AirNow & AirNow-Tech

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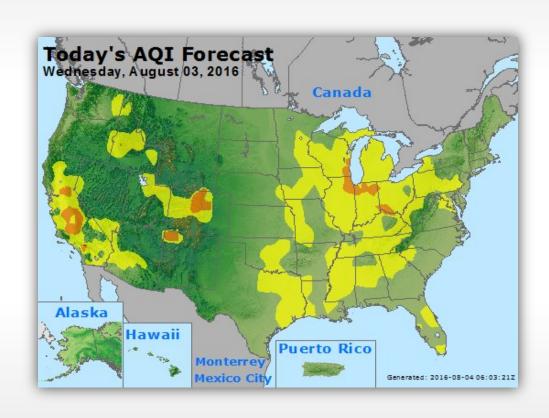
Outline

- History of AirNow
- Journey of Data Through AirNow
 - Data transmission
 - QC checks
 - Viewing and editing data
 - Data display on public websites
- AirNow and AirNow-Tech Help Options
- Future of AirNow-Tech
 - Updated website



History of AirNow

- Started in 1997 with 14 states
- Over 650 cities/regions
- Year-round real-time data for over 2500 monitoring sites around the world
- Information about the Air Quality Index (AQI), health effects, and education for the public and media

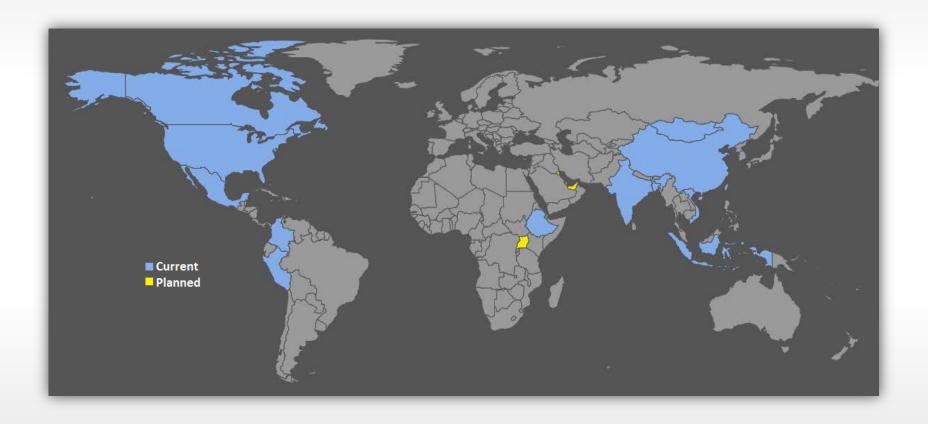


What Makes AirNow Different

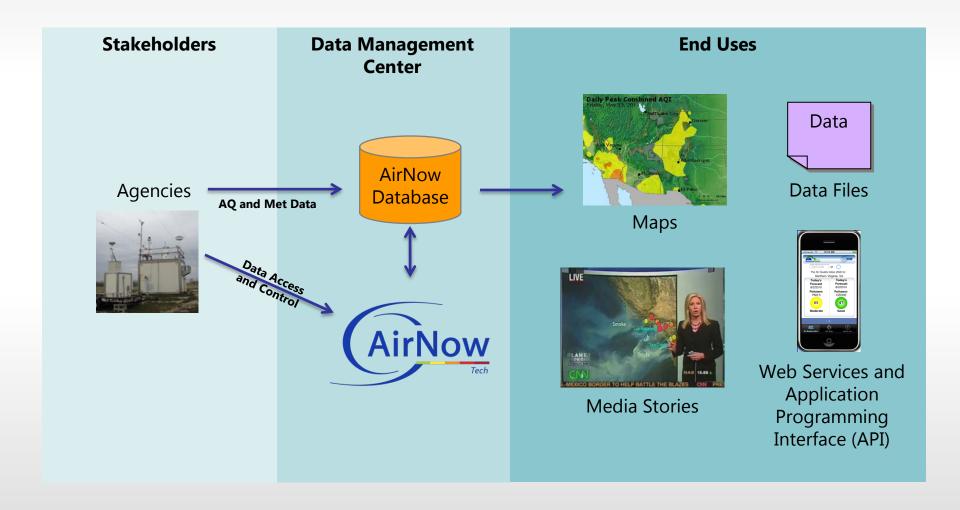
- Real-time data on a public-facing website using the Air Quality Index (AQI)
 - AirNow App
 - Email notifications through EnviroFlash
- Information sharing among agencies
 - Data
 - Forecasts
- AirNow API
 - Allows for easy access to air quality data by software developers
- Meteorological Data
 - Hourly ingest of NOAA Meteorological Assimilation
 Data Ingest System (MADIS) data (>3000 sites)



