



## Quarterly Report – Quarter 4 – 2024





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**Subject:** Quarterly Report for Open-Path UV Air Monitoring

This report summarizes the data collected by the four open-path UV air monitoring systems that were installed at the Bazan refinery during the time period of October to December 2024 (Quarter 4 2024). During this time, the four systems continuously collected and quantified the concentration of Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene and Xylene (BTEX) gas in the ambient air. Information from the analyzers was reported along with meteorological data to a secured website, and alarm notifications were generated in the event target gases were detected above preset levels. Summary information is included for each beam path. The following report presents the summary results of the measurement period.

**Operational Performance Events**

As of the end of Q4 2024 the year to date onstream efficiency for the systems was 97.48%.

**Maintenance Activities**

Routine maintenance and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) for the open path UV monitoring systems occurred on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, and December 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

An audit check was conducted on UV5 on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Annual report validation checks were conducted on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



## Summary Findings

From the results of the report the following were noted:

- The sample paths detected compounds at different times. This was expected as the paths (due to their orientation) were affected by sources from the refinery under different weather conditions.
- Winds were from the South-South-East during the period under review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need additional information regarding the report.



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## Section 1 – Introduction

The purpose of the Argos open-path UV air monitoring project at the Bazan Refinery in Haifa, Israel is to measure Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylene (BTEX) gases on a real-time basis and to present this information via a secured website. The system also sends alerts for detection levels defined by Israeli authorities. The fence-line monitoring equipment is installed along four portions of the fence line at the Bazan refinery, these locations are shown in Figure 1.1. The beam paths covered are referenced as: Refinery Northeastern line 867 meters (UV\_1); Gadiv Eastern line 428 meters (UV\_2); Western Line (UV\_5) 311 m and Refinery Southwestern line (UV\_4) 822 meters.

**Figure 1.1 - Location Map Showing Fence Lines Covered by Argos Open-path UV Air Monitoring Systems**





Each site is equipped with a meteorological station measuring the following parameters:

- Wind speed
- Wind direction
- Temperature
- Relative humidity

The purpose of meteorological station is to help locate pollution source direction only on the Fenceline system height.

The fourth quarter summary of the measurements performed by the system for 2024, are presented in the sections that follow. The measurements for Benzene were performed using an in-house validated method "FLM-QLT-MET-001 Determination of BTEX by UV DOAS" which is based on TO-16 and EPA 301 methods.



## Section 2 - Quality Assurance Quality Control Checks

The Argos Open-path UV air monitoring systems employ a number of methods to check the data quality of the system. Table 2.1 summarizes the routine data quality checks employed during the project. Each data quality check is described below.

**Table 2.1 –Quality Checks**

Data Quality Check	Frequency
Continuous Data Quality Checks	Continuous
System Check	Daily
Challenge of System with Known Quantity of Gas	Every two weeks
Independent Check of Gas Detects	As Needed

### Continuous Data Quality Checks (Frequency – Continuous)

Data generated by the fence-line monitoring equipment undergoes review throughout the measurement and reporting process. This includes automated QA/QC checks that occur before data is reported on the real-time website. Automated data checks are listed in Table 2.2

### System Check (Frequency Daily)

During the measurement period Argos provided continual on-call support for the fence-line monitoring network. This includes an alarm system that notifies a support team in the event of instrument malfunction or high detections of gases, loss of Internet connections and other issues that might impact on the performance of the monitoring equipment. The support team includes staff scientists who are experts in the field of UV spectroscopy. In addition, each day Argos staff remotely access the local instrument computers and perform data checks to ensure the system is operating properly. This includes but was not limited to:



- Troubleshooting software issues
- Checking light signals
- Perform validation checks on gas detections



**Table 2.2 – Real-time Data Quality Checks**

Real-Time Check	Check	Action
<b>Low Signal Alarm</b>	Signal threshold test	If signal is below threshold value: 1) Real-time website reports "Low Signal" to analyzer. Automated email is sent to notify support staff of the issue.
<b>Instrument Error Code</b>	Instrument Error Code	Real-time website reports "off-line" message. Automated email is sent to notify support staff of the issue.
<b>Instrument Workstation Off-line</b>	Instrument Communication Check	Real-time website reports "off-line" message. Automated email is sent to notify support staff of the issue.
<b>Internet Connection Lost</b>	Backup Connection enabled	Automated email is sent to notify support staff of the issue.
<b>High Detection</b>	Valid Data Detection Above Threshold	Real-time website indicates detection above alarm threshold. Automated email is sent to notify support staff of the issue.

### **Challenge of System with Known Quantity of Gas (Frequency – Every two weeks)**

The UV systems are calibrated by inserting a known concentration of a target gas into the beam and then measuring the system response. The target gas is held inside a sealed cell with windows that minimize absorption of UV light. The measurement will be considered passing if the quantified result is within 15% of the expected value.

Tables 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 below summarises the QA check results for the system for Q4 2024



**Table 2.3: Summary of Quarter 4 2024 Benzene Challenge Gas Checks at UV1**

Date	Times	Expected (ppb)	Measured (ppb)	% Difference	Status
08-10-2024	19:43	9.81	10.43*	6.33	Pass
05-11-2024	20:03	9.81	11.16	13.80	Pass
27-11-2024	18:20	12.23	12.45	1.79	Pass
16-12-2024	17:02	12.23	13.88	13.5	Pass
23-12-2024	22:03	12.23	12.36	1.05	Pass

\* There was a deviation in the QA procedure used at UV1 due to the security situation in Israel



**Table 2.4: Summary of Quarter 4 2024 Benzene Challenge Gas Checks at UV2**

Date	Times	Expected (ppb)	Measured (ppb)	% Difference	Status
28-11-2024	16:43	7.71	7.91	2.7	Pass
17-12-2024	13:11	7.71	6.66	13.5	Pass
23-12-2024	20:14	7.71	7.5	2.4	Pass

QA was not performed during October and was only performed once in November at UV2 due to the security situation in Israel



**Table 2.5: Summary of Quarter 4 2024 Benzene Challenge Gas Checks at UV4**

Date	Times	Expected (ppb)	Measured (ppb)	% Difference	Status
27-11-2024	18:45	12.04	10.62	11.83	Pass
17-12-2024	22:12	12.04	12.24	1.63	Pass
30-12-2024	21:54	12.04	12.95	7.53	Pass

QA was not performed during October and was only performed once in November at UV4 due to the security situation in Israel



**Table 2.6: Summary of Quarter 4 2024 Benzene Challenge Gas Checks at UV5**

Date	Times	Expected (ppb)	Measured (ppb)	% Difference	Status
08-10-2024	21:10	15.11	17.05	12.86	Pass
30-10-2024	15:57	14.47	14.83	2.49	Pass
05-11-2024	21:12	14.47	16.36	13.09	Pass
28-11-2024	11:33	14.47	14.99	3.5	Pass
17-12-2024	20:31	14.47	12.73	11.9	Pass
23-12-2024	20:44	14.47	13.73	5.1	Pass



## Independent Check of Gas Detects

In addition to automated features in the software, Argos technical data analysts have the ability to check the system performance by carrying out independent quantification of target gases. Depending on the specific application, these activities are performed on a routine basis to ensure the automated data collection and verification process is functioning correctly. An example of this process is presented below:

- Collect a data spectrum in the atmosphere when the target gas is not present. Define this as the background spectrum.
- Collect a data spectrum in the atmosphere when the target gas is present. Define this as the data spectrum.
- Subtract the logarithms of the two spectra. This resulting spectrum is defined as an absorbance spectrum.
- Compare this spectrum to a quantitative absorbance spectrum of the target gas.

## Minimum Detection Limit Checks

The minimum detection limits for the system were calculated for the fourth quarter 2024 and are shown in Table 2.7 below:

**Table 2.7: Minimum Detection Limits for Systems for Quarter 4 2024**

Location	October MDL (ppb)	November MDL (ppb)	December MDL (ppb)
UV_1	0.69	0.52	0.26
UV_2	0.73	0.72	0.23
UV_4	0.78	0.97	0.31
UV_5	0.50	0.50	0.34



## Section 3 - Summary of Field Data

As mentioned in Section 1, the air monitoring equipment operated continuously during Quarter 4 2024. The following figures and tables summarize the data collected during this time period for BTEX gases. Each system collected data at five-minute averages. Table 3.1 lists the time periods that valid data was collected at each location.

