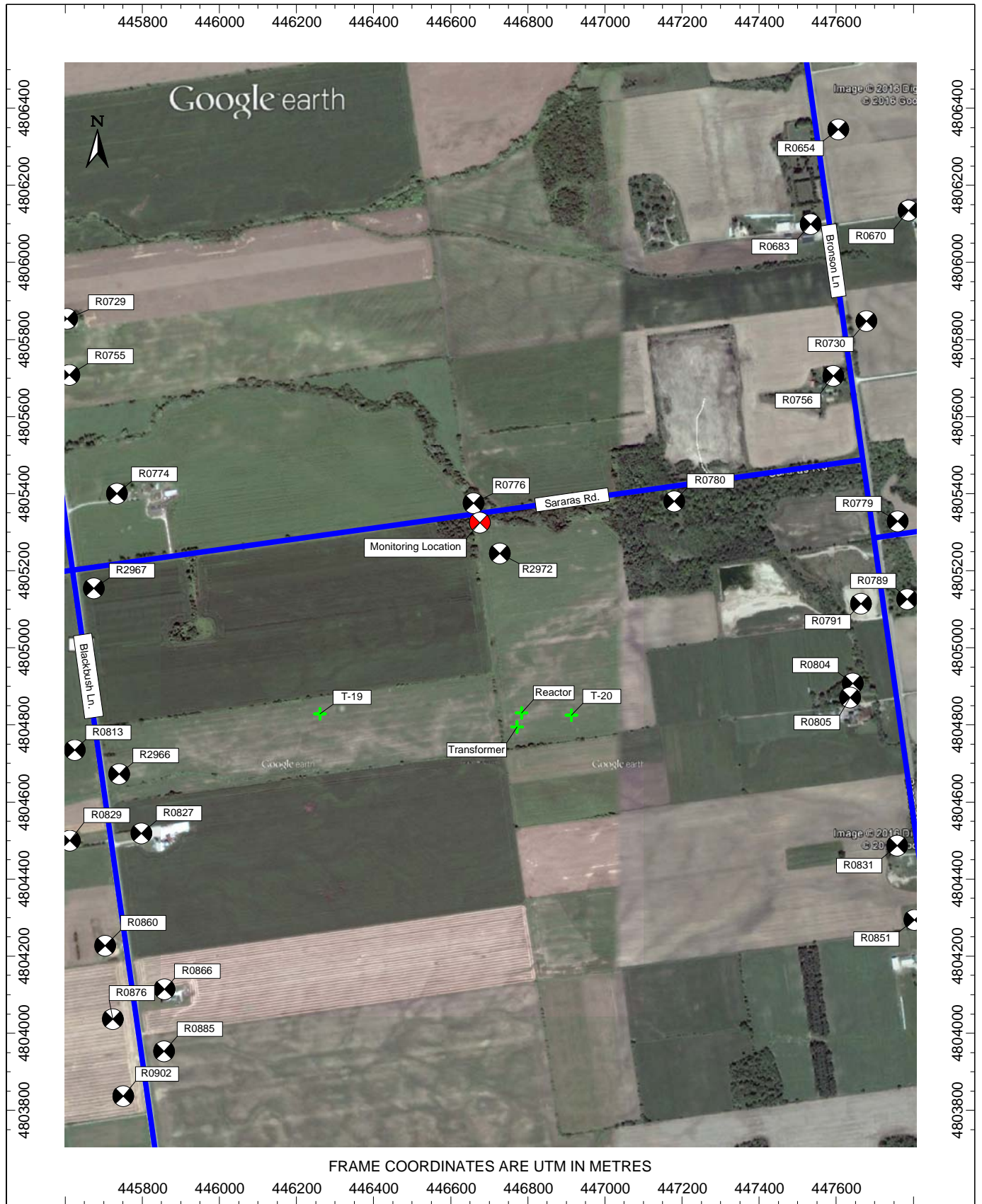


Figure 1e: Monitoring Location M2972
Grand Bend Wind Farm

Figure 2: Wind Direction - Grand Bend Wind Farm
Monitoring Location M0258, 10 m Height, Wind Speeds 0.5 to 7.5 m/s
ON and OFF Conditions, March 9 to July 20, 2017

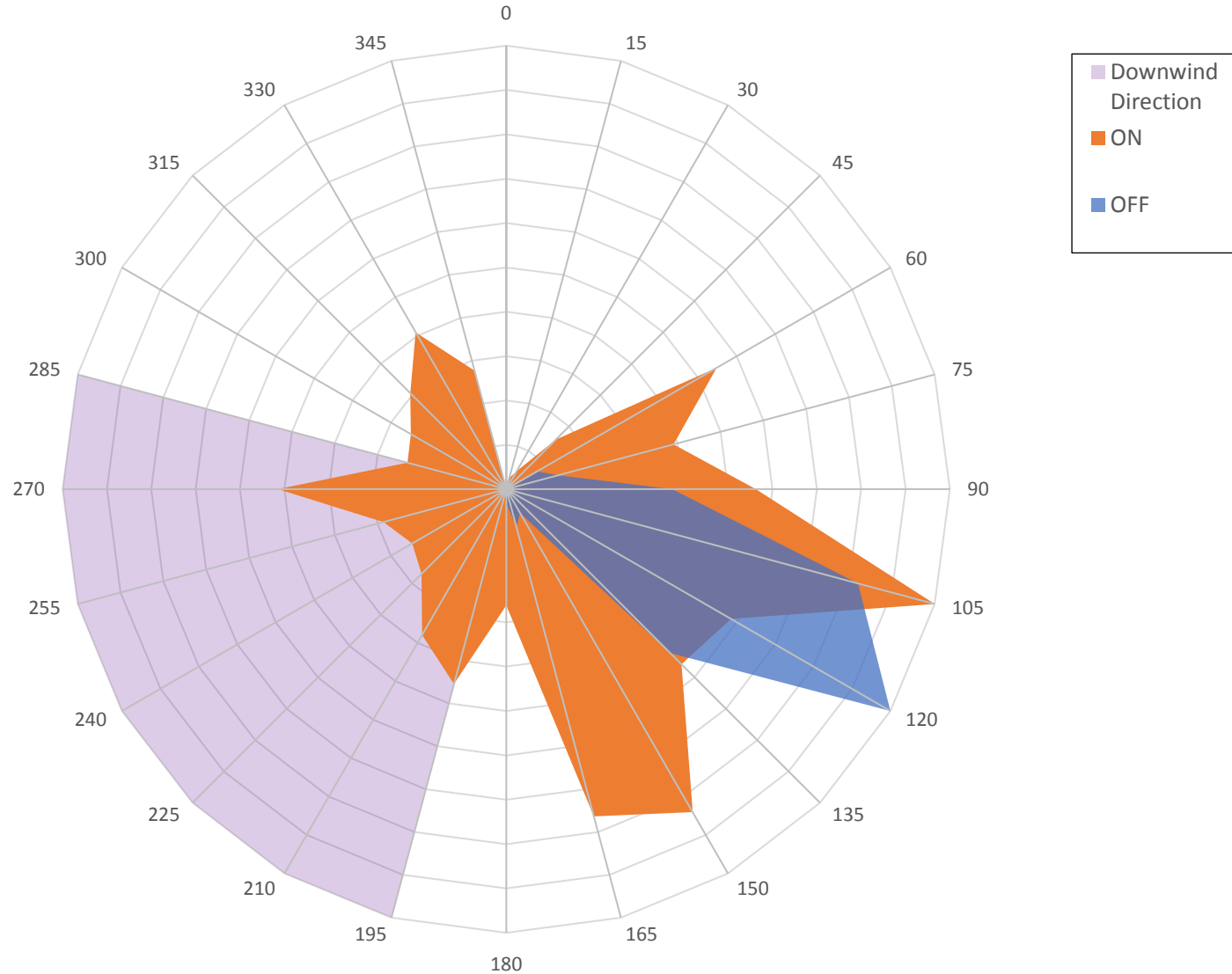


Figure 3: Wind Direction - Grand Bend Wind Farm
Monitoring Location M0792, 10 m Height, Wind Speeds 0.5 to 7.5 m/s
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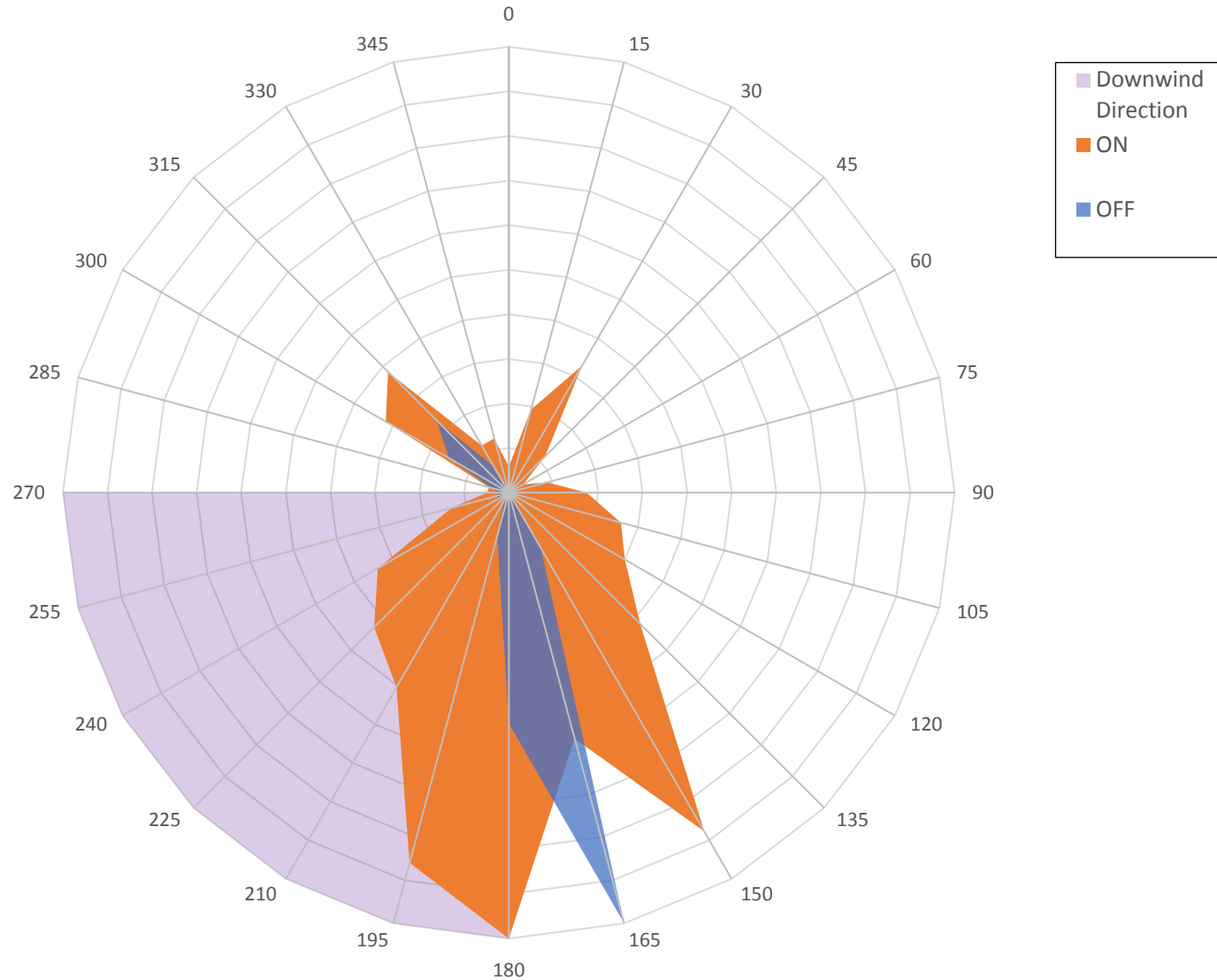


