



## Quarterly Report Fence line Monitoring Report for the Bazan Fence line Monitoring System– Quarter 3 – 2021





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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 July to September 2021 (Quarter 3 2021). 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 Q3 2021 the onstream efficiency for the systems was 97.22%.

**Maintenance Activities**

Routine maintenance and quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) for the open-path UV monitoring systems occurred on 14 July, 29 July, 30 July, 6 August, 16 August, 17 August, 25 August, 30 August, 14 September, 17 September, 26 September, 27 September and 30 September 2021.



## Summary Findings


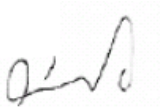

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- The sample paths detected compounds at different times. This was expected as the paths (due to their orientation) were affected by sources from the refinery under different weather conditions.
- Winds were predominantly from the Northwest during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

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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 send 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 quarterly summary of the measurements performed by the system for Q3-2021, 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 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 for 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 measure 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 Q3 2021

**Table 2.3: Summary of Q3 2021 Benzene Challenge Gas Checks at UV1**

Date	Times	Expected (ppb)	Measured (ppb)	% Difference	Status
14 July 2021	13:38	411.2	360.25	12.3	Passed
14 July 2021	13:56	15.31	13.04	14.8	Passed
14 July 2021	14:02	4.46	4.37	2.1	Passed
30 July 2021	18:21	129.48	123.37	2.3	Passed
30 July 2021	18:26	25.52	26.61	4.2	Passed
30 July 2021	18:33	3.66	4.98	36.2	Failed*
17 August 2021	09:15	126.29	119.80	5.1	Passed
17 August 2021	09:30	2.66	2.66	0.0	Passed
17 August 2021	09:35	1.15	1.16	1.2	Passed
25 August 2021	13:51	126.29	118.75	6.0	Passed
25 August 2021	13:57	5.69	5.45	4.3	Passed
25 August 2021	14:03	2.52	2.26	10.3	Passed
17 September 2021	15:22	126.29	126.17	0.1	Passed
17 September 2021	15:32	13.77	15.79	14.7	Passed
17 September 2021	15:37	6.53	7.45	14.2	Passed
26 September 2021	12:49	126.29	132.12	4.6	Passed
26 September 2021	13:13	15.71	17.73	12.9	Passed
26 September 2021	13:25	7.24	8.29	14.6	Passed

\* On 30 July at UV1 and UV2 the low value check failed as the difference in concentration was > 15 %. a non-conformance was raised, and the issue investigated



**Table 2.4: Summary of Q3 2021 Benzene Challenge Gas Checks at UV2**

Date	Times	Expected (ppb)	Measured (ppb)	% Difference	Status
29 July 2021	17:36	185.61	175.05	5.69	Passed
29 July 2021	18:00	15.06	16.35	8.57	Passed
29 July 2021	17:42	2.25	2.55	13.29	Passed
30 July 2021	13:14	185.61	174.67	5.90	Passed
30 July 2021	13:37	10.95	11.60	5.88	Passed
30 July 2021	13:26	3.21	4.24	32.0	Failed*
16 August 2021	12:34	185.61	165.24	11.0	Passed
16 August 2021	12:39	24.17	24.17	0.0	Passed
16 August 2021	12:44	11.84	11.10	6.3	Passed
30 August 2021	12:06	185.61	168.93	9.0	Passed
30 August 2021	12:11	11.91	11.22	5.8	Passed
30 August 2021	12:17	3.69	4.11	11.2	Passed
14 September 2021	15:49	185.61	176.73	4.8	Passed
14 September 2021	15:54	23.82	25.69	7.9	Passed
14 September 2021	15:59	11.47	11.35	1.0	Passed
27 September 2021	08:18	185.61	171.98	7.3	Passed
27 September 2021	08:24	22.10	21.67	2.0	Passed
27 September 2021	08:30	10.44	10.68	2.3	Passed

\* On 30 July at UV1 and UV2 the low value check failed as the difference in concentration was > 15 %. a non-conformance was raised, and the issue investigated



**Table 2.5: Summary of Q3 2021 Benzene Challenge Gas Checks at UV4**

Date	Times	Expected (ppb)	Measured (ppb)	% Difference	Status
30 July 2021	09:55	109.27	111.65	2.2	Passed
30 July 2021	10:02	15.73	15.75	0.1	Passed
30 July 2021	11:55	109.27	97.1	11.1	Passed
30 July 2021	12:06	25.37	27.1	6.8	Passed
30 July 2021	10:36	5.91	6.08	2.8	Passed
06 August 2021	10:37	109.27	101.94	6.7	Passed
06 August 2021*	11:00	41.88	44.53	6.3	Passed
25 August 2021	10:53	109.27	114.57	4.9	Passed
25 August 2021*	10:58	13.29	13.73	3.3	Passed
17 September 2021	09:20	109.27	110.53	1.2	Passed
17 September 2021	09:46	12.72	14.23	11.9	Passed**
17 September 2021	09:41	6.52	7.22	10.8	Passed**
30 September 2021	09:58	109.27	115.84	6.0	Passed
30 September 2021	10:49	11.56	11.38	1.6	Passed
30 September 2021	10:32	4.95	5.08	2.5	Passed

\*UV4 06 August unable to get stable reading on low concentration check. UV4 Low concentration check on 25 August 4.89 ppb (expected) failed due to high noise at low concentration causing high error.

\*\*Passed using a 95% confidence interval for the expected value.



**Table 2.6: Summary of Q3 2021 Benzene Challenge Gas Checks at UV5**

Date	Times	Expected (ppb)	Measured (ppb)	% Difference	Status
19 July 2021	13:50	546.57	466.84	14.6	Passed
19 July 2021	13:56	44.87	48.15	7.3	Passed
19 July 2021	14:02	20.94	22.25	6.3	Passed
29 July 2021	18:56	307.09	285.13	7.2	Passed
29 July 2021	19:14	17.81	17.38	2.4	Passed
29 July 2021	19:03	8.88	8.31	6.4	Passed
16 August 2021	10:05	307.09	280.94	8.5	Passed
16 August 2021	10:11	29.86	29.86	0.0	Passed
16 August 2021	10:16	15.24	13.64	10.5	Passed
25 August 2021	14:24	307.09	288.14	6.2	Passed
25 August 2021	16:16	33.31	33.89	1.7	Passed
25 August 2021	14:46	16.82	15.43	8.2	Passed
14 September 2021	20:02	307.09	330.07	7.5	Passed
14 September 2021	20:07	30.66	33.82	10.3	Passed
14 September 2021	20:12	15.21	15.85	4.2	Passed
24 September 2021	20:19	307.09	343.39	11.8	Passed
24 September 2021	20:24	32.34	35.73	10.5	Passed
24 September 2021	20:29	16.13	16.36	1.5	Passed



### 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 Q3-2021 and are shown in Table 2.7 below:

**Table 2.7: Minimum. Detection Limits for Systems for Q3 2021**

Location	July MDL (ppb)	August MDL (ppb)	September MDL (ppb)
UV_1	0.69	0.79	1.09
UV_2	0.72	1.09	0.32
UV_4	3.01	0.91	1.09
UV_5	0.47	0.77	1.05



## Section 3 - Summary of Field Data

As mentioned in Section 1, the air monitoring equipment operated continuously during Q3 2021. 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	1/07/2021	30/09/2021	98.50
UV_2	1/07/2021	30/09/2021	96.91
UV_4	1/07/2021	30/09/2021	98.26
UV_5	1/07/2021	30/09/2021	99.47

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)

