

Wood Buffalo Environmental Association Ambient Air Monitoring Station Site Documentation

Surmont 2

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WBEA Monitoring Network

Vision

Empower all stakeholders and rights holders with environmental data to make informed decisions.

Mission

A multi-stakeholder, consensus-based organization providing world-class environmental monitoring and reporting.

The Region

From north-central Alberta to the borders of Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca) covers 68,454 square kilometres, making it the second largest municipality in Canada. It was established in 1995 through an amalgamation of the City of Fort McMurray and Improvement District No. 143. The Athabasca Oil Sands Region (AOSR) is within the municipality, and includes both traditional bitumen mining operations and in situ oil production. The region also encompasses the communities of Fort McMurray, Fort Chipewyan, Fort McKay, Anzac, Janvier, and Conklin.

The Network

Continuous ambient air quality and meteorological data are collected under the Ambient Air Monitoring (AAM) group in WBEA. The WBEA currently operates 28 permanent continuous monitoring locations, each measuring various air quality parameters. The continuously measured air quality parameters include Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂), Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S), Total Reduced Sulphur (TRS), Ozone (O₃), Total Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_X), Nitric Oxide (NO), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Ammonia (NH₃), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Carbon Dioxide (CO₂,) Particulate Matter less than 2.5µm (PM_{2.5}), Total Suspended Particulates (TSP), Total Hydrocarbon (THC), Methane and Non-Methane Hydrocarbons (NMHC). All sites also measure ambient air temperature (AT), wind speed (WS), wind direction (WD), and relative humidity (RH). Selected sites measure barometric pressure (BP), global radiation (GR), precipitation (PC), leaf wetness (LW), vertical wind speed (VWS), vertical temperature gradient VTG) and Present Weather Detector (PWD). The ambient air monitoring parameters for each station are summarized in Table 1.0 and 1.1.

The WBEA also maintains and operates six portable monitoring stations. Five of these stations are used for compliance monitoring at sites that require less than 12 months per year. One portable is set up for gas chromatography systems and currently has a Sulphur and VOC GC installed to collect speciated data for the Odour Monitoring Program within WBEA.

Time Integrated Sampling

Since 1998 WBEA has maintained time-integrated sampling for $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10} , VOC and PAH at permanent monitoring sites. The sampling for time-integrated monitoring has evolved with a better understanding of technology, analytical laboratory methods and sample deployment and collection methods.

In 2012, the WBEA moved to Hivol PUF sampling for PAH compounds from the previous low volume method. This was done to achieve a lower detection limit for the target analytes. In 2015, the WBEA moved to duplicate sampling for the PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} time integrated parameters for 2 reasons; (1) to have duplicate mass measurements for QA purposes, (2) to have separate filters for subsequent metals and ion analysis. Elemental and Organic Carbon (ECOC) sampling began on August 7, 2012 at the Bertha Ganter site. ECOC was added and the Wapasu and Stony Mountain sites on May 1, 2018. All time-integrated samples in the WBEA ambient air monitoring network are collected on the National Air Pollution Surveillance (NAPS) schedule every 6 days for a 24-hour period.

The WBEA also collects precipitation samples for chemistry analysis through the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) at three sites; Bertha Ganter, Wapasu and Stony Mountain. These samples are collected every Tuesday at 12:00.

In 2022, the WBEA added a dustfall sampling network to better understand the larger size settleable particulate in the region. These sites are currently located at the community sites and are collected on a monthly frequency.

The time-integrated parameters for each station are summarized in Table 1.2.

Table 1.0 provides a listing of stations with their names and corresponding WBEA identification number and the air quality parameters measured by continuous methods at each site. Parameters measured include; sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), Ozone (O₃), particulate matter less than $2.5\mu m$ (PM_{2.5}), total reduced sulphur (TRS), hydrogen sulphide (H₂S), total hydrocarbons (THC), non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC), carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂), ammonia (NH₃). Sites are categorized by their station type based on the monitoring objectives for the site.