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Monitoring Location M1857, 10 m Height, Wind Speeds 0.5 to 7.5 m/s
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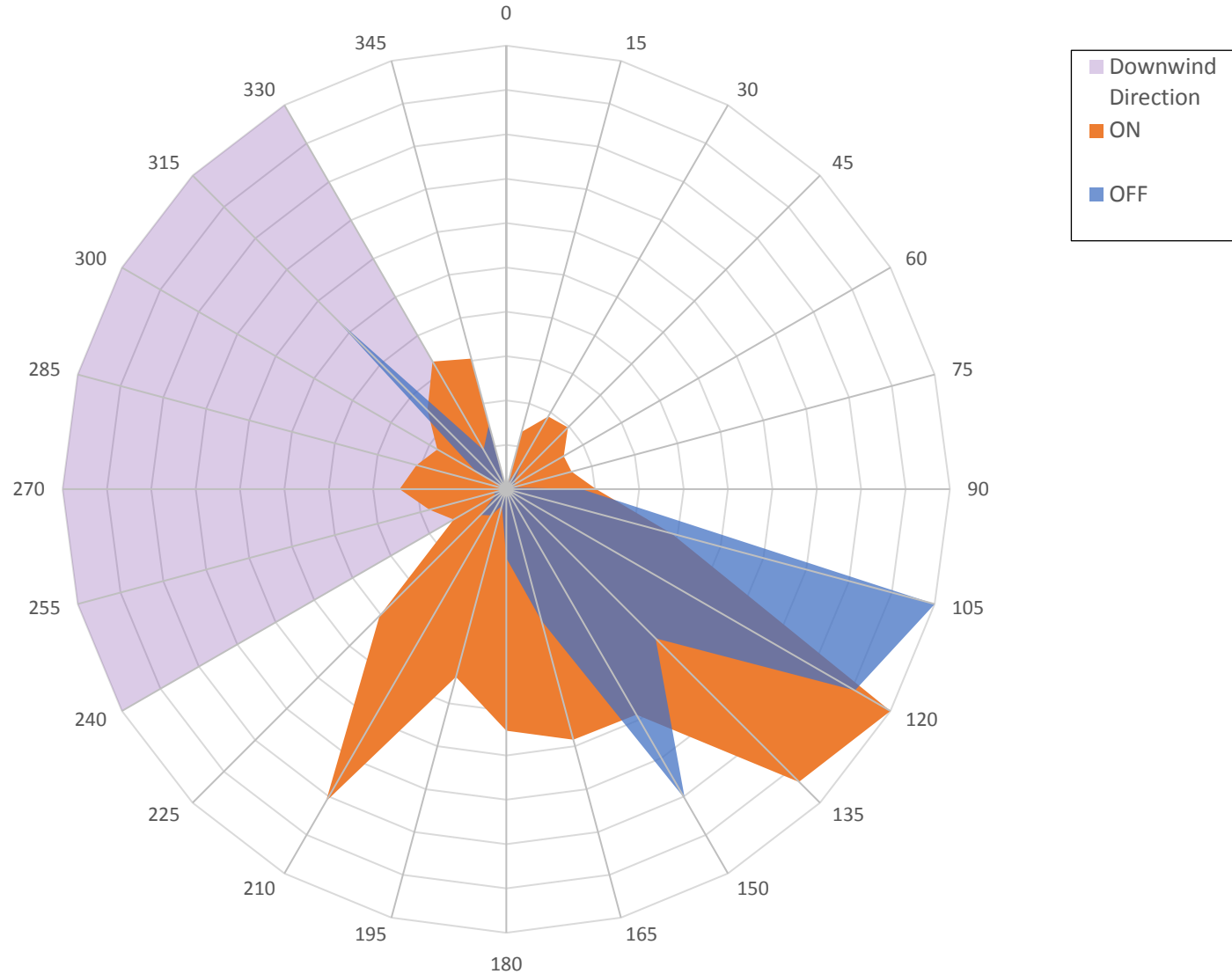


Figure 5: Wind Direction - Grand Bend Wind Farm
Monitoring Location M2960, 10 m Height, Wind Speeds 0.5 to 7.5 m/s
ON and OFF Conditions, March 9 to July 18, 2017

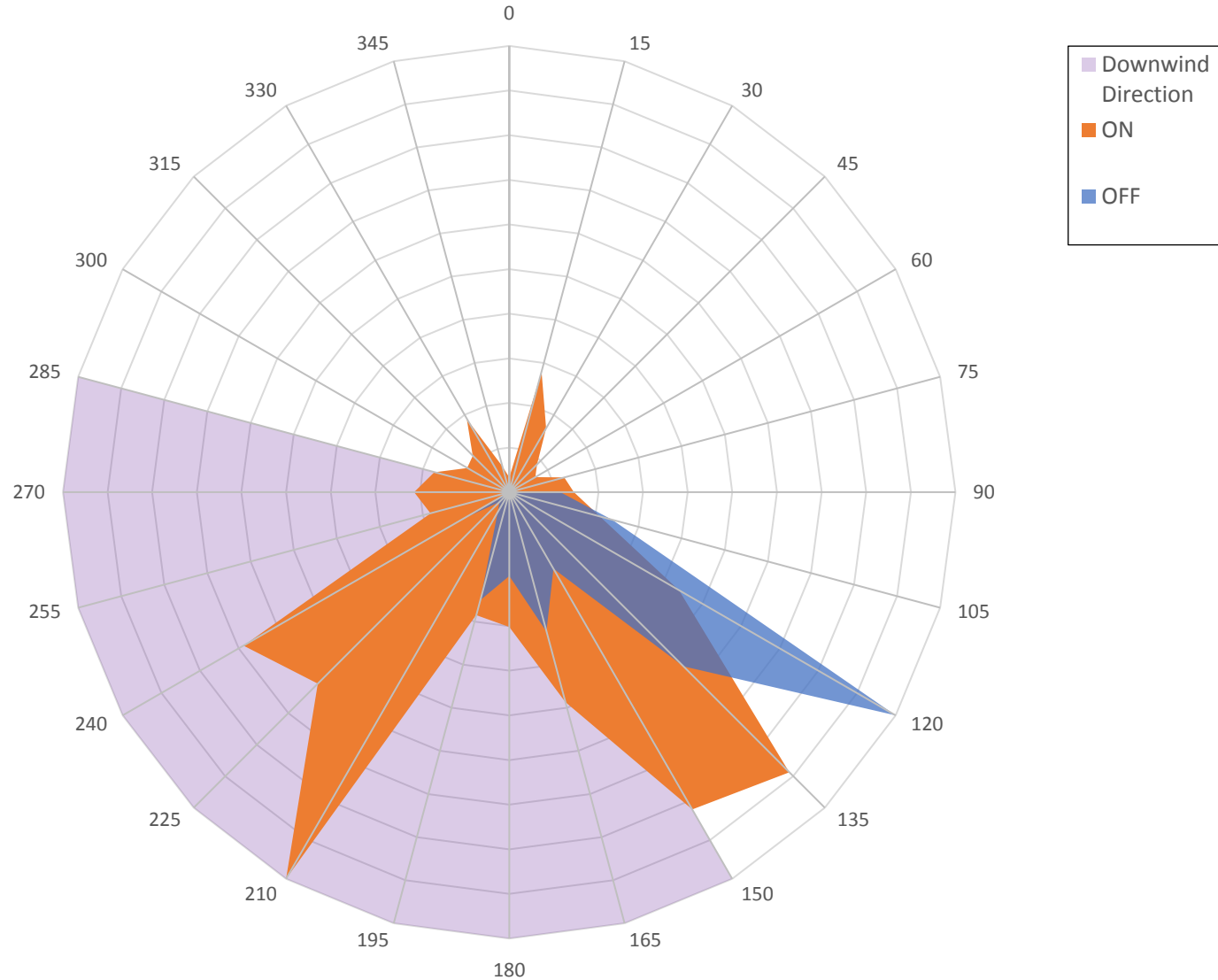


Figure 6: Wind Direction - Grand Bend Wind Farm
Monitoring Location M2972, 10 m Height, Wind Speeds 0.5 to 7.5 m/s
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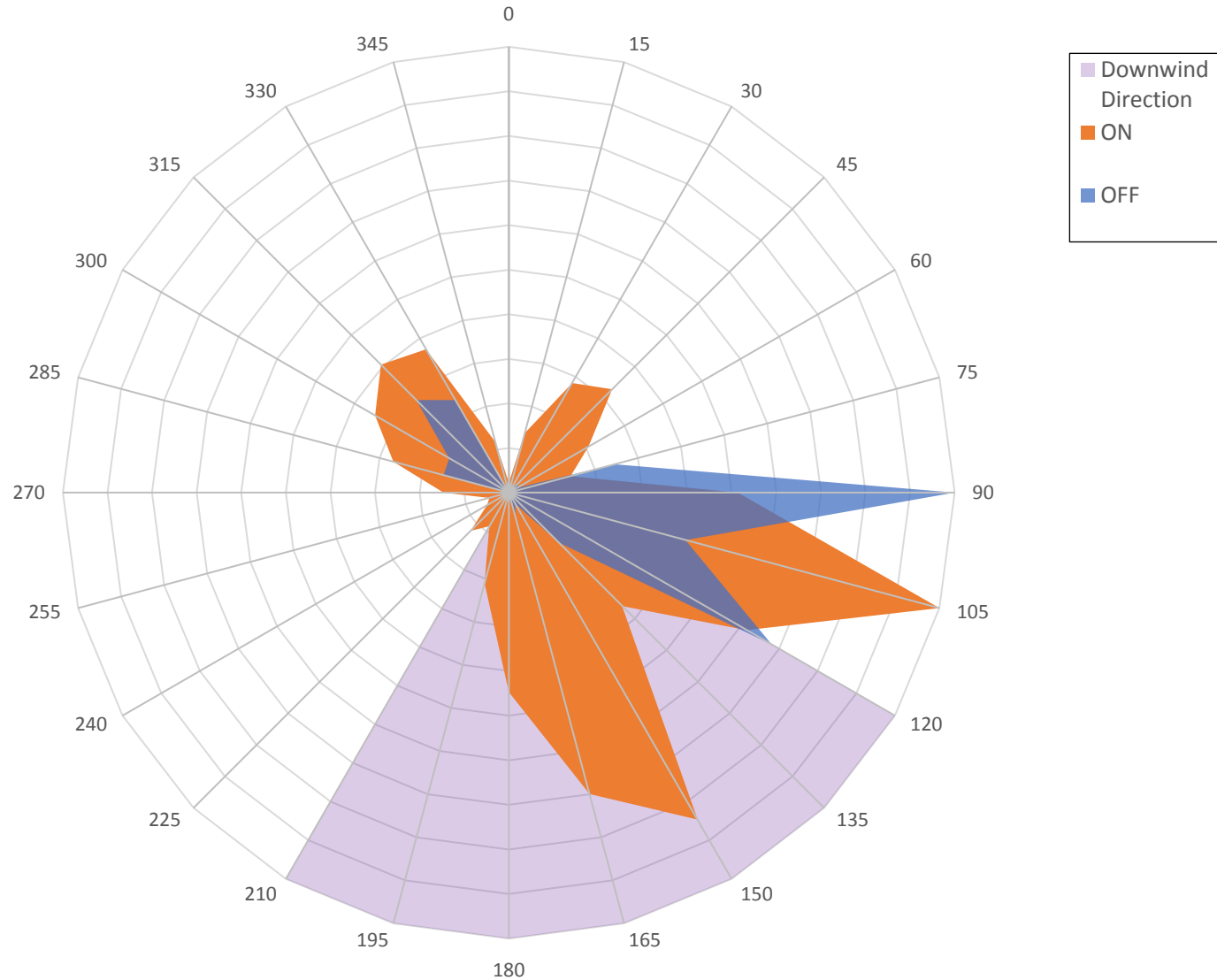


Figure 7a: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
Monitoring Location M0258, March 9 to July 20, 2017