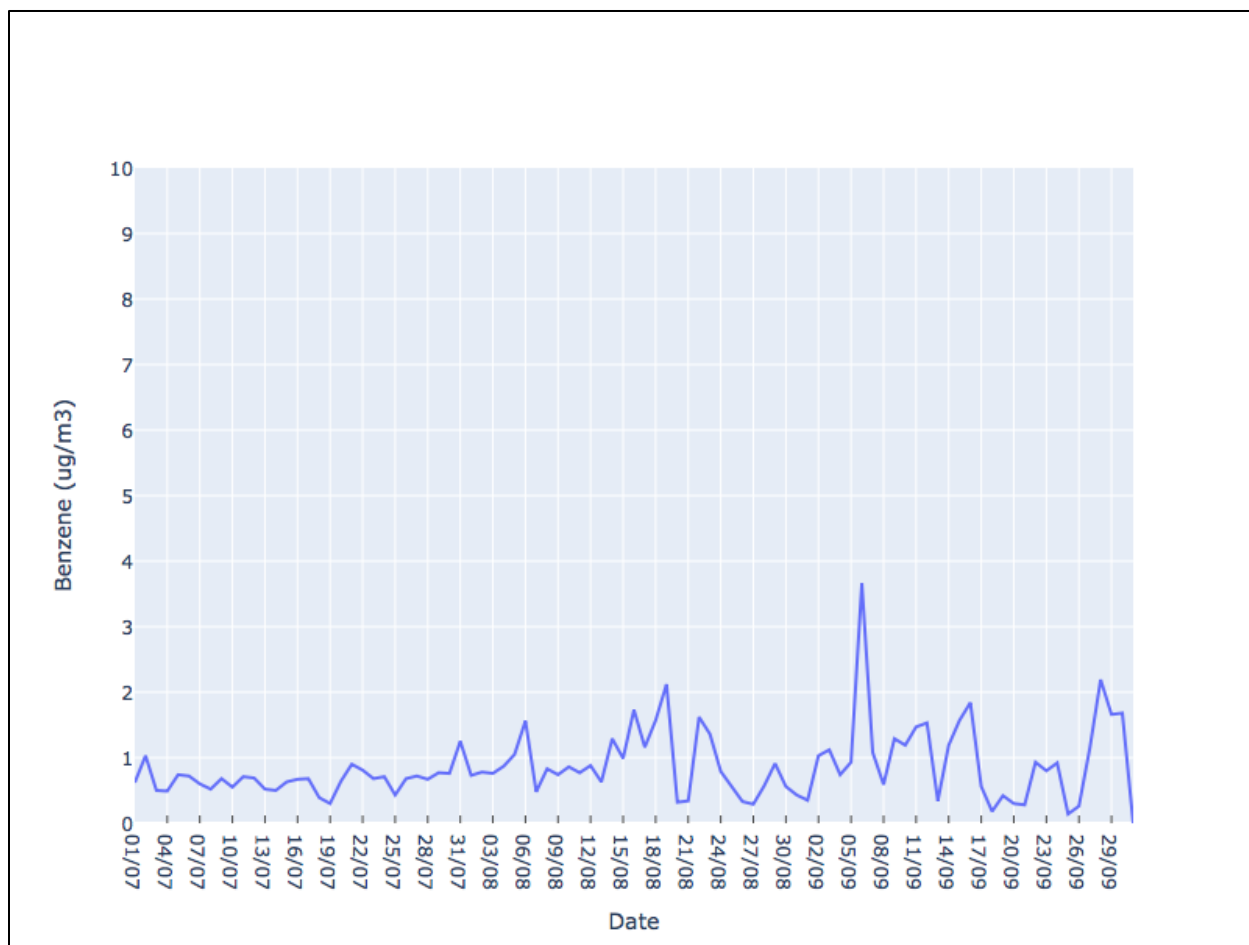




### UV1 – Summary of Daily Average Field Data

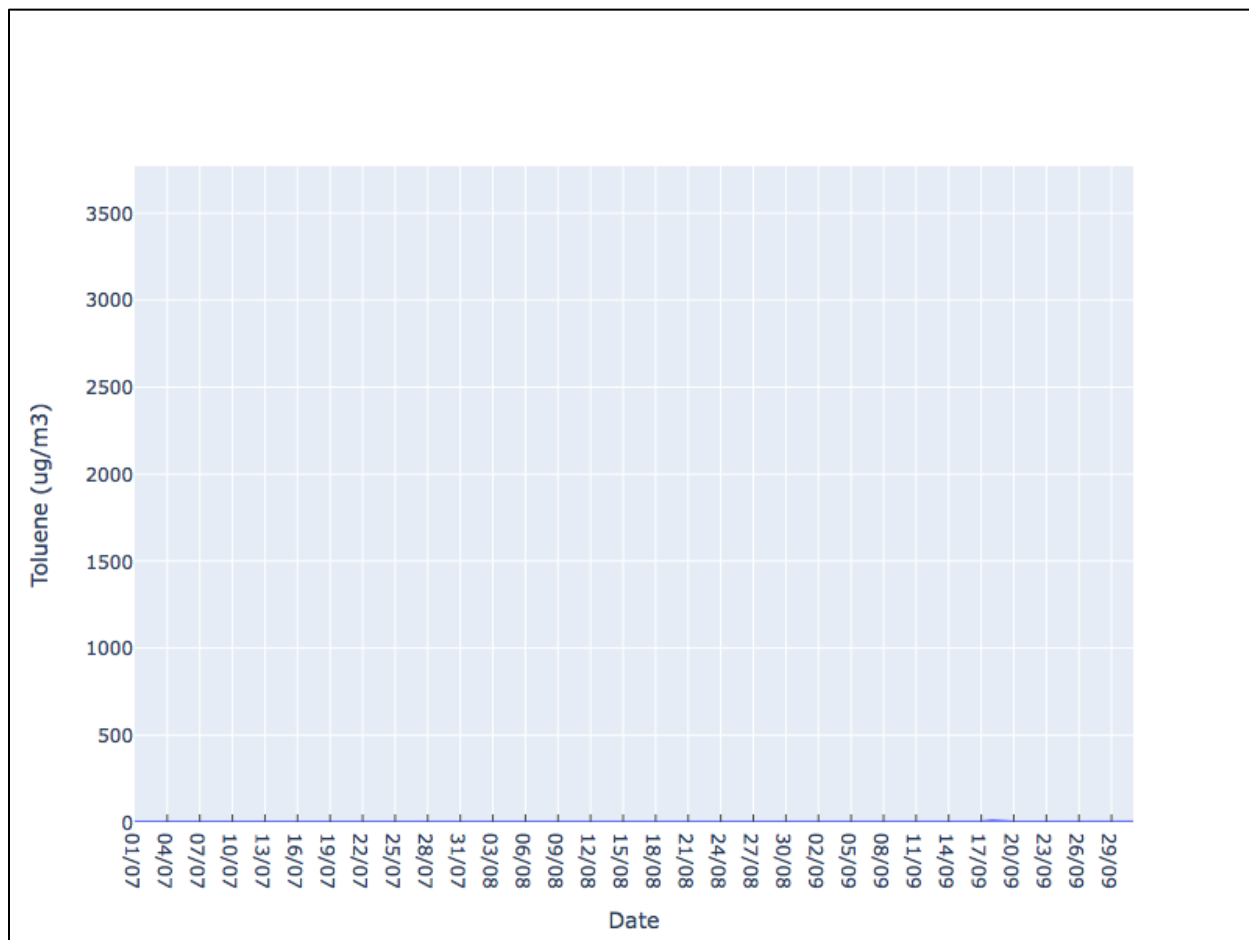
Figures 3.1 to 3.5 show the daily average data collected from the UV1 system

