

Ambient Air Quality Monitoring at Sunshine Canyon Landfill and Van Gogh Elementary School

Continuous monitoring of particulate matter, black carbon, wind speed, and wind direction began at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill (Landfill Site) and at Van Gogh Elementary School (Community Site) in Granada Hills in fall 2007.

These data are used to characterize ambient air pollution concentrations on a neighborhood scale in the context of the Los Angeles basin and to evaluate the impact of landfill operations on air quality in the community.

Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)

PM₁₀ is particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter. A human hair is about 100 micrometers in diameter. Its width could hold roughly 10 PM₁₀ particles. PM₁₀ is present in dust, smoke, soot, and dirt. It can be inhaled and drawn into the lungs, causing health problems for some people.

Black Carbon (BC)

Black carbon is a sooty black material emitted from gas and diesel engines, coal-fired power plants, and other sources that burn fossil fuel. Many BC particles are too small to be visible. BC emissions can cause adverse health and climate effects.

Wind

Wind Speed and Wind Direction are measured because they can significantly affect when and how far airborne pollutants travel from their sources.



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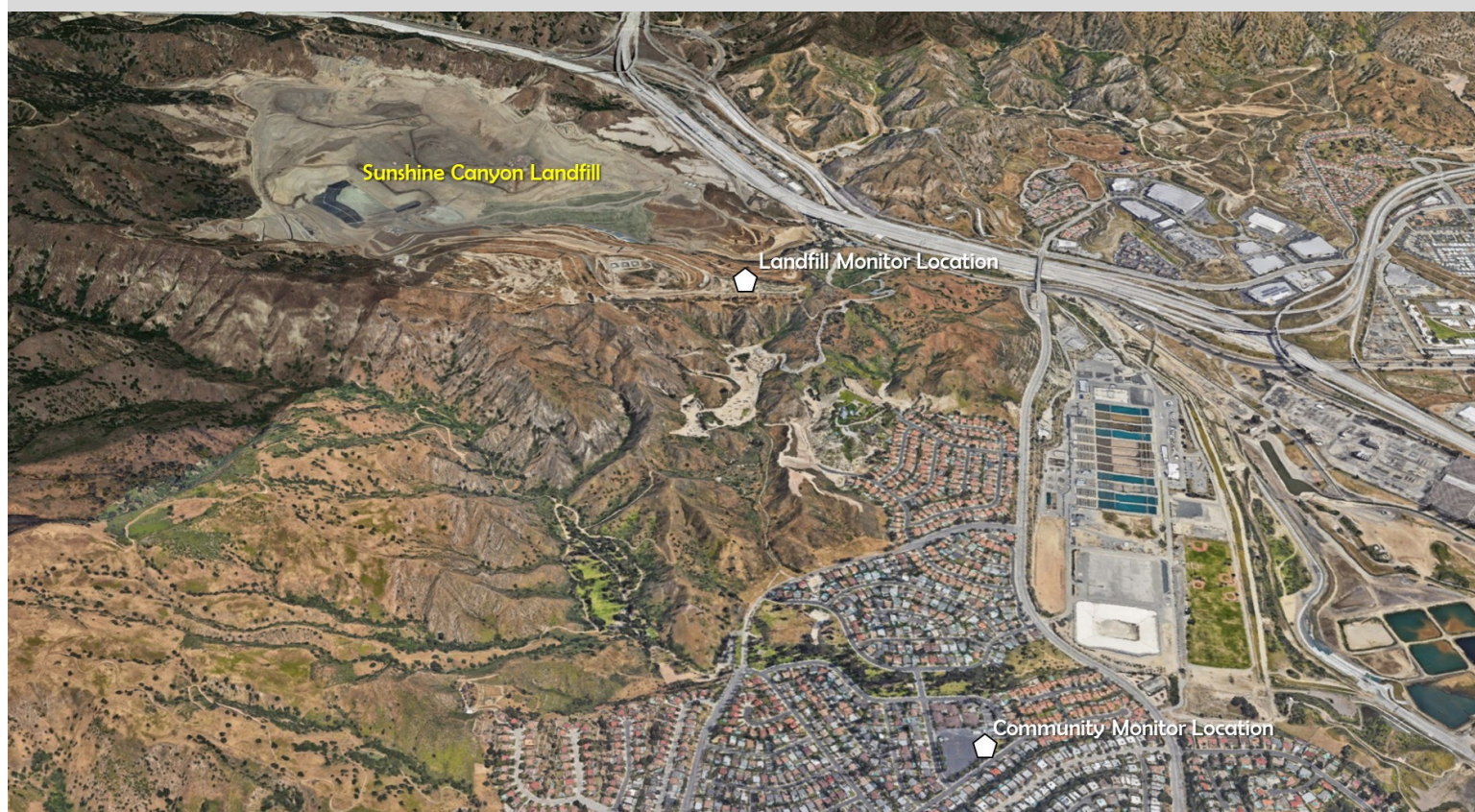
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Engines