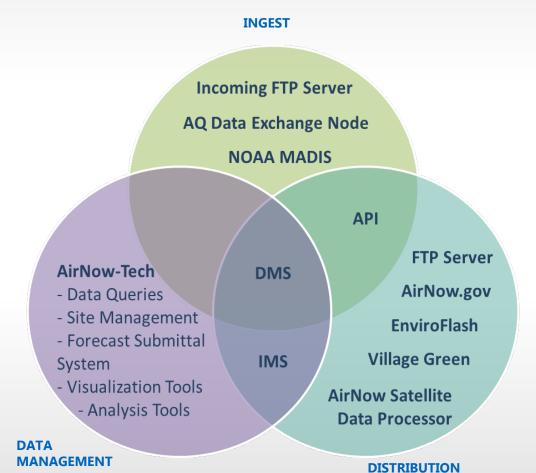
AirNow Community



Journey of Data Through AirNow



Major Functions



Submitting Data

- 1. Request an AirNow-Tech account at https://www.airnowtech.org/requestAccnt.cfm
- 2. Files are sent via FTP server using AQCSV file format
 - Test directory available
 - Hourly files to be sent by 20 minutes past each hour
 - Contact <u>AirNowInfo@sonomatech.com</u> for FTP server information

AQCSV File Format

- The AQCSV file format supports
 - AQS Standards (parameter codes, parameter occurrence codes [POC])
 - Speciated/lab data
 - Mobile monitor data
 - Sub-hourly data
- Allows for
 - Backfill of AQS data into AirNow when available
 - Easy encoding and parsing of data
 - Support of international data exchange



Site (AQS) Code

Date & Time

Parameter Duration Value QC POC Code (minutes)

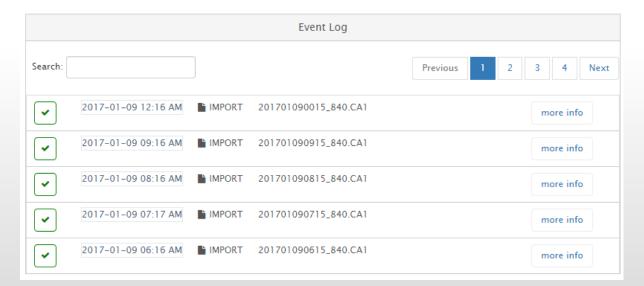
Code

Elevation Lat/ Long

Method Code

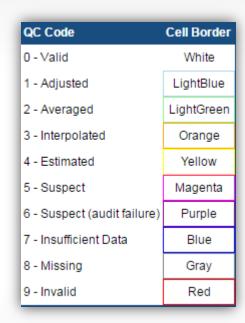
What happens when the AirNow DMC receives a data file?

- New sites or parameters are created in the database
- Run automated QC checks (customizable)
- Calculation of aggregates and AQI
 - NowCast concentrations
 - Running 8-hour (ozone) and 24-hour averages (PM_{2.5})



Automated QC Checks (1)

- Three ways QC codes can be changed
 - In the AQCSV data files by the agency
 - During Automated QC Checks
 - Manually in AirNow-Tech
- QC checks are customizable by value and hour



Automated QC Checks (2)

- Range
 - Data values above or below a certain threshold
 - Minimum drift
 - Maximum suspect
 - Maximum severe
- Rate of Change
 - Difference in data values between two consecutive hours

Automated QC Checks (3)

Sticking

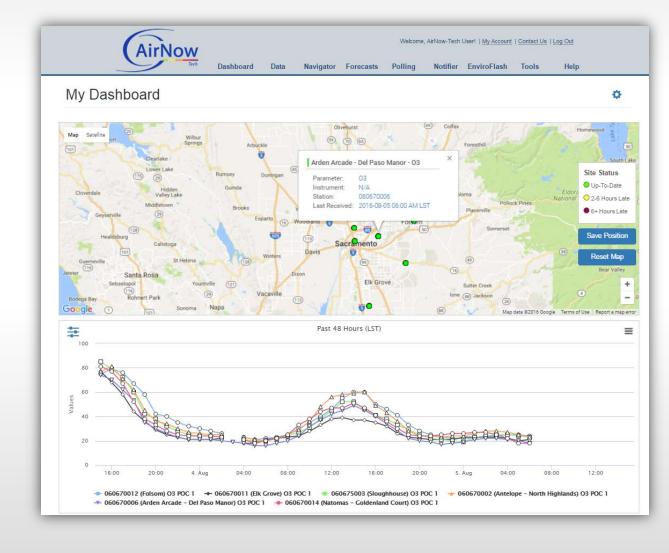
- Checks for data values "stuck" at the same value for a specified number of hours
- "Sticking value": minimum value for which data will be checked

Buddy Check

- Uses separate "Target" and "Test" sites
- If the absolute difference in concentrations differs by a defined threshold, invalidate the "Target" site data

Dashboard (1)