**Figure 3.1 – Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV1 for Q3 2021**



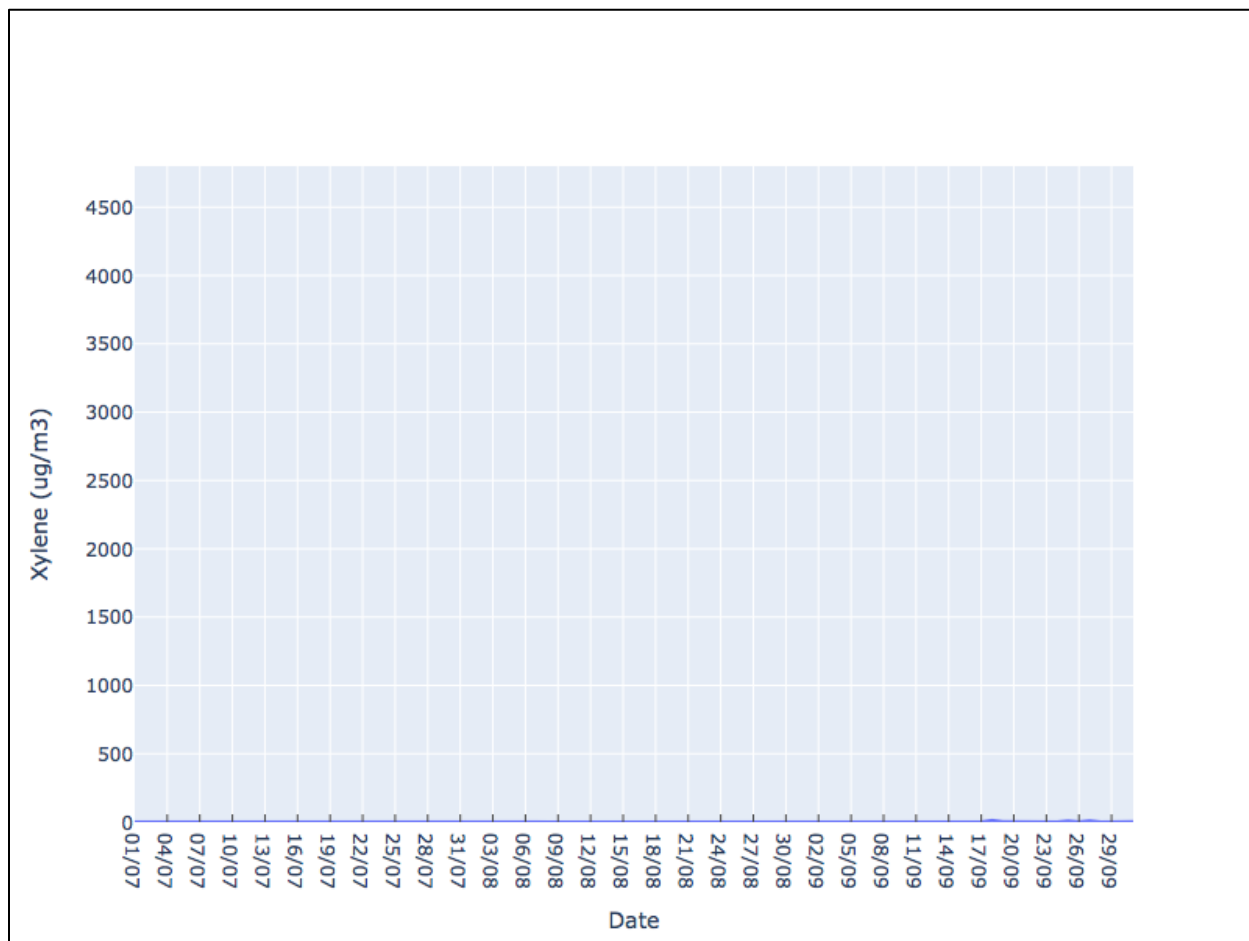


**Figure 3.2 – Toluene 24 Hour Average Data for UV1 for Q3 2021**





**Figure 3.3 – Xylene 24 Hour Average Data for UV1 for Q3 2021**





**Figure 3.4 - Ethyl Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV1 for Q3 2021**

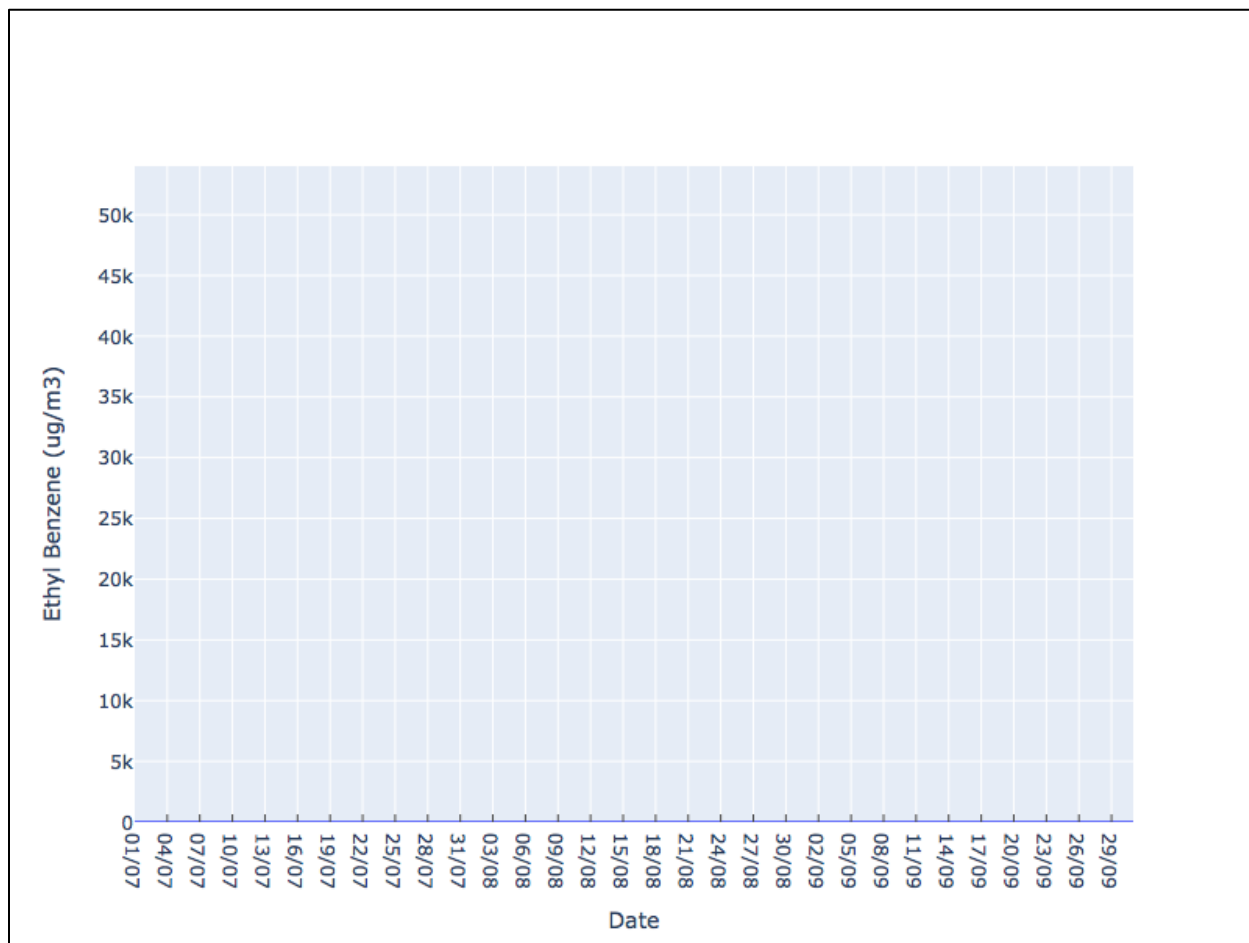
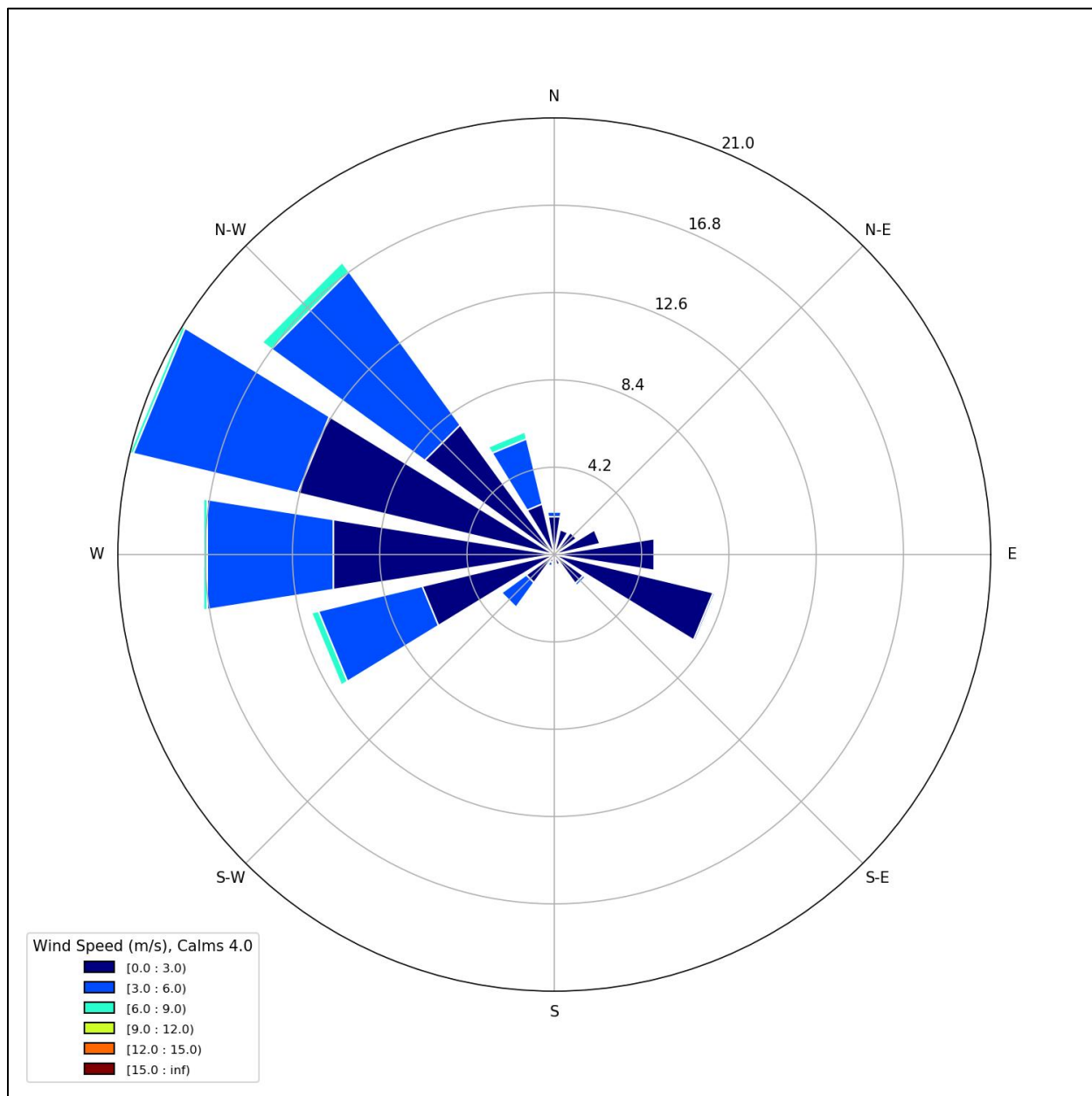