Industrial
Activities



Statistical Summary for the Winter 2022/2023 Quarter

PM₁₀ Exceedances

Total PM₁₀ Fall Quarter Exceedances over 15 Years

14 Landfill Site Federal Exceedances

0 Community Site Federal Exceedances

177 Landfill Site State Exceedances

33 Community Site State Exceedances

Total Exceedances in the 60th Quarter

0 Landfill Site Federal Exceedances

0 Community Site Federal Exceedances

13 Landfill Site State Exceedances

0 Community Site State Exceedances

PM₁₀

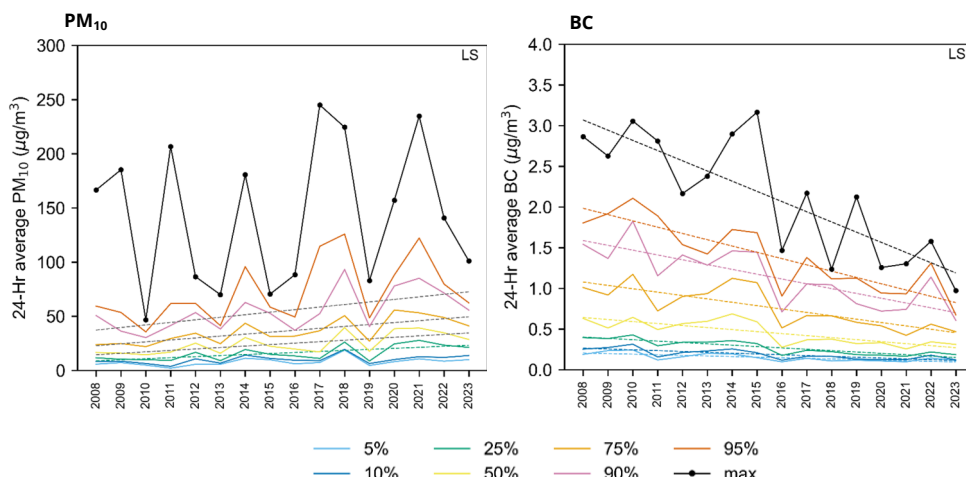
Landfill Site

There is a statistically significant increasing trend in most of the 24-hr average percentiles. However, all percentiles, except the 5th and 10th percentiles have decreased since the 2023 winter quarter.

Community Site

There is a statistically significant decreasing trend for only the 95th percentile only. The maximum concentration value saw a sharp decrease from the following two winter quarters.

Average and Maximum Black Carbon and PM₁₀ Concentrations



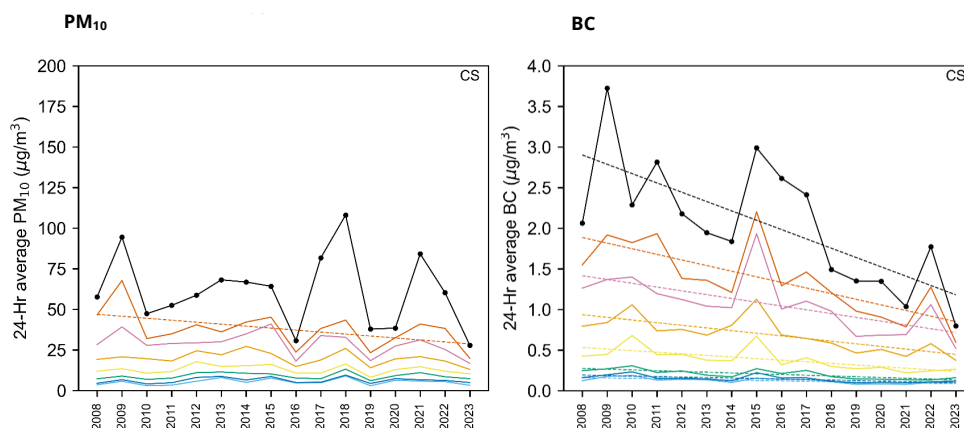
Black Carbon

Landfill Site

There is a statistically significant decreasing trend in all percentiles at the Landfill site during winter quarters over the observational record. All percentiles and maximum decreased at the Landfill site from the winter quarter of 2022.

Community Site

There is a statistically significant declining trend in winter quarter 24-hr BC concentrations at all percentiles and the maximum; and the 75th, 90th, and 95th percentiles and the maximum concentration were lower in the 2023 winter quarter than in the previous one.



Data Completeness

Data Capture

Valid Data Used for Analysis

	PM ₁₀	BC	Wind Speed & Direction	PM ₁₀	BC	Wind Speed & Direction
Landfill Site	99.95%	99.81%	98.87%	96.85%	99.91%	100%
Community Site	99.91%	99.77%	94.48%	99.77%	99.54%	100%

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Executive Summary

Background

Continuous monitoring of meteorological and air quality parameters began at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill (Landfill site) and at Van Gogh Elementary School (Community site) in the nearby community of Granada Hills fall 2007. The following parameters are measured at these sites: particulate matter less than 10 microns in aerodynamic diameter (PM₁₀), wind speed (WS) and wind direction (WD), and black carbon (BC) as a surrogate for diesel particulate matter (DPM). The collected data are validated and evaluated quarterly for completeness. Monitoring is conducted to fulfill stipulations in the City of Los Angeles' Conditions of Approval for the expansion of the landfill.¹ Similar conditions cover the County of Los Angeles' portion of the landfill.²

PM₁₀ concentrations are compared with federal and state PM₁₀ standards. When PM₁₀ concentrations are above the standard (i.e., an exceedance), additional comparisons are made with the historical, regional, and annual ambient PM₁₀ concentrations. The PM₁₀ and BC data are analyzed annually to characterize the impact of landfill operations on ambient air quality as observed at the Community site by quantifying PM₁₀ and BC concentrations and exceedances and comparing concentrations between the Landfill and Community sites. A more in-depth analysis is performed for the annual report.

The validated hourly data and a summary of the analytical results and field operations are reported to the Planning Department of the City of Los Angeles and to the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. This Sixty-First Quarterly Report summarizes the December 1, 2022–February 28, 2023, (2023 winter quarter) monitoring results from the sixteenth year of continuous data collection.

Statistics

For this quarter, the percentage of data captured for hourly PM₁₀ was 99.95% at the Landfill site and 99.91% at the Community site. Of the captured PM₁₀ data, 3.15% were invalidated at the Landfill site, and 0.23% were invalidated at the Community site. The BAM instrument at the Landfill site experienced persistent moisture inlet issues throughout the 2023 winter quarter, which contributed to 96.85% of the captured PM₁₀ data to be flagged as suspect. No data were deemed suspect at the Community site.

¹ Section C.10.a of Ordinance No. 172,933.

² County Condition 81.

Hourly BC data capture was 99.81% at the Landfill site and 99.77% at the Community site. Of the captured hourly BC data, 0.09% of data were deemed invalid at the Landfill site and 0.46% of data were deemed invalid at the Community sites. Of the captured hourly BC data, 3.48% were deemed suspect at the Landfill site, and 3.71% were deemed suspect at the Community site.