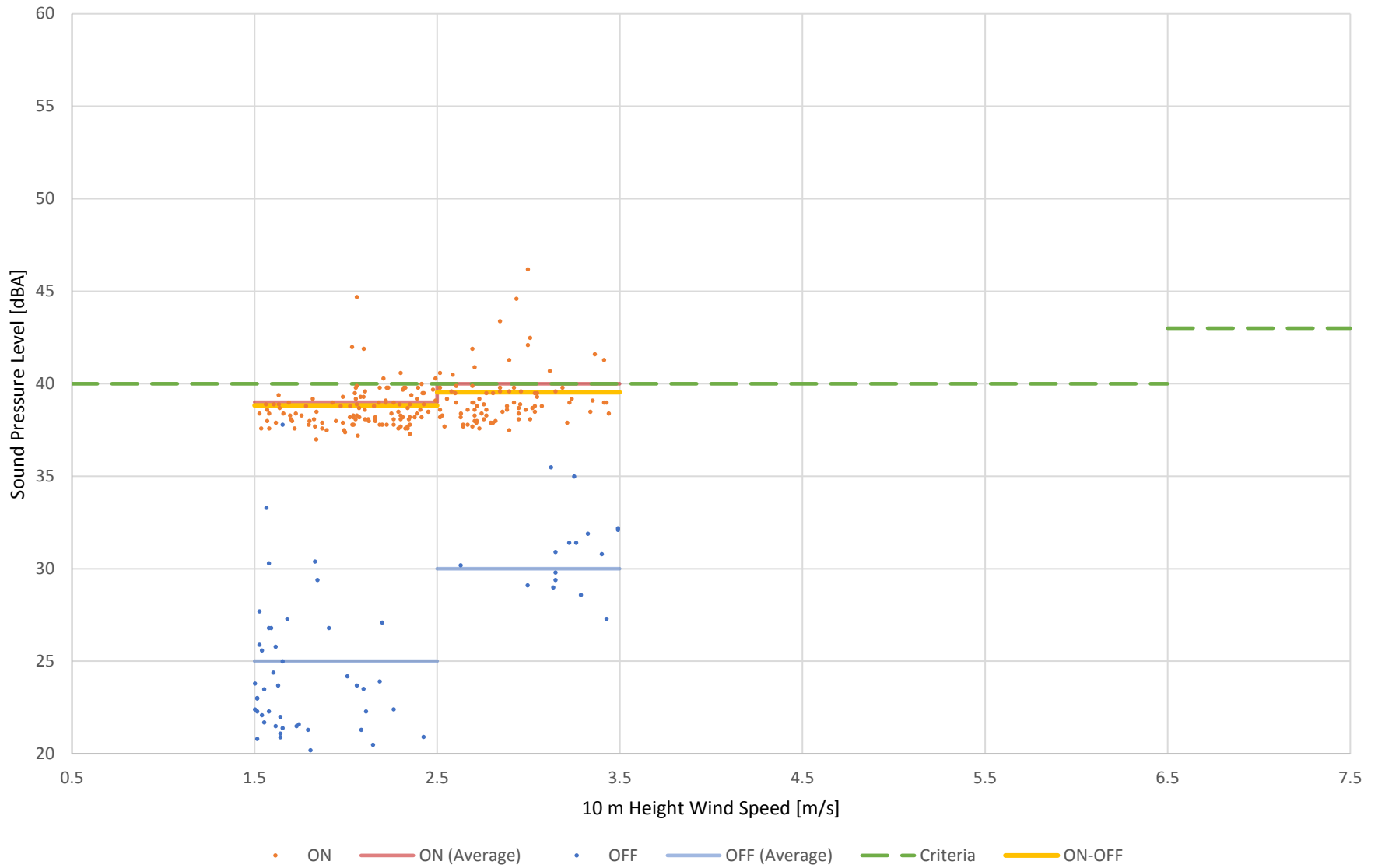


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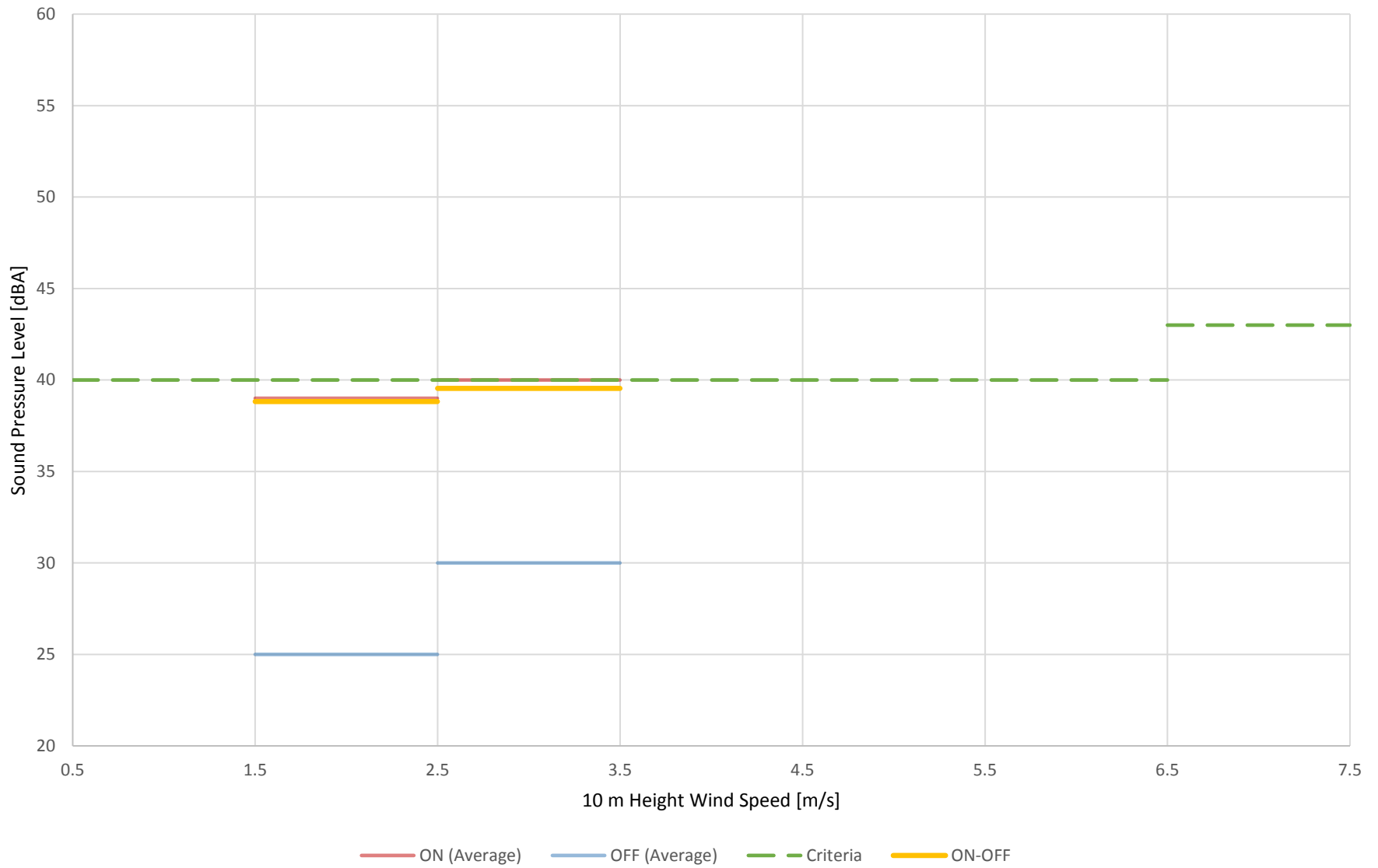


Figure 8a: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
Monitoring Location M0792, March 9 to July 20, 2017

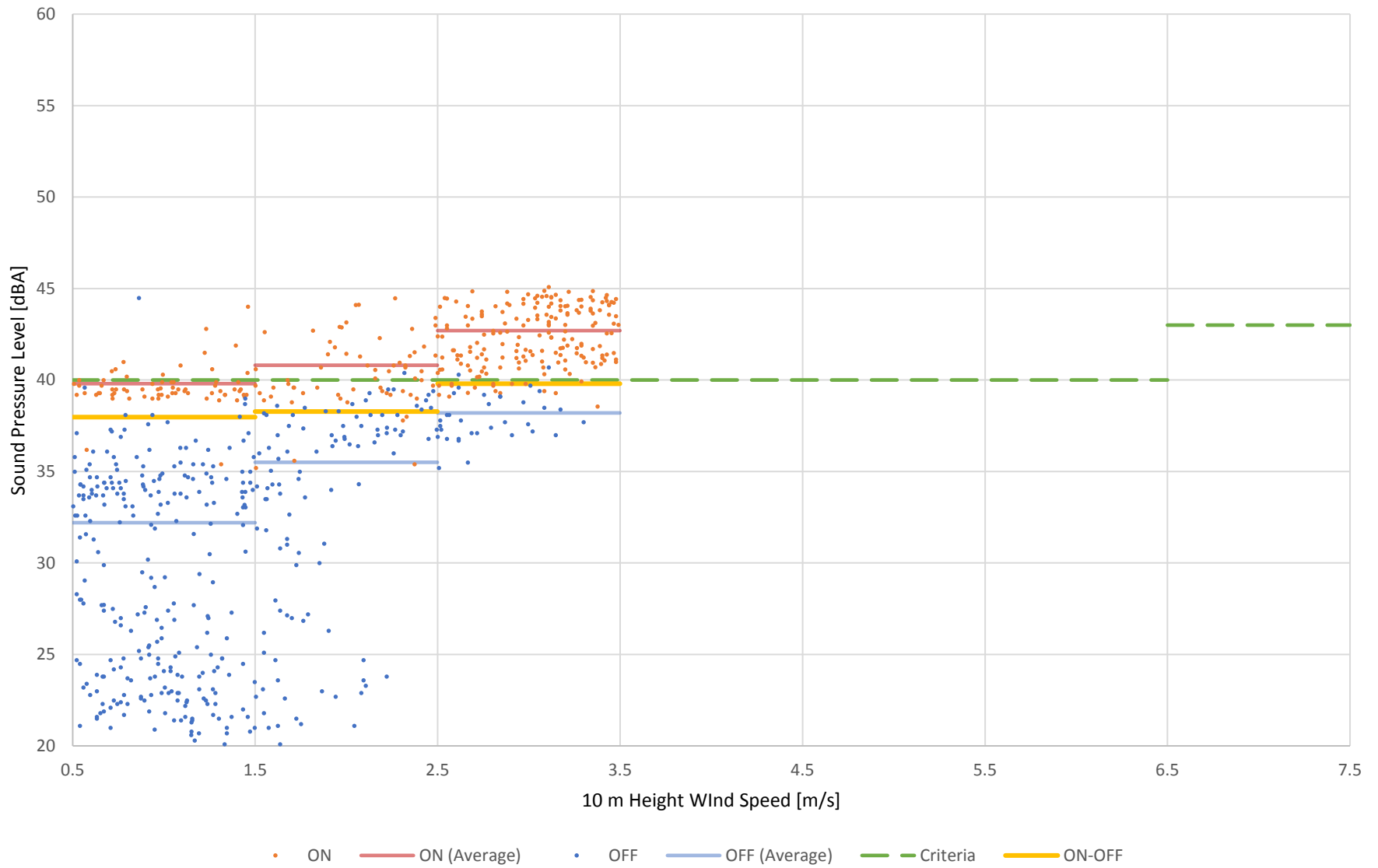


Figure 8b: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
Monitoring Location M0792, March 9 to July 20, 2017

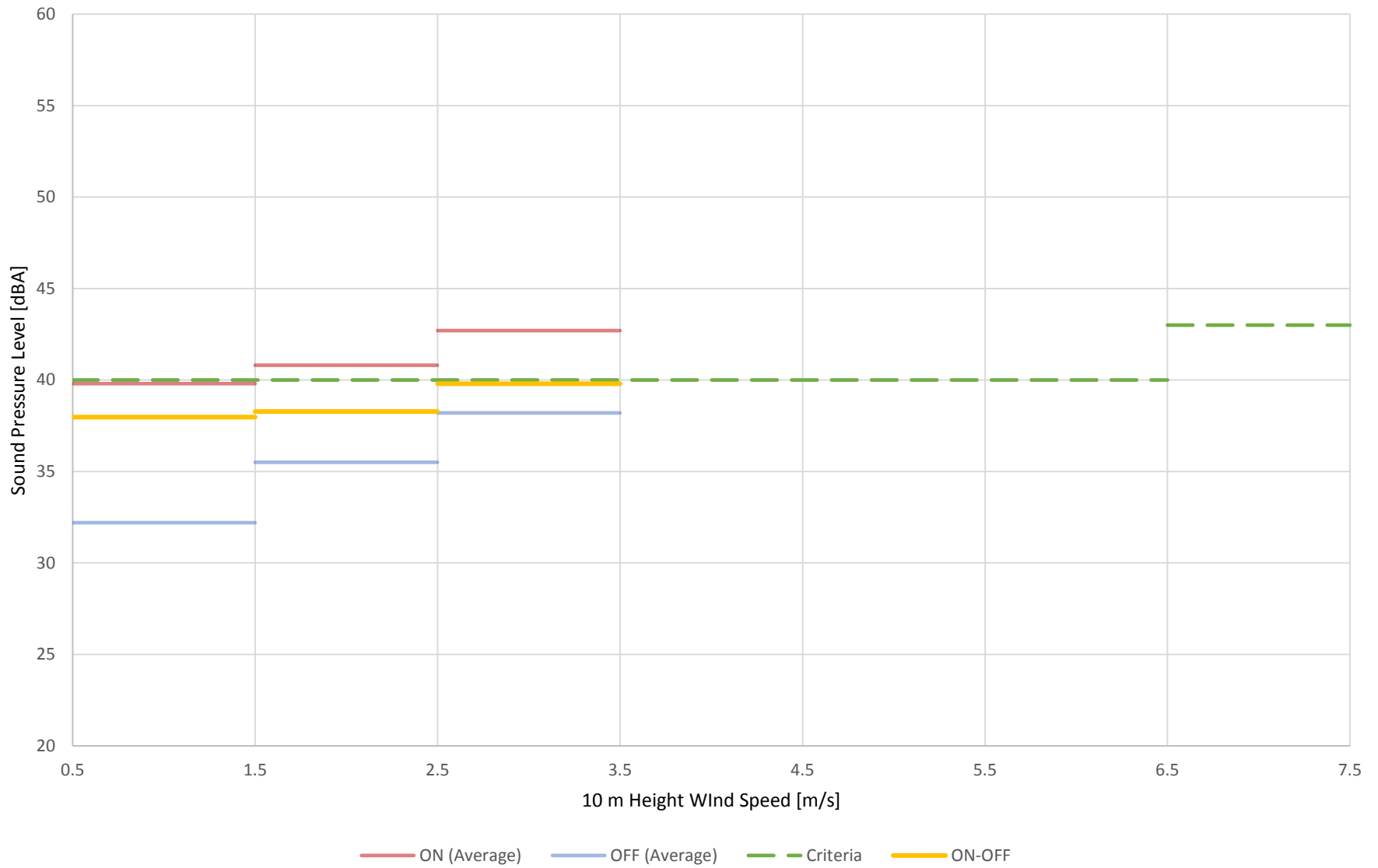


Figure 9a: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
Monitoring Location M1857, March 9 to July 18, 2017

