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1.0 Introduction

UniStar Nuclear Energy, LLC (UNE) and UniStar Nuclear Operating Services, LLC (UNO) (Co-Applicants) are proposing to construct and operate a new nuclear power unit on the existing Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) site. The new unit will be designated as CCNPP Unit 3, and will have a gross electric generation capacity of about 1,710 megawatts.

The CCNPP campus, currently owned by Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc., consists of 2,070 acres near Lusby, Calvert County, Maryland, on the west bank of the Chesapeake Bay, approximately halfway between the mouth of the bay and its headwaters at the Susquehanna River. Figure 1-1 shows the CCNPP location. The site is approximately 40 miles southeast of Washington, D.C. and 7.5 miles north of Solomons Island, Maryland.

The CCNPP property contains two existing pressurized water reactors designated as CCNPP Units 1 and 2. The proposed CCNPP Unit 3 will be located approximately 600 meters south of the existing nuclear power plant within the present CCNPP site.

Activities associated with construction of the proposed CCNPP Unit 3 will result in release of pollutants to the atmosphere. This document addresses emissions and air quality impacts from particulate matter (PM₁₀), sulfur dioxide **(SO2),** carbon monoxide (CO), and oxides of nitrogen (NOx). Fugitive dust and fine particulate emissions will be generated as a result of vehicular traffic on paved and unpaved roads, earth moving, and material handing activities. The construction activities will require temporary installation of material processing and handing equipment as well as construction and operation of a concrete batch plant.

1.1 Purpose of the Report

This report provides the technical analyses and supporting data of the emissions associated with construction of the proposed CCNPP Unit 3 to ensure compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) during this temporary activity. The document addresses the following items:

- Calculations of PM₁₀ emissions that will result from vehicle travel, disturbed earth and aggregate movement, wind erosion, material and equipment handling activities. The document also discusses PM₁₀ emissions control measures, as well as SO₂, CO, and NOx emissions that will result from primarily vehicle travel and concrete batch plant operations.
- * An air dispersion modeling analysis demonstrating that the impact of PM₁₀, SO₂, CO, and NOx emissions will be in compliance with the NAAQS. This analysis was completed in accordance with the U.S. EPA Guideline on Air Quality Models as codified at 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix W.

1.2 Contents of the Report

This report document consists of five sections, including this section, and one appendix. Section 2 presents a description of the construction activities and the calculated PM₁₀, SO₂, CO, and NOx emission and their control measures. The dispersion modeling approach is discussed in Section 3 and results of the impact assessment for construction emissions are presented in Section 4. References are provided in Section 5. Appendix A provides the emissions calculations. A computer modeling archive is being provided separately.

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Figure 1-1: CCNPP and Unit 3 Location

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2.0 Environmental Effects of Site Preparation and Construction

2.1 Estimated Air Emissions During Construction

Temporary construction related activities will result in the release of criteria pollutant emissions to the atmosphere. Oxides of nitrogen (NOx), carbon monoxide (CO), and small amounts of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), volatile organic compounds (VOC), and particulate matter (PM_{10}) will be released as a result of fuel combustion. Fuel combustion is primarily from off-road diesel engines used for generators, compressors, and construction equipment such as backhoes and buildozers. Fugitive dust and fine particulate emissions (PM_{10}) will be generated as a result of vehicular traffic on paved and unpaved roads, earth moving, and material handling activities. Construction of Unit 3 and the cooling towers will require the temporary installation of a concrete batch plant.

The USEPA, along with several state and local air pollution control agencies, have developed methodologies and emission factors that are commonly used to develop emissions estimates from construction activities. These emission estimates are then input into an EPA developed air dispersion model along with localized metrological data to assess the net air quality impact of construction activities. The impact of construction activities must be less than the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), which were established to protect public health and welfare.

Portions of the CCNPP site will be cleared for roadways, facility construction, construction laydown areas, parking, and other construction-related uses. The current site elevation varies from 40 to 130 feet, with an average elevation around 100 feet. The final grading site plan leaves the majority of the impacted areas at an average elevation between 90 and 100 feet. The power block area will be slightly lower, at 80 to 85 feet. Suitable materials from grading higher elevations will be used as fill for lower elevations where possible.

Major earth moving activities that will generate air emissions include:

- **"** Creation of construction access road from the main highway (MD 2 and 4) to CCNPP Unit 3 construction areas,
- Upgrading and extending the heavy haul road from the barge landing to CCNPP Unit 3 construction areas,
- Establishing general plant area grade,
- Excavation for building foundations, and
- * Backfilling around foundations.