One-minute WS and WD data capture was 98.87% at the Landfill site and 94.48% at the Community site. Of the captured 1-min WS and WD data, none were deemed invalid at the Landfill or Community sites. Of the captured 1-min WS and WD data, approximately 0.02% were deemed suspect at the Landfill site, and no data were deemed suspect at the Community site.

During this quarter, the state 24-hr PM₁₀ standard (50 µg/m³) was exceeded on 15% of days (13 days out of the valid 87 days of the quarter) at the Landfill site, and on no days at the Community site (there were also 90 valid days of PM₁₀ data at the Community site this quarter). There were no federal exceedances of 24-hr PM₁₀ at either the Landfill or Community sites. The 24-hr average BC concentration was 0.35 µg/m³ at the Landfill site and 0.29 µg/m³ at the Community site. Both sites exhibited the lowest 24-hr average BC concentrations of all monitored winter quarters (2008–2023).

1. Introduction

This report summarizes data completeness, ambient particulate matter less than 10 microns in aerodynamic diameter (PM_{10}) concentrations, average and maximum ambient black carbon (BC) as a surrogate for diesel particulate matter (DPM) concentrations, instrument flow rate verification (quality control) data, and field operations for the quarterly period of December 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023. The collected data are validated and evaluated quarterly for completeness. This is the sixteenth year that continuous data were collected in the winter from continuous monitors at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill site (previously called the Berm site) and the Van Gogh Elementary School Community site. The monitoring site locations are shown in [Figure 1](#). PM_{10} is measured with a beta attenuation monitor (BAM), and BC is measured with an Aethalometer. The Sunshine Canyon Landfill North monitoring site shown in Figure 1 was installed in December 2015 and decommissioned on May 31, 2017.

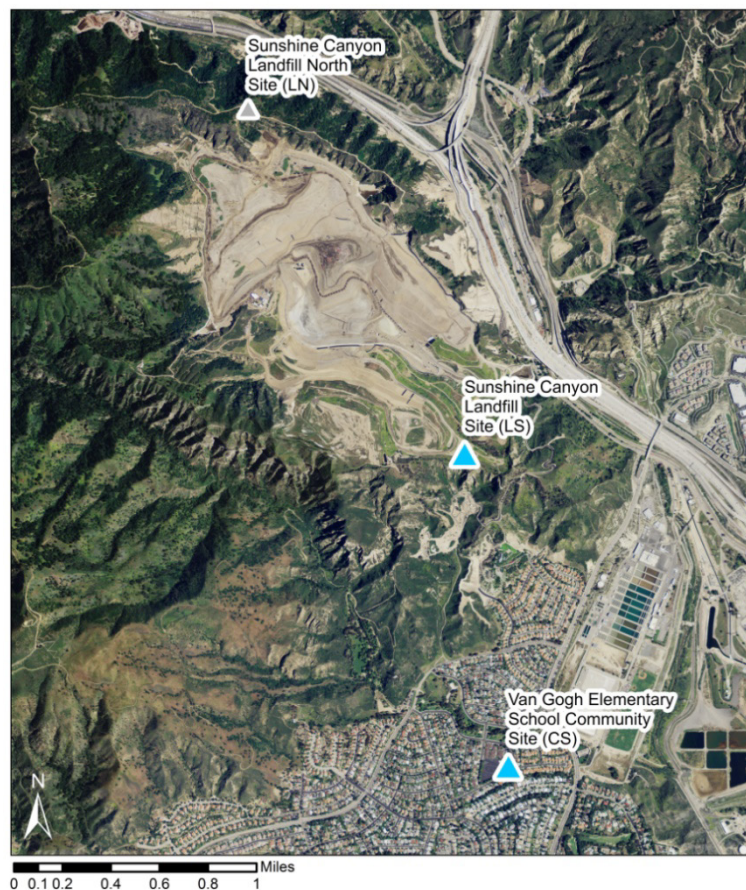


Figure 1. View of Sunshine Canyon Landfill and the surrounding monitoring stations (blue triangles): Landfill site and Community site. The Sunshine Canyon Landfill North site (gray triangle) collected data from Dec. 1, 2015, through May 31, 2017, and has since been decommissioned.

Monitoring is conducted to fulfill stipulations in the City of Los Angeles' Conditions of Approval for the expansion of the landfill.³ Similar conditions cover the County of Los Angeles' portion of the landfill.⁴

³ Section C.10.a of Ordinance No. 172,933.

⁴ County Condition 81.

2. Data Completeness

Completeness statistics for all measured variables during the 2023 winter quarter are shown in [Table 1](#). Data deemed as suspect are included in subsequent analyses (e.g., regional comparisons), while invalid data are not. The percent data capture for PM₁₀ was 99.95% at the Landfill site and 99.91% at the Community site. Of the captured PM₁₀ data, 3.15% were invalidated at the Landfill site, and 0.23% were invalidated at the Community site. 96.85% of hourly PM₁₀ values were deemed suspect at the Landfill site, and no hourly PM₁₀ values were deemed suspect at the Community site.

The BAM at the Landfill site experienced multiple issues throughout the 2023 winter quarter that compromised data collection operations and data quality. An air conditioning unit on the trailer that houses the BAM experienced repeated malfunctions, winter storms caused repeated power outages, and water from rains and odor misting saturated the BAM sampling inlet, condensation jar, and sampling lines, all of which led to a high abundance of suspect data.

Table 1. Data completeness statistics for hourly PM₁₀, hourly BC, and 1-min WS and WD data for the 2023 winter quarter monitoring period.