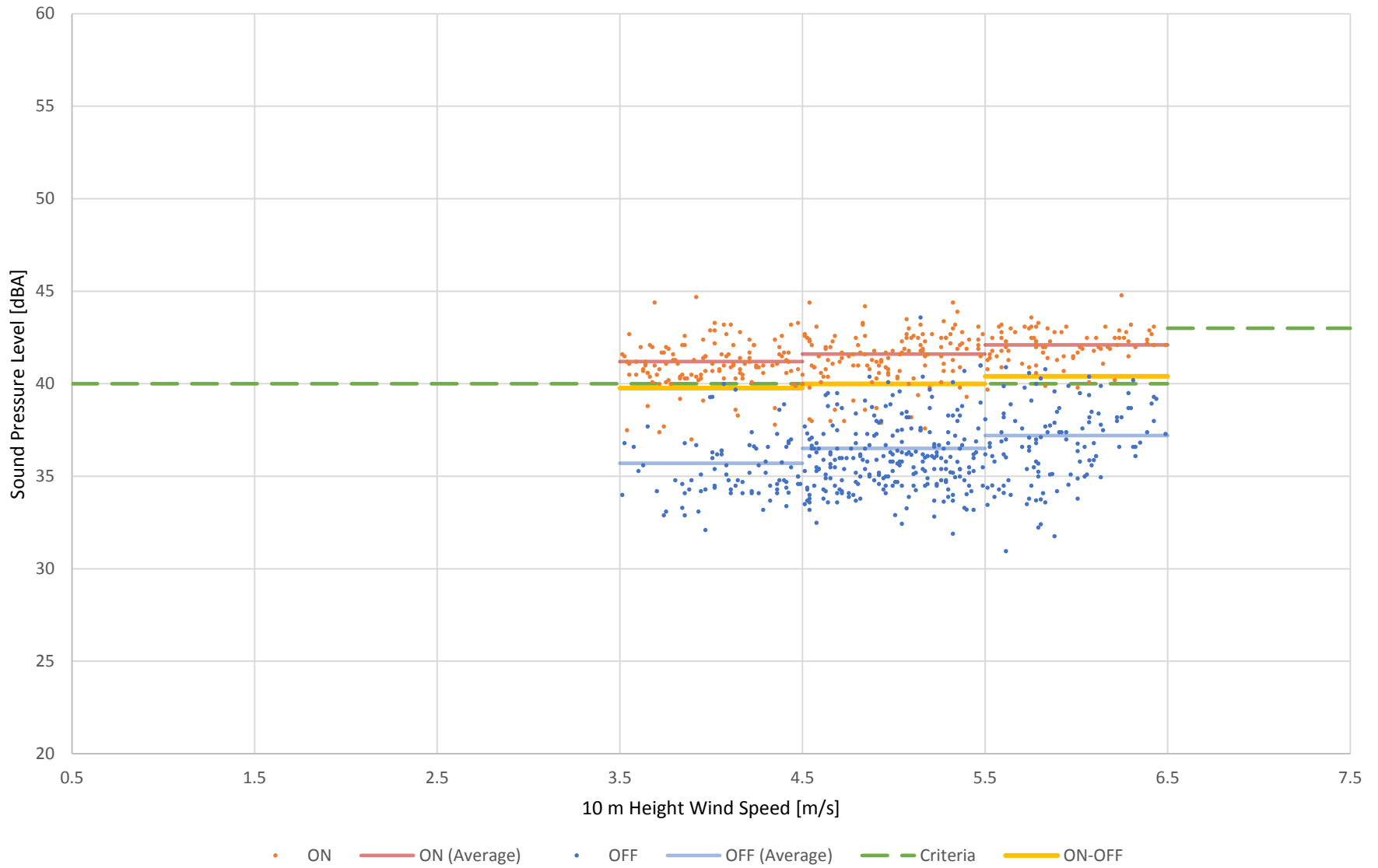


Figure 9b: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
Monitoring Location M1857, March 9 to July 18, 2017

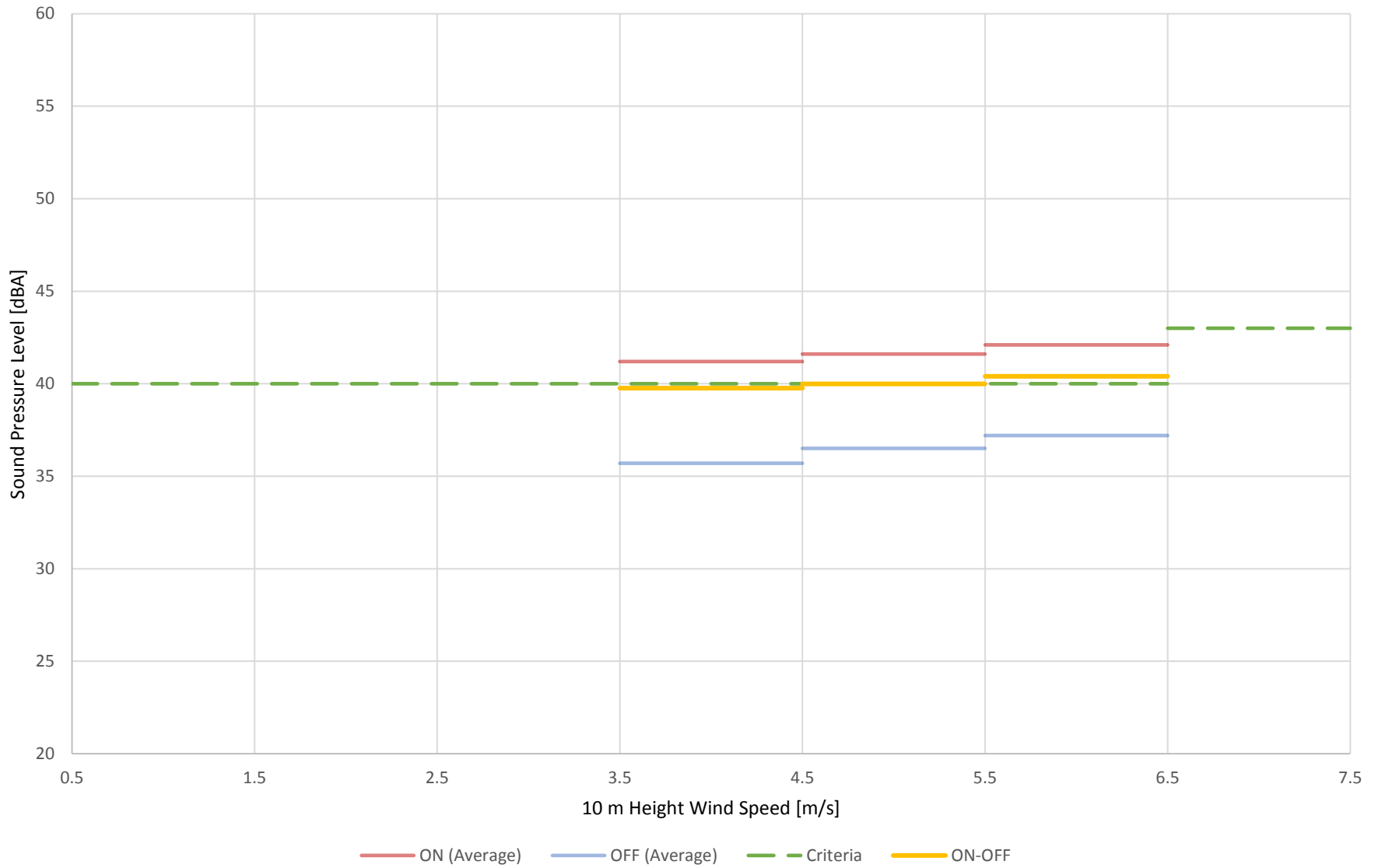


Figure 10a: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
Monitoring Location M2960, March 9 to July 18, 2017

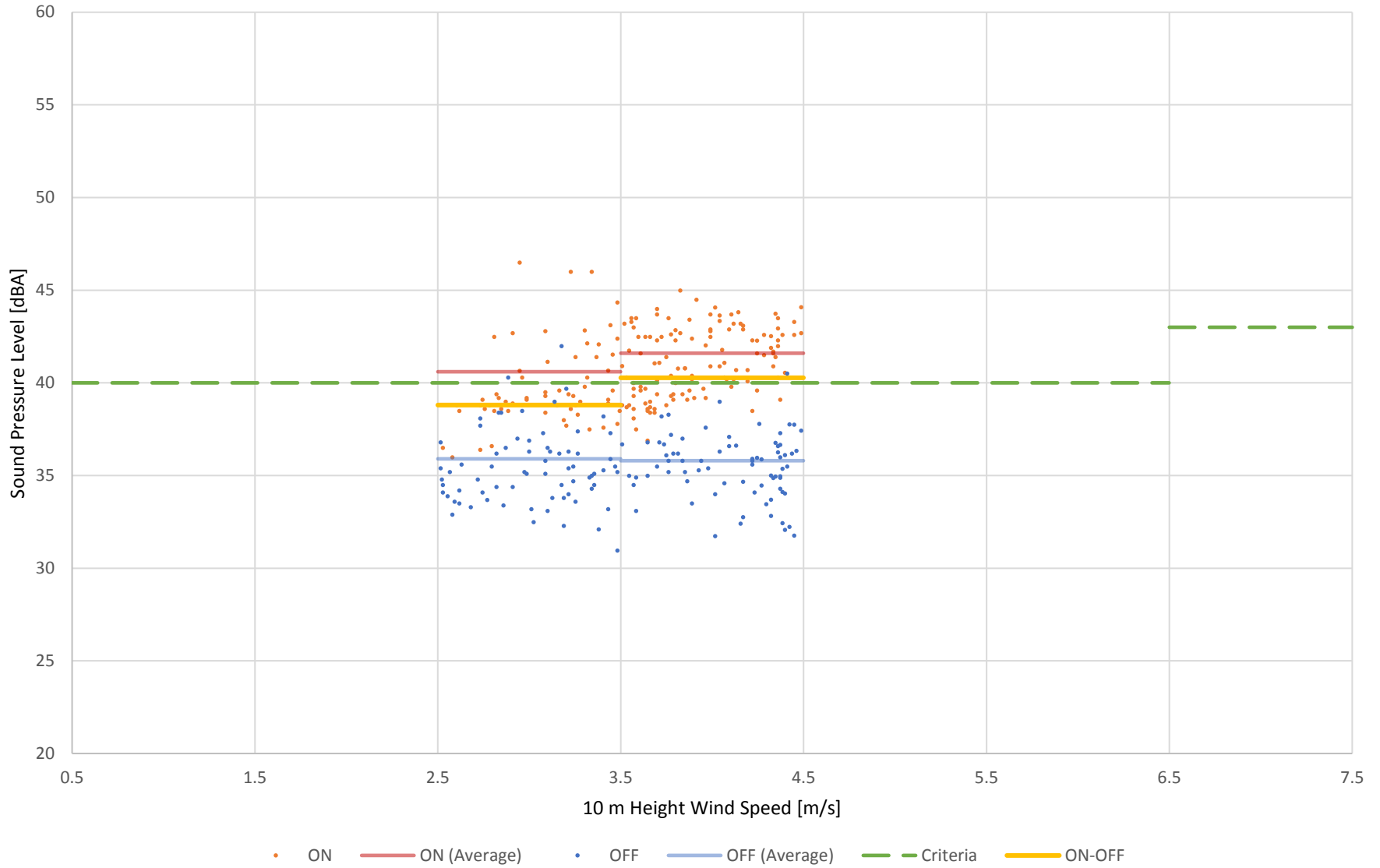


Figure 10b: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
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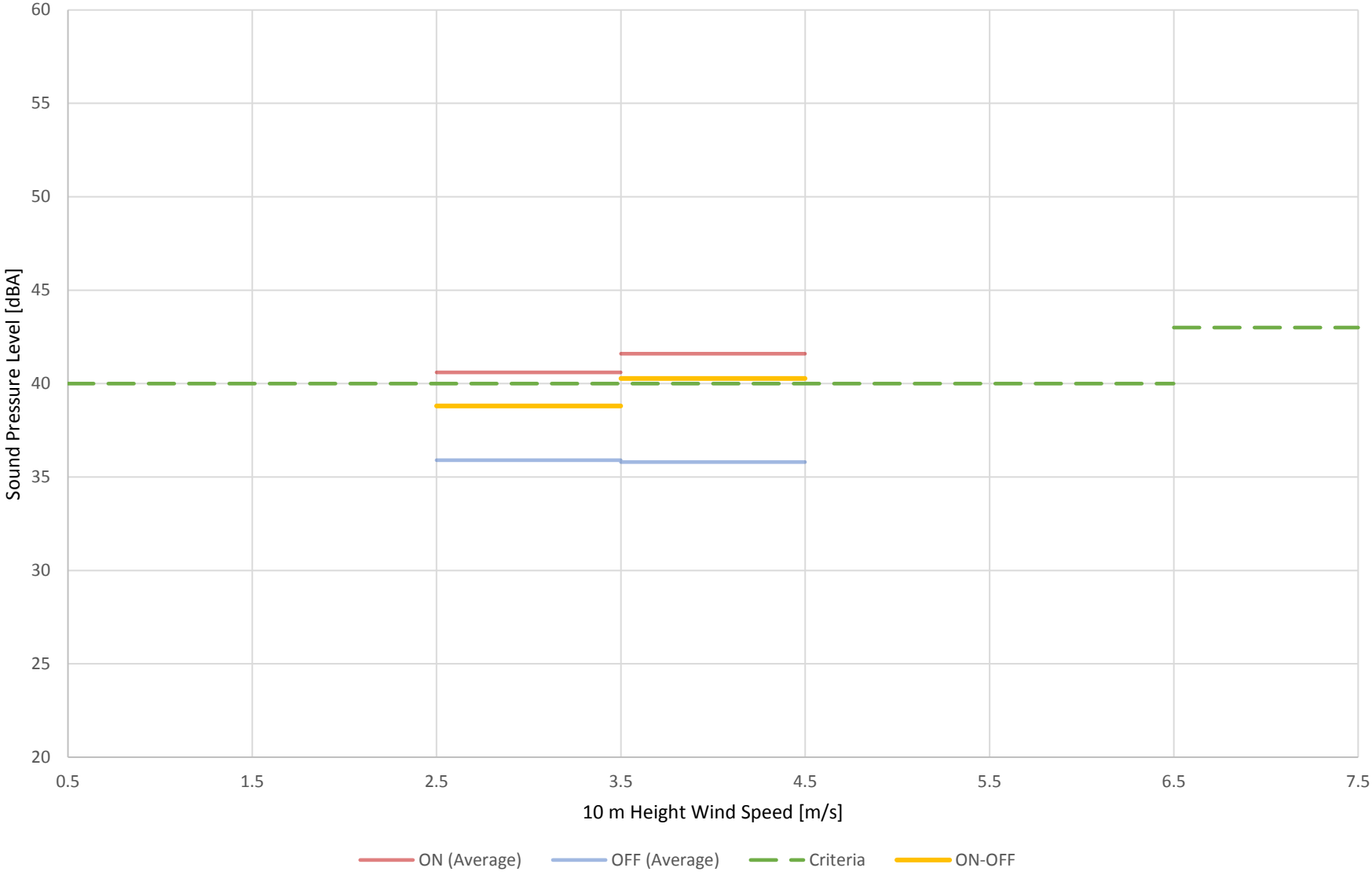