WBEA ID	ТҮРЕ	STATION NAME	SO2	NO ₂	03	PM _{2.5}	TRS	H₂S	тнс	NMHC	со	CO2	NH ₃
1	COMMUNITY	BERTHA GANTER- FORT MCKAY	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
2	COMPLIANCE	MILDRED LAKE	х					х	х	х			
3	METEOROLOGICAL	LOWER CAMP MET TOWER											
4	COMPLIANCE	BUFFALO VIEWPOINT	х	х	х	х		х	х	х			
5	COMPLIANCE/ METEORLOGICAL	MANNIX	х					х	х	х			
6	COMMUNITY	PATRICIA MCINNES	х	х	х	х	х		х	х			x
7	COMMUNITY	ATHABASCA VALLEY	х	х	х	х	х		х	х	х		
8	COMMUNITY/ COMPLIANCE	FORT CHIPEWYAN	х	х	х	х	х				х	х	
9	ATTRIBUTION	BARGE LANDING	Х	х		Х	х		Х	х			
11	COMPLIANCE	LOWER CAMP	х					х	х	х			
13	COMPLIANCE/ ATTRIBUTION	FORT MCKAY SOUTH	х	х	х	х	х		х	х			
14	COMPLIANCE/ COMMUNITY	ANZAC	х	х	х	х	х		х	х			
17	COMPLIANCE	WAPASU	х	х	Х	Х		х	х				
18	BACKGROUND	STONY MOUNTAIN	х	х	х	х	х		х	х	х	х	
19	COMPLIANCE	FIREBAG	Х	х				Х	Х				
20	COMPLIANCE	MACKAY RIVER	х	х				х	х				
21	COMMUNITY	CONKLIN	х	х	Х	х	х		х	х			
22	COMMUNITY	JANVIER	х	х	Х	Х	х		х	х			
23	COMPLIANCE	FORT HILLS	х	х		х	х		х	х			
25	EMERGENCY RESPONSE	WASKOW OHCI PIMATISIWIN	х					х					
26	COMPLIANCE	CHRISTINA LAKE	Х	х				х					
27	COMPLIANCE	JACKFISH 2/3	х	Х				х					
29	COMPLIANCE	SURMONT 2	х	х		х		х	х				
30	COMPLIANCE	ELLS RIVER	х	х		х	х		х	х			
501	COMPLIANCE	LEISMER	х	х				х					
505	COMPLIANCE	SAWBONES BAY	х	х				х					
506	COMPLIANCE	JACKFISH 1	х	х				х					
507	COMPLIANCE	KIRBY SOUTH	х	х				х	х				
508	COMPLIANCE	KIRBY NORTH	Х	х				х	Х				

Table 1.0 - Pollutant parameters monitored in the WBEA network

Table 1.1 provides a listing of stations and meteorological parameters measured by continuous methods. Parameters measured include ambient temperature (AT), relative humidity (RH), barometric pressure (BP), wind speed (WS), wind direction (WD), vertical wind speed (VWS), global radiation (GR), total precipitation (PC), and leaf wetness (LW). Sites are categorized by their station type based on the monitoring objectives for the site.