Monitoring Location	Dates	Data Capture (%) ^a			Data Valid or Suspect (%) ^b			Data Suspect (%) ^c		
		PM ₁₀	BC	WS/WD	PM ₁₀	BC	WS/WD	PM ₁₀	BC	WS/WD
Sunshine Canyon Landfill Site	12/01/22-02/28/23	99.95	99.81	98.87	96.85	99.91	100.00	96.85	3.48	0.02
Community Site	12/01/22-02/28/23	99.91	99.77	94.48	99.77	99.54	100.00	0.00	3.71	0.00

^a Data Capture is the number of collected data values divided by the total number of expected data intervals during the date range indicated in the "Dates" column (e.g., for the raw BC 1-hr data, 24 data values per day are expected), multiplied by 100.

^b Data Valid or Suspect is the number of data values that are either valid or suspect divided by the number of captured data values, multiplied by 100.

^c Data Suspect is the number of data values labeled as suspect divided by the number of captured data values, multiplied by 100.

Hourly BC data capture was 99.81% at the Landfill site and 99.77% at the Community site. 0.09% of hourly BC data were deemed invalid at the Landfill site, and 0.46% of data were deemed invalid at the Community site. At the Landfill site, 3.48% of hourly BC data were deemed suspect. At the Community site, 3.71% hourly BC data were deemed suspect.

At the Landfill site, the wind data capture percentage was 98.87%; no wind data were invalidated, and approximately 0.02% of captured wind data were deemed suspect. At the Community site, the wind data capture percentage was 94.48%; no wind data were invalidated, and none were deemed suspect.

3. PM₁₀ Exceedances

The federal and state PM₁₀ exceedances for the winter quarter of the baseline year (2002), the winter quarters of the previous 15 years (2008–2022), and the current winter quarter (2023) are summarized in [Table 2](#). In this quarter, the state PM₁₀ standard of 50 µg/m³ was exceeded on 15% of days (13 of 87 days) at the Landfill site, and on no days at the Community site. The percentage of state exceedances at the Landfill site for this current quarter is the lowest since the winter quarter of 2019.

Table 2. Number of exceedances of federal and state 24-hr PM₁₀ standards during the winter quarters of the baseline year (2002) and from 2008 to 2023. In the “Federal 24-hr” column, the values are the number of exceedances and the date(s) on which those exceedances occurred. In the “State 24-hr” column, the values are number of exceedances/total days on which valid 24-hr averages were measured, and the percentage of exceedances out of the total number of days on which valid 24-hr average PM₁₀ concentrations were measured. The most recent winter quarter is shown in **bold**.

Site	Quarter Period	Quarter Name	Exceedances of PM ₁₀ Standard	
			Federal 24-hr 150 µg/m ³	State 24-hr 50 µg/m ³
Sunshine Canyon Landfill site (LS)	12/01/01–02/28/02	Baseline Year	0	8/55 (15%)
	12/01/07–02/29/08	2008 Winter	1 (02/14/08)	10/83 (12%)
	12/01/08–02/28/09	2009 Winter	1 (01/09/09)	3/51 (6%)
	12/01/09–02/28/10	2010 Winter	0	0/87 (0%)
	12/01/10–02/28/11	2011 Winter	1 (01/20/11)	7/90 (8%)
	12/01/11–02/29/12	2012 Winter	0	13/91 (14%)
	12/01/12–02/28/13	2013 Winter	0	2/88 (2%)
	12/01/13–02/28/14	2014 Winter	2 (12/04/13, 12/09/13)	14/90 (16%)
	12/01/14–02/28/15	2015 Winter	0	10/89 (11%)
	12/01/15–02/29/16	2016 Winter	0	4/91 (4%)
	12/01/16–02/28/17	2017 Winter	2 (12/02/16, 12/18/16)	12/86 (14%)
	12/01/17–02/28/18	2018 Winter	2 (12/05/17, 12/17/17)	11/43 (26%)
	12/01/18–02/28/19	2019 Winter	0	4/90 (5%)
	12/01/19–02/27/20	2020 Winter	1 (12/17/19)	25/86 (29%)
	12/01/20–02/28/21	2021 Winter	4 (12/03/20, 12/07/20, 12/23/20, 01/19/21)	24/76 (32%)
	12/01/21–02/28/22	2022 Winter	0	17/78 (22%)
	12/01/22–02/28/23	2023 Winter	0	13/87 (15%)

Site	Quarter Period	Quarter Name	Exceedances of PM ₁₀ Standard	
			Federal 24-hr 150 µg/m ³	State 24-hr 50 µg/m ³
Community site (CS)	12/01/01–02/28/02	Baseline Year	0	7/70 (10%)
	12/01/07–02/29/08	2008 Winter	0	2/73 (3%)
	12/01/08–02/28/09	2009 Winter	0	6/85 (7%)
	12/01/09–02/28/10	2010 Winter	0	0/81 (0%)
	12/01/10–02/28/11	2011 Winter	0	1/88 (1%)
	12/01/11–02/29/12	2012 Winter	0	2/86 (2%)
	12/01/12–02/28/13	2013 Winter	0	3/87 (3%)
	12/01/13–02/28/14	2014 Winter	0	1/90 (1%)
	12/01/14–02/28/15	2015 Winter	0	4/88 (5%)
	12/01/15–02/29/16	2016 Winter	0	0/91 (0%)
	12/01/16–02/29/17	2017 Winter	0	2/90 (3%)
	12/01/17–02/28/18	2018 Winter	0	4/85 (5%)
	12/01/18–02/28/19	2019 Winter	0	0/80 (0%)
	12/01/19–02/27/20	2020 Winter	0	0/88 (0%)
	12/01/20–02/28/21	2021 Winter	0	0/87 (0%)
	12/01/21–02/28/22	2022 Winter	0	1/83 (2%)
	12/01/22–02/28/23	2023 Winter	0	0/90 (0%)

The federal 24-hr PM₁₀ standard (150 µg/m³) was not exceeded at the Landfill site or at the Community site during the current winter quarter. PM₁₀ concentrations during the winter quarters are typically lower than concentrations during other quarters.