Figure 3.5 – Wind Speed and Wind Direction for UV1 for Q3 2021

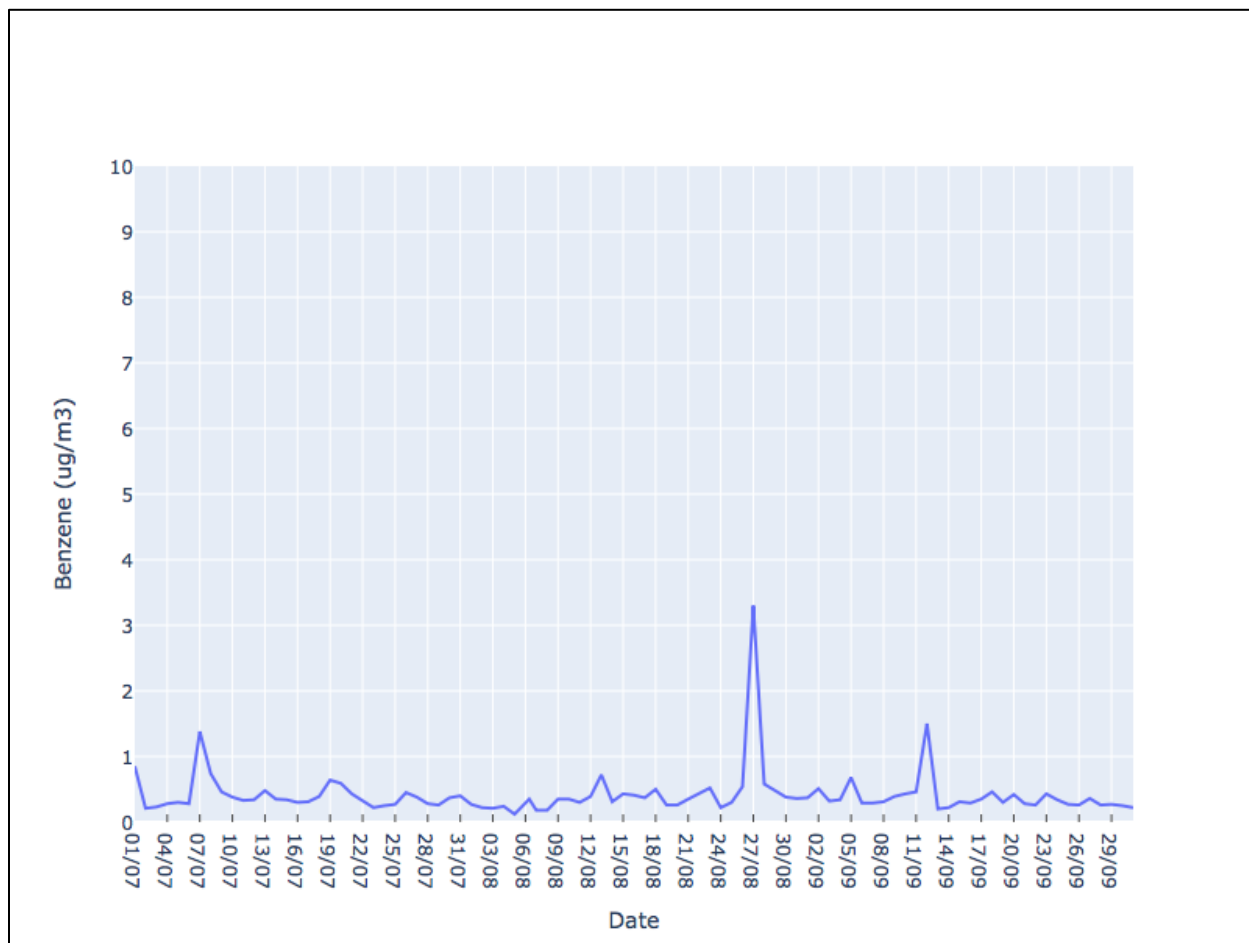




## UV2 – Summary of Realtime Field Data

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 Q3 2021**





**Figure 3.7 – Toluene 24 Hour Average Data for UV2 for Q3 2021**

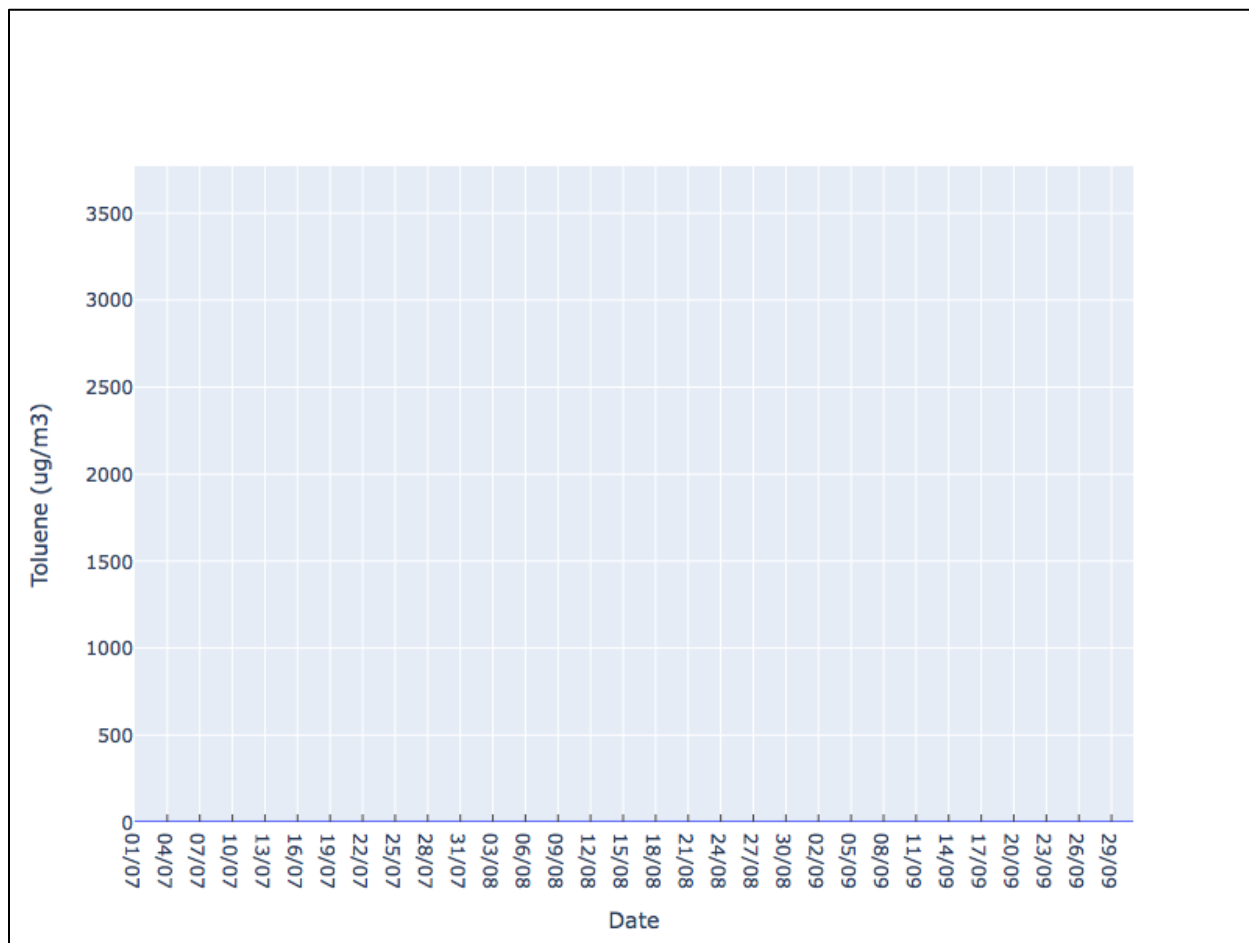
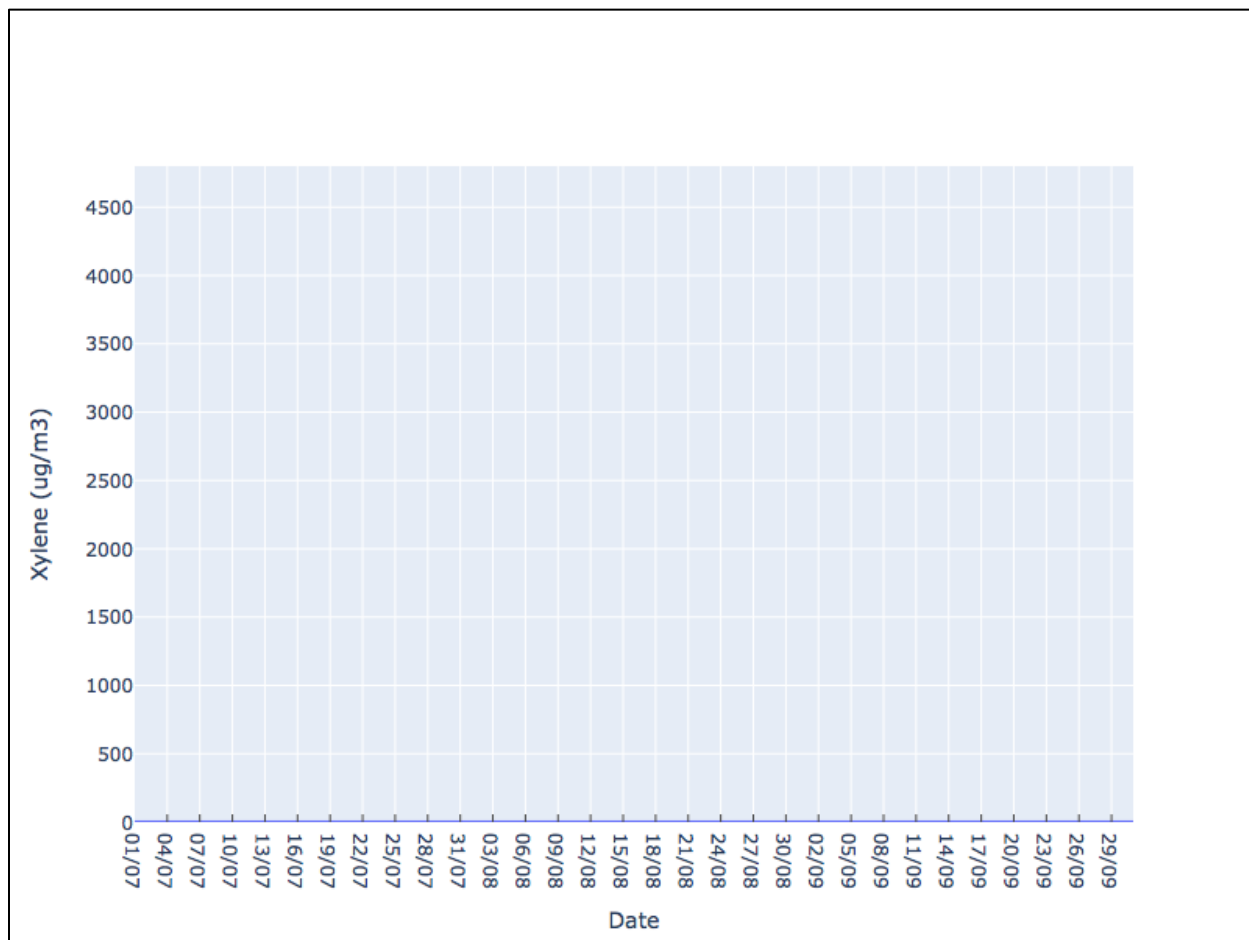




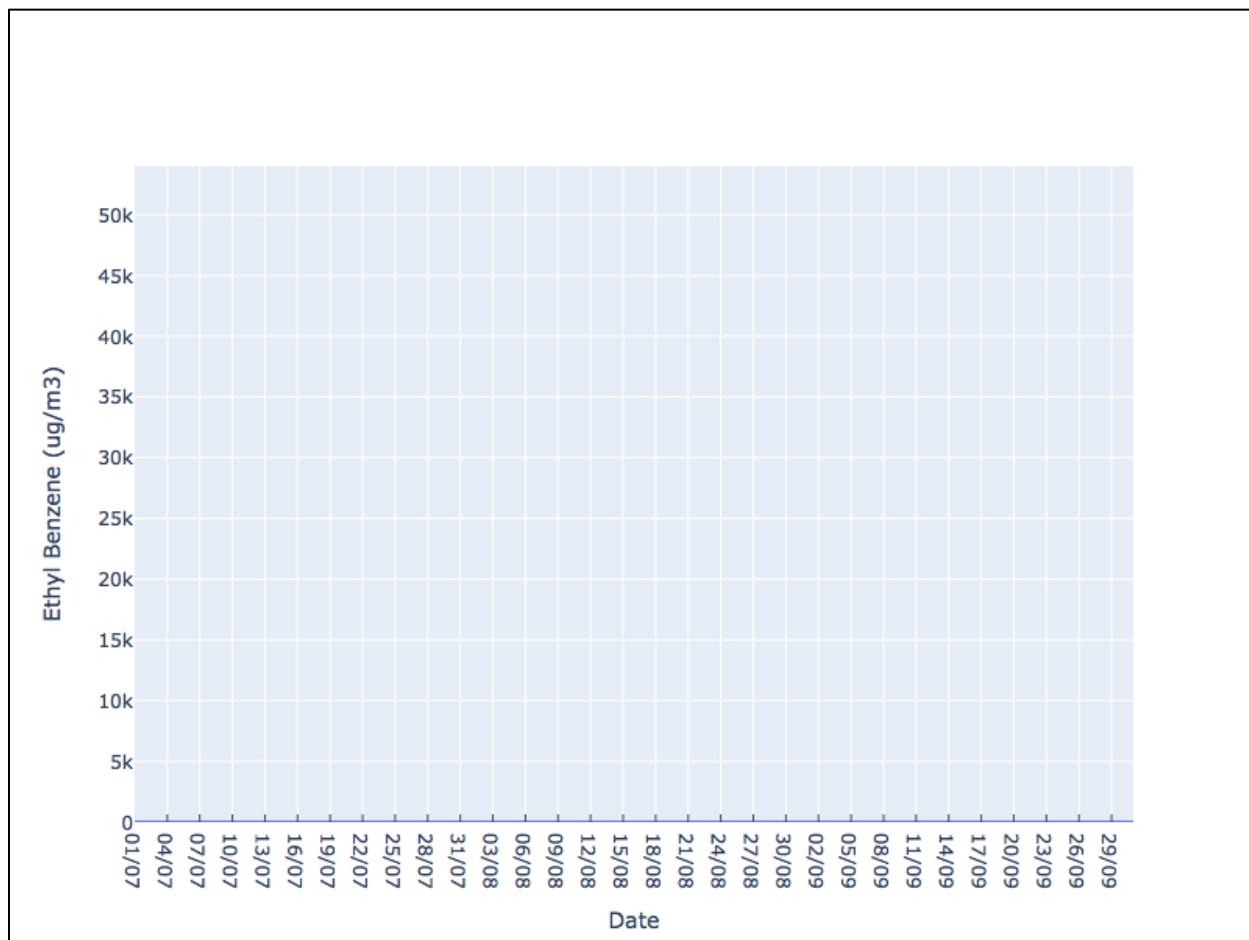
Figure 3.8 – Xylene 24 Hour Average Data for UV2 for Q3 2021