- At-a-glance display shows data delivery status
- Stay up-to-date with the latest hourly readings
- Important for AQI reporting and alerts



Dashboard (2)

SUCCESS

IMPORT

fileName

imported

2016-08-05 12:17 AM

File ingested: (201608042315 840.CA1) (AQCSV) Records: 67;

Inserted: 58; Updated: 0; Aggregated: 6; Mirrored: 5; QCed: 118

67

201608042315 840.CA1

Event Log

Date (LST)

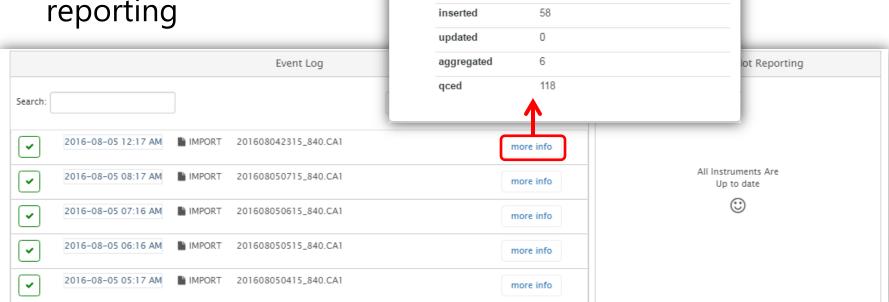
Source

Message

File Info

Type

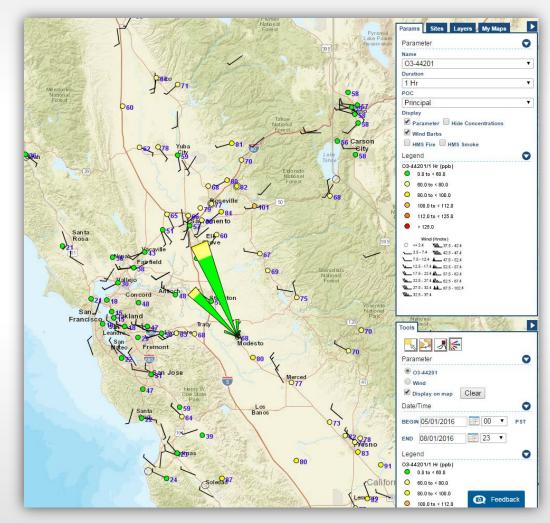
- Event Log
 - Automatically updates every few minutes
 - Is AirNow receiving files? Are they being imported successfully?
- Instruments not reporting



Navigator (1)

Data view

- View concentrations for each parameter from every agency
- MADIS data from NOAA (temperature, wind, etc.)
- HYSPLIT trajectories
- Wind and pollution roses

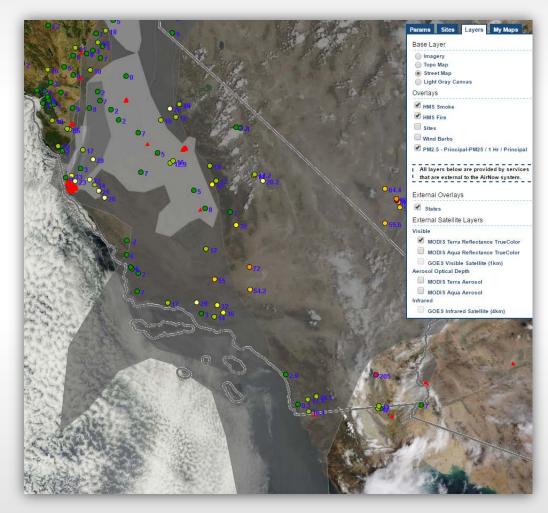


August 13, 2016, at 18:00 PDT: 1-hour ozone (ppb) with wind barbs and a pollution rose. Source: AirNow-Tech.

Navigator (2)

External Layers

- Moderate Resolution
 Imaging
 Spectroradiometer
 (MODIS) satellite imagery
- MODIS Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)
- Hazard Mapping System (HMS) smoke and fire detections
- Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) 1 km visible imagery



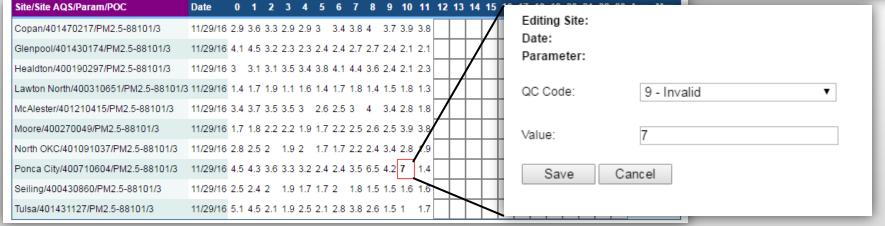
July 30, 2016, at 14:00 PDT: 1-hour $PM_{2.5}$ (µg/m³), HMS smoke and fire detections, and MODIS satellite image. Source: AirNow-Tech.