A variety of diesel powered equipment will be required to support construction activities. These include:

- * Bulldozers, scrapers, and graders for land clearing, road construction and grading,
- Backhoes and loaders for excavating foundations and material transfer,
- * Cranes for moving heavy equipment and transferring materials (such as sand and aggregate) from barges,
- * Dump trucks for moving excavating earth to storage and returning as backfill material and for transferring sand and aggregates from barges, and

0 Support vehicles, trucks, and compressors.

The project's temporary concrete batch plant will have a peak production of 200 cubic yards **(152.9** cubic meters) per hour. The total cement production is estimated to be **555,000** cubic yards (424,328 cubic meters) over a four-year portion of the facility's construction period. This activity averages to approximately **138,750** cubic yards **(106,082** cubic meters) per year. The batch plant will primarily use fabric filter baghouses to control air emissions.

Fugitive emissions will be generated **by** vehicular traffic on paved and unpaved (graveled) roadways on-site. An existing section of paved road leads from MD 2/4 to a branch-off onto the future unpaved construction road. The unpaved portion of the construction road will traverse the site, connecting to the heavy haul road to the barge area. Construction employee commuting and some delivery vehicles will ride on both stretches of road, while heavy construction vehicles will only use the unpaved portion. During **CCNPP** Unit **3** construction, a maximum of approximately 4,000 full time equivalent **(FTE)** workers will be employed. **A** concrete batch plant will be used to produce the estimated **555,000** cubic yards of concrete required. Trucks will bring sand and aggregate materials from the barge to storage piles at the concrete plant and mixed concrete from the batch plant to the construction locations.

Estimating construction-related emissions involves the use of activity data and emission factors, along with appropriate corrections as necessary. The design firm for the project, Bechtel Power, provided estimated activity data for the project. Construction activity data is summarized in Table 2-1. **A** detailed activity data sheet for the combustion equipment listing expected annual hours of use is located in Appendix B. Information is provided in the table for each of the various construction related activities **by** year. Emission factor data comes from EPA's AP-42 compilation of emission factors, EPA's **NONROAD** model background information, EPA's Mobile **6.2** model, and Mojave Desert **AQMD** Emission Inventory Guidance. Other ancillary sources of information were consulted as necessary.

Table 2-1 Construction Activity Data

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2.1.1 Vehicle Travel

As noted in Section 2.1, vehicle travel will occur on paved and unpaved roads as well as on disturbed earth at the site during construction. The emission factors for site preparation activities in Section 2.1.3 include disturbed earth travel for bulldozing, grading, scraping, and compacting.

Unpaved road travel will consist of construction vehicles (trucks in transport) that will operate on roads from the barge area to the concrete plant, from the concrete plant to the application sites, from soil excavation points to storage locations, and from storage to backfill locations. Commuting vehicles will travel to and from parking lots and delivery vehicles will travel to various locations. . Emissions were estimated for unpaved roads using Equation 1. Equation 1 is from AP-42 Section 13.2.2 (11/06) for Unpaved Roads.

$$
E = k \sqrt[*]{\frac{s}{12}} \left(\frac{W}{3}\right)^b \tag{1}
$$

where:

- E size-specific emission factor (IbNMT)
- k particle size multiplier (IbNMT)
- a, b empirical constants (dimensionless)
- s surface material silt content (%)
- W mean vehicle weight (tons)

Paved road travel will consist of commuting construction workers and some delivery trucks. Emissions were estimated from paved roads using Equation 2. Equation 2 is from AP-42 Section 13.2.1 (11/06) for Paved Roads.

$$
E = \left[k * \left(\frac{sL}{2}\right)^{0.65} \left(\frac{W}{3}\right)^{1.5} - C\right] * \left(1 - \frac{P}{4N}\right)
$$
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where:

- E particulate emission factor (IbNMT)
- k particle size multiplier (IbNMT)
- a, b empirical constants (dimensionless)
- sL road surface silt loading (a/m^2)
- W average vehicle weight of vehicles traveling the road (tons)
- C emission factor for exhaust, break wear, and tire wear
- P number of "wet" days with at least 0.01 inch of precipitation during the averaging period
- N number of days in the averaging period

It is important to note that per AP-42 instructions, the W in each of the equations represents the average that represents the "fleet" average weight of all vehicles travelling the road. Inputs for the Equations **1** and 2 and calculations of emissions are presented in Appendix B. Also, the precipitation correction factor in Equation 2 is only used for estimating annual emissions.

2.1.2 Material Transfer

Materials such as excavated earth, backfill, aggregates, and sand will be hauled and transferred by trucks to and from different locations on the site. Particulate emissions are potentially generated each time a load of material is loaded into or unloaded from a truck. Estimating emissions from material transfers was performed using Equation 3. Equation 3, colloquially known as the "batch drop equation", comes from AP-42 Section 13.2.4 (11/06) Aggregate Handling and Storage Piles.

$$
E = k * 0.0032 \frac{\left(\frac{U}{5}\right)^{1.3}}{\left(\frac{M}{2}\right)^{1.4}}
$$
 (3)

where:

- E emission factor (lb/ton material)
- k particle size multiplier (dimensionless
U mean wind speed (miles/hour)
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- U mean wind speed (miles/hour)
M material moisture content (%) material moisture content (%)

The mean wind speed is based on the on-site CCNPP wind monitor. Material moisture content is based on AP-42 Table 13.2.4-1 for earth and footnote b to Table 11.2-2 for aggregates and sand. Inputs for the Equation 3 and calculations of emissions are presented in Appendix B.