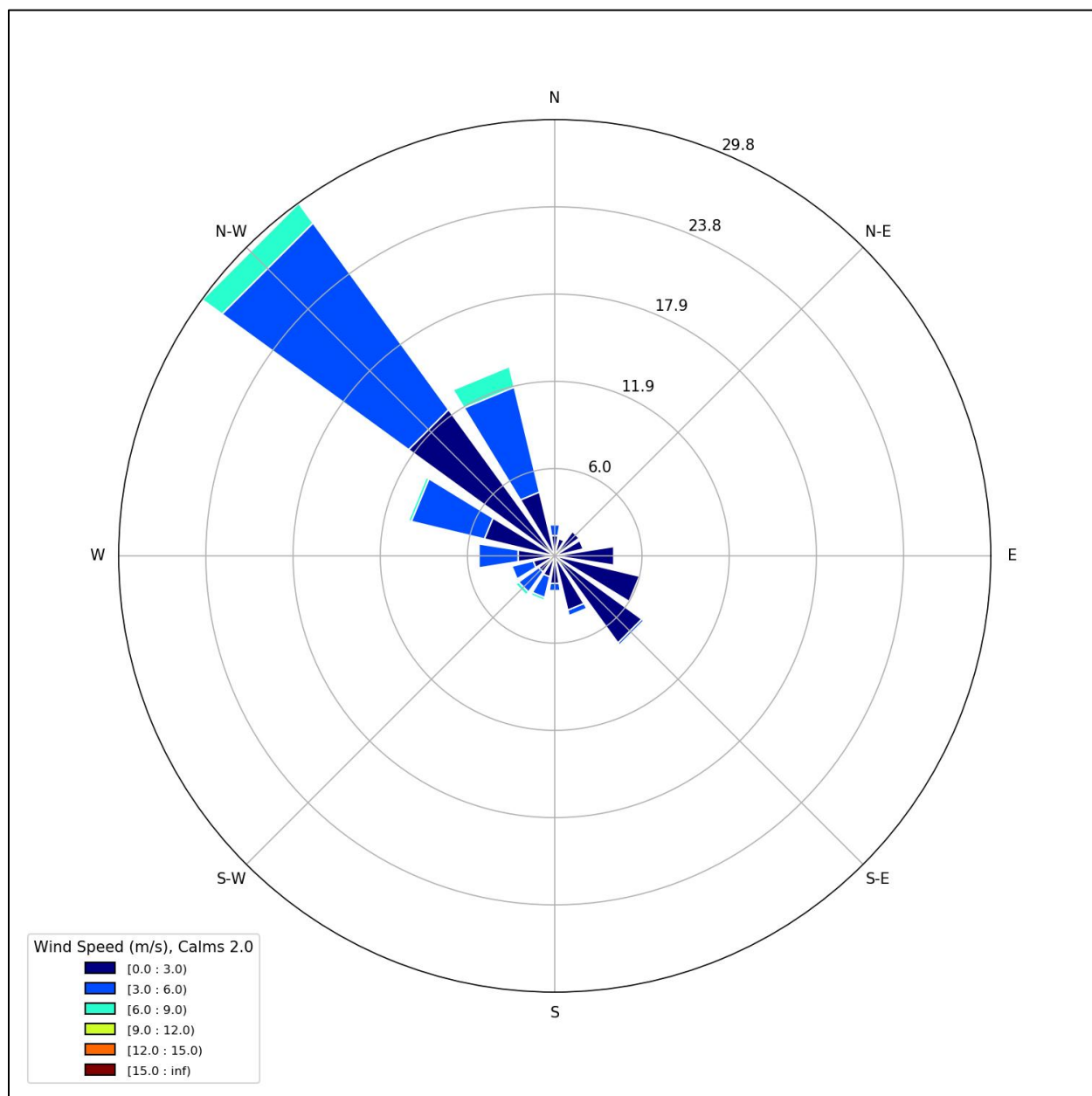




**Figure 3.9 – Ethyl Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV2 for Q3 2021**



**Figure 3.10 – Wind Speed and Wind Direction for UV2 for Q3 2021**

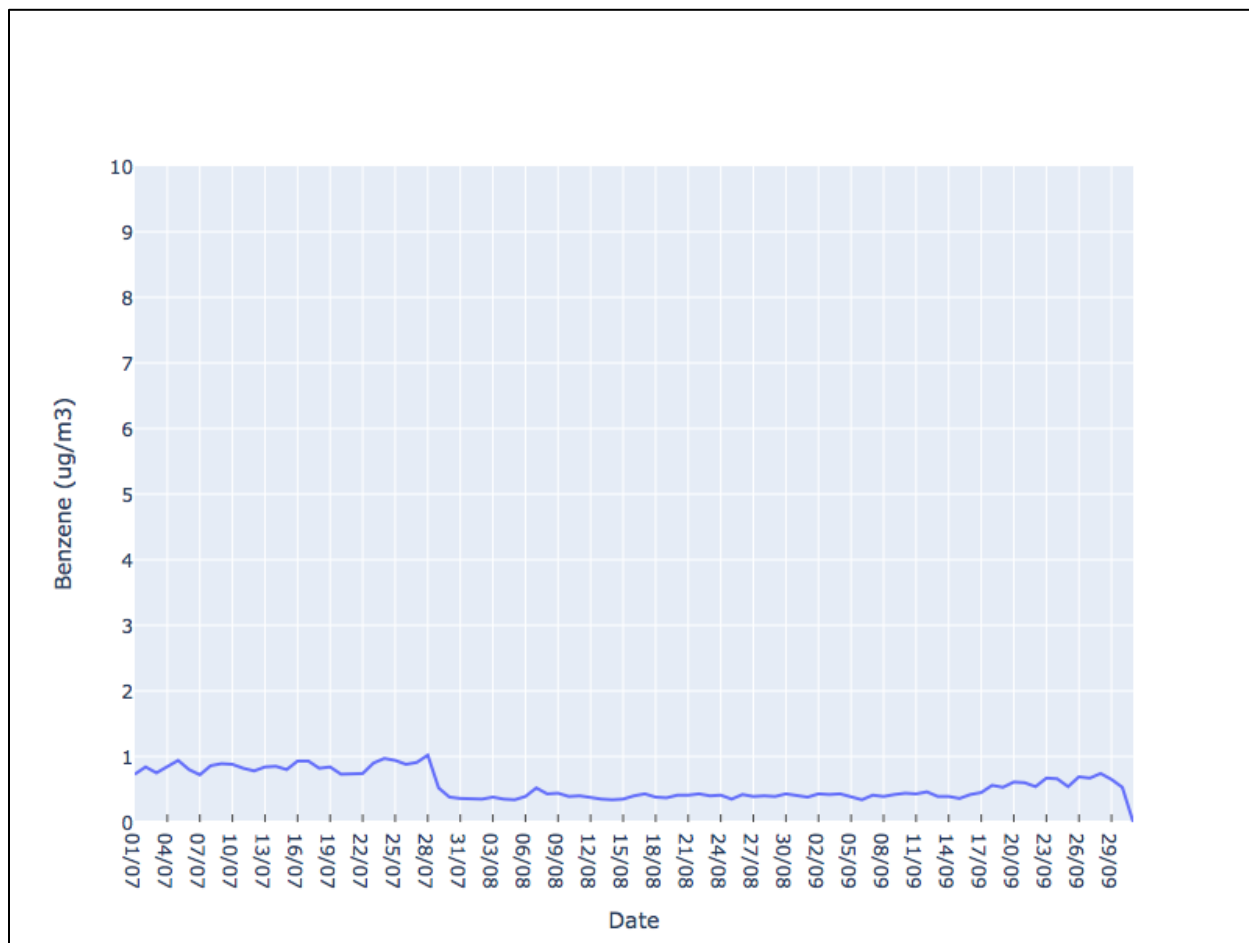




#### UV4 – Summary of Realtime Field Data

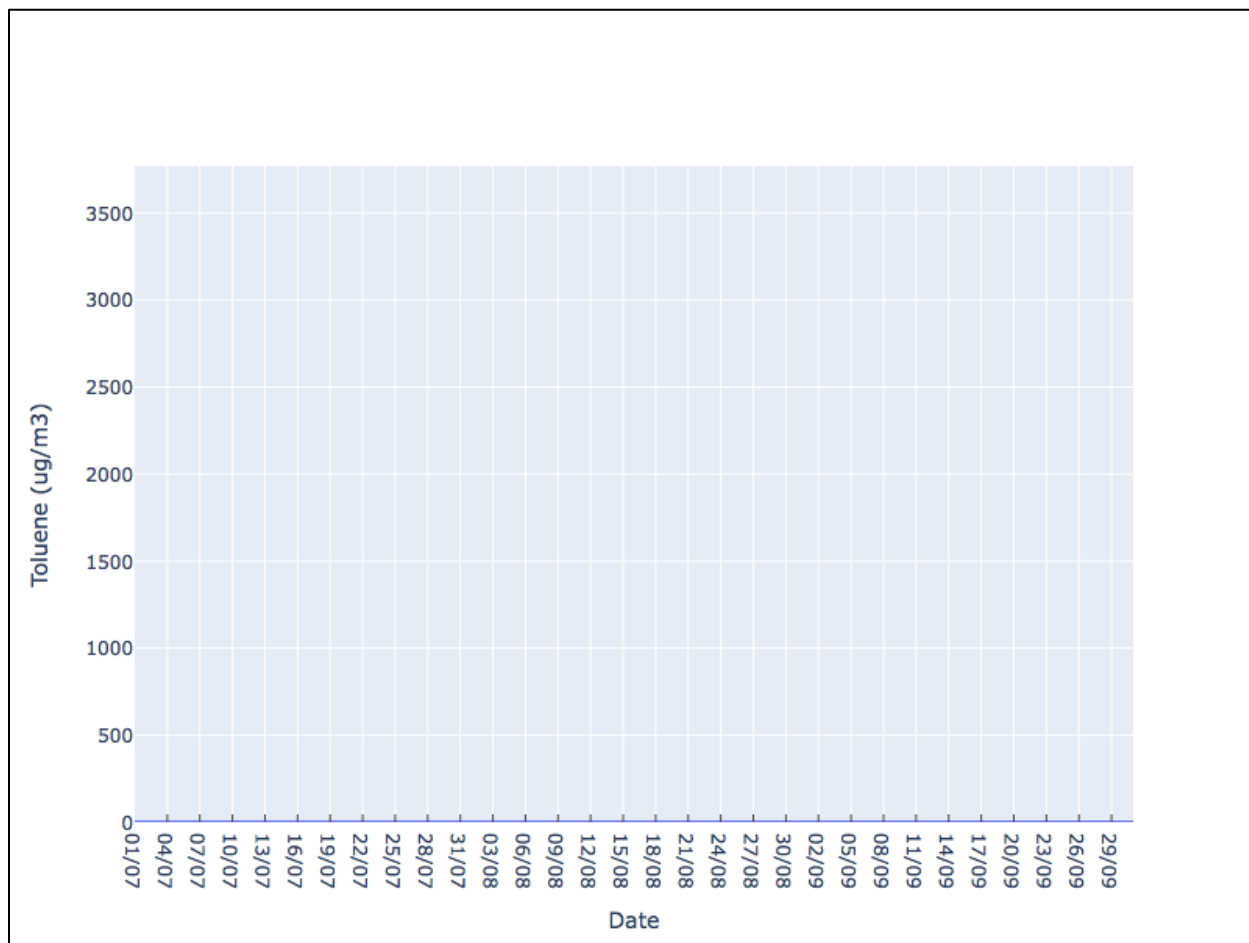
Figures 3.11 to 3.15 show the daily average data collected from the UV4 system