Data Queries

Data view

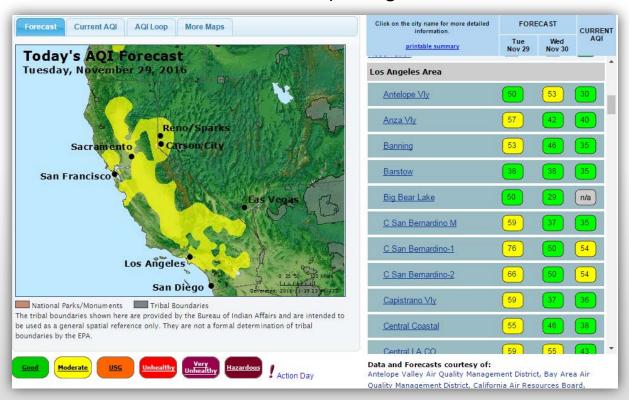
- View hourly, daily, and 8-hour concentration averages and AQI
- Create line graphs and scatter plots
- Edit values and QC codes with data editor rights
- Export to CSV





How are current data displayed?

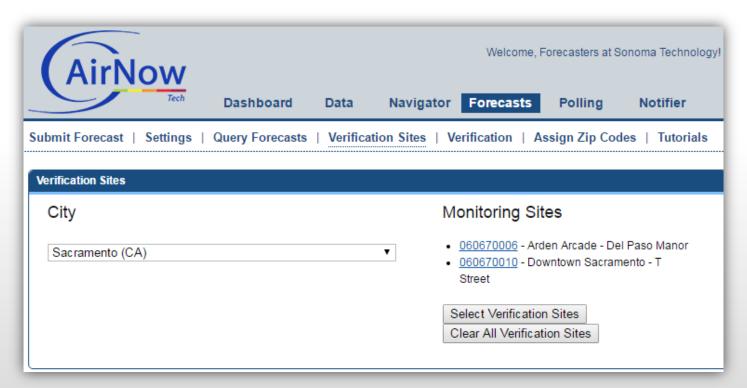
- Reporting areas (forecast cities)
 - How observations and forecasts are disseminated and displayed on AirNow.gov
 - Individual monitoring sites are assigned to each reporting area
 - Maximum NowCast AQI from sites in a reporting area will show as the "Current AQI"



Configuring Settings in AirNow-Tech

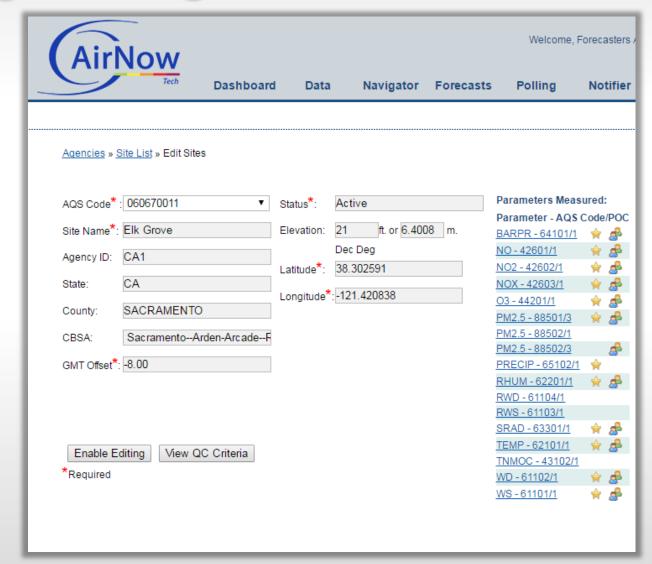
Verification sites

- Can be added to or removed from reporting areas via the Verification Sites page
- Any number of verification sites can be assigned to a reporting area



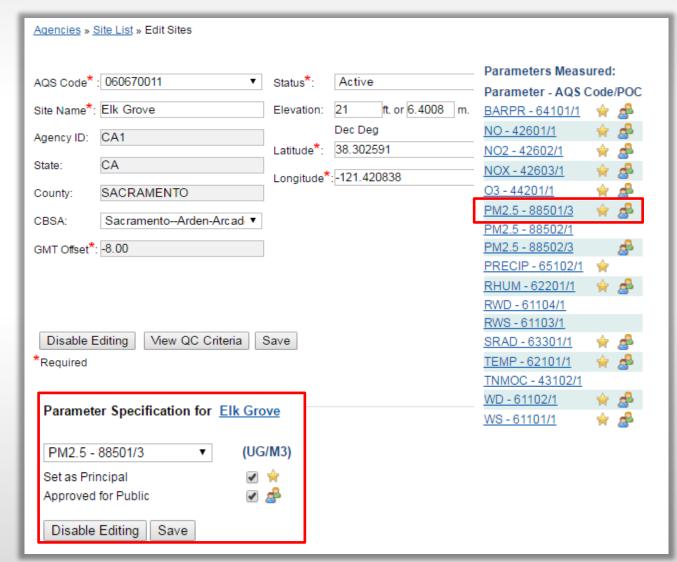
Configuring Settings in AirNow-Tech

- Principal
 Parameter *
 - The parameter/POC combination to be used as the data set for AirNow products
- Public
 Parameter
 - Required before data are included in publicly available products