WBEA ID	ТҮРЕ	STATION NAME	AT	RH	BP	ws	WD	vws	GR	РС	LW
1	COMMUNITY	BERTHA GANTER-FORT MCKAY	х	х		х	х		х	х	х
2	COMPLIANCE	MILDRED LAKE	х	х		Х	х				
3	METEOROLOGICAL	LOWER CAMP MET TOWER	х	х		х	х	х			
4	COMPLIANCE	BUFFALO VIEWPOINT	х	х		х	х				
5	COMPLIANCE/ METEORLOGICAL	MANNIX	х	х		х	х	х			
6	COMMUNITY	PATRICIA MCINNES	х	х		х	х				
7	COMMUNITY	ATHABASCA VALLEY	х	х	х	х	х				
8	COMMUNITY/ COMPLIANCE	FORT CHIPEWYAN	х	х		х	х		х		х
9	ATTRIBUTION	BARGE LANDING	х	х	х	х	х				
11	COMPLIANCE	LOWER CAMP	Х	Х	х	Х	х				
13	COMPLIANCE/ ATTRIBUTION	FORT MCKAY SOUTH	х	х		х	х				
14	COMPLIANCE/ COMMUNITY	ANZAC	х	х		х	х				х
17	COMPLIANCE	WAPASU	Х	Х		Х	х			Х	
18	BACKGROUND	STONY MOUNTAIN	х	х		х	х		х	х	х
19	COMPLIANCE	FIREBAG	Х	Х		Х	х				
20	COMPLIANCE	MACKAY RIVER	Х	Х		х	х			Х	
21	COMMUNITY	CONKLIN	Х	х		х	х				
22	COMMUNITY	JANVIER	Х	х		х	х				
23	COMPLIANCE	FORT HILLS	Х	х		х	х				
25	EMERGENCY RESPONSE	WASKOW OHCI PIMATISIWIN	х	х		х	х				
26	COMPLIANCE	CHRISTINA LAKE	х	х		х	х				
27	COMPLIANCE	JACKFISH 2/3	х	х		х	х				
29	COMPLIANCE	SURMONT 2	х	х		х	х				
30	COMPLIANCE	ELLS RIVER	х	х		х	х		х		
501	COMPLIANCE	LEISMER	х	х		х	х				
505	COMPLIANCE	SAWBONES BAY	х	х		х	х				
506	COMPLIANCE	JACKFISH 1	х	х		х	х				
507	COMPLIANCE	KIRBY SOUTH	Х	х		х	х				
508	COMPLIANCE	KIRBY NORTH	Х	Х		Х	Х				

Table 1.1 – Meteorological Parameters monitored in the WBEA network

Table 1.2 provides a listing of stations and air quality parameters measured by time integrated methods. Parameters measured include volatile organic compounds (VOC), particulate matter less than 2.5 μ m aerodynamic diameter (PM_{2.5}) and associated metals and ions, particulate matter less than 10 μ m aerodynamic diameter (PM₁₀) and associated metals and ions, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), precipitation chemistry (PRECIP), and dustfall (DUSTFALL) samples.

WBEA ID	ТҮРЕ	STATION NAME	voc	PM _{2.5}	PM _{2.5}	PM10	РАН	PRECIP	DUSTFALL
WELKID		STATION NAME	Võe	11012.5	ECOC	1 10110	1.011	TREEN	DOSITALL
1	COMMUNITY	BERTHA GANTER-FORT MCKAY	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х
6	COMMUNITY	PATRICIA MCINNES	х	х		х	х		х
7	COMMUNITY	ATHABASCA VALLEY	х	Х		х	х		Х
8	COMPLIANCE/COMMUNITY	FORT CHIPEWYAN	х	х		х	х		
9	ATTRIBUTION	BARGELANDING	х						
13	COMPLIANCE/ATTRIBUTION	FORT MCKAY SOUTH	х			х			
14	COMPLIANCE/COMMUNITY	ANZAC	х	х		х	х		Х
17	COMPLIANCE	WAPASU			х			х	
18	ENHANCED DEPOSITION/ BACKGROUND	STONY MOUNTAIN			х			х	
21	COMMUNITY	CONKLIN	х	х		х	х		х
22	COMMUNITY	JANVIER	х	х		х	х		х
23	COMPLIANCE	FORT HILLS	х			х			
30	COMPLIANCE	ELLS RIVER	х			х			

