# The Bellwether District Air Monitoring Monthly Data Report

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# **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

PM particulate matter

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VOC volatile organic compound

AMS air monitoring station



### 1 Introduction

On behalf of Bellwether District Holdings, LLC (BDH), formerly known as Philadelphia Energy Solutions Refining and Marketing LLC (PESRM), Terraphase Engineering Inc. (Terraphase) has prepared this *Air Monitoring Monthly Data Report* detailing the monitoring of total volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulates (i.e., respirable dust) in support of the earthwork and construction at 3144 West Passyunk Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Site).

A perimeter air monitoring plan (PAMP) previously submitted by Terraphase established project action levels and prescribed protocols for corrective measures should VOC or dust levels approach action levels.

#### 1.1 Background

The Site was formerly operated as a petroleum refinery between 1860 and 2019. Soil and groundwater investigation and remediation activities have been ongoing at the Site for decades. Known soil contaminants at the Site include various VOCs, various semivolatile organic compounds, and lead.

#### 1.2 Purpose and Objective

This report provides monitoring results at the Site in October 2024 as well as any corrective measures that were required per the PAMP.

# 2 Perimeter Air Monitoring

Ten weather-proof air monitoring stations (AMS) are situated along the perimeter of the Site, as shown in Figure 1, for real-time air monitoring and data collection. The monitors are equipped with telemetry and data logging software, solar panels, and batteries.

Perimeter air monitors began continuously collecting data in November 2022, prior to earthwork activities on the 750 acres south of Passyunk Avenue known as the industrial and logistics campus. In addition, perimeter air monitors began continuously collecting data in January 2024 prior to earthwork activities on the 250-acre innovation campus in the portions of the former refinery north of Passyunk Avenue.

#### 2.1 Dust Monitoring Data

Particulate Matter (PM) concentrations have been monitored at the perimeter air monitoring stations, measuring PM-10<sup>1</sup> continuously and reporting 15-minute, time-weighted averages. The Industrial Campus PM-10 24-hour average data are depicted in Figure 2.a, and the Innovation Campus PM-10 24-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NextPM sensor manufactured by Tera Sensor.



hour average data are depicted in Figure 2.b. As shown in the figure, AMS-06 recorded an exceedance of the calculated site-specific 24-hour action level of 150 micrograms per cubic meter on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2.2 VOC Monitoring Data

VOC<sup>2</sup> concentrations have been continuously monitored at the perimeter air monitoring stations, reporting 15-minute, time-weighted averages. The Industrial Campus VOC 8-hour average data are depicted in Figure 3.a, and the Innovation Campus VOC 8-hour average data are depicted in Figure 3.b. As shown in the figures, there were no exceedances of the calculated site-specific 8-hour action level of 4.6 parts per million.

#### 2.3 Corrective Measures

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, high wind speeds combined with dry site conditions due to a lack of precipitation resulted in elevated levels of airborne dust. BDH's contractors that conduct earthwork activities on site are subject to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health Air Management Services requirements to control dust. BDH's contractors use escalating dust mitigation measures depending on site conditions. These mitigation measures include spraying soil and work areas with water trucks, installation of wind breaks, lowering travel speeds in unpaved areas, temporary seeding and soil stabilization, and restricting earthmoving during windy conditions.

No corrective measures were required for VOC mitigation in October 2024 because VOC concentrations remained below the calculated site-specific action levels.

#### 2.4 Equipment Maintenance

Terraphase reviews air monitoring data daily and equipment is programmed to alert failures via email and text messaging. Ongoing monthly maintenance visits to test battery power and assess site conditions in proximity of units are also conducted to minimize impact to continuous operation of the units. Periodic downtime windows are noted in sections 2.1 and 2.2 for each sensor, when applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 10.6-electron volt lamp photoionization detector manufactured by IonScience.



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