**Table 3.1 – Data Collection periods**

Location	Data Start	Data End	Onstream
UV_1	10-01-2024	12-31-2024	95.17
UV_2	10-01-2024	12-31-2024	96.61
UV_4	10-01-2024	12-31-2024	97.12
UV_5	10-01-2024	12-31-2024	95.54

The following alarms were set by the client and were used to measure the performance of the system:

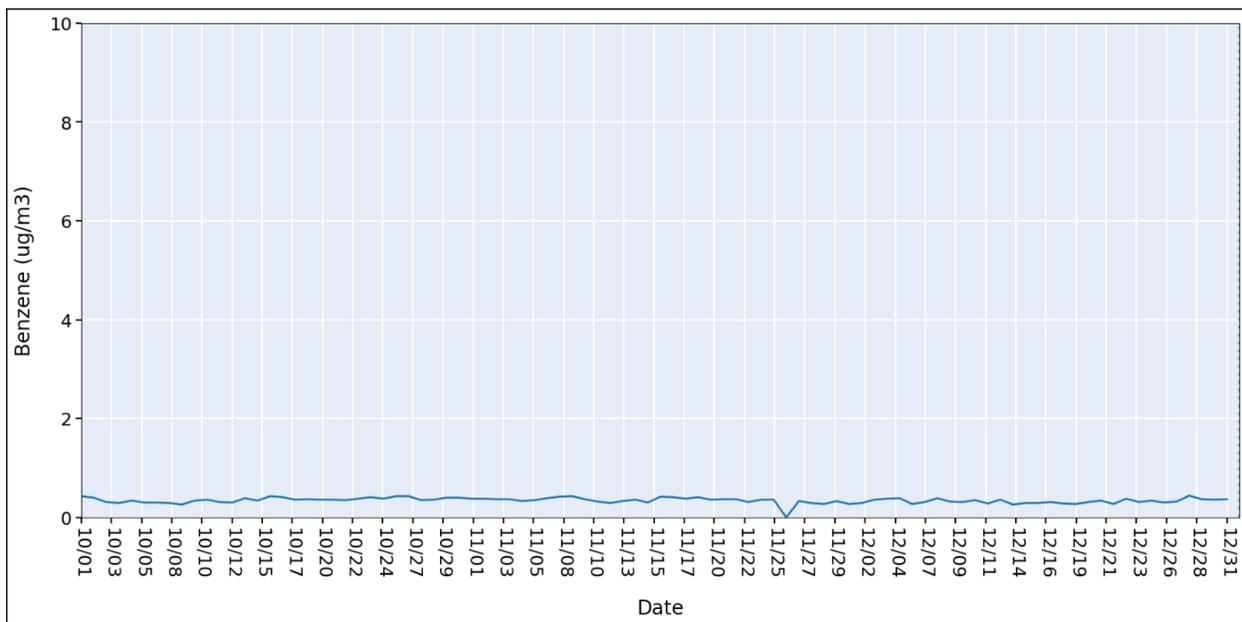
- Benzene:
  - 20 microgram/m<sup>3</sup> half hour average. (30 min alarm)
  - 2 consecutive measurements of 10 microgram/m<sup>3</sup> half hour average. (1 hr alarm)
  - 3.9 microgram/m<sup>3</sup> daily average. (24 hr alarm)
- Toluene: 3,770 microgram/m<sup>3</sup> daily average.
- Total Xylenes: 4,800 microgram/m<sup>3</sup> daily average (Almog value).
- Ethyl Benzene: 54,000 microgram/m<sup>3</sup> 15-minute average (Almog value)



## UV1 – Summary of Daily Average Field Data

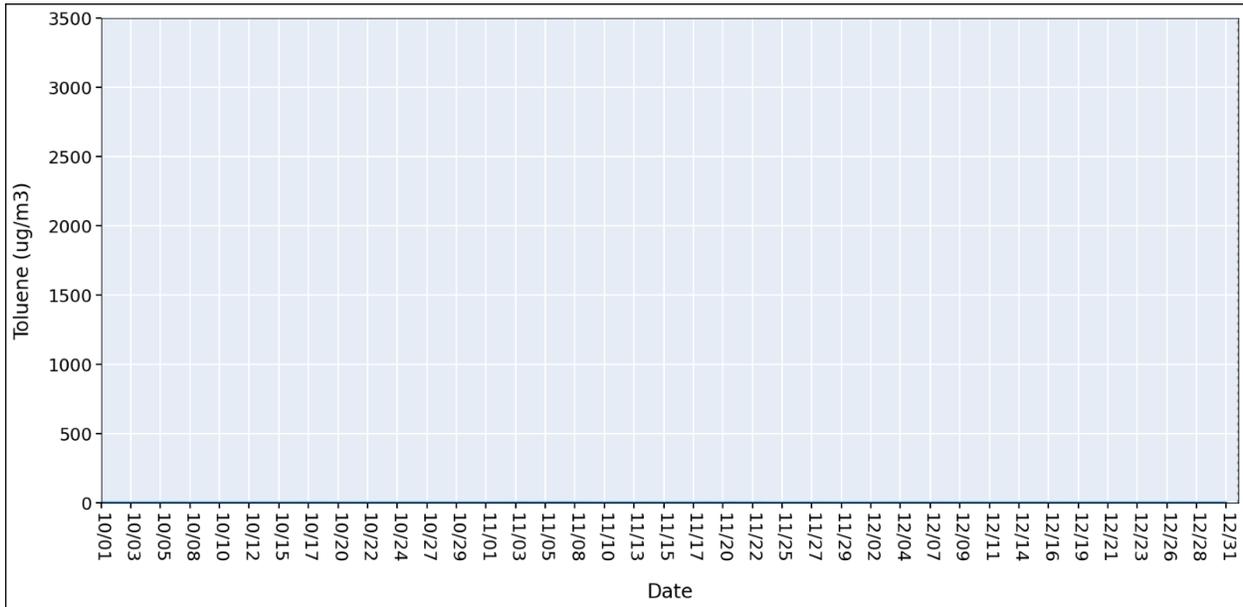
Figures 3.1 to 3.5 show the daily average data collected from the UV1 system

**Figure 3.1 – Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV1 for Quarter 4 2024**





**Figure 3.2 – Toluene 24 Hour Average Data for UV1 for Quarter 4 2024**



**Figure 3.3 – Xylene 24 Hour Average Data for UV1 for Quarter 4 2024**

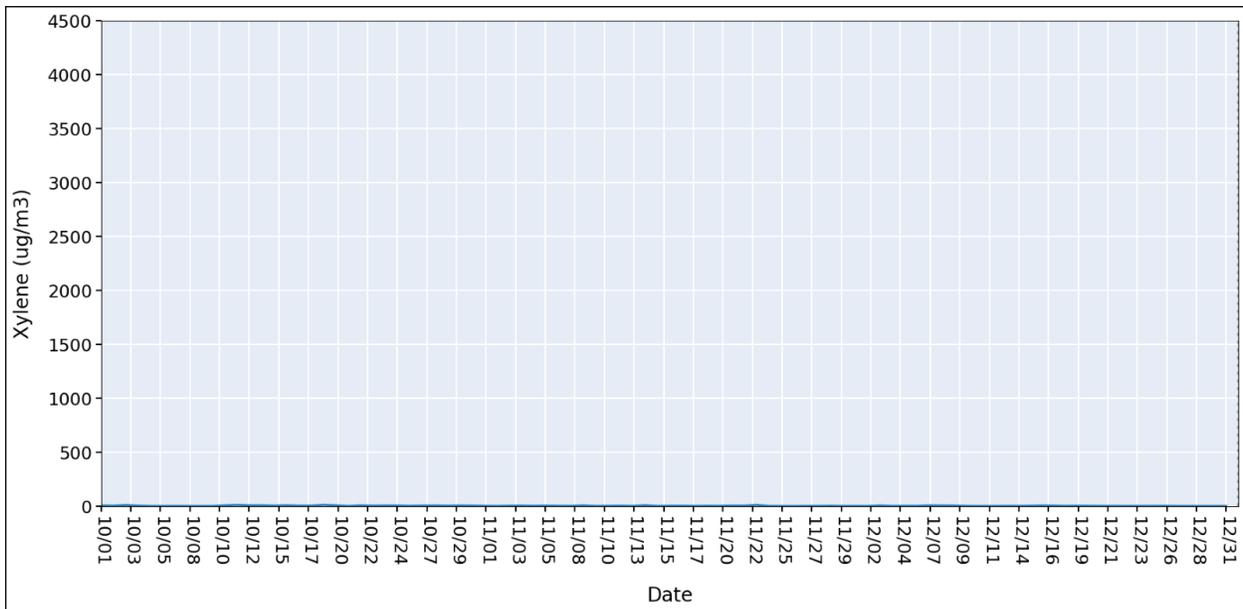




Figure 3.4 - Ethyl Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV1 for Q4 2024