2.1.3 Site Preparation

Site preparation will be performed by bulldozers, scrapers, compactors, and graders which will shape and clear the land before and while construction occurs. Bulldozing and compaction hours are noted in Table 2-1. Scraping and grading operating hours are estimated from the combustion equipment activity data presented in Appendix A.

Estimation of emissions from material transfers was performed using Equation 4. Equation 4 comes from Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District Emissions Inventory Guidance (4/2000) Method D -Bulldozing, Scraping, and Grading of Materials. The corresponding AP-42 emission factor as presented in Section 11.9 Western Surface Coal Mining for bulldozing was judged to be not representative of activities at CCNPP. In fact, the Mojave guidance references the AP-42 section as a basis, but presents a more refined version of the calculation, presented below. No control is assumed for this emissions category.

$$
E = 2.76 * k * \frac{s^{1.5}}{M^{1.4}}
$$
 (4)

where:

- E emission factor (lb/hour of operation)
- k particle aerodynamic factor (dimensionless)
- s average silt content **(%)**
- M average material moisture content (%)

Silt content and moisture content come from AP-42 Table 13.2.4-1. Inputs for the Equation 4 and calculations of emissions are presented in Appendix B.

2.1.4 Wind Erosion

Wind erosion causes fugitive dust to be blown from open areas and storage piles.

The emission factor for estimating wind erosion from open areas comes from Clark County, NV Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM). DAQEM uses a PM₁₀ emission factor of 1.66 lb/acre/day to estimate wind erosion fugitive dust. Given the difference in climate between Clark County, Nevada and the CCNPP site, this is thought to be a conservative estimate.

Wind erosion will also occur at the material storage piles. The concrete batch plant will have separate storage piles for aggregates and sand. Estimating emissions from storage piles was performed using Equation 5. Equation 5 comes from Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District Emissions Inventory Guidance (4/2000) Method G - Wind Erosion from Stockpiles.

$$
E = E_f * A \tag{5}
$$

$$
E_f = J * 1.7 * \frac{sL}{1.5} * \frac{365 - P}{235} * \frac{I}{15} * \frac{365}{2000}
$$

where:

- E Emission rate (ton/yr)
- **Ef** Emission factor (tons/acre)
- A Exposed surface area of stockpile (acres)
- J Particulate aerodynamic factor
- sL average silt content **(%)**
- Average number of days during the year with at least 0.01 inch of precipitation
- I Percentage of time with unobstructed wind speed > miles/hour **(%)**

Inputs for the Equations 5 and 6 and calculations of emissions are presented in Appendix B. Area watering may be necessary for the open areas to minimize windblown fugitive dust

2.1.5 Concrete Batch Plant

A concrete batch plant will be used to produce all of the concrete required for construction operations. The individual operations involved in the plant are aggregate and sand delivery, aggregate and sand transfer, sand transfer to elevated storage, cement and supplement loaded into storage silo, weight hopper loading of sand, gravel and cement, and loading concrete into mix trucks.

Emissions from batch plant operation are estimated using emission factors from AP-42 Section 11.12 (6/06) Concrete Batching, Tables 11.12-2 and 11.12-5. Calculations for concrete operations are presented in Appendix B.

2.1.6 Combustion Equipment

Construction equipment will require fuels primarily in the form of diesel fuel for power. Various types of equipment will require diesel fuel including bulldozers, scrapers, graders, cranes, and many others. Gasoline automobiles and light trucks will also be needed on-site. Appendix B contains a detailed listed of the expected equipment, the approximate engine size, expected annual use, and zero-hour steady state criteria pollutant emission factors.

Criteria pollutant emissions from diesel combustion engines are estimated using two background documents to EPA's NONROAD model documentation: "Exhaust and Crankcase Emission Factors for Nonroad Engine Modeling -Compression Ignition" (EPA420-P-04-009, 4/2004) and "Median Life, Annual Activity, and Load Factor Values for Nonroad Engine Emissions Modeling" (EPA420-P-04-005, 4/2004). These two documents provide the basis for calculating emissions from diesel equipment.

For purposes of emissions estimation, all diesel engines are assumed to be Tier 2 certified. However, when construction begins actual emissions are expected to be lower due to an increasing use of newer Tier 3 and Tier 4 certified engines.

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Criteria pollutant emissions from on-site gasoline pickup trucks and automobiles are estimated using EPA's Mobile 6.2 model. Emission factors in gNVMT were taken for light duty gasoline vehicles (LDGV) and two classes of light duty gasoline trucks (LDGT12 and LDGT 34). The two truck categories are for gross vehicle weight ratings of above and below 6,000 pounds. The emission factors were turned into a composite emission factor for all three vehicle types by taking a weighted average of all three model output emission factors and using adjusted vehicle distributions by only looking at these three vehicle types. The emission factors were translated into g/hp-hr by assuming an average speed of 20 miles/hr and an engine size of 231 hp.