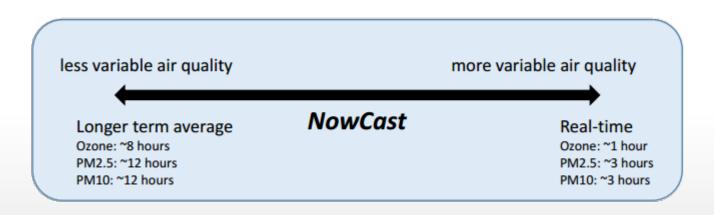
Configuring Settings in AirNow-Tech

- Editing Principal and Public Parameters
 - Click Enable Editing
 - Select parameter from list
 - Check boxes and save



NowCast

- A way to express real-time air quality in the context of the AQI
- Aligns closely with what people are seeing or experiencing
- Calculation uses longer averages during periods of stable air quality and shorter averages when air quality is changing rapidly





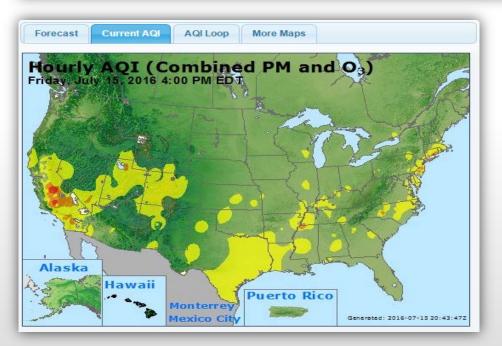
Good 0 - 50 Moderate 51 - 100 Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups 101 - 150

Unhealthy 151 - 200

Very Unhealthy 201 - 300

Where is the NowCast used?

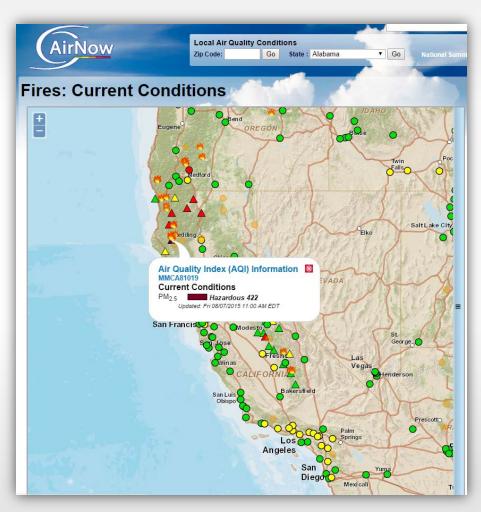


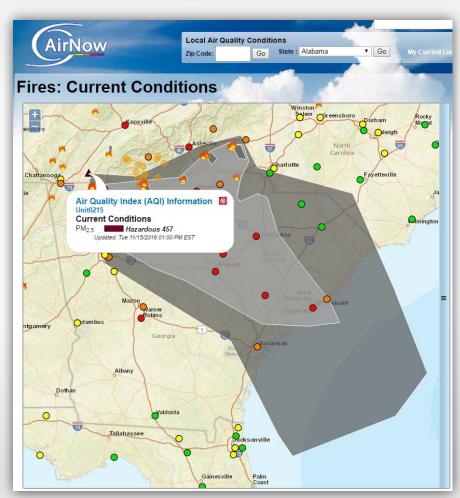




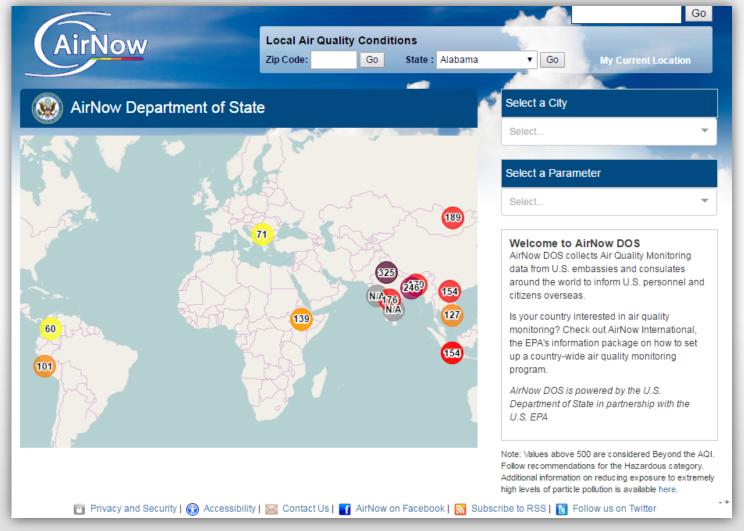
Click on the city name for more detailed information.	FORECAST		CURRENT			
printable summary	Fri Jul 15	Sat Jul 16	AQI			
Aiken-Augusta - SC/GA	39	42	56			
<u>Atlanta</u>	Good	Good	64			
Columbus-Phenix City - GA/AL	Good	Good	43			
Macon	Good	Good	39			
Note: Values above 500 are considered Beyond the AQI. Follow recommendations for the Hazardous category. Additional information on reducing exposure to extremely high levels of particle pollitron is available here.						