Table 1.2 – Time-Integrated Parameters monitored in the WBEA network

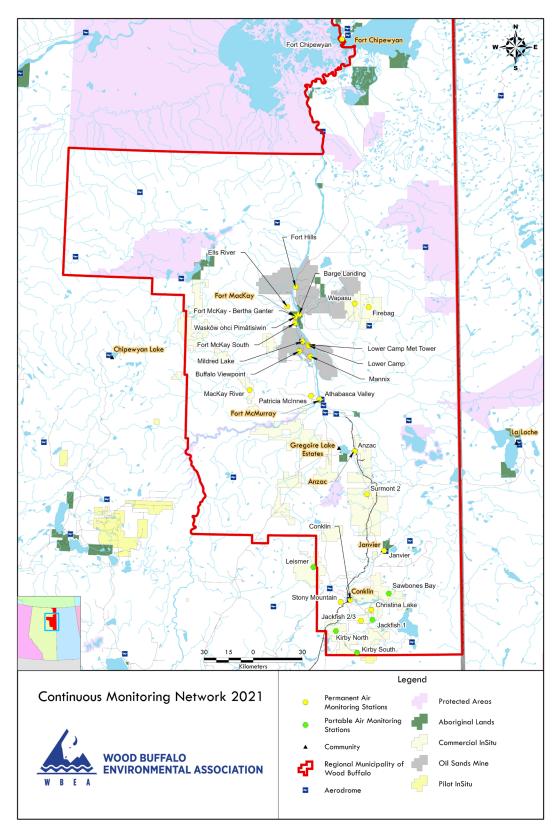


Figure 1.0 - WBEA Network Monitoring Sites

General Site Information

Station

Station ID	AMS 29
Station name	Surmont 2
Date station established	2019

Location

Station street address	NA
Legal land description	10-20-83-6-W4
Airshed Zone	Wood Buffalo Environmental Association
Latitude	56.2124224862
Longitude	-110.914925019
UTM East	505285
UTM North	6229755
Nearest community	Anzac
Community population	555
Census Year	2021

Owner/Operator/Approval Holder

Operating Agency	Wood Buffalo Environmental Association
Address of Operating	Unit 3, 805 Memorial Drive, Fort McMurray, Alberta T9K 0K4
Agency	
Name of Approval	ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corp.
Holder	
Approval number	48263-01-00
Contact Name	Fernando Restrepo
Address	401 9 Ave SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3C5
Phone number	780-215-0498
Email address	Fernando.Restrepo@conocophillips.com

Site Description

	0 – 90 degrees	Trees
	91 – 180 degrees	Trees/shed/potable water access
Land use by sector		point
	181 – 270 degrees	Trees
	271 – 360 degrees	Trees/ laydown yard
Site elevation (m)	550	
(above sea level)		
Angle of elevation to	Greatest angle	0
nearby buildings	Building direction	NA
Airflow restrictions	North	None
AITIOW TESTICUONS	East	None

	South	None
	West	None
	North	60 m
Distance to nearest	East	50 m
trees (m)	West	100 m
	South	55 m
Sample manifold	Туре	All glass
Sample manifold	Inlet height above roof	1 metre
Motoorological	Туре	Cup and vane
Meteorological Sensors	Height above ground (m)	10 m
5015015	Distance from station (m)	0

Site Influences

Localized Sources (within 20 metres of station)

Туре	Distance (m)	Description
Vehicles	20 m NW	Moving vehicles around station

Roadway Influences

Туре	Traffic Volume	Distance (m)	Description
Dirt/gravel road	low	20	Used by site personnel for accessing
			various sections around plant.

Major Point Sources

Facility Name	Source Type	Production Capacity	Distance from site (km)	Compass direction from site
ConocoPhillips	SAGD	140 MBOED	0.36 km	NW

Station Equipment

Equipment Owner:

Analytical Equipment

Parameter	Make	Model	Serial Number	Date Installed
SO ₂	Thermo Environmental	43i	1170050150	2016
H₂S	Thermo Environmental	450i	1170050142	2016
NO ₂	Thermo Environmental	42i	1170050148	2016
THC	Thermo Environmental	51i	1170050149	2021
PM _{2.5}	Teledyne/API	T640	253	2019

Meteorological Equipment

Parameter	Make	Model	Serial Number	WMO Site Class	Date Installed
AT/RH	Vaisala	HMP155	G4340046	3	2016
WS	Met One	010C-1	P10039	2	2019
WD	Met One	020C-1	P22885	2	2016

Support Equipment

Name	Description	Make	Model	Serial Number
Datalogger	Datalogger	Campbell Scientific	CR3000	9037
Gas Dilution Calibrator	Dynamic dilution calibrator	Teledyne/API	T700	5258
Zero air generator	Zero Air Generator	Teledyne/API	701	4297
Shelter / Building	Air monitoring portable	ITB	8 x 16 trailer	ITB-17-17154
HVAC	Heating and air conditioning system. Wall mount unit	BARD	1 ton	NA
Tower	10m Tower	Aluma	T-135	AT21403Z32