**Figure 3.11 – Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV4 for Q3 2021**



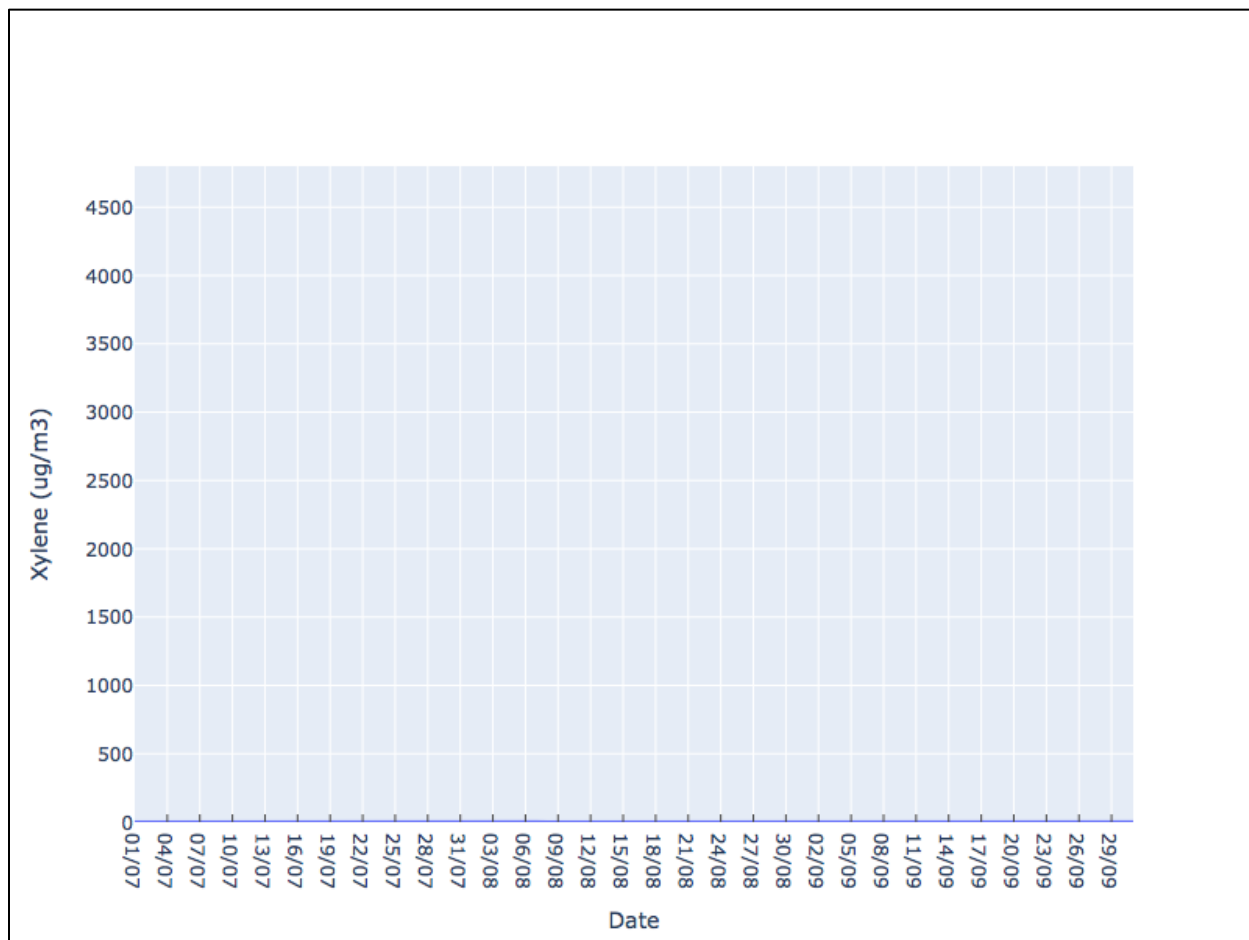


**Figure 3.12 – Toluene 24 Hour Average Data for UV4 for Q3 2021**





**Figure 3.13 – Xylene 24 Hour Average Data for UV4 for Q3 2021**





**Figure 3.14 – Ethyl Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV4 for Q3 2021**

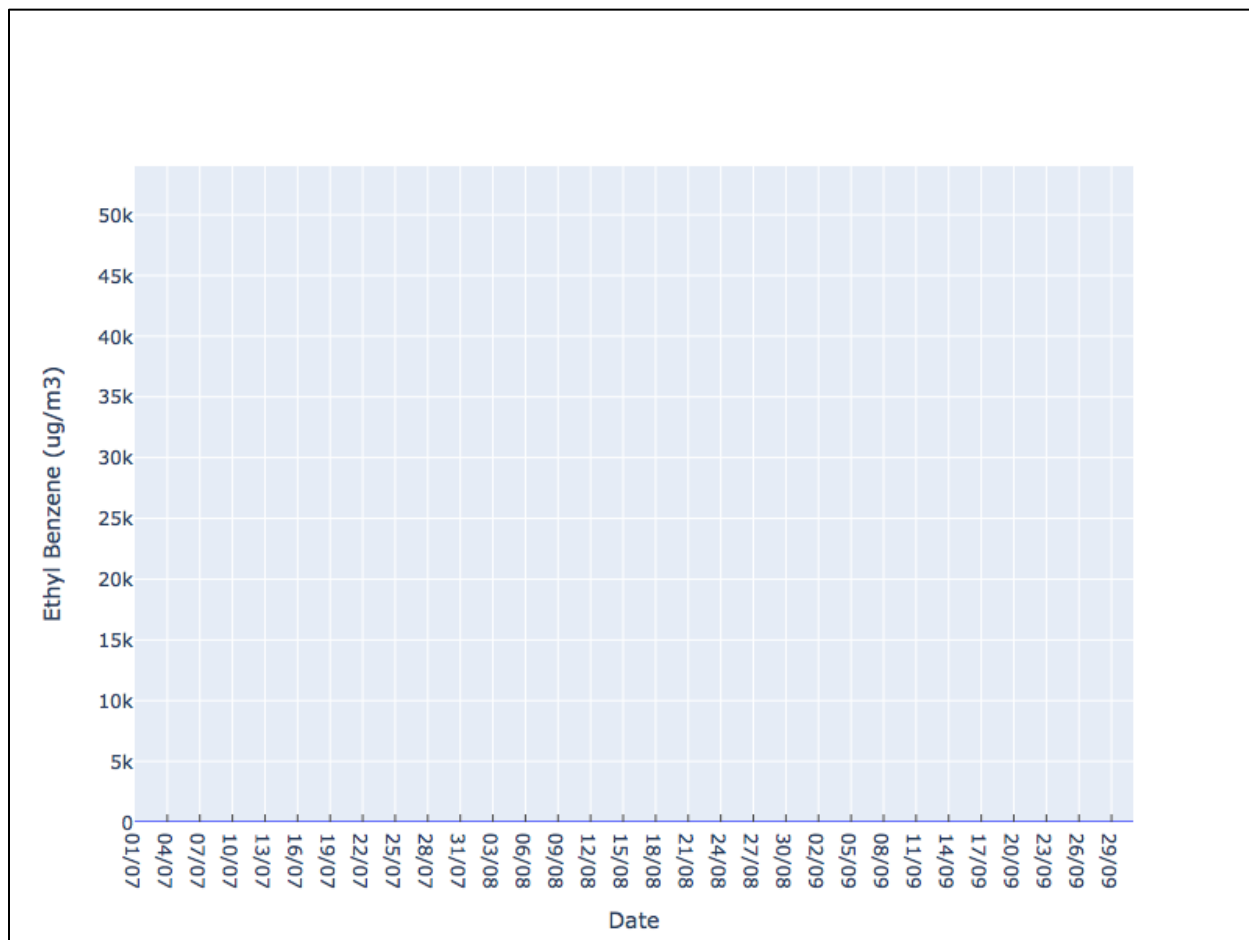
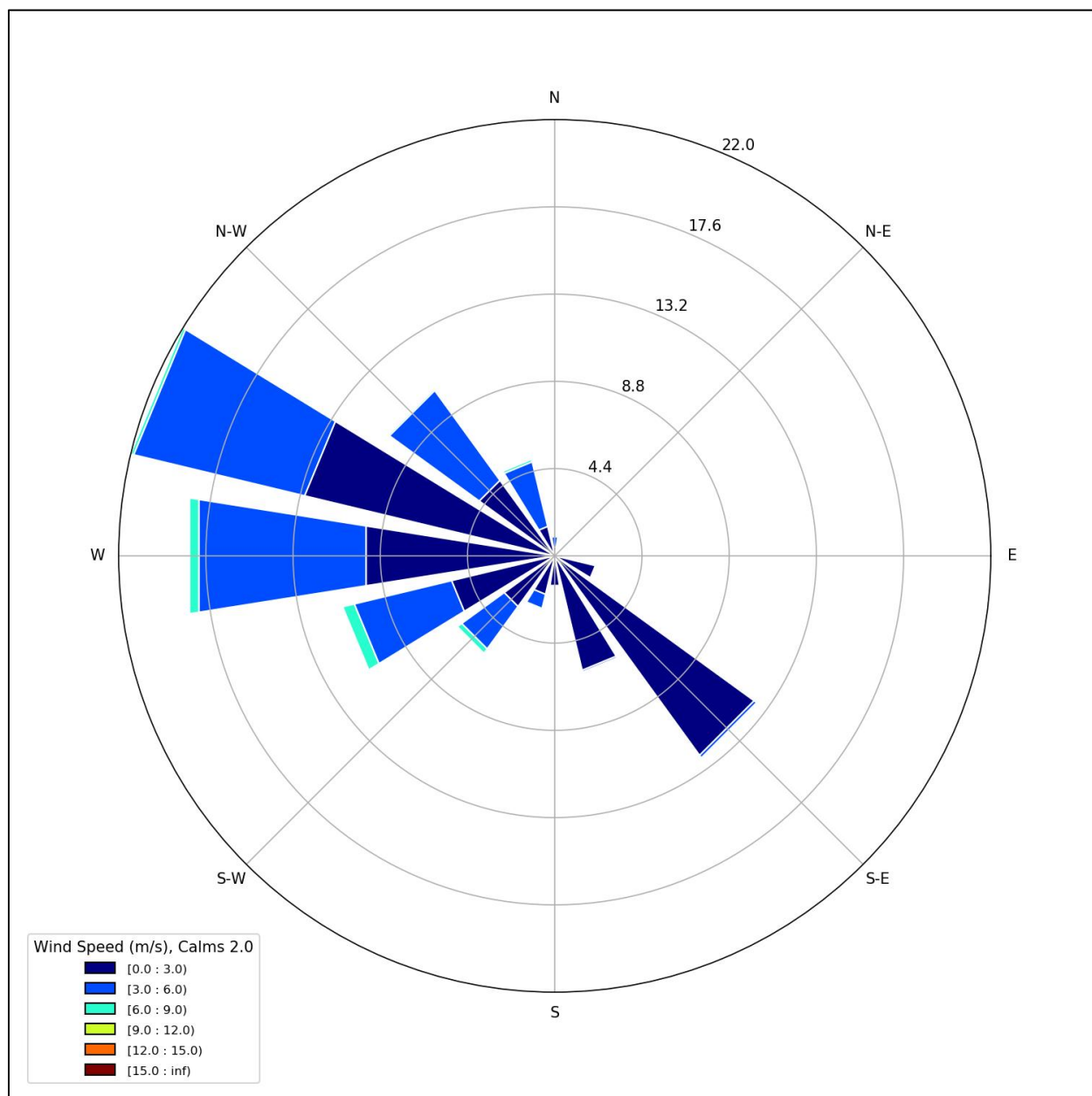