4. Average and Maximum Black Carbon and PM₁₀ Concentrations

Although no federal or state standards exist for BC concentrations in ambient air, BC is a measurable component of ambient air that correlates well with DPM. Because of growing evidence that DPM is associated with several negative health effects, BC is often measured to quantify the relative amounts of DPM in ambient air. Findings from the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V) conducted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) found DPM to be the most important toxic air pollutant contributing to negative health impacts in the Los Angeles basin (South Coast Air Quality Management District, 2015).

BC is measured by an Aethalometer, which passes air through a filter tape to trap the suspended particles. Light-absorbing particles attenuate a light beam projected through the deposit. The buildup of BC on the air sampling tape causes an artifact that affects the accuracy of the measured concentration (Drinovec et al., 2015; Allen, 2014), subjecting Aethalometers to a saturation effect. Instrument response is dampened with heavier loading (i.e., higher concentrations) of BC aerosol. This artifact can cause BC concentration readings to be lower than the true concentration. However, mathematical methods to correct the BC concentration values are available and widely used. All the reported BC values to date from the Landfill, Landfill North, and Community sites have been adjusted in this report to compensate for this tape saturation effect. This compensation was not performed in quarterly reports prior to the 29th Quarterly Report (winter 2015). Because the compensation process changes the reported concentration, and because uncompensated values were used in previous reports, prior-year BC concentrations shown in this report do not match concentrations reported prior to the 29th Quarterly Report. All BC data shown in this Quarterly Report have been compensated, except unavailable data from the baseline year.

The 24-hr average and maximum compensated BC concentrations collected during the 2023 winter quarter, the compensated BC data from the winter quarters of the 15 previous years, and the uncompensated data from the baseline year are provided in [Table 3](#). The 2023 winter quarter 24-hr average BC concentration at the Landfill site is tied as the lowest on record, and the 24-hr maximum BC concentration at the Landfill site is the lowest on record. The 2023 winter quarter 24-hr BC average and maximum concentrations at the Community site are both the lowest concentrations on record for winter quarters.

Table 3. 24-hr BC concentrations for the winter quarter of the baseline year (2002) and each year from 2008 to 2023. Uncompensated BC values are reported for the 2002 winter quarter. The most recent winter quarter is shown in **bold**.

Site	Quarterly Period	Quarter Name	BC Concentrations (µg/m ³)	
			Average 24-Hr	Maximum 24-Hr
Sunshine Canyon Landfill (LS)	12/01/01–02/28/02	Baseline Year	0.88 ^a	3.49 ^a
	12/01/07–02/28/08	2008 Winter	0.78	2.87
	12/01/08–02/28/09	2009 Winter	0.73	2.63
	12/01/09–02/28/10	2010 Winter	0.89	3.06
	12/01/10–02/28/11	2011 Winter	0.63	2.82
	12/01/11–02/28/12	2012 Winter	0.70	2.17
	12/01/12–02/28/13	2013 Winter	0.70	2.38
	12/01/13–02/28/14	2014 Winter	0.79	2.90
	12/01/14–02/28/15	2015 Winter	0.75	3.17
	12/01/15–02/29/16	2016 Winter	0.38	1.47
	12/01/16–02/28/17	2017 Winter	0.53	2.17
	12/01/17–02/28/18	2018 Winter	0.49	1.24
	12/01/18–02/28/19	2019 Winter	0.44	2.13
	12/01/19–02/27/20	2020 Winter	0.39	1.26
	12/01/20–02/28/21	2021 Winter	0.35	1.3
	12/01/21–02/28/22	2022 Winter	0.47	1.58
	12/01/22–02/28/23	2023 Winter	0.35	0.97
Community Site (CS)	12/01/01–02/28/02	Baseline Year	0.76 ^a	3.72 ^a
	12/01/07–02/28/08	2008 Winter	0.58	2.07
	12/01/08–02/28/09	2009 Winter	0.68	3.73
	12/01/09–02/28/10	2010 Winter	0.76	2.29
	12/01/10–02/28/11	2011 Winter	0.60	2.82
	12/01/11–02/28/12	2012 Winter	0.57	2.18
	12/01/12–02/28/13	2013 Winter	0.50	1.95
	12/01/13–02/28/14	2014 Winter	0.51	1.84
	12/01/14–02/28/15	2015 Winter	0.85	2.99
	12/01/15–02/29/16	2016 Winter	0.51	2.62

Site	Quarterly Period	Quarter Name	BC Concentrations (µg/m ³)	
			Average 24-Hr	Maximum 24-Hr
	12/01/16–02/28/17	2017 Winter	0.54	2.41
	12/01/17–02/28/18	2018 Winter	0.45	1.50
	12/01/18–02/28/19	2019 Winter	0.35	1.36
	12/01/19–02/27/20	2020 Winter	0.36	1.35
	12/01/20–02/28/21	2021 Winter	0.31	1.0
	12/01/21–02/28/22	2022 Winter	0.43	1.77
	12/01/22–02/28/23	2023 Winter	0.29	0.80

^a Uncompensated BC values.

Distributions of 24-hr average PM₁₀ and BC data from winter quarters of 2008 through 2023 (presented as notched box-whisker plots⁵), and percentile trends for these metrics, are shown in [Figures 2 through 5](#).

⁵ A notched box-whisker plot shows the entire distribution of concentrations for each year. Each box illustrates the 25th (lower box extent), 50th (median, midline), and 75th (upper box extent) percentiles. The extent of the box indicates the interquartile range (IQR), where 50% of the data lie. The whiskers indicate values that are up to 1.5 times the IQR from the 25th or 75th percentile. Data outside of the IQR are referred to as “outliers” and are plotted individually. The boxes are notched (narrowed) at the median and return to full width at the 95% lower- and upper-confidence interval values (i.e., the extents of the notches indicate the range in which the median falls with 95% confidence). If the notches of any two boxes do not overlap, there is strong evidence that the medians are statistically different at the 95% confidence level.