Figure 2.0 – Area topographic map showing AMS 29



Figure 3.0 – Aerial photo showing AMS 29

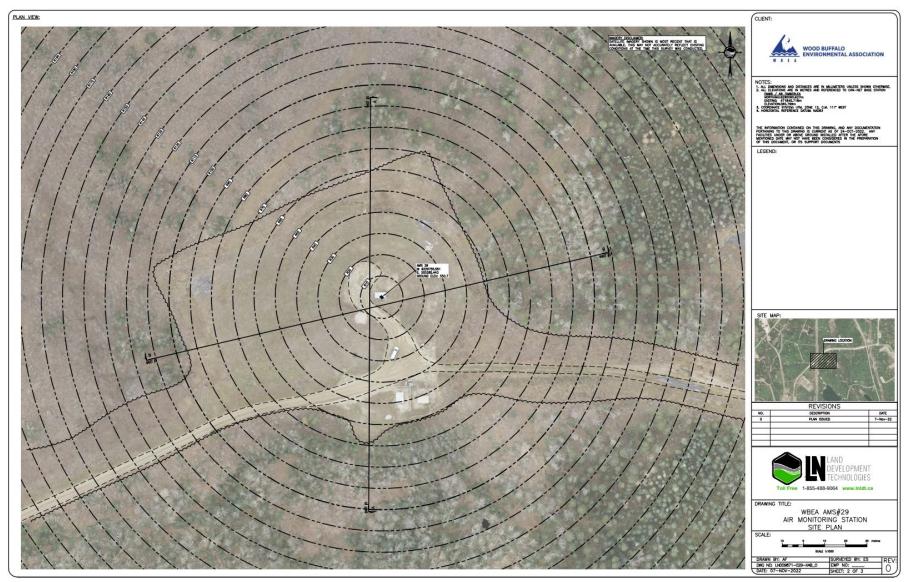


Figure 4.0 – Plan view sketch for AMS 29 site

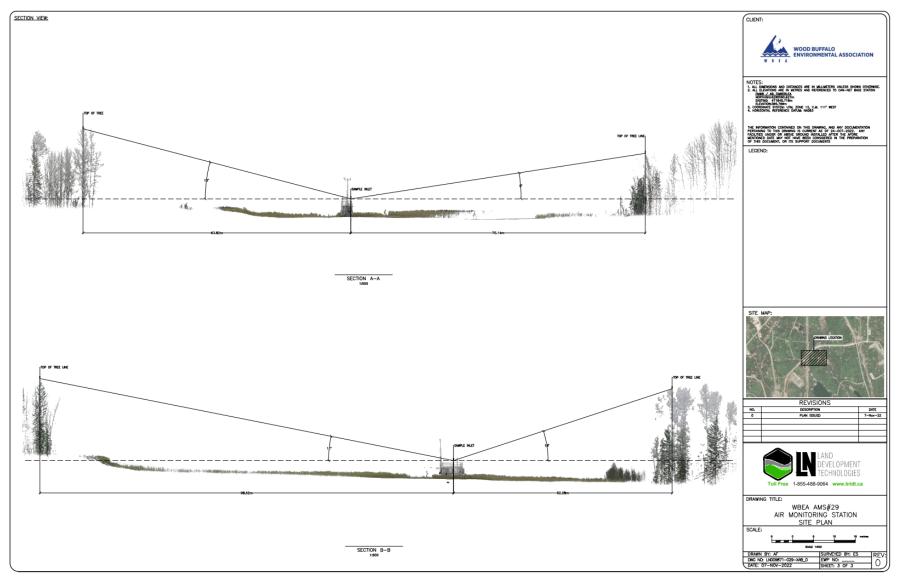


Figure 5.0 – Elevation view image for AMS 29 site

Site photos

The following photos show the environment surrounding the monitoring station.