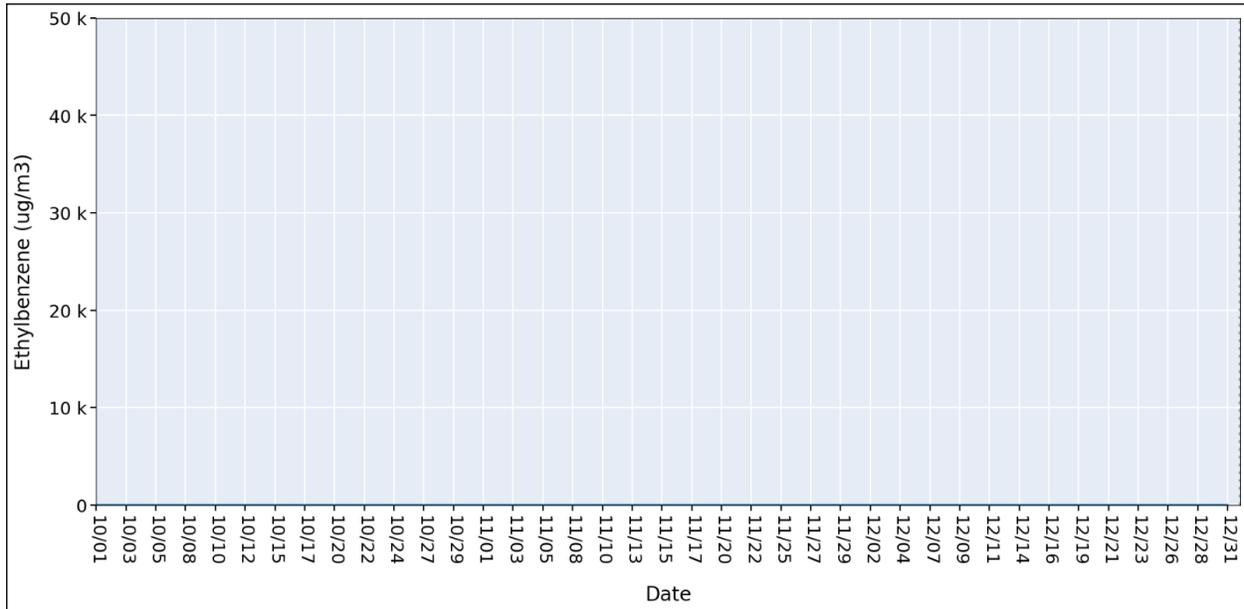
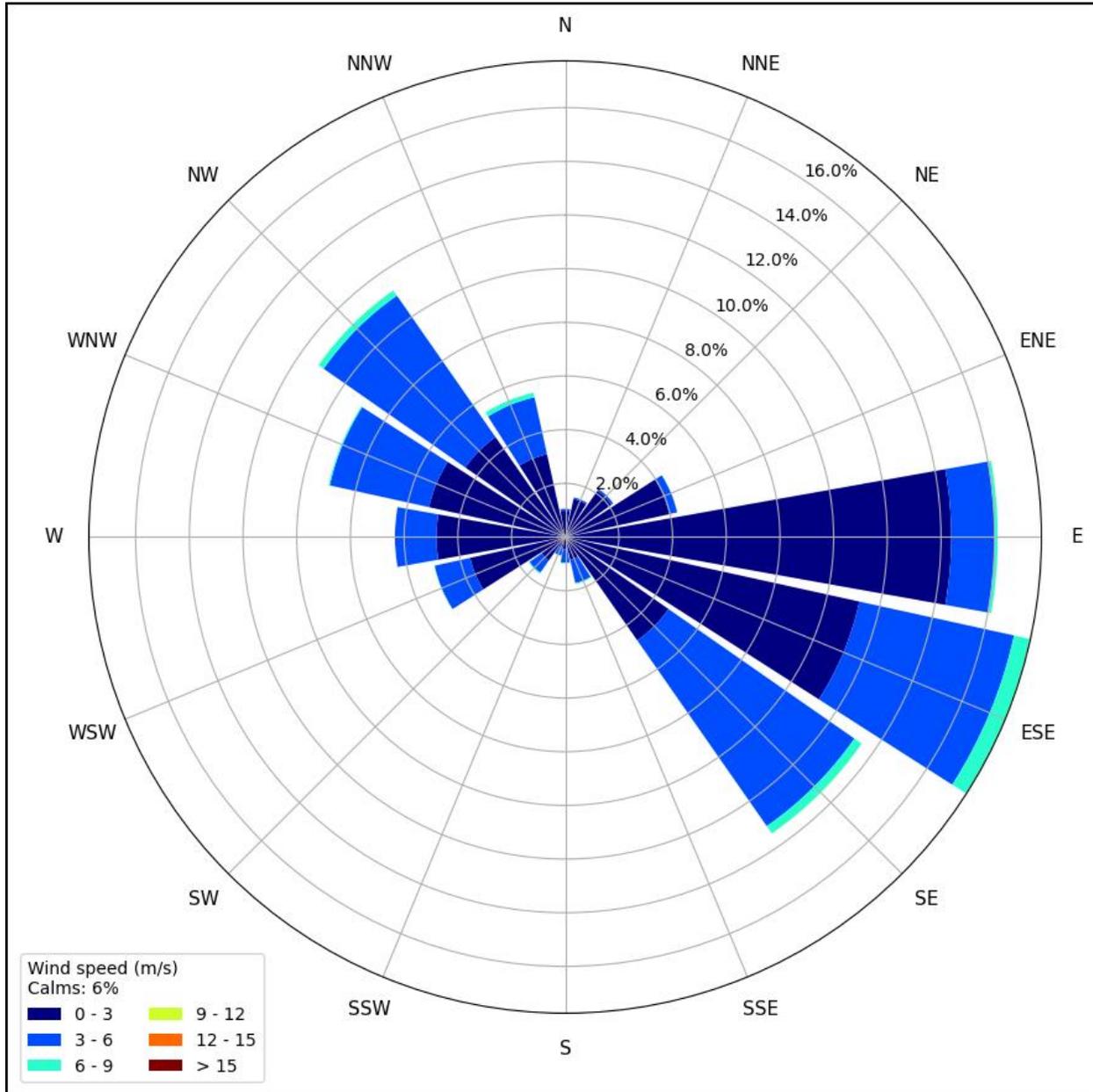