Figure 11a: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
Monitoring Location M2972, March 9 to July 18, 2017

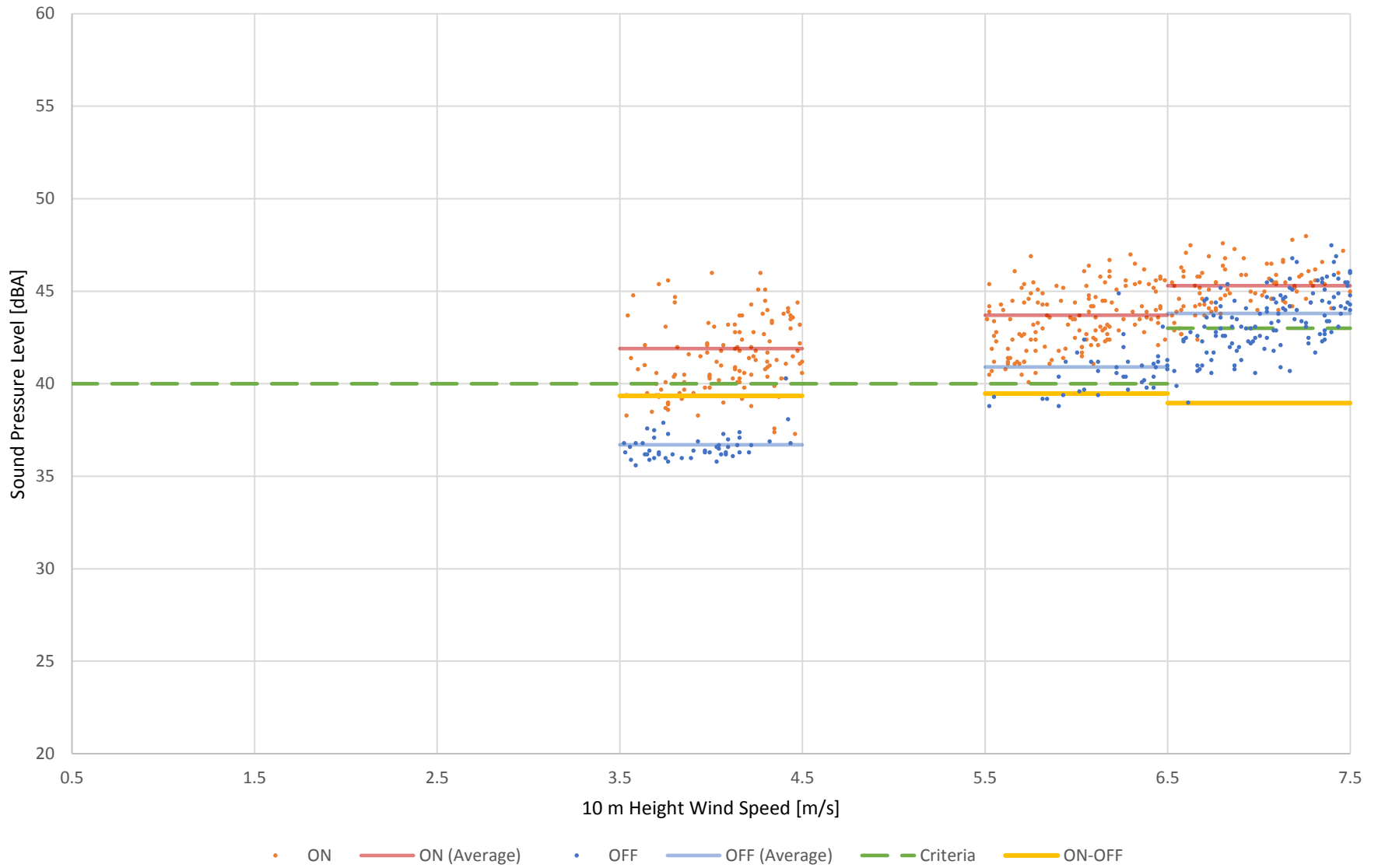
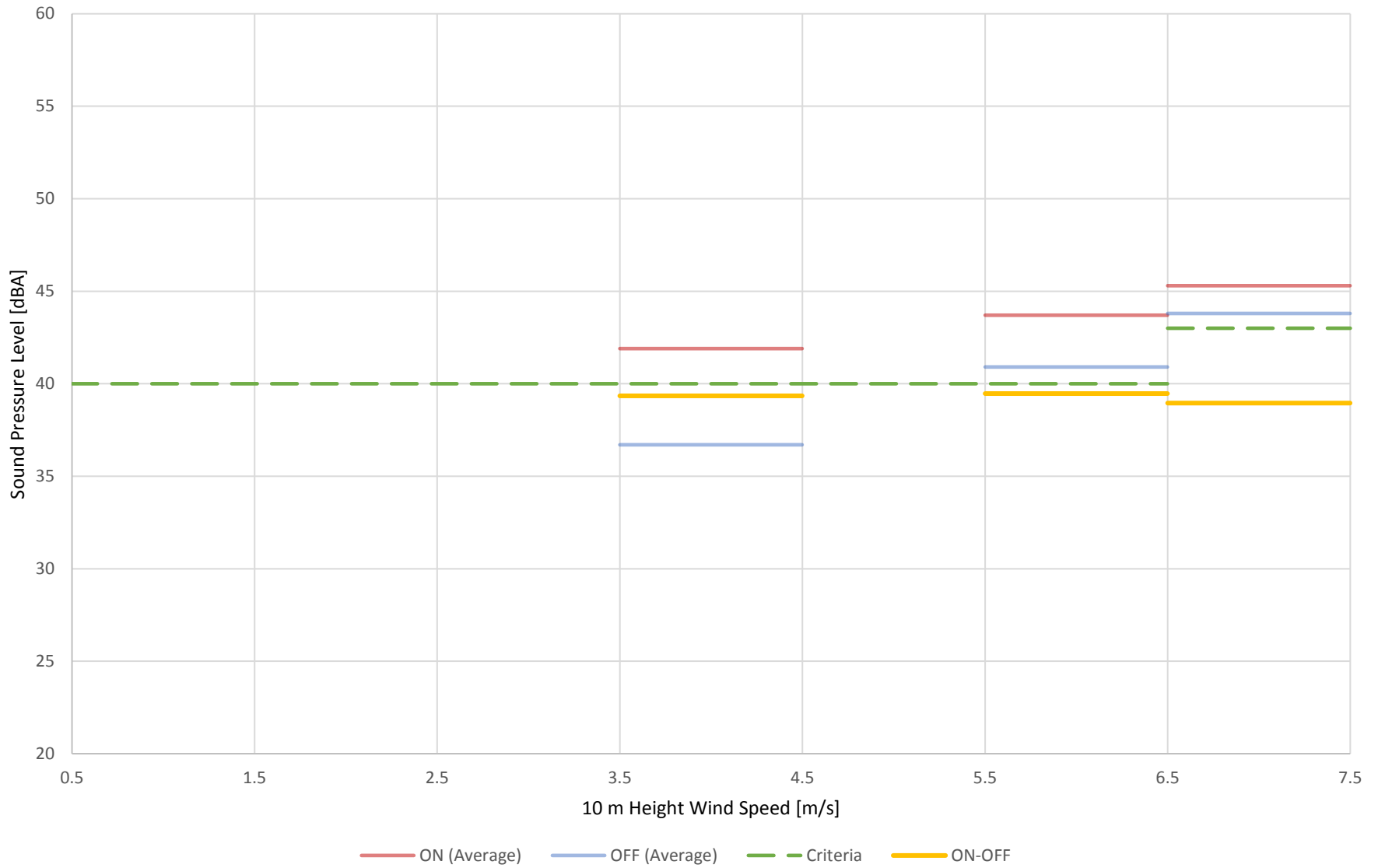


Figure 11b: Grand Bend Wind Farm, Spring Immission Results
Monitoring Location M2972, March 9 to July 18, 2017



APPENDIX A: MONITORING LOCATION SELECTION



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Figure A1: Annual Wind Rose [8]

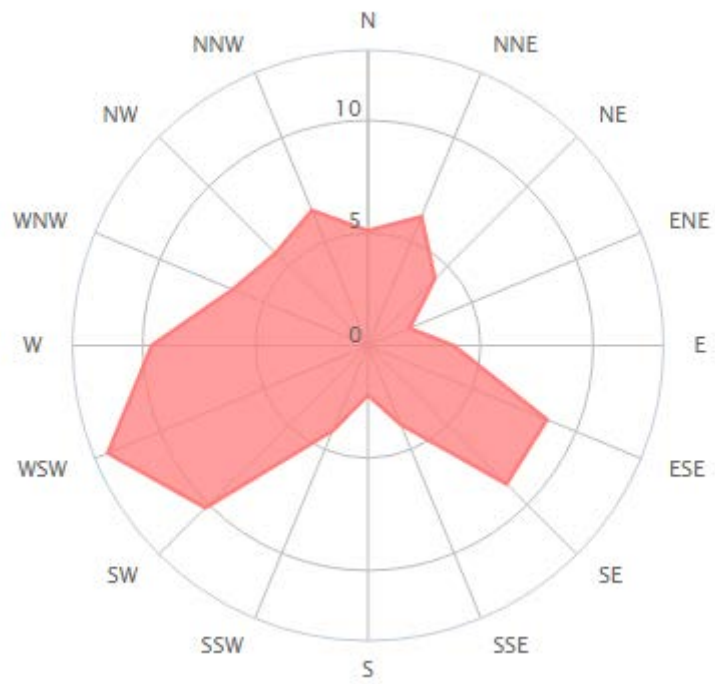


Table A1: Potential Receptor Locations

ID	Distance to Nearest Turbine [m]	Nearest Turbine ID	Predicted Sound Pressure Level [dBA]		Comments
			Updated Model*	ENIA**	
R0346	1974	T-03	42.1	39.7	Other Project Dominant
R2972	460	T-20	41	41.4	Selected Receptor - Representative of R0776
Monitoring Location M2972	560	T-20	39.7	N/A	Monitoring Location
R0812	555	T-21	40.6	41.1	Upwind
R2953	337	T-40	40.5	42.9	Participating
R1628	555	T-41	39.3	40.3	Permission Not Granted
R0776	606	T-20	39	39.4	Represented by R2972
R1581	631	T-40	39	40.3	Participating
R0108	1162	T-02	38.6	38.7	Other Project Dominant
R2930	804	T-09	38.6	39.2	Participating
R2932	736	T-09	38.6	39.2	Participating
R0258	794	T-09	38.5	39.1	Selected Receptor
Monitoring Location M0258	760	T-09	38.6	N/A	Monitoring Location
R0127	1217	T-03	38.4	38.5	Other Project Dominant
R0121	1308	T-02	38.3	38.4	Other Project Dominant
R0263	808	T-03	38.3	38.4	Upwind
R2931	663	T-05	38.3	38.9	Represented by R0258
R0101	1381	T-03	38.2	38.3	Other Project Dominant
R0792	665	T-22	38.2	38.7	Selected Receptor
Monitoring Location M0792	560	T-22	39.1	N/A	Monitoring Location
R1146	636	T-32	38.2	38.6	Upwind
R0202	654	T-05	38.1	38.7	Upwind
R0228	829	T-05	38.1	38.6	Other Project Dominant
R0236	850	T-03	38.1	38.5	Other Project Dominant
R0250	902	T-09	38.1	38.7	Represented by R0258
R0316	640	T-08	38.1	38.9	Upwind
R1138	638	T-32	38.1	38.6	Upwind
R0359	823	T-14	38.0	38.7	Upwind
R2928	797	T-05	38.0	38.6	Participating

* Predicted from updated acoustic model that includes only the constructed wind turbine generators

** Obtained from ENIA [2] that includes optional wind turbine generators

ID	Distance to Nearest Turbine [m]	Nearest Turbine ID	Predicted Sound Pressure Level [dBA]		Comments
			Updated Model*	ENIA**	
R2929	554	T-02	38.0	38.2	Participating
R2960	841	T-38	38.0	38.9	Selected Receptor
Monitoring Location M2960	810	T-43	38.0	N/A	Monitoring Location
R0297	660	T-08	37.9	38.7	Upwind
R1612	746	T-43	37.9	38.8	Represented by R2960
R1782	724	T-42	37.9	38.7	Upwind
R2957	495	T-43	37.9	38.3	Participating
R0278	695	T-08	37.8	38.7	Participating
R0340	747	T-08	37.8	38.6	Upwind
R0867	681	T-23	37.8	38.8	Participating
R0328	720	T-08	37.7	38.5	Upwind
R1196	645	T-31	37.7	38.1	Permission Not Granted
R1779	753	T-42	37.7	38.5	Upwind
R1841	719	T-43	37.7	38.3	Represented by R1857
R0529	658	T-16	37.6	38.9	Crosswind
R0906	703	T-26	37.6	38.8	Participating
R1179	756	T-34	37.6	38.2	Upwind
R1282	656	T-39	37.6	38.4	Upwind
R1843	761	T-43	37.6	38.2	Represented by R1857
R2950	766	T-32	37.6	38.1	Participating
R0130	1071	T-02	37.5	37.7	Other Project Dominant
R1551	770	T-38	37.5	38.4	Represented by R2960
R1776	784	T-42	37.5	38.3	Upwind
R1876	632	T-44	37.5	38.4	Participating
R1857	763	T-44	37.1	37.9	Selected Receptor
Monitoring Location M1857	670	T-44	37.4	N/A	Monitoring Location

* Predicted from updated acoustic model that includes only the constructed wind turbine generators