2.1.7 Source Location

Figure 2-1 shows the modeled areas of the plant. Unpaved roads are scattered among the seven labeled areas. Emissions are divided among the areas based on traffic flows, trip purpose, and destination areas.

The Unit 3 area is the future location of the power block and reactor. Area 2 is for parking and laydown. Area 3 is the future location of the cooling towers and also includes a storage area. Area 4 will contain parking ans laydown areas and will have the future switchyard. Area 5 is an existing laydown area which will be used for Unit 3 construction. Area 6 contains the concrete batch plant. Area 7 is the haul road to the barge. It is broken into four pieces for modeling purposes.

Figure 2-1 Location of Sources Associated with the Construction of CCNPP Unit 3

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Table 2-2 Criteria Pollutant Emissions Summary

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***** Combustion equipment emissions are the only sources of these pollutants

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2.2 Air Pollution Control Measures

During construction of **CCNPP** Unit **3,** several measures will be undertaken to minimize potential generation of emissions. The emissions data were calculated assuming the contractor will employ the watering practices and engine types listed below.

Stabilizing unpaved areas with gravel **-** Construction roads, parking lots, and laydown areas will be covered with gravel to stabilize surfaces and reduce the amount of materials that could become airborne as a result of wind movement and mechanical energy from movement of vehicles and equipment.

Application of water **-** Application of water to paved and unpaved roads and exposed areas will be effective in reducing the potential generation of fugitive dust. Water will be applied on a daily basis to the paved and unpaved roads and open areas cleared during construction. Daily application to paved and unpaved roads has the potential to reduce fugitive dust **by** limiting the **.** Application of water to open areas as needed has the potential to reduce fugitive dust generation. Natural fugitive dust mitigation will occur through rain or snowfall. According to AP-42 Figures **13.2.1-2** and **13.2.2-1,** the **CCNPP** area receives 140 days of **0.01** inches or more of precipitation. This negates the need to apply water manually on precipitation days.

Concrete batch plant **-** The concrete batch plant will utilize fabric filters or other equivalent techniques to control emissions from the material transfer operations. The contractors that will be responsible for operating these plants will be required to obtain any necessary permits as temporary sources before bringing equipment on-site, ensuring that the until will be in full compliance with MDE's requirements and standards.

Storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) **- A** dust control program will be incorporated into the **SWPPP.**

Diesel Engines **-** As noted in Section **2.1.6,** the worst-case emissions associated with using all Tier 2 certified equipment has been assumed. Tier **3** standards have begun to come into effect for larger size engines in **2006** and Tier 4 standards are slated to come into effect in **2011.** The use of tiered emissions levels is EPA's way of promoting the use of lower emitting engines, while allowing older models to operate throughout their useful lives. Heavy equipment used **by** contractors at the time of construction should gradually shift to using newer engines as construction progresses.

3.0 Dispersion Modeling Analysis

3.1 Overview

This section presents the modeling analysis of the Unit 3 construction activities that was conducted to assess ambient air quality impacts which will demonstrate compliance with applicable state and federal ambient air quality regulations. The analyses were conducted in accordance with USEPA Guideline on Air Quality Models (GAQM; as incorporated in Appendix W of 40 CFR Part 51). Note that the USEPA recently promulgated a revision to the GAQM on November 9, 2005. The revised version of GAQM adopts AERMOD as the preferred dispersion model.

Dispersion modeling was conducted with the US EPA's AERMOD model (Version 07026) and five years of onsite meteorological data. This 5-year data set was processed with AERMET, the meteorological processor for AERMOD, in accordance with guidance provided by US EPA in the recently revised *AERMOD Implementation Guide* (AIG; US EPA, January 9, 2008).

3.2 Model Selection Criteria

The suitability of an air quality dispersion model for a particular application is dependent upon several factors. For this study, the following selection criteria have been evaluated:

- stack height relative to nearby structures, where applicable,
- dispersion environment,
- * local terrain, and
- availability of on-site or representative meteorological data.

3.2.1 Dispersion Environment

The application of the model requires characterization of the local (within 3 kilometers (km)) dispersion environment as either urban or rural, based on a US EPA-recommended procedure that characterizes an area by prevalent land use. This land use approach classifies an area according to 12 land use types. In this scheme, areas of industrial, commercial, and compact residential land use are designated urban. According to US EPA modeling guidelines, if more than 50 percent of an area within a three-kilometer radius of the proposed facility is classified as rural, then rural dispersion coefficients are to be used in the dispersion modeling analysis. Conversely, if more than 50% of the area is urban, urban dispersion coefficients are used.

For this analysis, an aerial photo and a topographical map of the facility area has been reviewed. Visual inspection of the map shows that the 3-kilometer area surrounding the proposed facility (see Figure 1-1) is predominantly rural. Therefore, a rural application approach to characterize the source dispersion environment was chosen for this dispersion modeling analysis.