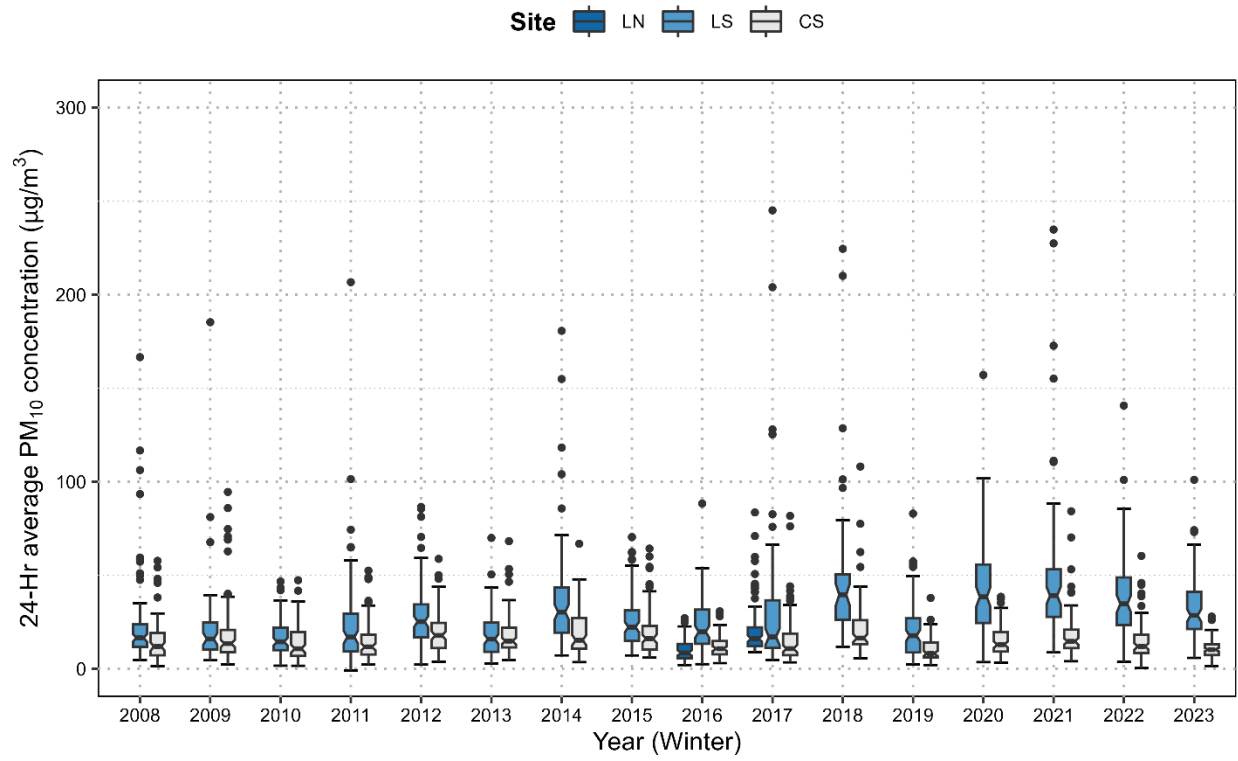


Figure 2. Distribution of 24-hr average PM₁₀ concentrations at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill North site, Landfill site, and Community site during winter (December-February) quarters from 2008 to 2023.

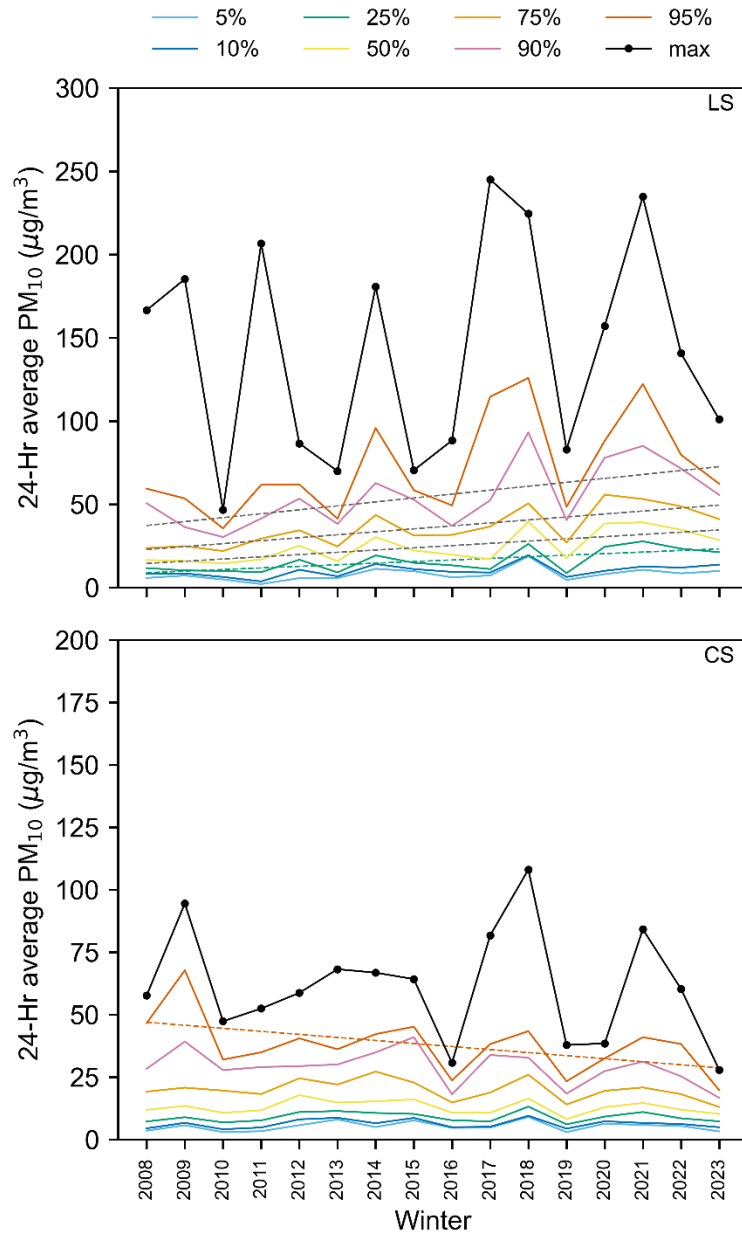


Figure 3. Trends of 24-hr average PM₁₀ maxima and percentiles at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill site (top) and Community site (bottom) during winter (December-February) quarters from 2008 to 2023. The dashed lines denote statistically significant linear trends. Statistical significance was defined at the 95% confidence level ($p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$).