** Obtained from ENIA [2] that includes optional wind turbine generators

APPENDIX B: MONITORING LOCATION PHOTOS



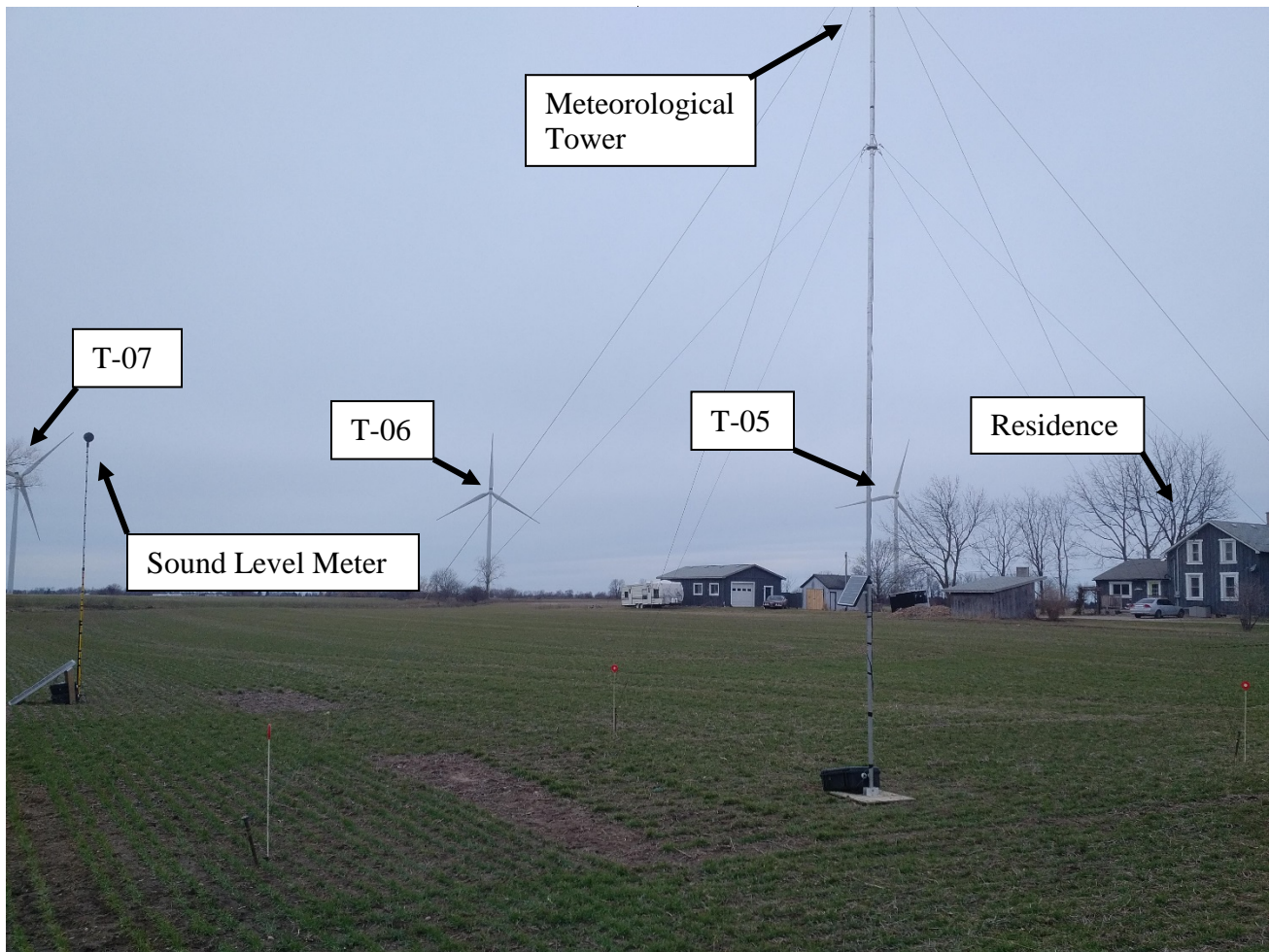
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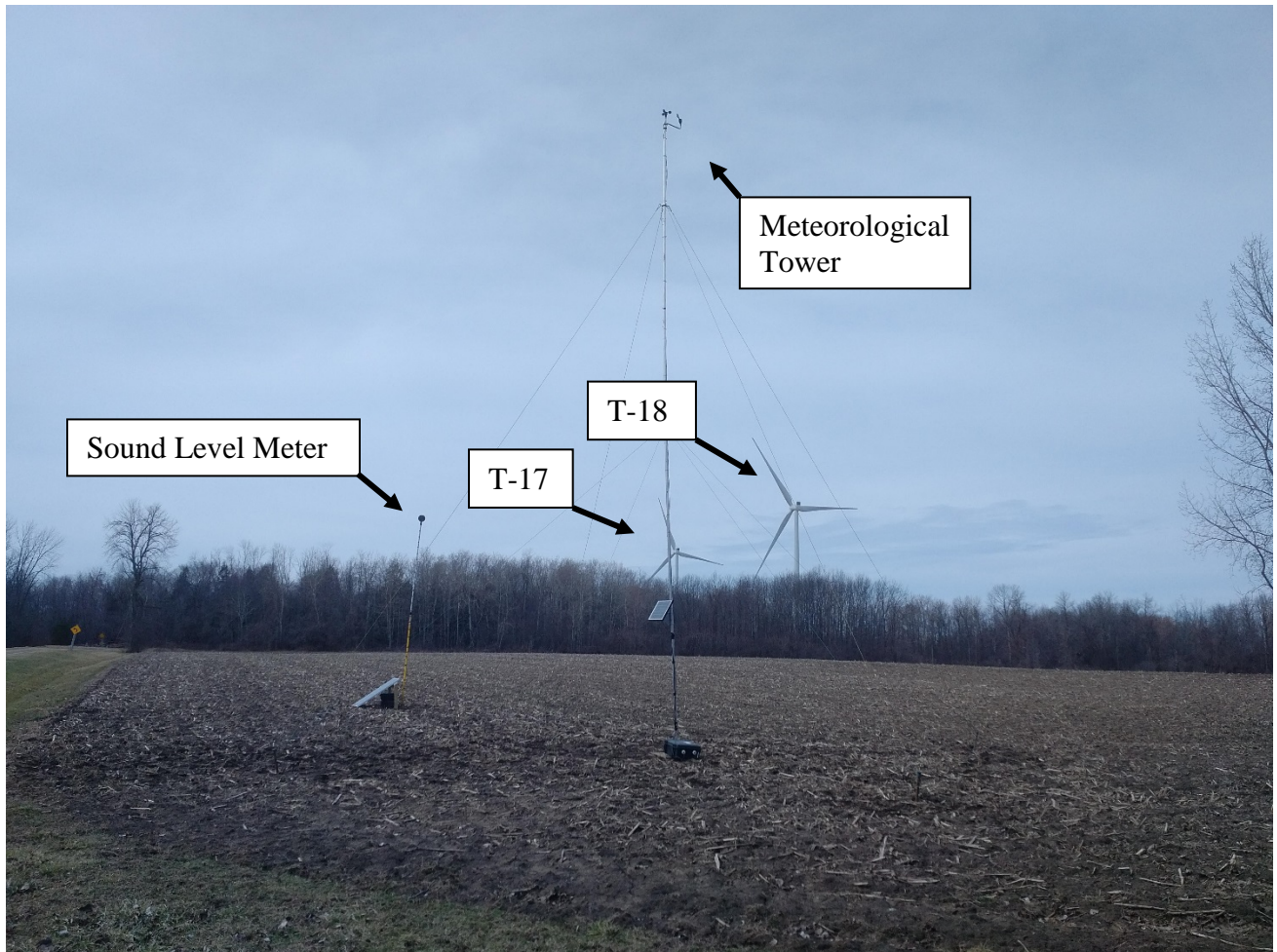
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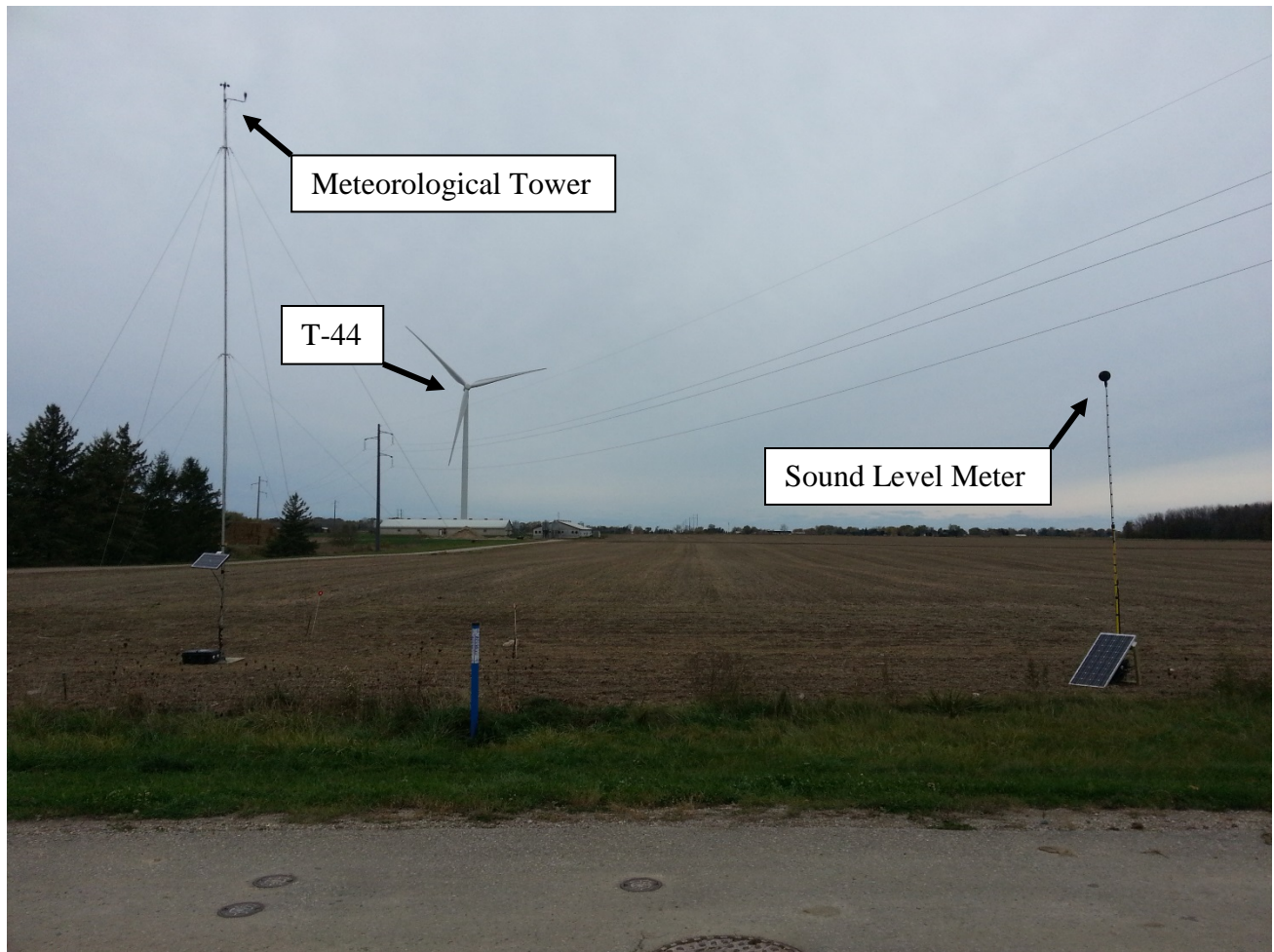
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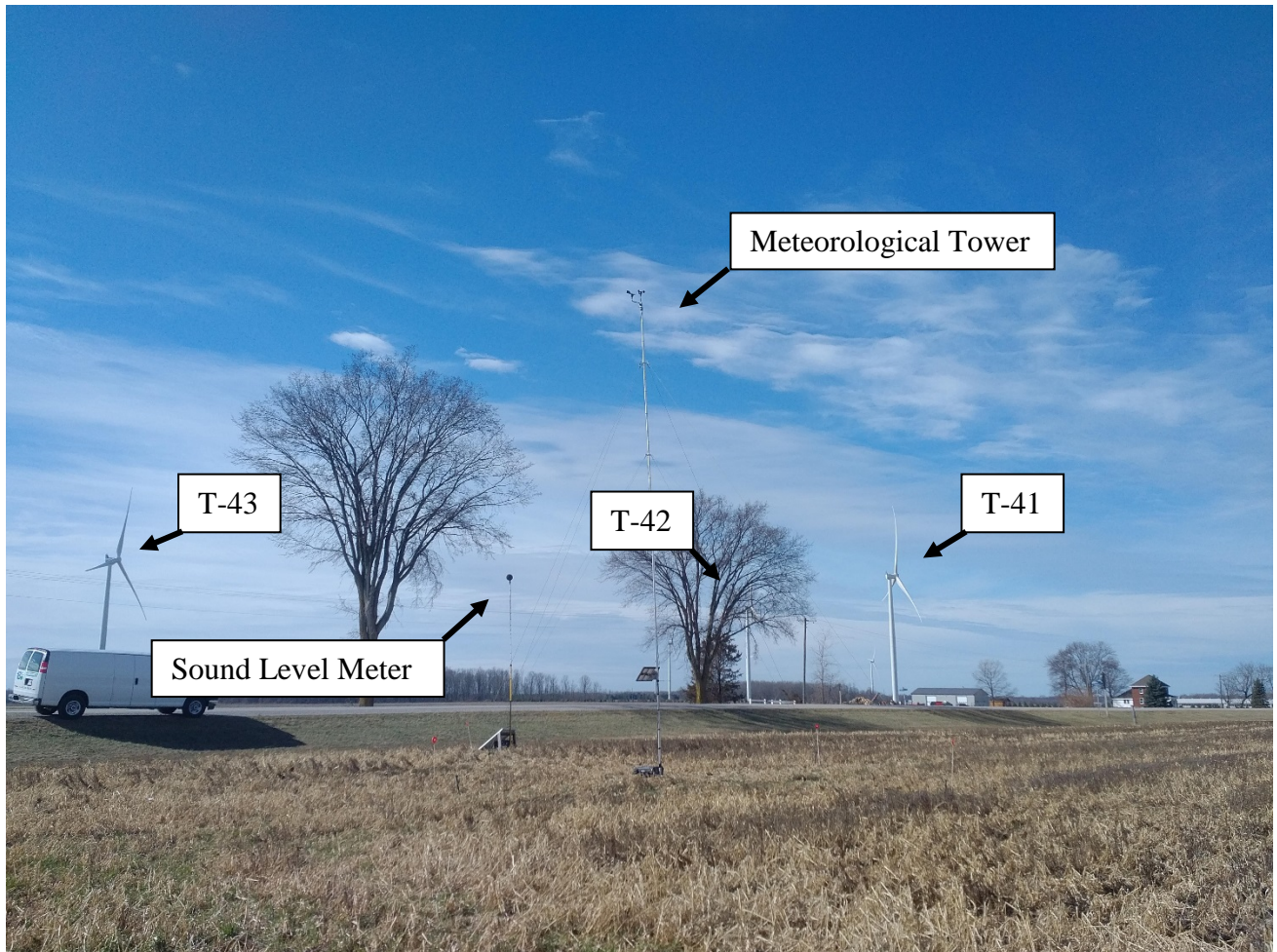
Sound Level Meter and Meteorological Tower at Monitoring Location M0258 (looking northwest)