3.2.2 Terrain Considerations

The US EPA modeling guidelines require that the differences in terrain elevations between the stack top, plume centerline and model receptor locations be considered in the modeling analyses. There are three types of terrain:

simple terrain - locations where the terrain elevation is at or below the exhaust height of the stacks to be modeled;

- \bullet intermediate terrain locations where the terrain is between the top of the stack and the modeled exhaust "plume" centerline (this varies as a function of plume rise, which in turn, varies as a function of meteorological condition);
- complex terrain locations where the terrain is above the plume centerline.

Based on a review of USGS topographical maps, the terrain within the study area is all simple terrain with respect to the Unit 3 construction sources.

3.3 Representative Meteorological Data

For this analysis, five calendar years of on-site (2001-2005) meteorological data were used. The meteorological tower for the CCNPP site is located in an open field southwest of the CCNPP Unit **1** and 2. The base elevation of the tower is approximately 120.6 ft (37 m) above mean sea level (msl). The tower instrumentation consists of wind speed, wind direction, and duplicate sets of aspirated temperature sensors located at 197 ft (60 m) and 33 ft (10 m) above ground level. A tipping bucket rain gauge is located approximately 30 ft (9.1 m) from the meteorological tower in an open field and a barometric pressure device is located in the Met Building. No moisture measurements (dew point or wet bulb temperature, relative humidity) are currently taken. The onsite meteorological monitoring program was designed, and has been operated, according to U.S. NRC Regulatory Guide 1.23, Revision 0. This guidance includes the following specifications for meteorological measurements at the 10-m and 60-m levels:

- * wind direction accuracy of **+/-** 5 degrees;
- * wind speed accuracy of **+/-** 0.5 mph, with a starting threshold of under **1** mile per hour;
- * temperature accuracy of **+/-** 0.5 deg C, and delta-T accuracy of **+/-** 0.1 deg C.

These system accuracies are consistent with United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) guidance for on-site meteorological programs.

The data recovery goal of 90% was met for each of five years of data (2001 through 2005). Figures 3-1 and 3-2 show multi-year wind roses from the 33-ft and 197-ft tower levels.

Upper air data for the concurrent period is available from the Washington Dulles Airport, Virginia (KIAD), twicedaily soundings. For parameters not observed by the on-site meteorological instrumentation, such as cloud cover, hourly observations are available from the closest representative airport, Washington Reagan Airport, Virginia (KDCA).

Figure 3-1 On-site Meteorological Tower Wind Rose, 33-ft Level

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Figure 3-2 On-site Meteorological Tower Wind Rose, 197-ft Level

3.4 Dispersion Model Selection and Application

Based on a review of the factors discussed above, US EPA's preferred dispersion model, AERMOD, was used to assess air quality impacts. AERMOD is a state-of-the-art dispersion model that incorporates modeling improvements especially for applications involving building downwash. The latest version of AERMOD (07026), the AERMET (06341) meteorological preprocessor, and the AERMAP (06341) terrain preprocessor was used in this application. In the application of AERMOD, the regulatory default options were used.

3.4.1 Terrain and Receptor Data Processing with AERMAP

A comprehensive Cartesian receptor grid extending to approximately 7 km from the Unit 3 site was used in the AERMOD modeling to assess maximum ground-level pollutant concentrations. This receptor grid was sufficient to resolve the maximum impacts and any potential significant impact area(s).

The Cartesian receptor grid consisted of the following receptor spacing:

- * property boundary to approximately **I** kilometer at 100-meter increments,
- * beyond 1 kilometer to 3 kilometers at 300-meter increments, and
- * beyond 3 kilometers at 500-meter increments

Discrete receptors were placed at 100-meter intervals along the plant property boundary.

The AERMAP receptor locations are shown in Figure 3-3. Terrain elevations from Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data acquired from USGS were processed with AERMAP (Version 03107) to develop the receptor terrain elevations and corresponding hill height scale required by AERMOD.

Figure 3-3 AERMOD Receptors

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3.4.2 Meteorological Data Processing with AERMET

The meteorological data required for input to AERMOD was created with AERMET (Version 06341), the meteorological preprocessor, which utilizes hourly on-site weather data, nearby cloud cover data from Washington National Airport, and concurrent upper air sounding data from Washington Dulles Airport, VA. (Note that the poor data capture for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station precluded use of that meteorological station for input to AERMET.) AERMET creates two output files for input to AERMOD:

- * SURFACE: a file with boundary layer parameters such as sensible heat flux, surface friction velocity, convective velocity scale, vertical potential temperature gradient in the 500-meter layer above the planetary boundary layer, and convective and mechanical mixing heights. Also provided are values of Monin-Obukhov length, surface roughness, albedo, Bowen ratio, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, and heights at which measurements were taken.
- * PROFILE: a file containing multi-level meteorological data with wind speed, wind direction, temperature, sigma-theta **(ae)** and sigma-w (a,) when such data are available. For this application involving on-site, the profile file contains a two levels (10-m and 60-m) of wind data and temperature data.