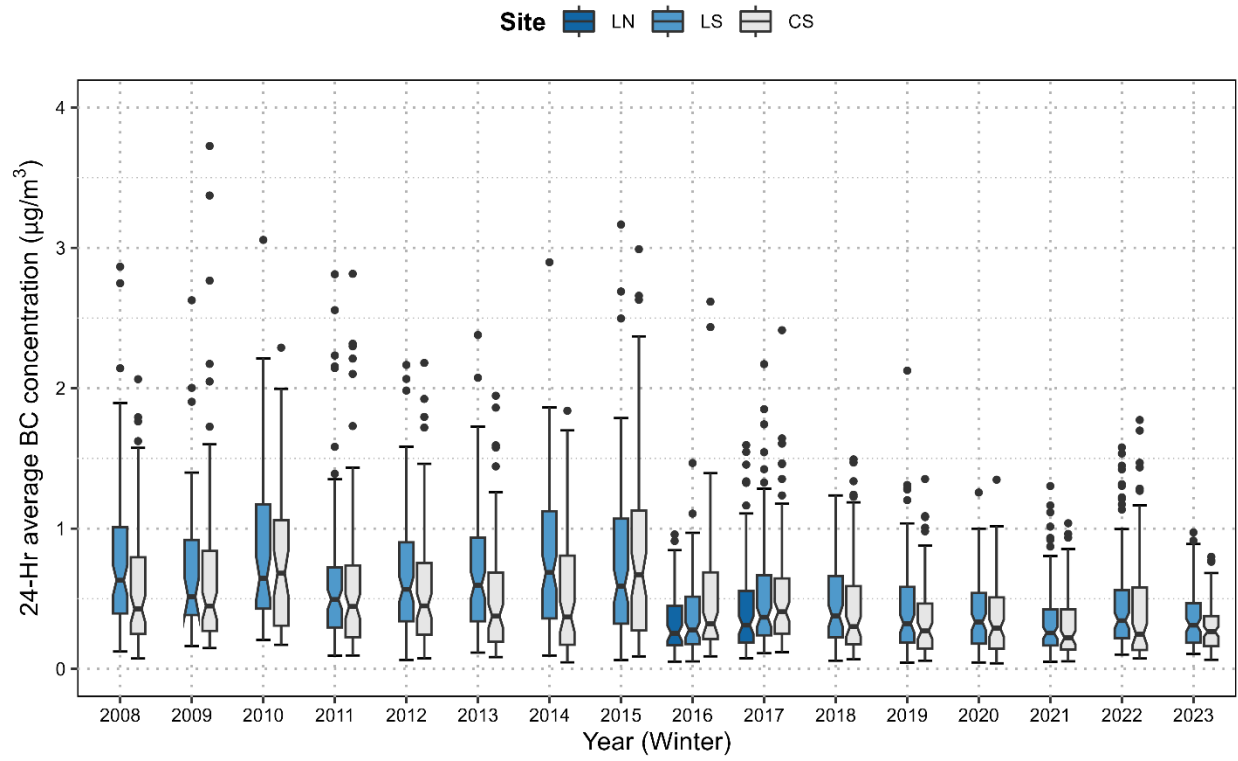


Figure 4. Distribution of 24-hr average BC concentrations at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill North site, Landfill site, and Community site during winter (December-February) quarters from 2008 to 2023.