Figure 3.15 – Wind Speed and Wind Direction for UV4 for Q3 2021

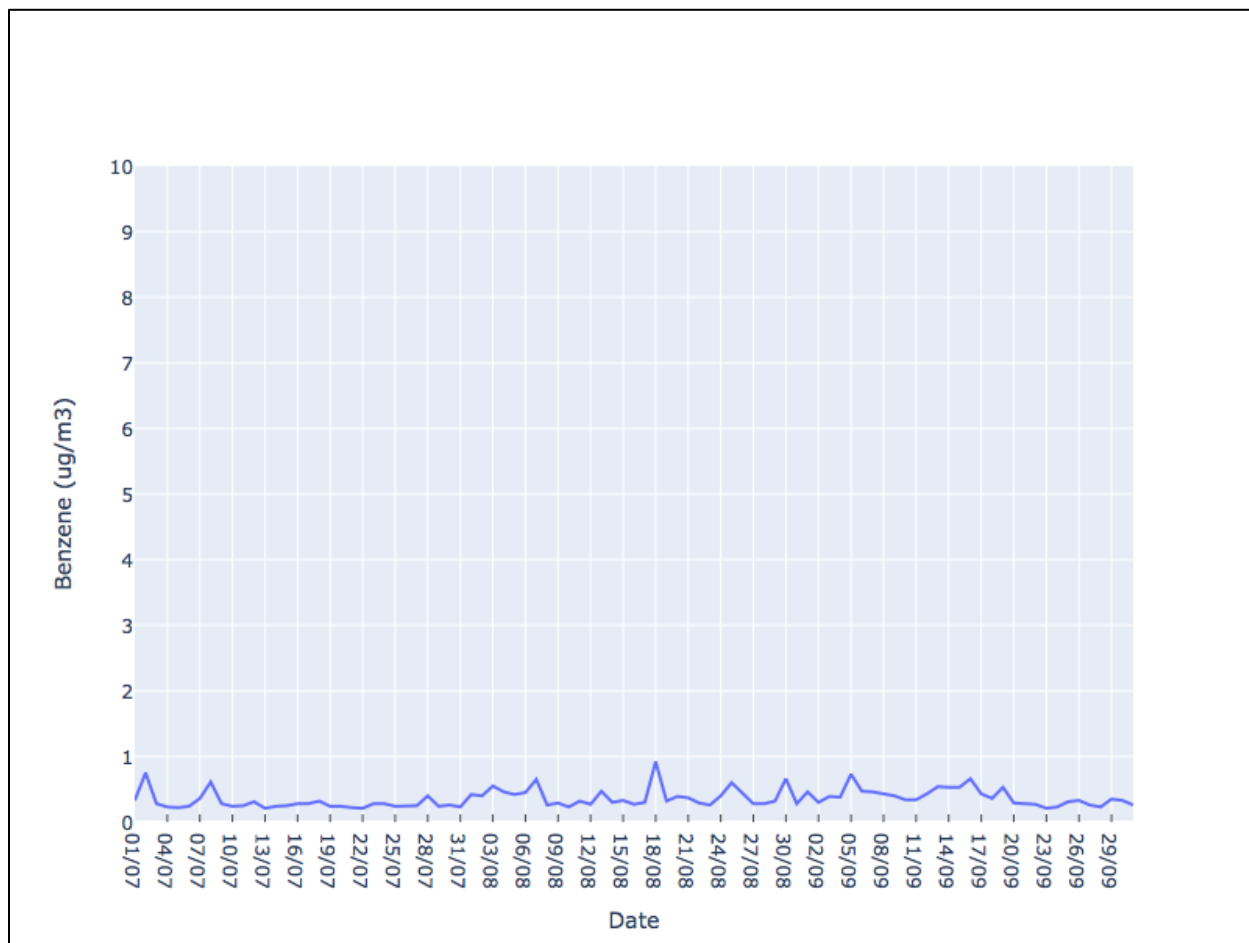




### UV5 – Summary of Realtime Field Data

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

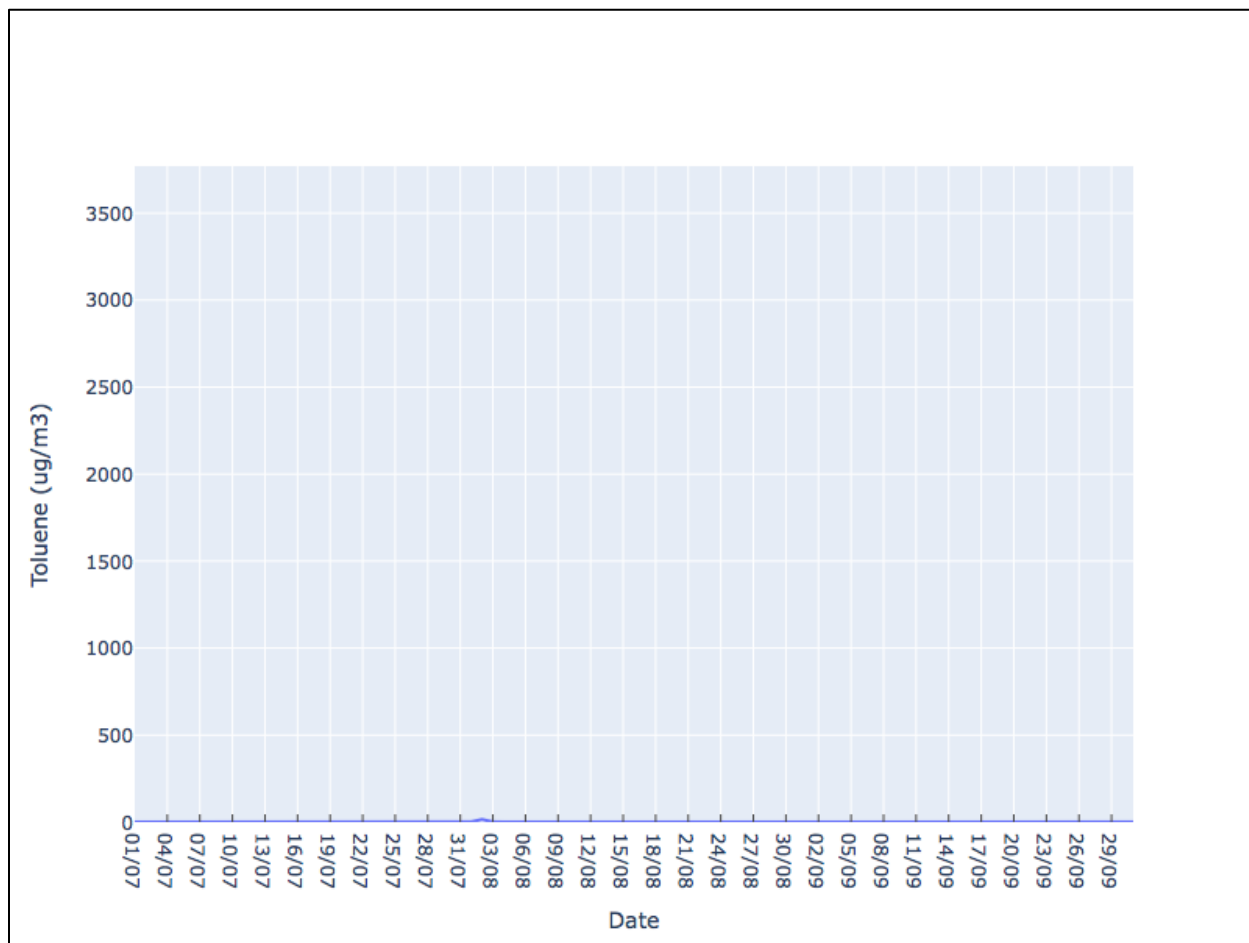
**Figure 3.16 – Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV5 for Q3 2021**