AERMET requires specification of site characteristics including surface roughness (z,), albedo (r), and Bowen ratio (B_o). These parameters were developed according to the guidance provided by US EPA in the recently revised AERMOD Implementation Guide (AIG).

The revised AIG provides the following recommendations for determining the site characteristics:

- 1. The determination of the surface roughness length should be based on an inverse distance-weighted geometric mean for a default upwind distance of 1 kilometer relative to the measurement site. Surface roughness length may be varied by sector to account for variations in land cover near the measurement site; however, the sector widths should be no smaller than 30 degrees. As discussed below, 3 sectors were used in this application.
- 2. The determination of the Bowen ratio should be based on a simple un-weighted geometric mean (i.e., no direction or distance dependency) for a representative domain, with a default domain defined by a 10-km by 10-km region centered on the measurement site.
- 3. The determination of the albedo should be based on a simple un-weighted arithmetic mean (i.e., no direction or distance dependency) for the same representative domain as defined for Bowen ratio, with a default domain defined by a 10-km by 10-km region centered on the measurement site.

The AIG recommends that the surface characteristics be determined based on digitized land cover data. US EPA has developed a tool called AERSURFACE that can be used to determine the site characteristics based on digitized land cover data in accordance with the recommendations from the AIG discussed above. AERSURFACE incorporates look-up tables of representative surface characteristic values by land cover category and seasonal category. AERSURFACE will be applied with the instructions provided in the *AERSURFACE User's Guide* (EPA, 2008).

The current version of AERSURFACE (Version 08009) supports the use of land cover data from the USGS National Land Cover Data 1992 archives¹ (NLCD92). The NLCD92 archive provides data at a spatial resolution of 30 meters based upon a 21-category classification scheme applied over the continental U.S. The

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¹ http:l/edcftp.cr.usqs.,ov/pub/data/landcover/states/

AIG recommends that the surface characteristics be determined based on the land use surrounding the site where the surface meteorological data were collected.

Since 1992, there has some conversion of the land south of the meteorological tower to native ground cover. However, that area is slated to be affected by the construction of Unit 3, will be cleared (see CPCN Technical Document, Figure 2.1-1), and will end up more like the 1992 land use characterization. Therefore, the 1992 land use characterization is reasonably representative for this application.

As recommended in the AIG for surface roughness, the 1-km radius circular area centered at the tower site can be divided into sectors for the analysis; each chosen sector has a mix of land uses that is different from that of other selected sectors. Three sectors were used for this analysis based upon visual observation of the land use about the site as shown on the land cover image (see Figure 3-4).

In AERSURFACE, the various land cover categories are linked to a set of seasonal surface characteristics. As such, AERSURFACE requires specification of the seasonal category for each month of the year. The following five seasonal categories are supported by AERSURFACE, with the applicable months of the year specified for this site.

- 1. Midsummer with lush vegetation (May-September).
- 2. Autumn with un-harvested cropland (October-November).
- 3. Late autumn after frost and harvest, or winter with no snow (January, February, December).
- 4. Winter with continuous snow on ground (Not present).
- 5. Transitional spring with partial green coverage or short annuals (March-April).

For Bowen ratio, the land use values are linked to three categories of surface moisture corresponding to average, wet and dry conditions. The surface moisture condition for the site may vary depending on the meteorological data period for which the surface characteristics will be applied. AERSURFACE applies the surface moisture condition for the entire data period. Therefore, if the surface moisture condition varies significantly across the data period, then AERSURFACE can be applied multiple times to account for those variations. As recommended in AERSURFACE User's Guide, the surface moisture condition for each month were determined by comparing precipitation for the period of data to be processed to the 30-year climatological record (for this application Washington Reagan Airport was used), selecting "wet" conditions if precipitation is in the upper 30th-percentile, "dry" conditions if precipitation is in the lower 30th-percentile, and "average" conditions if precipitation is in the middle 40th-percentile. The monthly designations of surface moisture input to AERSURFACE are also summarized in Table 5-1.

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Table **3-1 AERSURFACE** Bowen Ratio Condition Designations

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Figure 3-4 Land-Use Sectors within **1** km of On-Site Meteorological Tower

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3.5 Modeling Approach

Unit 3 construction activities were divided into seven area sources based on their location and they are shown in Figure 2-1. Emissions from activities on the paved access road were modeled as a line source. Each area source represented emissions from several types of activities. For activities that will occur less than a 24 hours per day, such as grading and compaction, dirt excavation and moving, unpaved road construction, barge to concrete plant deliveries, and dewatering and earthwork, the modeling assumed emissions only for hours between 6 AM and 6 PM. Emissions for all other activities were assumed to occur for all hours of the day.