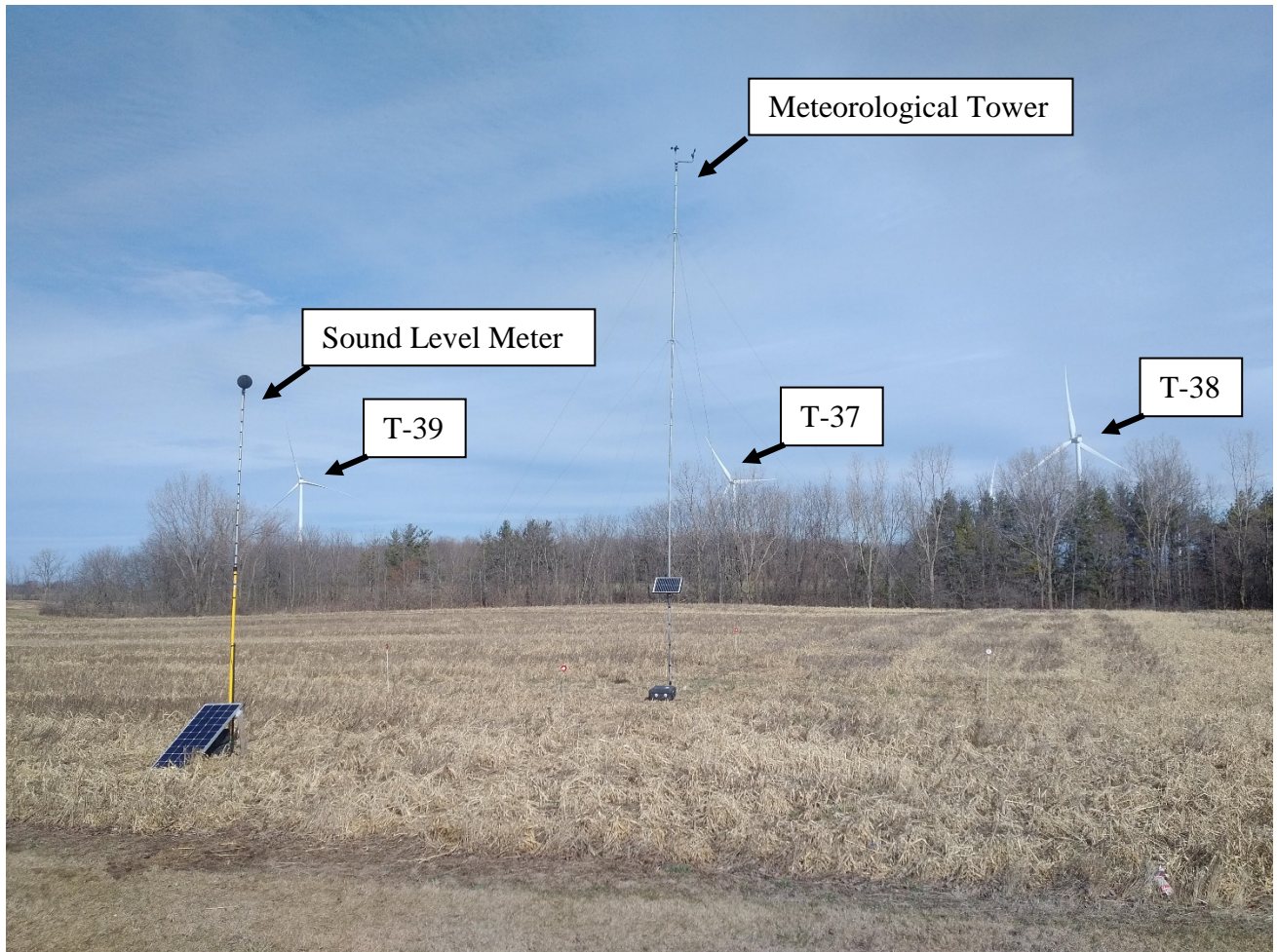
Meteorological Tower and Sound Level Meter at Monitoring Location M0792 (looking northwest)



Sound Level Meter and Meteorological Tower at Monitoring Location M1857 (looking west)



Sound Level Meter and Meteorological Tower at Monitoring Location M2960 (looking southwest)



Sound Level Meter and Meteorological Tower at Monitoring Location M2960 (north)

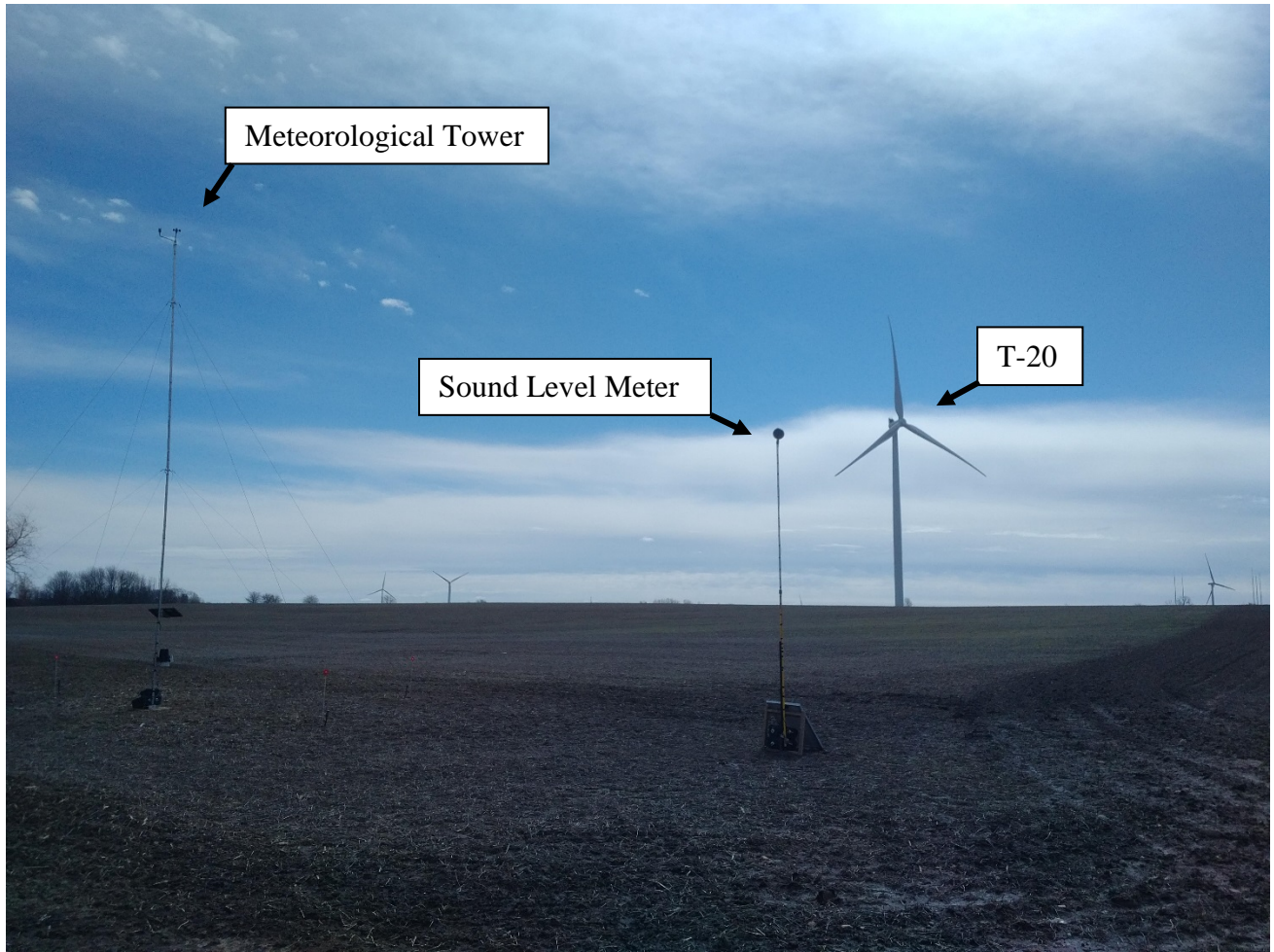


Photo of Meteorological Tower and Sound Level Meter at Monitoring Location M2972 (looking south)

APPENDIX C: CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES



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CERTIFICATE of CALIBRATION

Make : Svantek Reference # : 146973
Model : SVAN977 Customer : HGC Engineering
Mississauga, ON
Descr. : Sound Level Meter Type 1
Serial # : 36426 P. Order : Sean Richardson
Asset # : SV977-2
Cal. status : Received in spec's, no adjustment made.

Navair Technologies certifies that the above listed instrument was calibrated on date noted and was released from this laboratory performing in accordance with the specifications set forth by the manufacturer.

Unless otherwise noted in the calibration report a 4:1 accuracy ratio was maintained for this calibration.

Our calibration system complies with the requirements of ISO-17025 standard, working standards used for calibration are certified by or traceable to the National Research Council of Canada or the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Calibrated : Feb 22, 2017

By :



T. Beilin

Cal. Due : Feb 22, 2018

Temperature : 23 °C ± 2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used : J-216 J-303 J-512

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Make : Svantek
Model : SVAN977
Descr. : Sound Level Meter Type 1
Serial # : 36816
Asset # : SV977-5

Reference # : 146969
Customer : HGC Engineering
Mississauga, ON
P. Order : Sean Richardson

Cal. status : Received in spec's, no adjustment made.

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Feb 24, 2017

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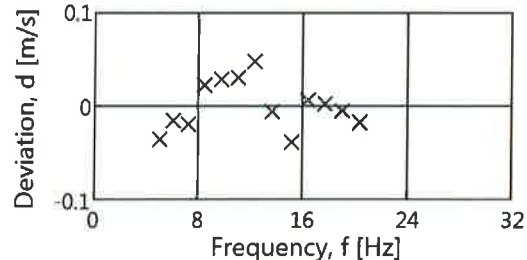
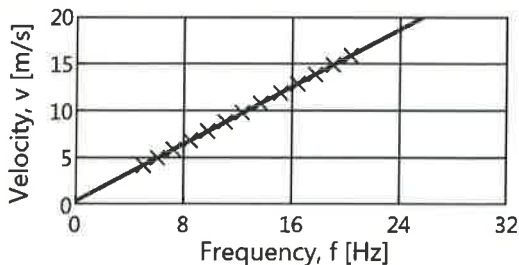
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CERTIFICATE FOR CALIBRATION OF CUP ANEMOMETER

Certificate number: 16.US2.09707 **Date of issue:** August 18, 2016
Type: RNRG 40C Anemometer **Serial number:** 179500235190
Manufacturer: Renewable NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA
Client: HGC Engineering, 200 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada
Anemometer received: August 17, 2016 **Anemometer calibrated:** 05:54 August 18, 2016
Calibrated by: mej **Procedure:** MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2005(E) Annex F
Certificate prepared by: Software Revision 7 **Approved by:** Calibration engineer, rds
Calibration equation obtained: $v \text{ [m/s]} = 0.76185 \cdot f \text{ [Hz]} + 0.35374$ 
Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00205 **Standard uncertainty, offset:** 0.05910
Covariance: -0.0000304 (m/s)²/Hz **Coefficient of correlation:** $\rho = 0.999977$ 
Absolute maximum deviation: 0.047 m/s at 9.775 m/s
Barometric pressure: 1002.0 hPa **Relative humidity:** 47.4%