**Figure 3.17 – Toluene 24 Hour Average Data for UV5 for Q3 2021**





**Figure 3.18 – Xylene 24 Hour Average Data for UV5 for Q3 2021**

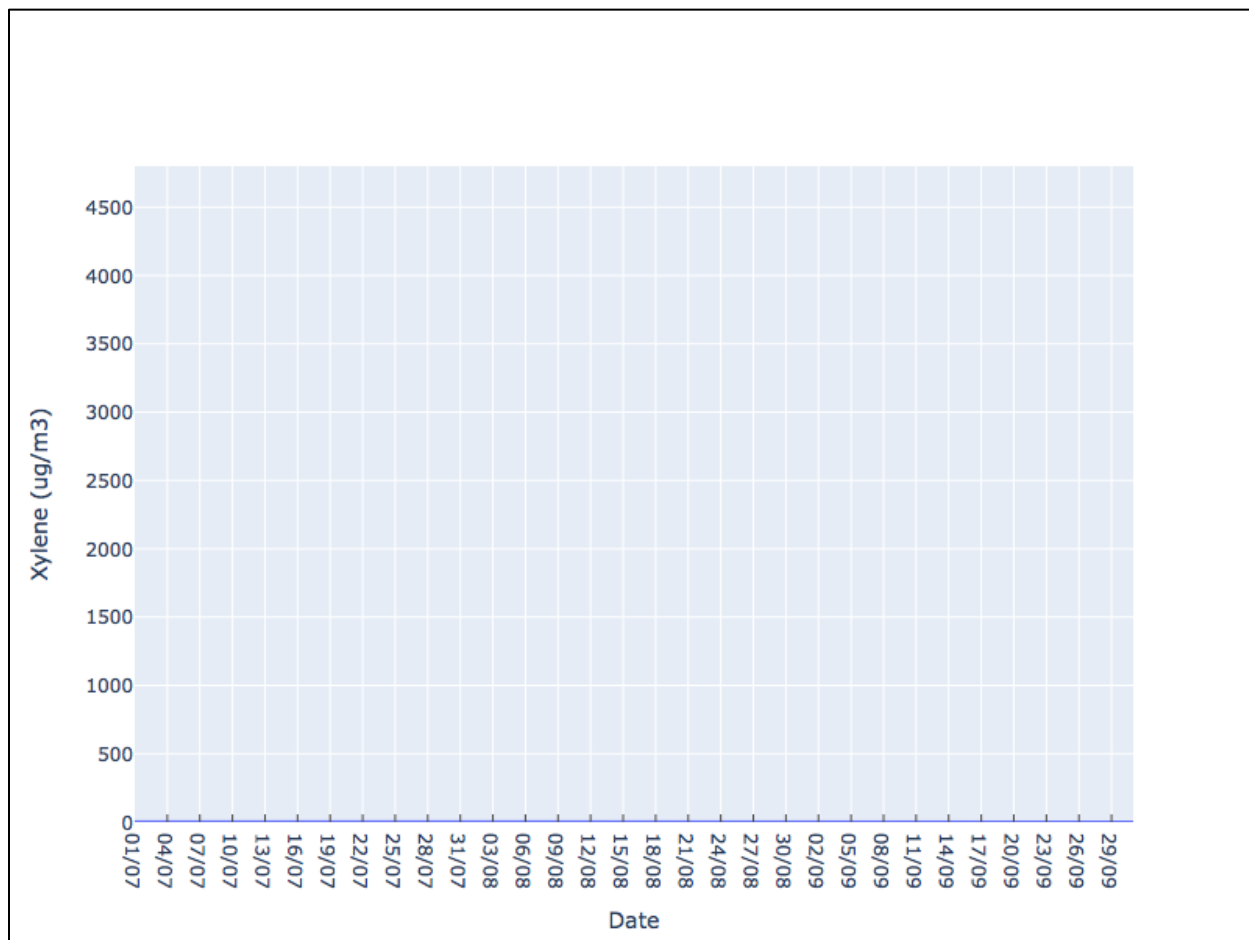
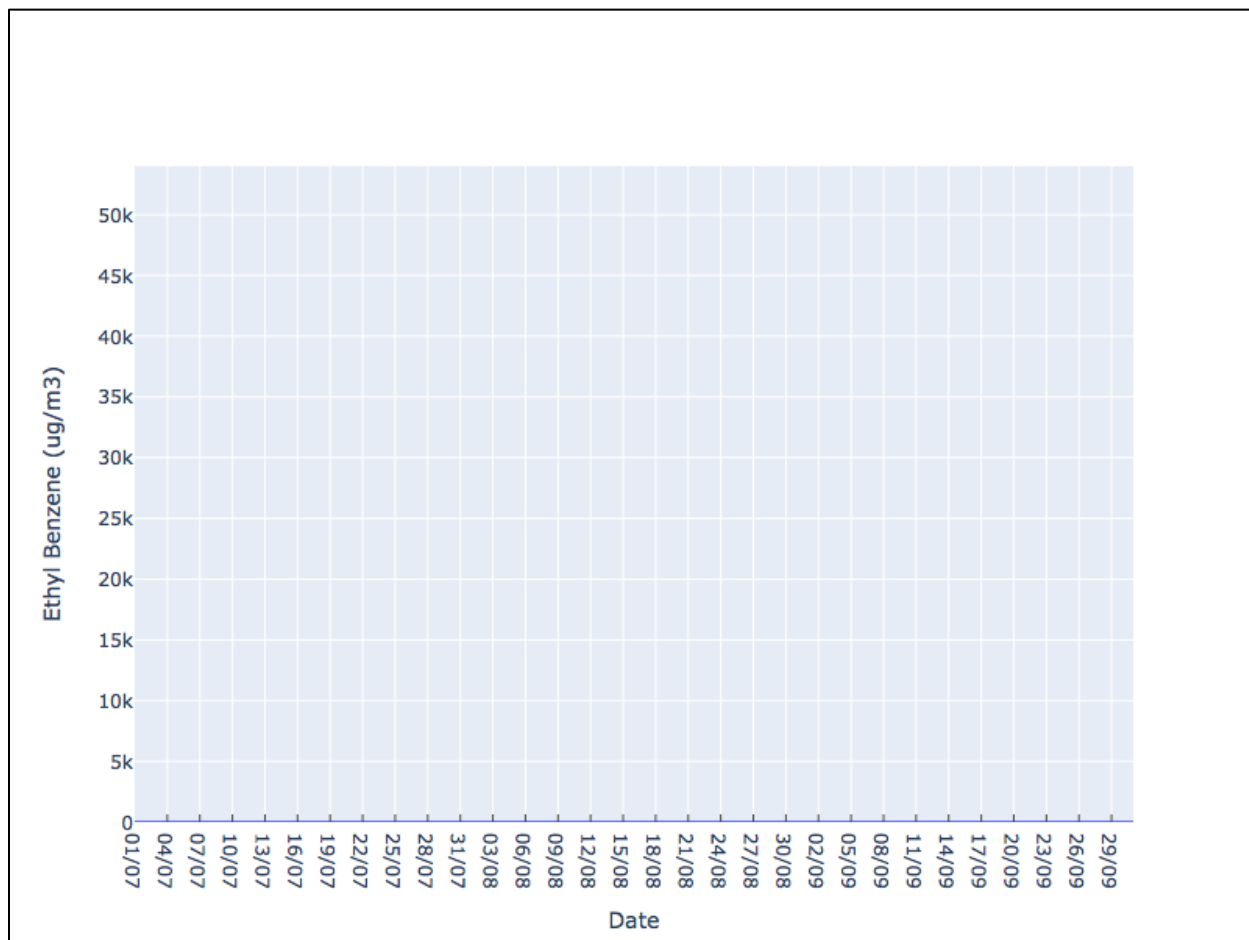
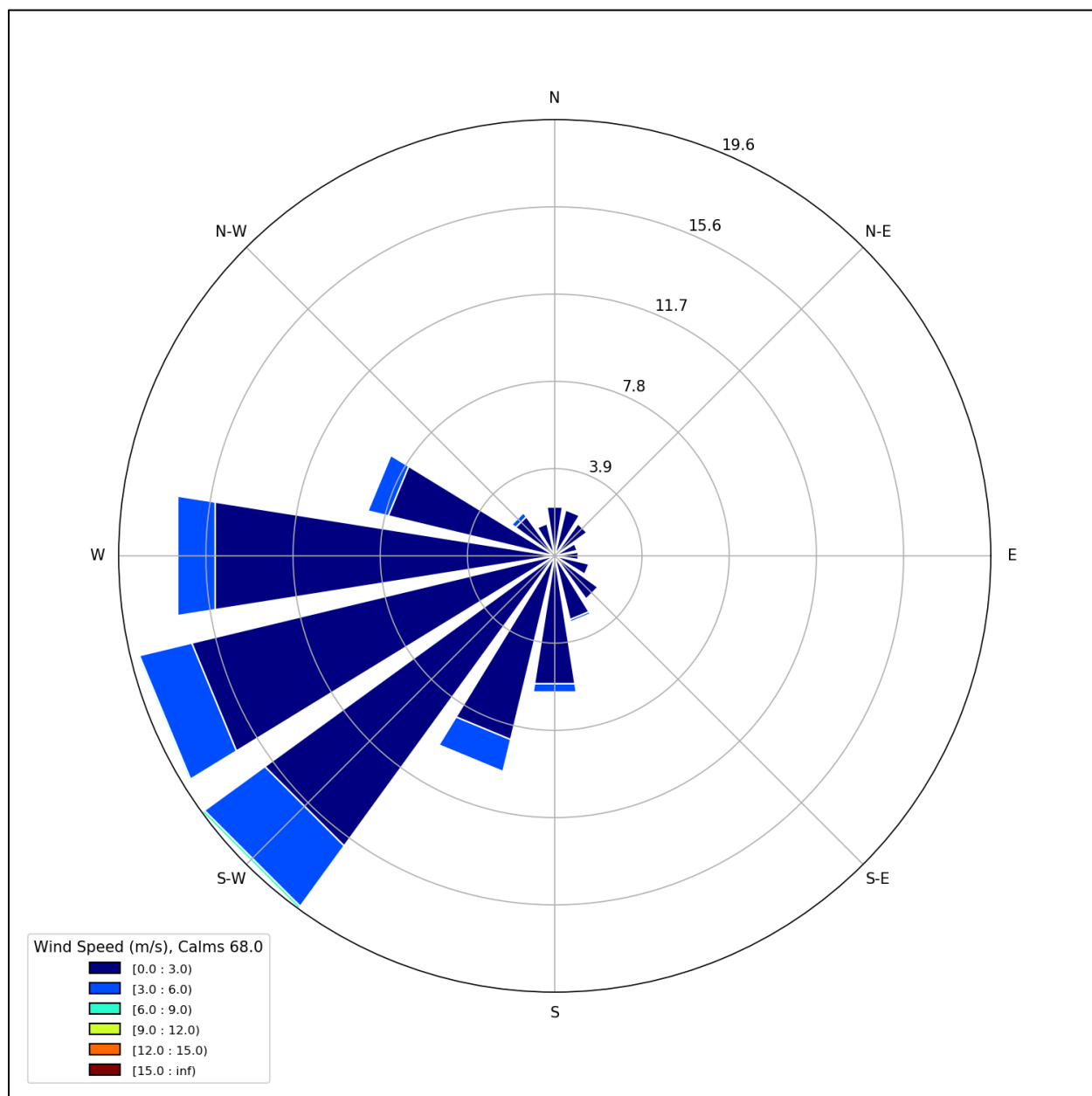




Figure 3.19 – Ethyl Benzene 24 Hour Average Data for UV5 for Q3 2021



**Figure 3.20 – Wind Speed and Wind Direction Data for UV5 for Q3 2021**





The 24-hr alarm level was not exceeded for benzene for Q3 2021.



#### 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 predominantly from the Northwest 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



## Sealed Calibration Cell

### *Certificate of Calibration*

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 Tube Serial Number: 46797

Permeation Fluid: Benzene

Calibration Cell Serial # Benz 010921-01

**Reference Spectra Concentration: 106.8 ppm-m**

95% confidence  $\pm$  1.93%

Correlation Coefficient: .960

Laboratory Manager:

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Permeation Fluid: Benzene

Calibration Cell Serial # Benz 010921-02

**Reference Spectra Concentration: 80.6 ppm-m**

95% confidence +/- 0.88%

Correlation Coefficient: .972

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Permeation Tube Serial Number: 46797

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Calibration Cell Serial # Benz 010921-03

**Reference Spectra Concentration: 100.2 ppm-m**

95% confidence  $\pm$  0.53%

Correlation Coefficient: .939

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Permeation Fluid: Benzene

Calibration Cell Serial # Benz 010921-04

**Reference Spectra Concentration: 90.8 ppm-m**

95% confidence  $\pm$  0.80%

Correlation Coefficient: .978

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