Figure 6.0 – Environment looking North



Figure 6.1 – Environment looking East



Figure 6.2 – Environment looking South



Figure 6.3 – Environment looking West

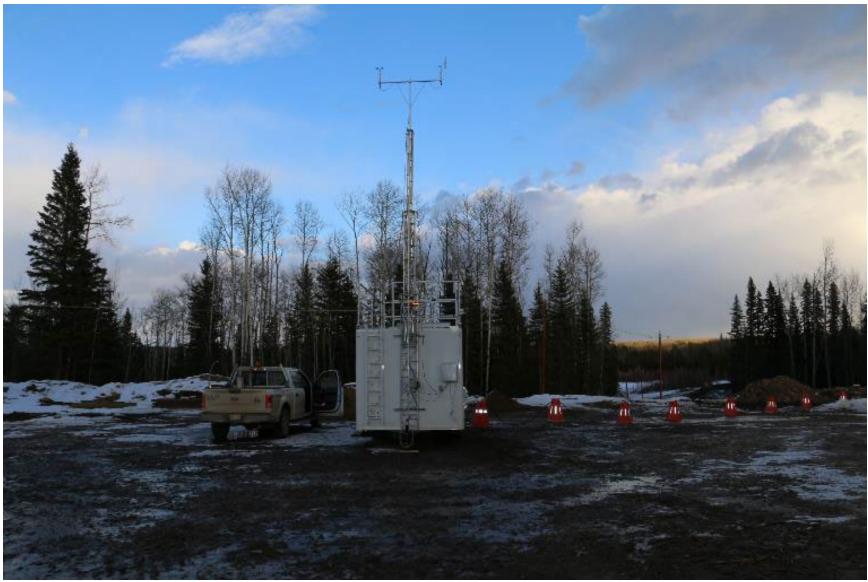


Figure 6.4 – Meteorological Tower

Station Photos

The following photos show the monitoring station and instrumentation.

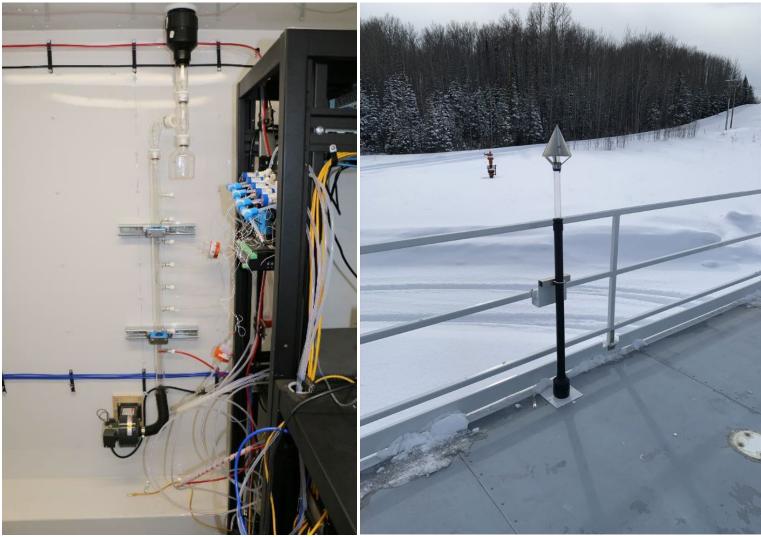


Figure 7.0 – Photo showing the inlet and sample manifold



Figure 7.1 – Curb shot of the monitoring station



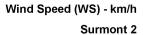
Figure 7.2 – Photo of the front and the back of instrument rack



Figure 7.3 – Photo of the T640 Analyzer



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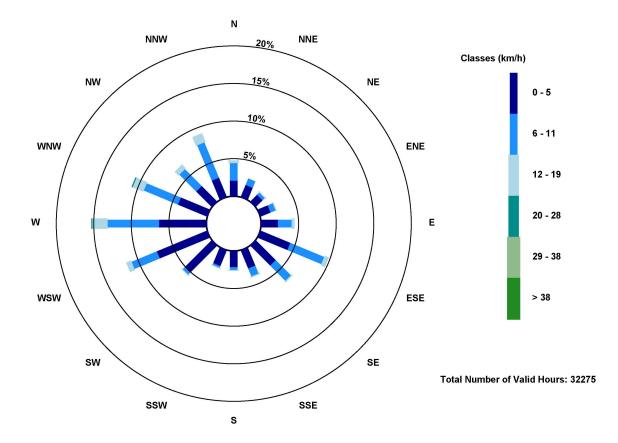


Figure 8.0 - Windrose (2018 - 2022)