Figure 3.5 – Wind Speed and Wind Direction for UV1 for Quarter 4 2024

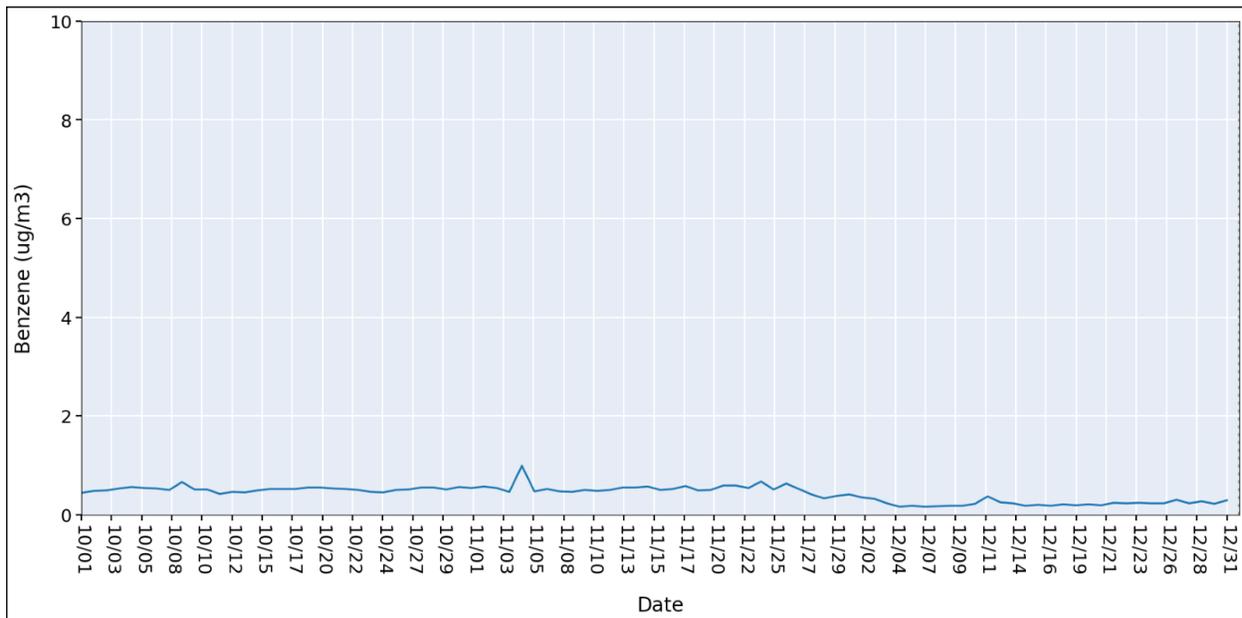




## UV2 – Summary of Realtime Field Data

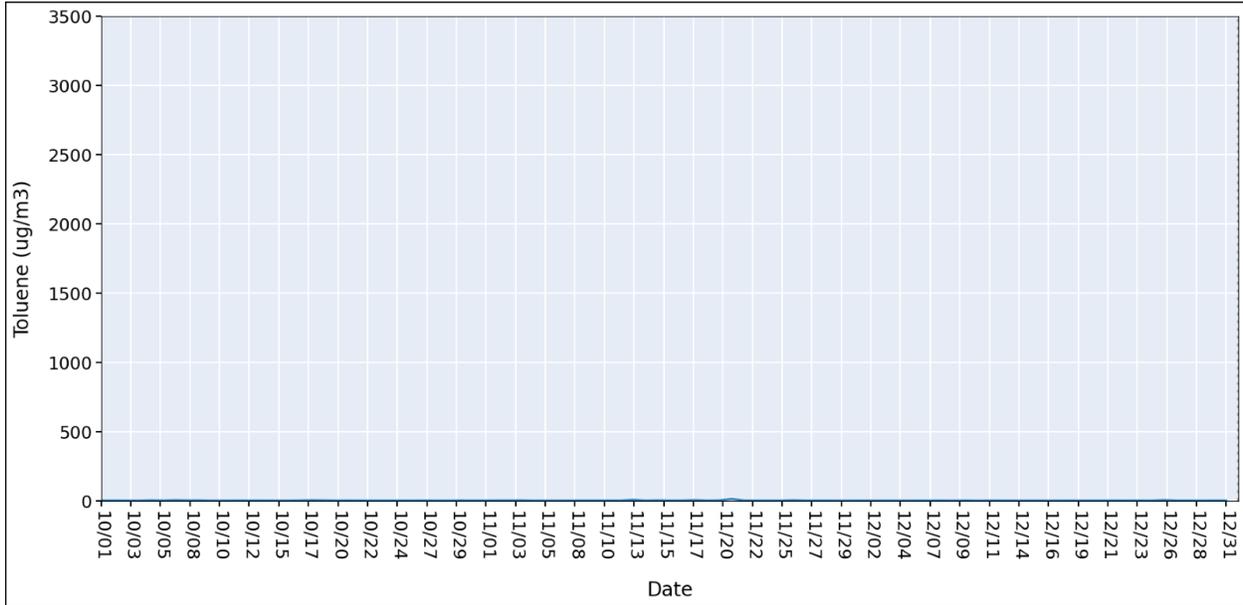
Figures 3.6 to 3.10 show the daily average data collected from the UV2 system

**Figure 3.6 – Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV2 for Quarter 4 2024**





**Figure 3.7 – Toluene 24 Hour Average Data for UV2 for Quarter 4 2024**



**Figure 3.8 – Xylene 24 Hour Average Data for UV2 for Quarter 4 2024**

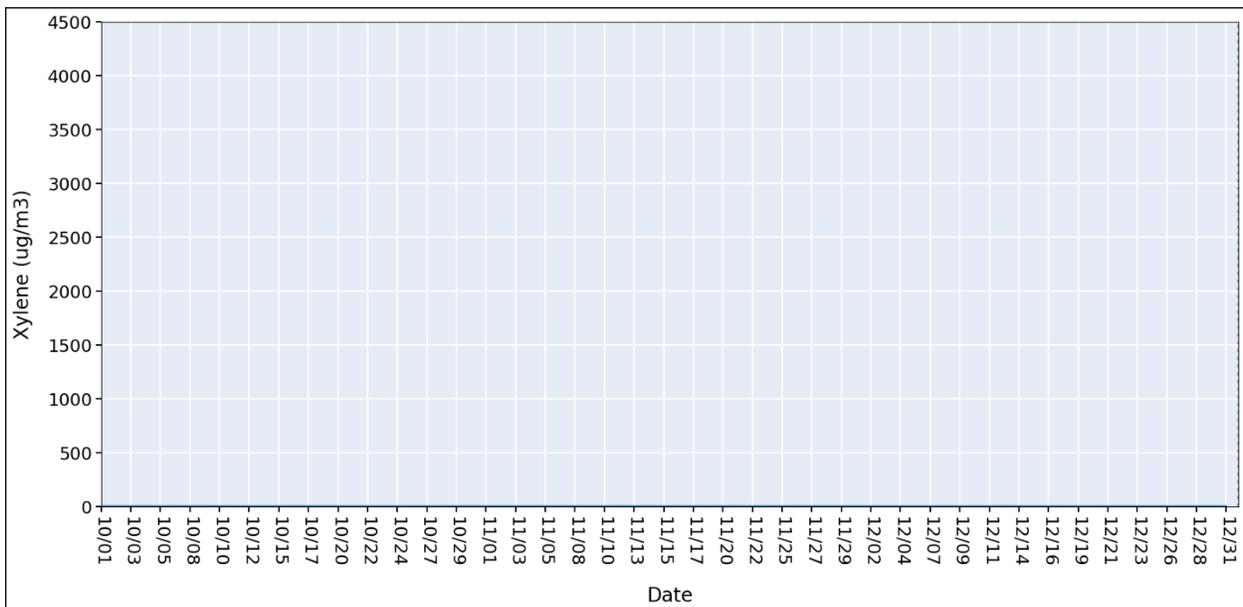




Figure 3.9 – Ethyl Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV2 for Quarter 4 2024