The short-term emissions for all modeled pollutants were based on the 250 days of operation and annual emissions were based on 365 days of operations. The short-term PM_{10} emissions for the seven years of construction are listed in Appendix A in Tables A-1 through A-7 and annual PM₁₀ emissions are listed in Tables A-8 through A-14. Modeling of PM₁₀ emissions was conducted for the individual seven years of construction (years 2010 through 2016) due to large variations in activities relating to PM_{10} emissions from year to year. The second year of construction (year 2011) would result in the highest overall emissions from combustion sources. Therefore, modeling of SO₂, NOx, and CO was conducted using the 2011 year emissions. The short-term SO₂ and CO emissions are listed in Table A-15 and annual SO₂ and NOx emissions are listed in Table A-16.

3.5.1 PM2.5 **NAAQS** Compliance Analysis

After the promulgation of the PM_{2.5} National AAQS in 1997, USEPA determined that it does not have a suitable technical approach for modeling PM_{2.5} concentrations. Therefore, USEPA established a policy to use the implementation of the New Source Review program for PM₁₀ as a surrogate for PM_{2.5} compliance until the necessary tools are in place to model $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. This policy was articulated in a memorandum (Interim Implementation of New Source Review for PM $_{2.5}$) from John S. Seitz (Director of US EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards) to Regional Air Directors on October 23, 1997. This policy is still in effect (reaffirmed on April 5, 2005 in "Implementation of New Source Review Requirements in PM_{2.5} Non-attainment Areas," by Stephen D. Page, Director, EPA Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards. The Co-Applicants are using compliance with the NAAQS for PM $_{10}$ as a surrogate for compliance with the PM $_{2.5}$ NAAQS. Mr. William Harnett, Director of EPA's Air Quality Policy Division, has indicated (2007) that the PM₁₀ surrogate policy remains in effect for attainment areas until the PM_{2.5} New Source Review State Implementation Rule is promulgated and the required State Implementation Plan for Maryland is adopted by EPA.

3.6 Background Air Quality

For the NAAQS compliance analysis, the modeled impacts are summed with representative background concentrations that account for distant or small local sources not explicitly modeled. The nearest available site of PM $_{10}$ measurements is located in Virginia, about 66 km northwest of the CCNPP. The nearest available site of SO₂, CO, and NOx measurements is also located in Virginia, about 100 km northwest of the CCNPP. The latest three years of background monitoring data was used. The representative monitoring location is plotted in Figure 3-5 and the monitored values are summarized in Table 3-2.

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Table **3-2** Ambient Monitoring Background Concentrations

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Figure 3-5 Location of the Ambient Background Monitors

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4.0 Modeling Results for the Unit **3** Construction Emissions

NAAQS compliance modeling results for PM₁₀, SO₂, CO, and NOx are presented in Tables 4-1 through 4-4, respectively. The short-term impacts were estimated by adding the highest, second-high impact to the monitoring background value and annual impacts were estimated by adding the highest impact to the monitoring background value.

The PM_{10} modeling results are presented for the seven years of constructions and they indicate that the second year of constructions (year 2011) would result in the highest PM_{10} concentrations. Modeling of SO2, **CO,** and NOx emissions was conducted only for year 2011 since it would result in the highest combustion-related emissions over the seven years of construction activity.

The predicted short-term and annual impacts of PM₁₀, SO₂, CO, and NOx are well below their respective NAAQS, so compliance with the NAAQS is demonstrated.

Table 4-1 PM10 Modeling Results of Unit **3** Construction Emission Sources

1 The reported concentration is the highest, second-highest for 24-hr periods, and the highest for annual periods.

Pollutant	Averaging Period	Unit 3 Construction Year	2001-2005 Modeled Concentration ¹ $(\mu g/m^3)$	Ambient Monitoring Background $(\mu g/m^3)$	Total $(\mu g/m^3)$	NAAQS $(\mu g/m^3)$	
SO ₂	3-hour	2011	18.9	55.9	74.8	1,300	
	$24-hr$	2011	3.9	26.2	30.1	365	
	Annual	2011	0.5	7.9	8.4	80	

Table 4-2 **SO²** Modeling Results of Unit 3 Construction Emission Sources

1 The reported concentration is the highest, second-highest for 24-hr periods, and the highest for annual periods.

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Construction Emissions

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PM₁₀ Short-Term Emissions for Year 2010 Table A-1

PM₁₀ Short-Term Emissions for Year 2011 Table A-2

Table A-4 PM₁₀ Short-Term Emissions for Year 2013

PM₁₀ Short-Term Emissions for Year 2014 Table A-5

Table A-6 PM₁₀ Short-Term Emissions for Year 2015

Table A-7 PM₁₀ Short-Term Emissions for Year 2016

PM₁₀ Annual Emissions for Year 2010 Table A-8

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Table A-9 PM₁₀ Annual Emissions for Year 2011