AirNow Fire Page



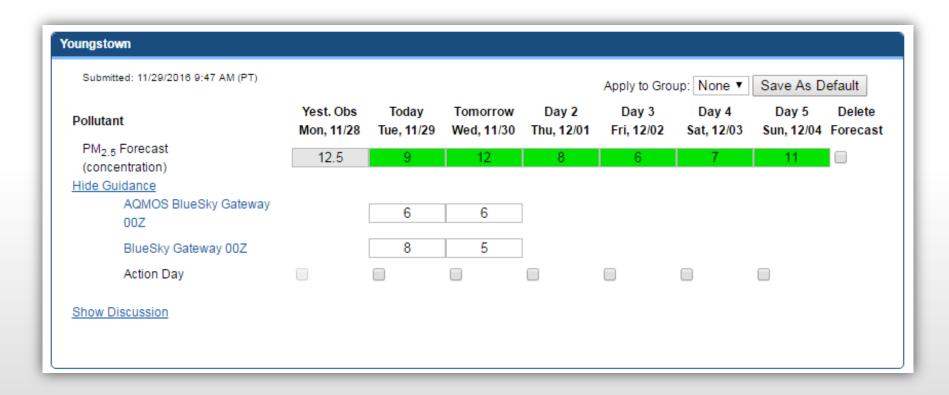


AirNow Department of State Page



Submitting Forecasts in AirNow-Tech

- Forecast for ozone, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, NO₂, and SO₂, and/or CO
- Forecasts issued in concentrations or AQI units for reporting areas
- Forecasts are for the EPA standard for each pollutant (e.g., 24-hr average for PM_{2.5})



Forecast Dissemination

EnviroFlash Emails



API Web Services and File Products

Forecasts By Zip code Get current or historical forecasted AQI values and categories for a reporting area by Zip code. Documentation Query Tool By latitude/longitude Get current or historical forecasted AQI values and categories for a reporting area by latitude and longitude. Documentation Query Tool

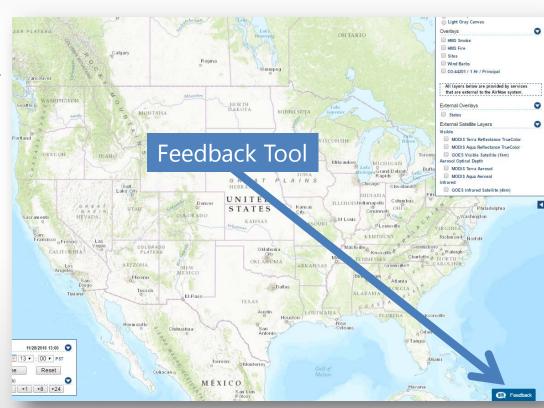
AirNow.gov

Air Quality Forecast							
Today's High		Tomorrow's High					
Air Quality Index (AQI)		Air Quality Index (AQI)					
38 Good Health Message: None		50 Good Health Message: None					
AQI - Pollutant Details							
Particles (PM2.5)	38 <u>G</u>	lood	Particles (PM2.5)	50	Good		

Forecast Discussion: Tuesday, November 29: An upper-level trough of low pressure will move through northeastern Ohio, enhancing mixing in the atmosphere. In addition, moderate and gusty southerly winds at the surface will disperse pollutants. As a result, AQI levels will be Good. Wednesday, November 30: Light southeasterly winds during the morning hours will gradually bring regional pollutants and moisture into the Mahoning Valley, increasing particle production. However, a cold front will move through Ohio in the afternoon, generating moderate westerly winds. These winds will bring a cleaner air mass into the region and keep AQI levels Good. Thursday through Saturday, light to moderate westerly to southwesterly winds will aid pollutant dispersion and continue to bring clean air into Youngstown-Warren. As a result, AQI levels will be Good on all three days. Sunday, a surface high pressure system will move over the Ohio River Valley, producing light southerly winds in the Youngstown area. These conditions will limit pollutant dispersion. However, low pollutant carryover from previous days will keep AQI levels Good.