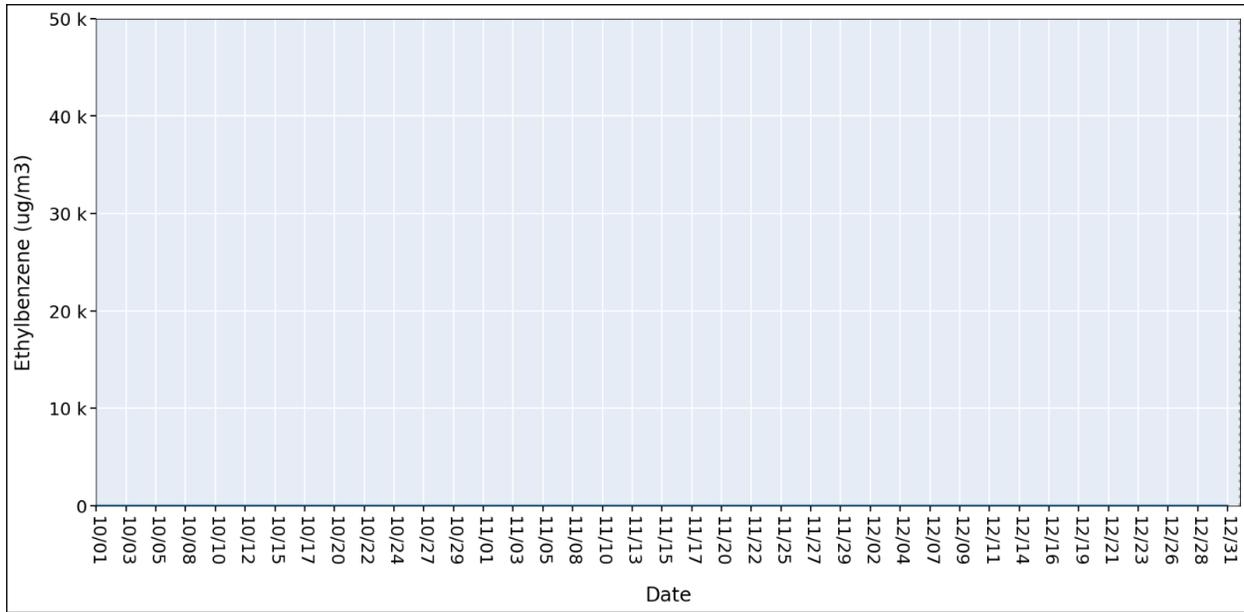
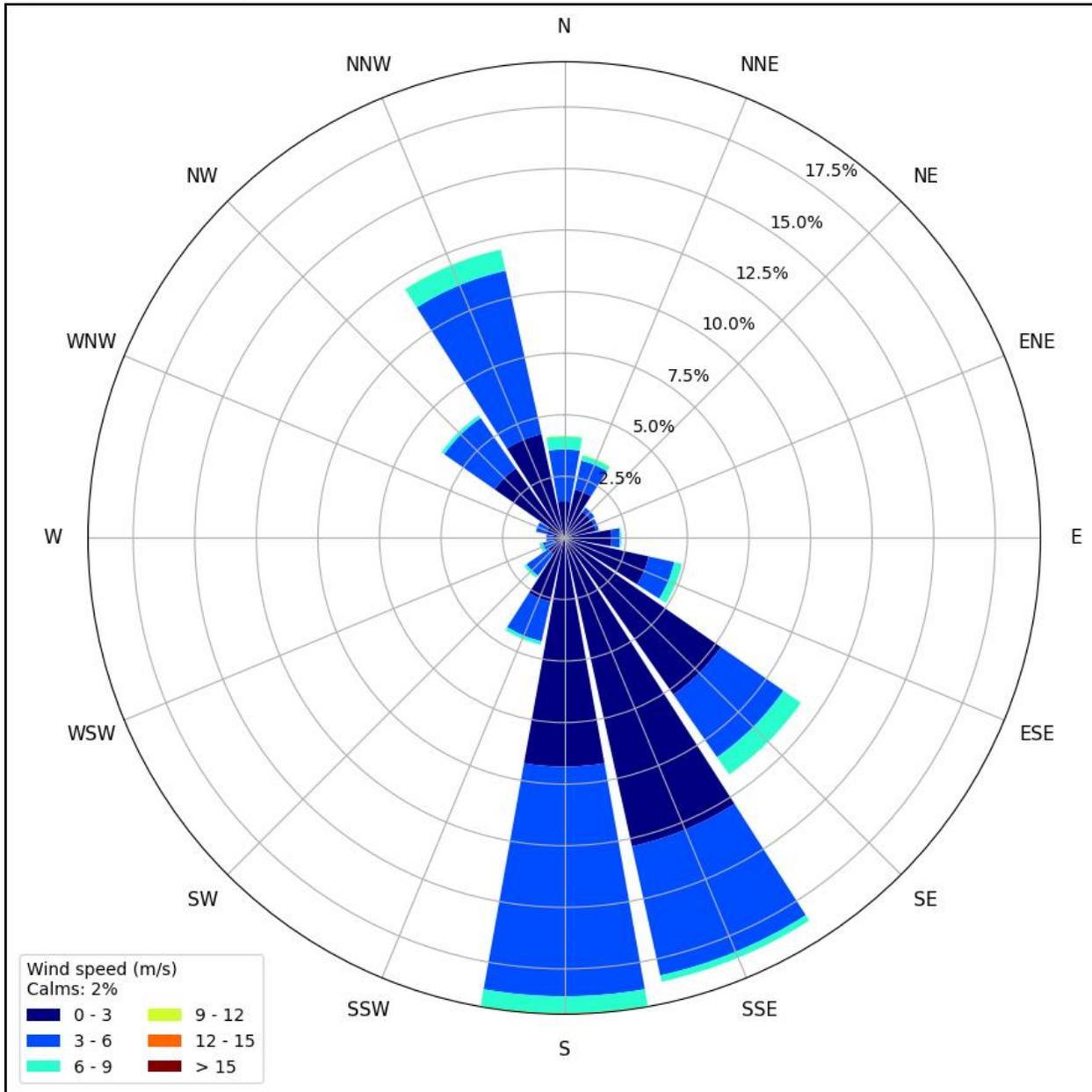




Figure 3.10 – Wind Speed and Wind Direction for UV2 for Quarter 4 2024

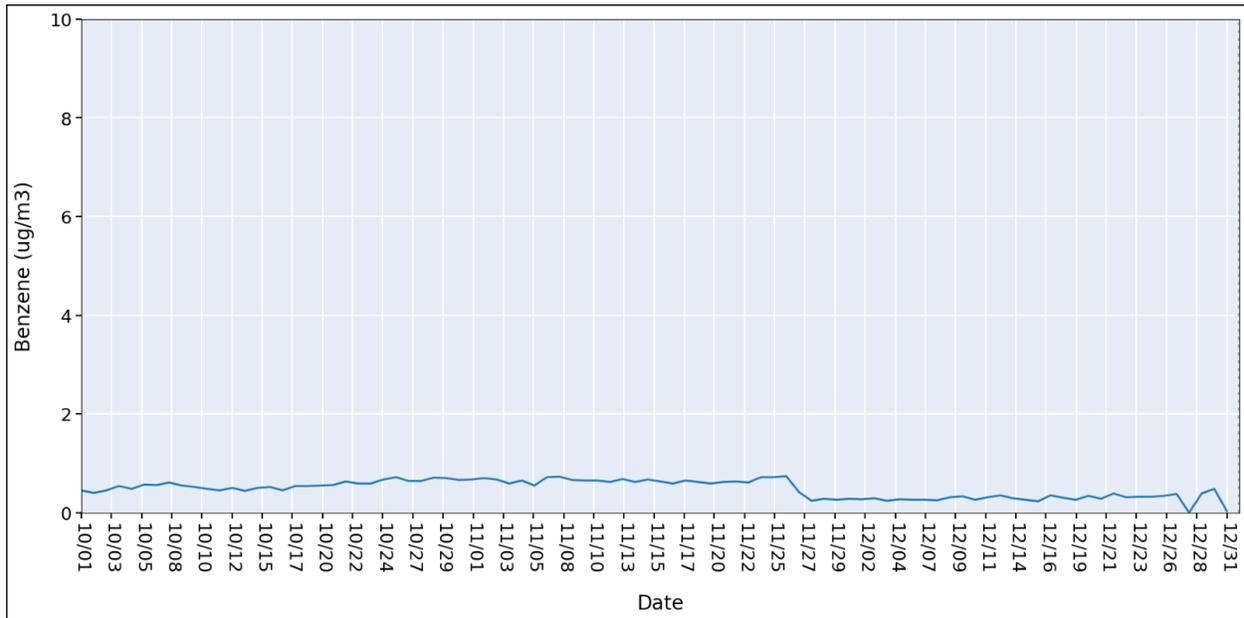




UV4 – Summary of Realtime Field Data

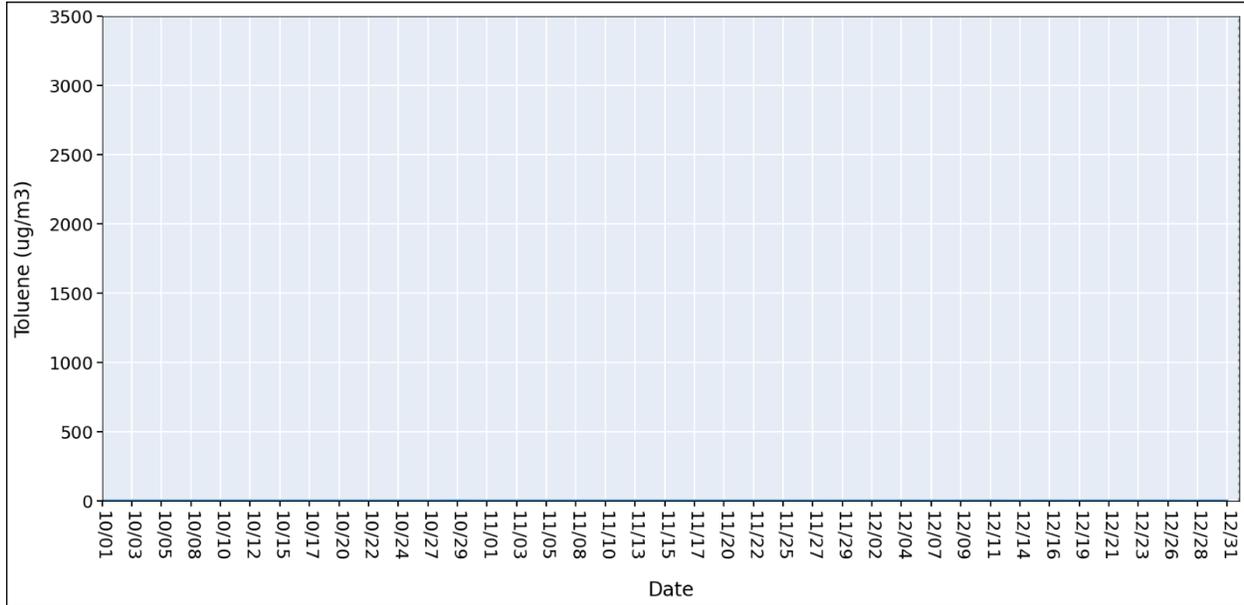
Figures 3.11 to 3.15 show the daily average data collected from the UV4 system