PM₁₀ Annual Emissions for Year 2012 Table A-10

PM₁₀ Annual Emissions for Year 2013 Table A-11

Table A-12 PM₁₀ Annual Emissions for Year 2014

PM₁₀ Annual Emissions for Year 2015 Table A-13

PM₁₀ Annual Emissions for Year 2016 Table A-14

	Map Area Hos.	Modeled Area(m ²)	Assigned Acreage	MODELED CO EMISSIONS					MODELED SO2 EMISSIONS						
Modeled Area ID				Diesel & Gasoline Emissions					Diesel & Gasoline Emissions						
				Dewatering & Earthwork	Batch Plant	Concrete	Others (incl. gasoline)	TOTAL $(q/m^2/s)$	TOTAL $(q/m^2/s)$	Devatering Earthwork	Batch Plant	Concrete	Others (incl. gasoline)	TOTAL $(q/m^2/s)$	TOTAL $(q/m^2/s)$
Hours of Operations (hour ending)				$7 - 18$	$1 - 24$	$1 - 24$	$7 - 18$	$1-24$	$7 - 18$	$7 - 18$	$1 - 24$	$1 - 24$	$7 - 18$	$1-24$	$7 - 18$
U3AREA	Unit 3 Area	126,360	31	0.82		1.172	4.96	4.731E-07	4.675E-06	0.10		0.180	0.16	7.263E-08	2.129E-07
AREA2	1,2,8,9	178,435	44	0.82		.084	4.96		3.098E-07 3.310E-06	0.10		0.162	0.16	4.620E-08	.507E-07
AREA3	CTCWS.10.	95,106	23	0.82		0.951	4.96		5.103E-07 6.211E-06	0.10		0.134	0.16	$195E-08$	2.828E-07
AREA4	3,4,7,12	235,625	58	0.82	0.5521	0.951	4.96		3.255E-07 2.507E-06	0.10	0.0666	0.134	0.16	4.347E-08	1.142E-07
AREA5	5,13	245,982	61	0.82	0.5521	0.819	4.96		2.844E-07 2.401E-06	0.10	0.0666	0.107	0.16	3.594E-08	.093E-07
AREA6	6	99,198	25	0.82	.3830	0.819	4.96		132E-06 5.955E-06	0.10	0.1653	0.107	0.16	399E-07	2.712E-07
AREA7	Barge	6,000		0.21	0.8281				7.041E-06 3.503E-06	0.03	0.0999			8.498E-07	4.442E-07
AREA7	Barge 2	6,000	1.48	0.21					3.503E-06	0.03					4.442E-07
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				5.77	3.32	5.80	29.79			0.73	0.40	0.82	0.95		
						$Total =$	44.7					$Total =$	2.9		

Table A-15 CO and SO₂ Short-Term Emissions for Year 2011

NOx and SO₂ Annual Emissions for Year 2011 Table A-16

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Construction Emissions Calculations

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Table B-1 Unpaved Road Emissions Calculation

Table B-2 Paved Road Emissions Calculation

Note: (1) Only the annual emissions have the control efficiency of precipitation built in them

Table B-3 Material Transfer Emissions Calculation

Site Preparation Emissions Calculation Table B-4

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Activity Data and Yearly Emissions from Wind Erosion

IUncontrolled emission factor for windblown dust from the Clark County Department of Air Qualilty and Environmental Management (DAQEM). Sufficient water will be added to maintain a 3% moisture content at the surface. DAQEM data indicate that 3% moisture produces over 90% reduction in uncontrolled emissions. Lack of data on PM-2.5 emissions led to the conservative assumption that PM 2.5 emissions are the same as PM-10 emissions. ***** Table 5.5-1 from the CPCN application. This table provides a summary of the construction activity

data provided by Bechtel, the design firm for CCNPP Unit 3

Table B-6 Wind Erosion Emissions Calculation - Storage Piles

To Calculate the area of the AGGREGATE storage piles

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District Emissions Inventory Guidance Method G Wind Erosion from Stockpiles
 $E = E_f * A$

Ef = J ***** 1.7 ***** (sL1.5) ***** (365-P)1235 * **(1/15) *** (365/2000)

- **E,** = Emission factor (tonslacre)
- **J =** particulate aerodynamic factor sL **=** sift loading

- P = Average number of days in a year with at least 0.01 inches of precipitation
I = Percentage of time with unobstructed wind speed > 12 mph in %
A = Exposed surface area of stockpiles in acres
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Table **B-7** Concrete Batch Plant Emissions Calculation

Emissions Based *on Plant Wide PM-IC Emission Factors for Concrete Plants from AP-42 Table 11.12-3 and the controlled truck loading PM-10 factor in* Table *11.12-2; PM-2.5=PM-10 for controlled silo cement unloading, PM-2. 5/PM-10 ratio from Table 11,12-3 for truck loading, and PM-2.5/PM-***10** *ratio from Section 13.2. 4 for other categories. A control efficiency of 90%* was *applied for watering to those material transfer activities* without *control.*

**Based on applying controls to achieve the 94+% reduction in PM-10* emissions *reflected in the AP-42 controlled emission factor in Table 11.12-2 for truck loading.*

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Table B-8a Combustion Equipment Emissions Calculation

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Regulatory Commitment

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