Succession	Velocity pressure, q [Pa]	Temperature in wind tunnel [°C]	Temperature in d.p. box [°C]	Wind velocity, v [m/s]	Frequency, f [Hz]	Deviation, d [m/s]	Uncertainty u _c (k=2) [m/s]
2	9.96	29.5	28.3	4.170	5.0560	-0.035	0.024
4	14.15	29.5	28.3	4.971	6.0813	-0.016	0.025
6	19.63	29.5	28.3	5.855	7.2459	-0.019	0.027
8	26.73	29.5	28.3	6.833	8.4754	0.022	0.029
10	34.96	29.5	28.3	7.814	9.7550	0.028	0.032
12	44.33	29.4	28.3	8.800	11.0464	0.030	0.035
13-last	54.71	29.4	28.3	9.775	12.3044	0.047	0.038
11	66.20	29.4	28.3	10.754	13.6587	-0.006	0.041
9	80.46	29.5	28.3	11.856	15.1480	-0.038	0.045
7	94.61	29.5	28.3	12.856	16.4021	0.006	0.048
5	109.74	29.5	28.3	13.846	17.7078	0.002	0.052
3	126.24	29.5	28.3	14.851	19.0365	-0.005	0.055
1-first	143.46	29.4	28.3	15.831	20.3380	-0.017	0.058





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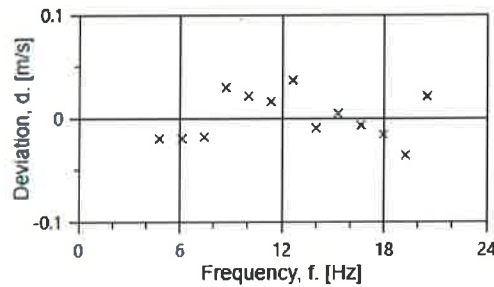
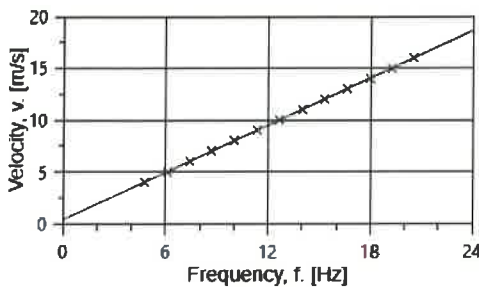
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Manufacturer: Renewable NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA
Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada
Anemometer received: February 03, 2017 **Anemometer calibrated:** February 03, 2017
Calibrated by: MEJ **Procedure:** MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2005(E) Annex F
Certificate prepared by: EJF **Approved by:** Calibration engineer, EJF

Eric Jeffrey

Calibration equation obtained: $v [m/s] = 0.75982 \cdot f [Hz] + 0.36149$
Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00176 **Standard uncertainty, offset:** 0.05015
Covariance: -0.0000226 (m/s)²/Hz **Coefficient of correlation:** $\rho = 0.999983$
Absolute maximum deviation: 0.036 m/s at 9.995 m/s
Barometric pressure: 1005.2 hPa **Relative humidity:** 13.1%

Succession	Velocity pressure, q, [Pa]	Temperature in wind tunnel [°C]	Temperature in d.p. box [°C]	Wind velocity, v, [m/s]	Frequency, f, [Hz]	Deviation, d, [m/s]	Uncertainty $u_c (k=2)$ [m/s]
2	9.28	23.6	26.2	3.967	4.7721	-0.020	0.025
4	14.59	23.7	26.2	4.977	6.1003	-0.020	0.025
6	21.09	23.6	26.2	5.983	7.4226	-0.018	0.027
8	28.77	23.6	26.2	6.988	8.6826	0.029	0.030
10	37.62	23.6	26.2	7.990	10.0125	0.021	0.033
12	47.70	23.6	26.2	8.998	11.3456	0.016	0.036
13-last	58.86	23.6	26.2	9.995	12.6302	0.036	0.038
11	71.06	23.6	26.2	10.982	13.9912	-0.010	0.041
9	84.58	23.6	26.2	11.982	15.2886	0.004	0.045
7	99.34	23.6	26.2	12.986	16.6247	-0.007	0.048
5	115.26	23.6	26.2	13.989	17.9557	-0.016	0.051
3	131.54	23.6	26.2	14.944	19.2398	-0.036	0.054
1-first	150.04	23.6	26.2	15.960	20.5026	0.021	0.057





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Certificate number: 17.US1.01491

Date of issue: February 06, 2017

Type: RNRG 40C Anemometer

Serial number: 179500244813

Manufacturer: Renewable NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA

Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentinia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada

Anemometer received: February 03, 2017

Anemometer calibrated: February 03, 2017

Calibrated by: MEJ

Procedure: MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2005(E) Annex F

Certificate prepared by: EJF

Approved by: Calibration engineer, EJF

Calibration equation obtained: v [m/s] = 0.75963 · f [Hz] + 0.36998

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Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00188

Standard uncertainty, offset: 0.05239

Covariance: -0.0000258 (m/s)²/Hz

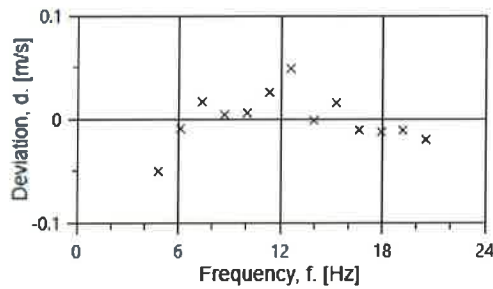
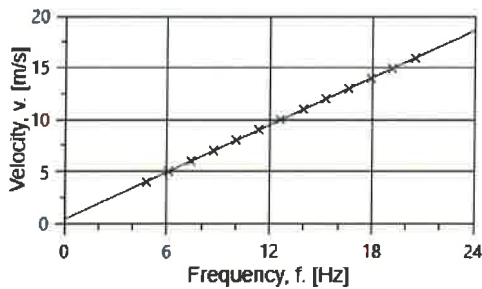
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Absolute maximum deviation: -0.050 m/s at 3.971 m/s

Barometric pressure: 1005.2 hPa

Relative humidity: 13.1%

Succession	Velocity pressure, q, [Pa]	Temperature in wind tunnel [°C]	Temperature in d.p. box [°C]	Wind velocity, v , [m/s]	Frequency, f , [Hz]	Deviation, d , [m/s]	Uncertainty u_c (k=2) [m/s]
2	9.29	23.6	26.2	3.971	4.8065	-0.050	0.025
4	14.68	23.6	26.2	4.991	6.0955	-0.009	0.026
6	21.15	23.6	26.2	5.991	7.3783	0.017	0.027
8	28.76	23.6	26.2	6.986	8.7045	0.004	0.030
10	37.64	23.6	26.2	7.992	10.0257	0.006	0.033
12	47.76	23.6	26.2	9.003	11.3304	0.026	0.036
13-last	58.77	23.6	26.2	9.987	12.5955	0.049	0.038
11	71.00	23.6	26.2	10.977	13.9650	-0.001	0.041
9	84.65	23.6	26.2	11.987	15.2722	0.016	0.045
7	99.35	23.6	26.2	12.987	16.6232	-0.011	0.048
5	115.18	23.6	26.2	13.984	17.9385	-0.013	0.051
3	131.29	23.6	26.2	14.929	19.1810	-0.011	0.054
1-first	149.62	23.6	26.2	15.937	20.5190	-0.020	0.057





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Certificate number: 17.US1.01493

Date of issue: February 06, 2017

Type: RNRG 40C Anemometer

Serial number: 179500244824

Manufacturer: Renewable NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA

Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada

Anemometer received: February 03, 2017

Anemometer calibrated: February 03, 2017

Calibrated by: MEJ

Procedure: MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2005(E) Annex F

Certificate prepared by: EJF

Approved by: Calibration engineer, EJF

Calibration equation obtained: $v [m/s] = 0.76309 \cdot f [Hz] + 0.35260$

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Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00196

Standard uncertainty, offset: 0.05745

Covariance: -0.0000283 (m/s)²/Hz

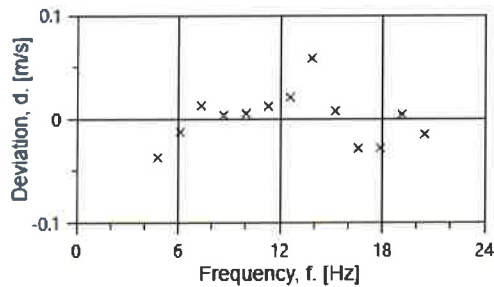
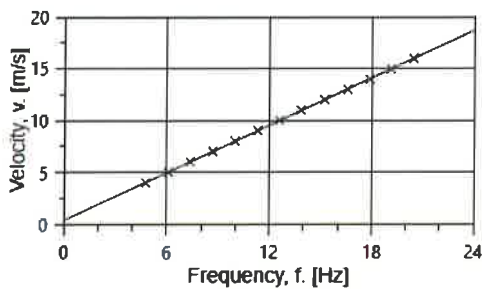
Coefficient of correlation: $\rho = 0.999979$

Absolute maximum deviation: 0.058 m/s at 10.986 m/s

Barometric pressure: 1004.9 hPa

Relative humidity: 13.1%

Succession	Velocity pressure, q, [Pa]	Temperature in wind tunnel [°C]	d.p. box [°C]	Wind velocity, v, [m/s]	Frequency, f, [Hz]	Deviation, d, [m/s]	Uncertainty $u_c (k=2)$ [m/s]
2	9.26	23.6	26.2	3.965	4.7834	-0.037	0.025
4	14.67	23.7	26.2	4.991	6.0955	-0.013	0.026
6	21.07	23.7	26.2	5.980	7.3582	0.013	0.027
8	28.71	23.6	26.2	6.981	8.6820	0.003	0.030
10	37.55	23.6	26.2	7.984	9.9937	0.005	0.033
12	47.65	23.6	26.2	8.994	11.3084	0.012	0.036
13-last	58.71	23.6	26.2	9.984	12.5942	0.021	0.038
11	71.09	23.6	26.2	10.986	13.8583	0.058	0.041
9	84.60	23.6	26.2	11.985	15.2349	0.007	0.045
7	99.19	23.6	26.2	12.978	16.5833	-0.029	0.048
5	114.93	23.6	26.2	13.971	17.8834	-0.029	0.051
3	131.68	23.6	26.2	14.954	19.1298	0.004	0.054
1-first	149.86	23.6	26.2	15.952	20.4625	-0.015	0.057





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Date of issue: September 14, 2016

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Serial number: 179500239925

Manufacturer: Renewable NRG Systems Inc, 110 Riggs Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, USA

Client: HGC Engineering, 2000 Argentia Road, Plaza One, Suite 203, Mississauga, ON L5N 1P7, Canada

Anemometer received: September 13, 2016

Anemometer calibrated: 08:08 September 14, 2016

Calibrated by: mej

Procedure: MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2005(E) Annex F

Certificate prepared by: Software Revision 7

Approved by: Calibration engineer, rds

Calibration equation obtained: $v [m/s] = 0.75961 \cdot f [Hz] + 0.38545$

Standard uncertainty, slope: 0.00178

Standard uncertainty, offset: 0.04733

Covariance: -0.0000230 (m/s)²/Hz

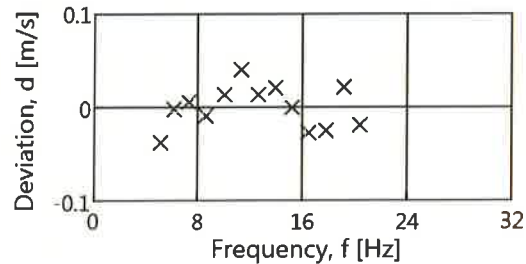
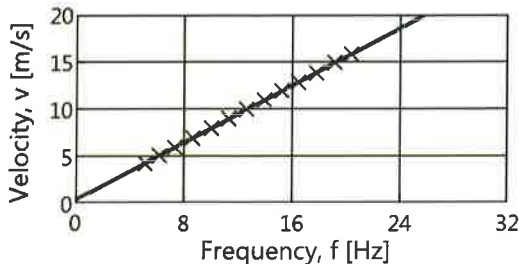
Coefficient of correlation: $\rho = 0.999983$

Absolute maximum deviation: 0.041 m/s at 9.002 m/s

Barometric pressure: 1001.7 hPa

Relative humidity: 41.3%

Succession	Velocity pressure, q, [Pa]	Temperature in wind tunnel [°C]	Temperature in d.p. box [°C]	Wind velocity, v, [m/s]	Frequency, f, [Hz]	Deviation, d, [m/s]	Uncertainty u _c (k=2) [m/s]
2	10.37	29.4	28.2	4.255	5.1419	-0.037	0.025
4	14.78	29.4	28.2	5.078	6.1800	-0.002	0.025
6	20.33	29.4	28.2	5.956	7.3259	0.006	0.027
8	27.58	29.4	28.2	6.938	8.6373	-0.009	0.030
10	36.75	29.4	28.1	8.008	10.0164	0.014	0.033
12	46.45	29.4	28.1	9.002	11.2907	0.041	0.036
13-last	56.94	29.3	28.1	9.967	12.5960	0.014	0.039
11	69.04	29.4	28.1	10.976	13.9141	0.021	0.042
9	81.77	29.4	28.2	11.946	15.2199	0.000	0.045
7	94.66	29.4	28.2	12.855	16.4504	-0.027	0.048
5	110.15	29.4	28.2	13.867	17.7796	-0.024	0.052
3	127.87	29.4	28.2	14.941	19.1336	0.022	0.055
1-first	143.59	29.4	28.2	15.833	20.3609	-0.018	0.058



APPENDIX D: STATEMENT OF OPERATION



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September 26, 2017

SUBJECT : Statement of Operation - Grand Bend Wind Farm - Grand Bend, Ontario

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to confirm that the wind turbine generators at the Grand Bend Wind Farm were functioning in their standard operational mode during the post-construction acoustic audit, conducted by HGC Engineering between March 9, 2017 and July 21, 2017.

Yours Truly,

Site Supervisor

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