**Figure 3.11 – Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV4 for Quarter 4 2024**





**Figure 3.12 – Toluene 24 Hour Average Data for UV4 for Quarter 4 2024**



**Figure 3.13 – Xylene 24 Hour Average Data for UV4 for Quarter 4 2024**

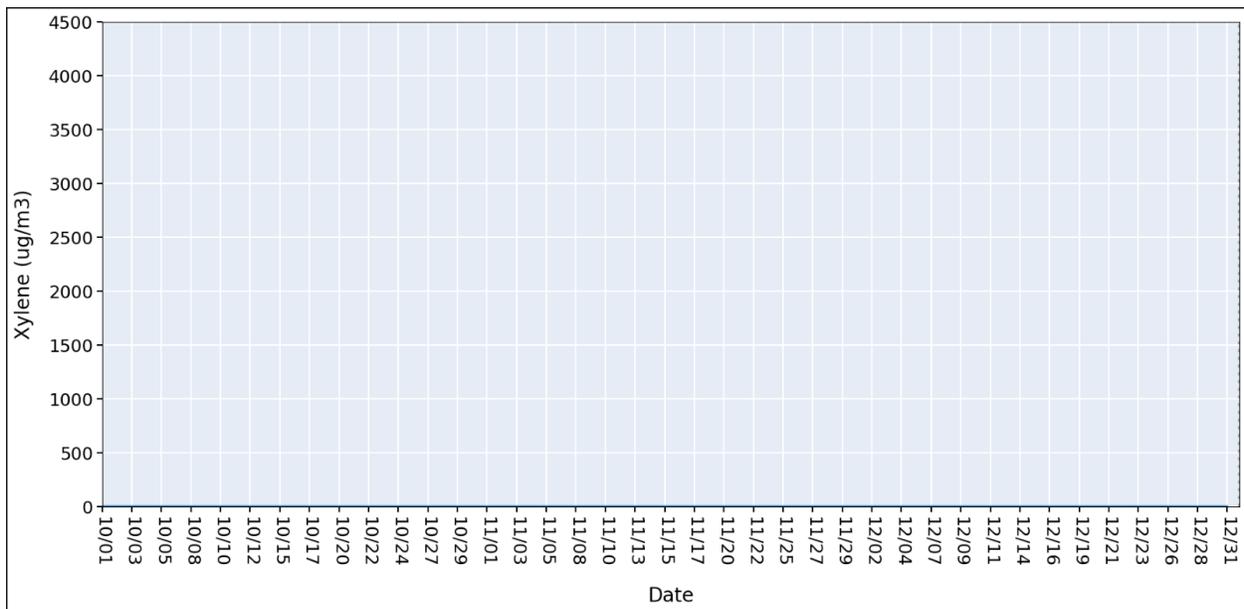




Figure 3.14 – Ethyl Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV4 for Quarter 4 2024

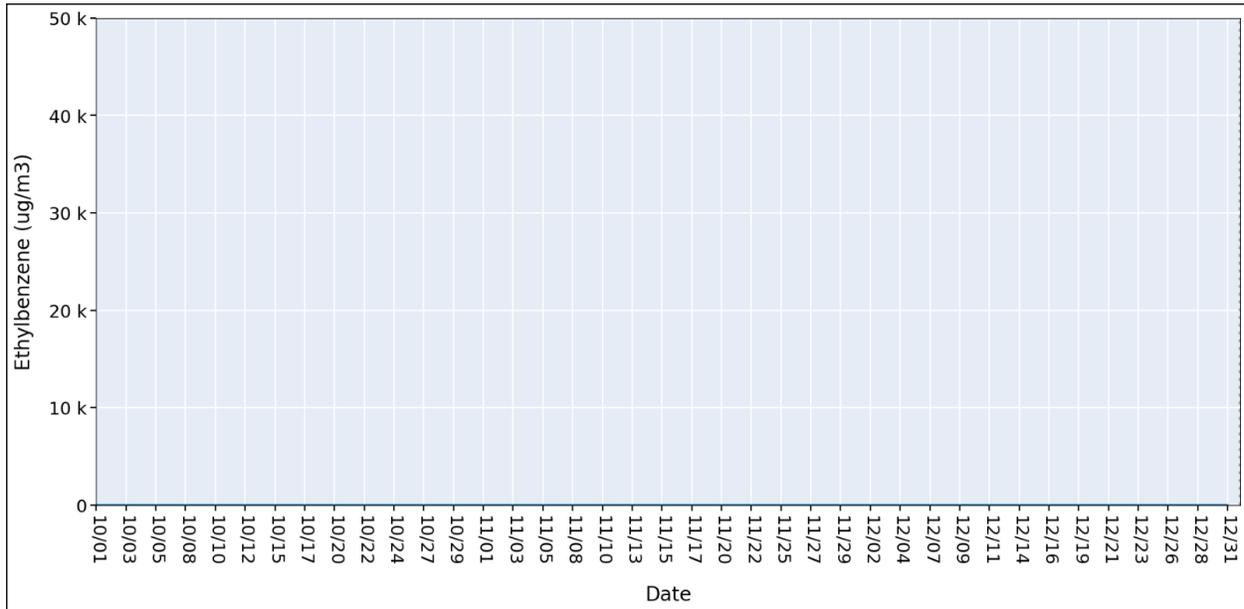
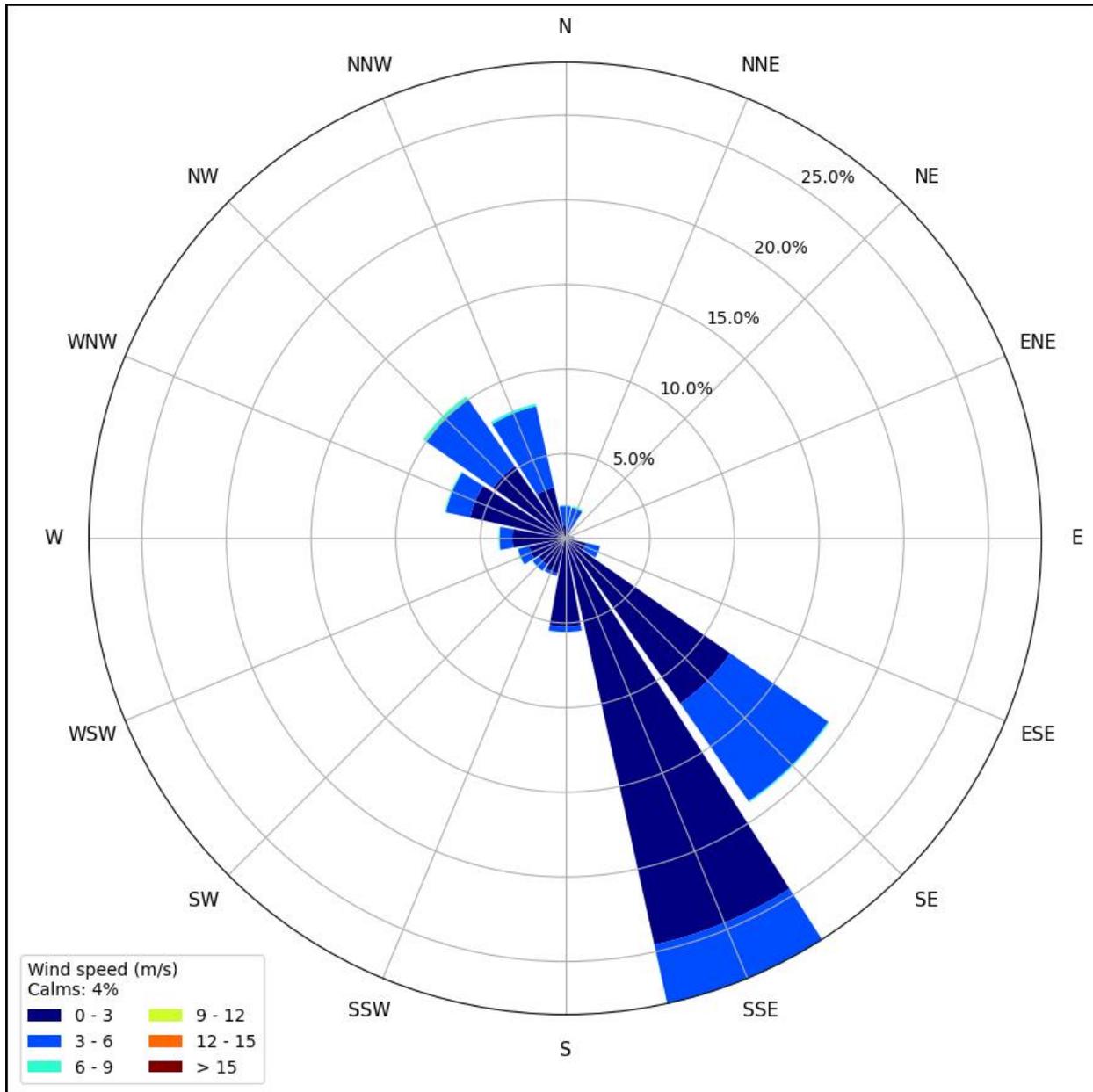