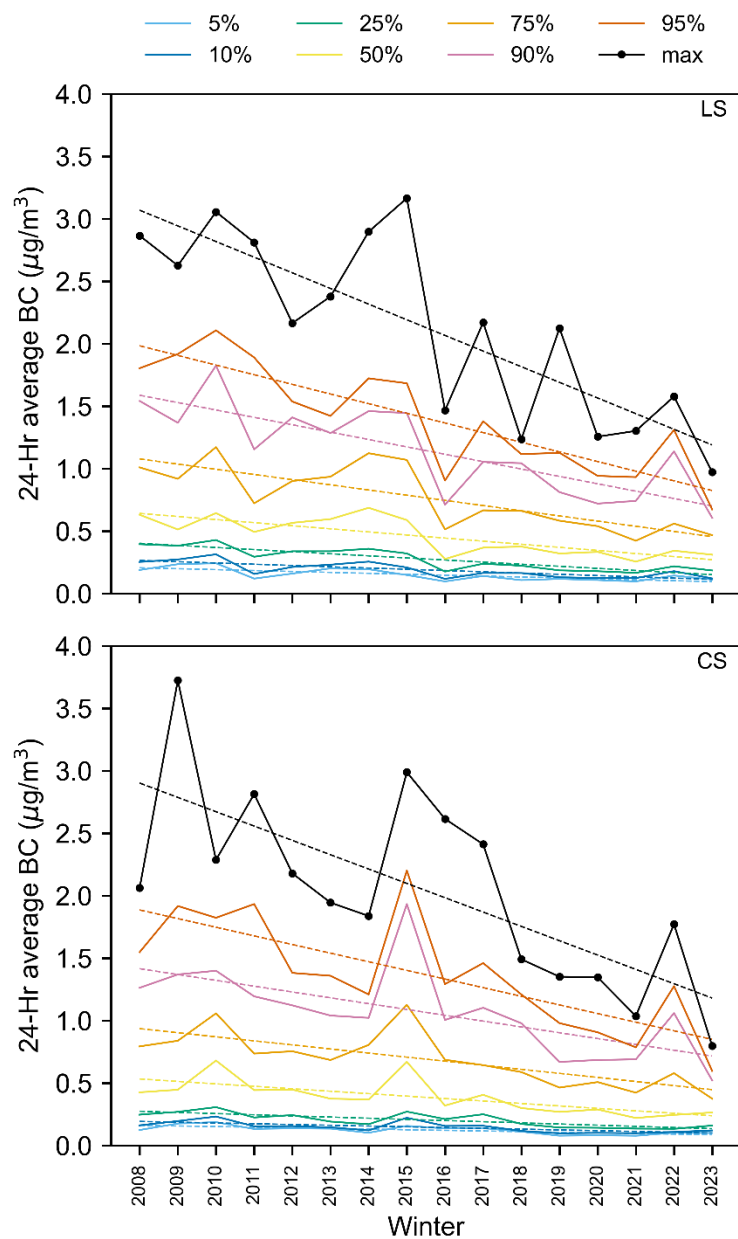


Figure 5. Trends of 24-hr average BC maxima and percentiles at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill site (top) and Community site (bottom) during winter (December-February) quarters from 2008 to 2023. The dashed lines denote statistically significant decreasing linear trends. Statistical significance was defined at the 95% confidence level ($p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$).

At this time of year, the median 24-hr average PM₁₀ concentrations measured at the Community site are usually lower than those measured at the Landfill site (Figure 3). This remained true in the 2023 winter quarter. As indicated by the non-overlapping notches (and the entire interquartile range) in the box-whisker plot, the difference between the median 24-hr PM₁₀ concentrations at the Community and Landfill sites is statistically significant. At the Landfill site, there is a statistically significant increasing trend in most of the 24-hr average percentiles (Figure 4). However, all

percentiles—except the 5th and 10th percentiles—have decreased since the 2023 winter quarter. At the Community site, there is a statistically significant decreasing trend for the 95th percentile.

During the winter quarters, the median 24-hr average BC concentrations are not usually significantly different between the Landfill and the Community sites, as indicated by overlapping notches in the box-whisker plot (Figure 5). In the winter 2023 quarter, the median 24-hr average BC concentration at the Landfill site was not statistically higher than at the Community site. There is some year-to-year variability in median 24-hr average BC concentrations over the 15 recorded consecutive years, but the range of 24-hr average BC values has generally decreased over time at both monitoring sites. In the winter 2023 quarter, both Landfill and Community sites saw lower median 24-hr average BC concentrations than in the previous winter quarter.

There is a statistically significant decreasing trend in all percentiles and the maximum concentration at the Landfill site during winter quarters over the observational record. All percentiles and the maximum decreased at the Landfill site from the winter quarter of 2022 to the winter quarter of 2023. At the Community site, there is a statistically significant declining trend in winter quarter 24-hr BC concentrations at all percentiles and the maximum concentration, and the 75th, 90th, and 95th percentiles and the maximum concentration were lower in the 2023 winter quarter than in the previous one.

5. Field Operations

Tables 4 and 5 list dates and major tasks associated with visits to the Landfill and Community sites during the 2023 winter quarter.

Table 4. Landfill monitoring site visits, field maintenance, and operations.

Date of Site Visit	Description of Work
12/27/2022	Collected PM ₁₀ and BC data Performed flow checks on BAM and Aethalometer Restarted Aethalometer Cleaned roller, vane, and nozzle on BAM Replaced BAM tape
2/8/2023	Restarted ENVIDAS
2/16/2023	Investigated power failure on BAM Replaced battery on BAM
3/24/2023	Replaced BAM tape
4/10/2023 ^a	Collected PM ₁₀ and BC data Restarted Aethalometer Cleaned roller, vane, and nozzle on BAM Replaced tape on BAM Performed flow checks on BAM and Aethalometer Noted that the shelter A/C is not working and that the odor misting system is blowing moisture onto the shelter

^a The next site visit that occurred after the current quarter is included in this report. The information from this site visit is used to assess the quality of the last portion of data from the current quarter.

Table 5. Community site visits, field maintenance, and operations.

Date of Site Visit	Description of Work
12/22/2022	Swapped anemometer Calibrated newly installed anemometer Collected PM ₁₀ and BC data Performed flow checks on BAM and Aethalometer Restarted Aethalometer Cleaned roller, vane, and nozzle on BAM
1/30/2023	Restarted ENVIDAS
2/1/2023	Restarted data logger
4/10/2023 ^a	Collected PM ₁₀ and BC data Restarted Aethalometer Cleaned roller, vane, and nozzle on BAM Replaced tape on BAM Performed flow checks on BAM and Aethalometer Noted that the shelter door is warped and will not close

^a The next site visit that occurred after the current quarter is included in this report. The information from this site visit is used to assess the quality of the last portion of data from the current quarter.

Aethalometer and BAM flow rates measured with a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)-traceable flow standard are shown in [Table 6](#). BAM flow rates are volumetric (i.e., they depend on local temperature and pressure), and Aethalometer flow rates are at standard temperature and pressure. The target flow rate of the BAM is 16.7 liters per minute (lpm) volumetric to meet the 10-micron particle cut point of the inlet, with an acceptable range of 16.0 lpm to 17.3 lpm. The Aethalometer has no particle size cut point.

Table 6. Flow rates for the BAM PM₁₀ and Aethalometer BC monitors at the Landfill and Community sites. "Ref." is the Reference and "Aeth." is the Aethalometer.

Location	Date	Flow Rate (lpm)					
		As Found		As Left		As Found	
		BAM	Ref.	BAM	Ref.	Aeth.	Ref.
Sunshine Canyon Landfill (LS)	12/27/2022	16.7	16.7	16.62	16.7	4.0	3.86
	4/10/2023 ^a	16.7	16.7	16.90	16.7	4.0	4.13
Sunshine Canyon Community (CS)	12/22/2022	16.7	16.7	16.72	16.7	4.1	4.12
	4/10/2023 ^a	16.7	16.7	16.77	16.7	4.0	4.19

^a The next site visit that occurred after the current quarter is included in this report. The information from this site visit is used to assess the quality of the last portion of data from the current quarter.

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