AirNow and AirNow-Tech Help

- Email questions to <u>AirNowInfo@sonomatech.com</u>
- Review resources page in AirNow-Tech
- The Feedback Tool on AirNow-Tech will send your comments and questions directly to the AirNow Data Management Center (DMC)
 - Located at the bottom right of each page in AirNow-Tech



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Day 2

AirNow-Tech FAQ

AirNow Discussion Forum

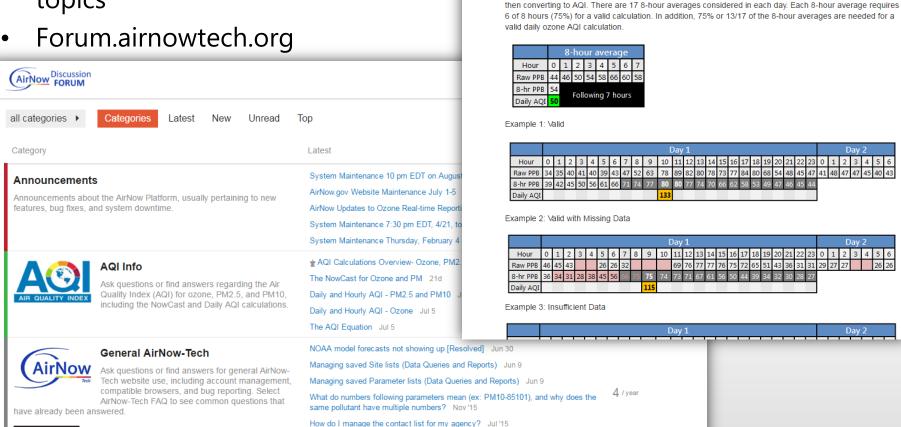
Daily and Hourly AQI - Ozone &

mwhylton ♥ Marcus Hylton AirNow-Tech Guru

The daily ozone AQI is calculated by taking the maximum 8 hour concentration from 07:00-23:00 LST, and

Daily Ozone AQI

- Ask questions, get answers
- Information on a variety of AirNow topics



New AirNow System

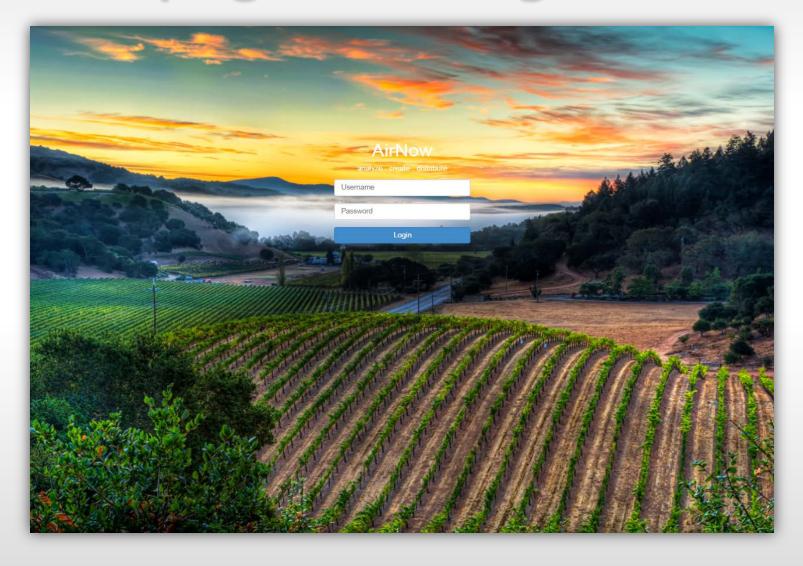
Background - Needs, Growth, and Features

 Big data (e.g., low-cost sensors, sub-hourly data)

- Expansion to additional international users
- Ease of data management
- Improved usability
- New worldwide analysis tool (fire locations and trajectories)
- Completion in early 2017



Homepage and Login Screen



New Look

- Site/parameter management
- QC checks and Approval Mode

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Quality Control

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Standard Checks

View QC Checks for Site

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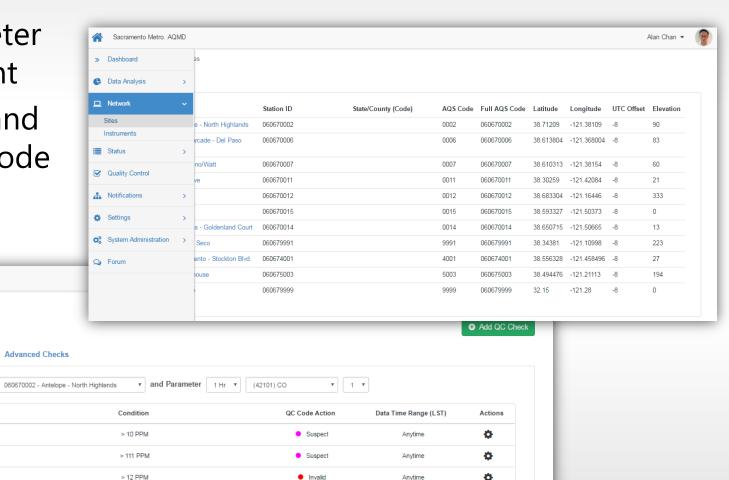
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Rate of Change