Figure 3.15 – Wind Speed and Wind Direction for UV4 for Quarter 4 2024

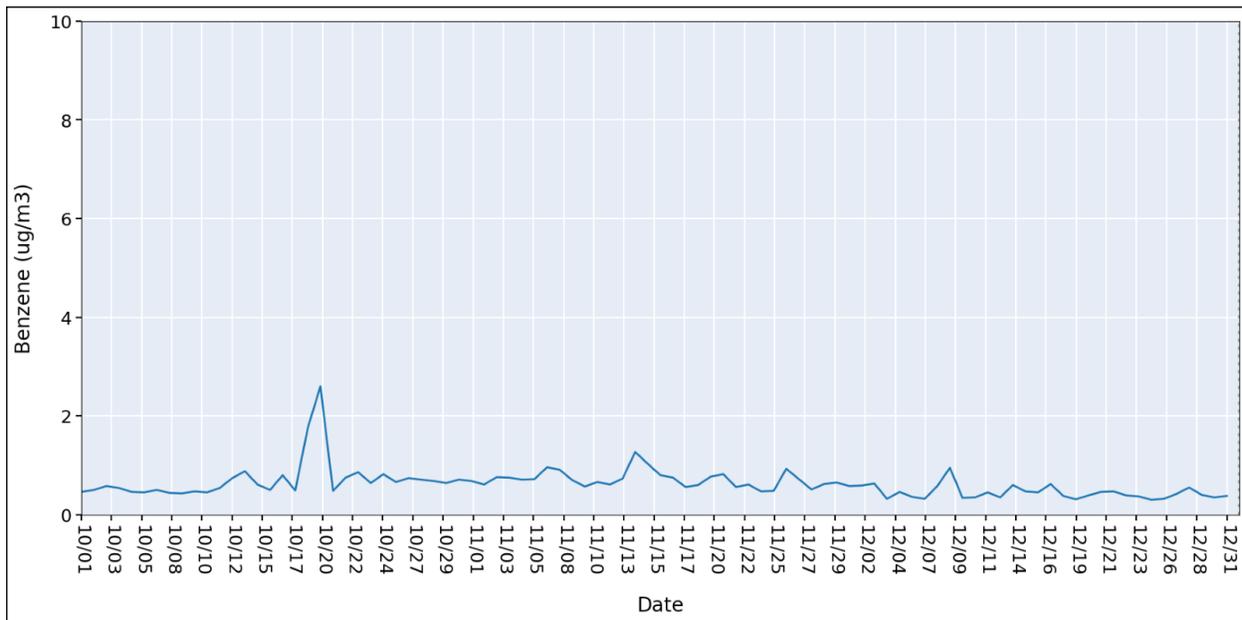




## UV5 – Summary of Realtime Field Data

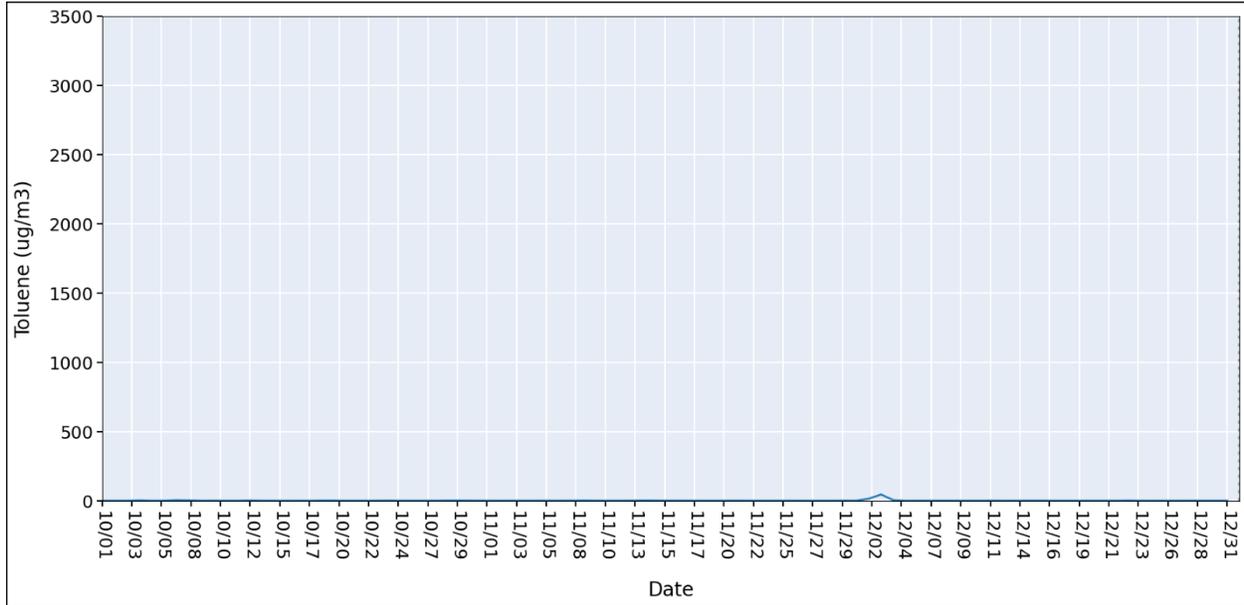
Figures 3.16 to 3.20 show daily average data collected from the UV5 system

**Figure 3.16 – Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV5 for Quarter 4 2024**





**Figure 3.17 – Toluene 24 Hour Average Data for UV5 for Quarter 4 2024**



**Figure 3.18 – Xylene 24 Hour Average Data for UV5 for Quarter 4 2024**

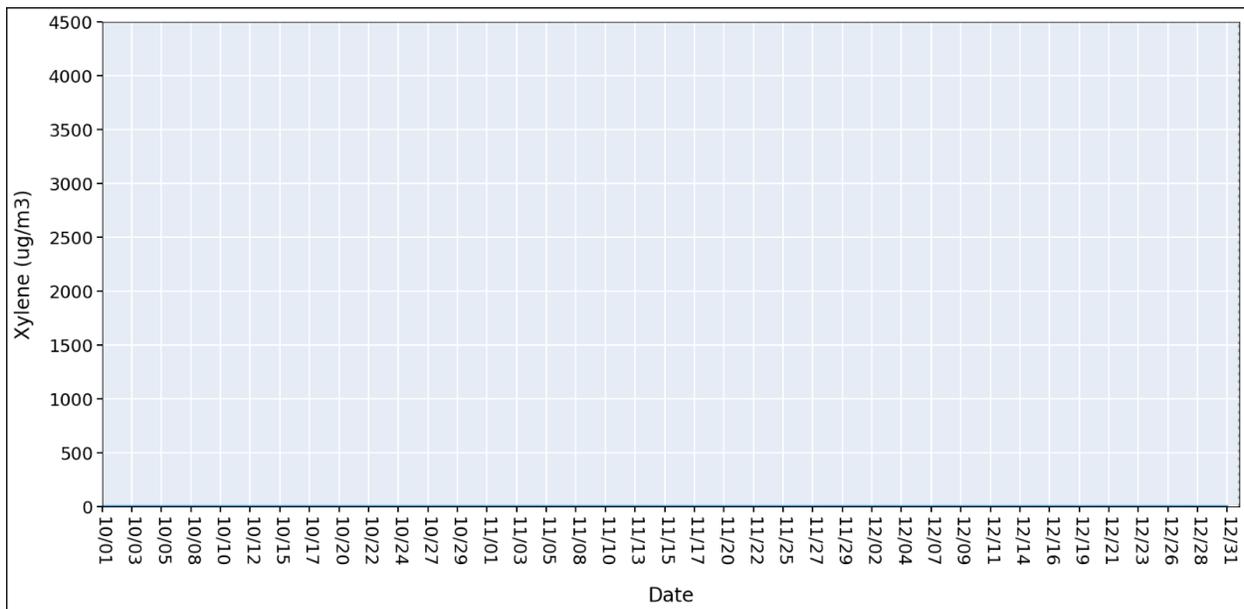




Figure 3.19 – Ethyl Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV5 for Quarter 4 2024

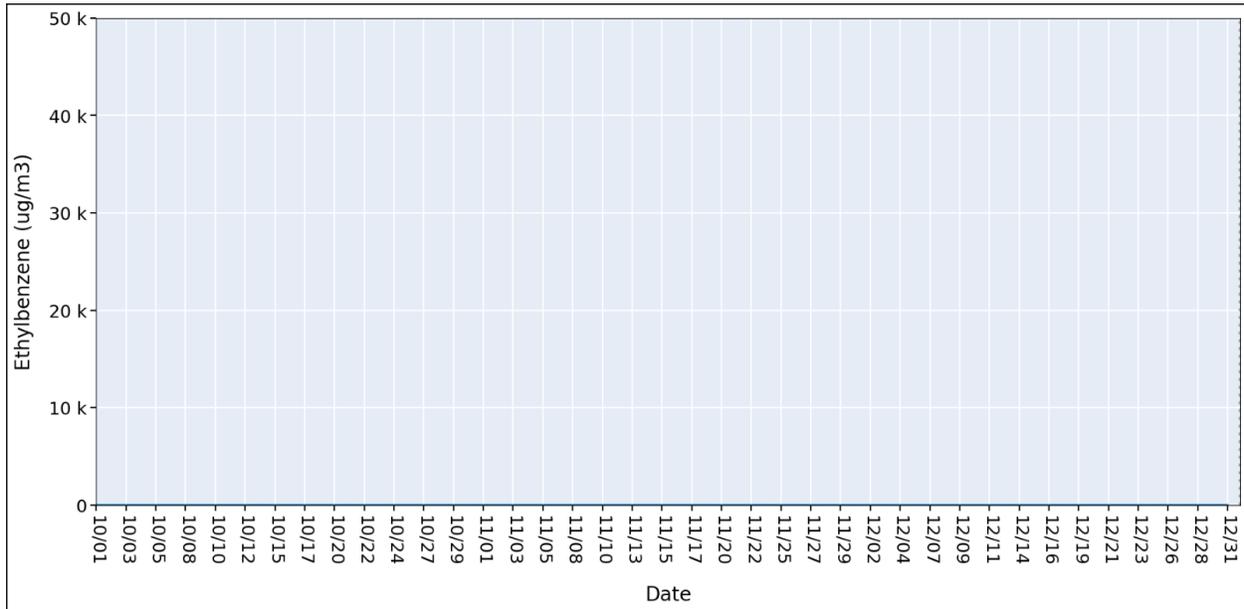
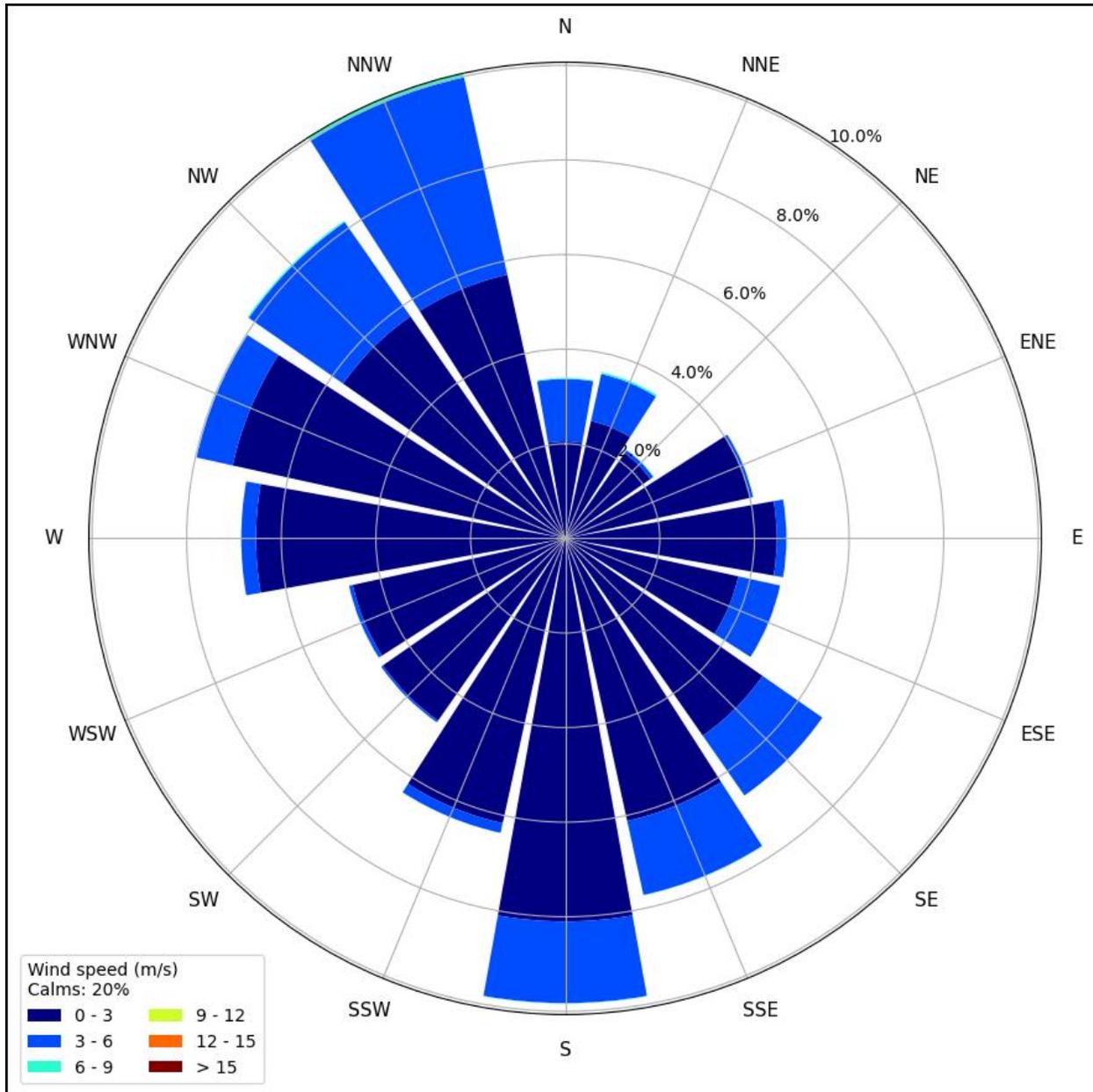




Figure 3.20 – Wind Speed and Wind Direction Data for UV5 for Quarter 4 2024





The 24-hour alarm level was not exceeded for benzene during Quarter 4 2024.

#### Section 4 – Summary Notes

From the results in Section 3 above the following were noted:

- The sample paths detected compounds at different times. This was expected as the paths (due to their orientation) were affected by sources from the refinery under different weather conditions.
- Winds were from the South-South-East during the period under review.

The results of the measurements indicate the Argos Open-path UV air monitoring systems were able to detect and quantify BTEX emissions from sources both within and outside of the Bazan Refinery. Specific activities associated with detections by the fence-line systems could be identified based on the specific gases being detected, the wind speed and direction, and the specific time of day when the detection occurred.



## Appendix A: Calibration Certificates



## ***Certificate of Calibration***

Sealed Calibration Cell Serial # **BENZ053024-01**

This calibration cell was individually calibrated by spectroscopic analysis using ultra-violet reference libraries created by permeation tubes traceable to N.I.S.T standards.

Permeation Tubes Serial Numbers: 49302/49303

Permeation Fluid: Benzene

Calibrated with 10.0 ppm-m Reference Standard

Calibration Cell Concentration: **10.6 ppm-m**

Lower 95% confidence: 8.6 ppm-m

Correlation Coefficient: 0.90

Upper 95% confidence: 12.6 ppm-m

Laboratory Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: May 30, 2024

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Permeation Tubes Serial Numbers: 49302/49303

Permeation Fluid: Benzene

Calibrated with 10.0 ppm-m Reference Standard

Calibration Cell Concentration: **3.3 ppm-m**

Lower 95% confidence: 2.9 ppm-m

Correlation Coefficient: 0.958

Upper 95% confidence: 3.7 ppm-m

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Permeation Tubes Serial Numbers: 49302/49303

Permeation Fluid: Benzene

Calibrated with 10.0 ppm-m Reference Standard

Calibration Cell Concentration: **9.9 ppm-m**

Lower 95% confidence: 7.9 ppm-m

Correlation Coefficient: 0.89

Upper 95% confidence: 11.9 ppm-m

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Permeation Fluid: Benzene

Calibrated with 10.0 ppm-m Reference Standard

Calibration Cell Concentration: **4.5 ppm-m**

Lower 95% confidence: 3.2 ppm-m

Correlation Coefficient: 0.79

Upper 95% confidence: 5.8 ppm-m

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