> +/-5 PPM



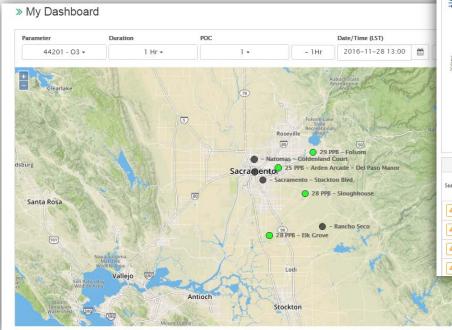
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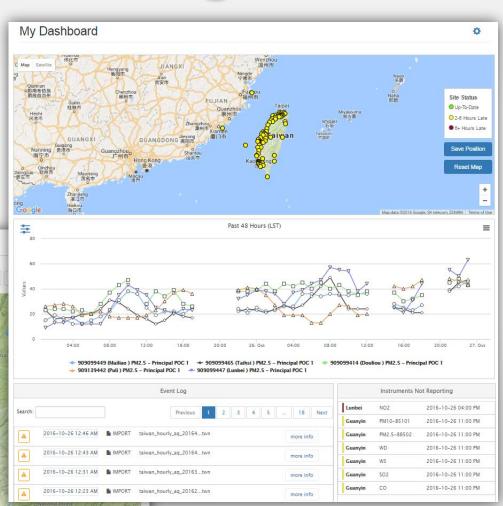
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Dashboard Widgets

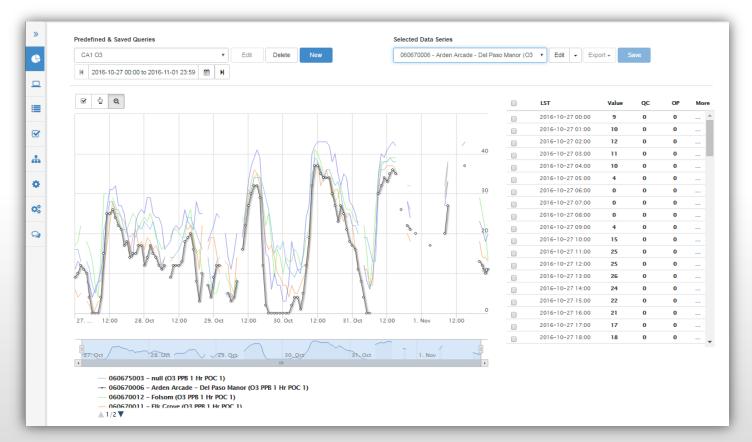
- New widgets
 - Recent Trend concentration map
- Users can add, remove, and rearrange widgets



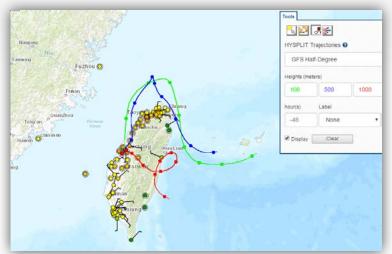


Data Queries

- Interactive data validation and approval
- Data editing
- QC checks

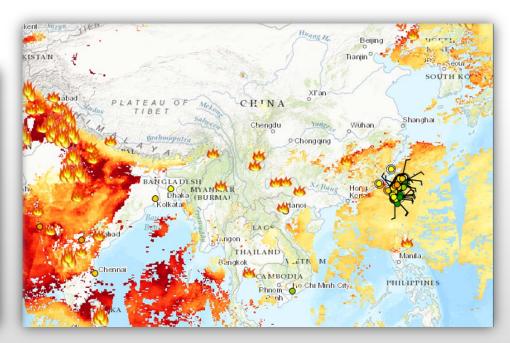


Navigator Enhancements



Base Layer Торо Мар Imagery Street Map Light Gray Canvas Additional Data Layers MODIS GlobalFire Laver Forecast Current AOI Current Ozone AQI Current PM AQI NOAA Peak Today (6z) NOAA Peak Tomorrow (62) NOAA Peak Today (12z) NOAA Peak Tomorrow (12z) PM2.5 - Principal (UG/M3) / 1 / Principal MODIS Terra Reflectance TrueColor MODIS Aqua Reflectance TrueColor GOES Visible Satellite (1km) Aerosol Optical Depth MODIS Terra Aerosol MODIS Agua Aerosol

- Global point-and-click HYSPLIT trajectories
- Global fire layer



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