



**MONTHLY AIR QUALITY REPORT FOR
JULY 2007**

AOI COLOR SCALE

GOOD 0-50	MODERATE 51-100	UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS 101-150	UNHEALTHY 151-200
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Calendar of maximum AQI values & their corresponding color for July 2007*

*Preliminary data

SAMPLE POLLUTANT REPORTING BOX

1 (day of month)	O3	CO
	PM10	PM2.5

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT						
1	69 08 51 28	2	69 06 60 32	3	82 06 63 33	4	97 06 62 38	5	87 07 94 54	6	82 06 88 48	7	74 06 69 49
8	54 06 70 55	9	59 05 52 55	10	59 06 53 57	11	77 06 73 38	12	64 08 65 54	13	59 03 59 35	14	44 03 40 27
15	59 08 31 28	16	69 10 92 69	17	77 08 55 47	18	69 06 69 50	19	61 10 417 152	20	69 05 61 52	21	56 05 60 33
22	85 05 31 22	23	56 05 76 26	24	72 06 48 38	25	45 06 49 39	26	56 08 44 45	27	43 05 38 29	28	38 06 42 31
29	66 05 28 23	30	61 06 54 30	31	69 07 56 38								

Calendar of High Pollution Advisories and Health Watches issued during July 2007

SUN		MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT	
1		2		3		4		5	C	6		7	
8		9		10		11		12		13		14	
15		16		17	F	18		19		20		21	
22		23	F	24		25		26		27		28	
29		30	F	31									

LEGEND

HIGH POLLUTION ADVISORIES
A = PM-10 High Pollution Advisory
B = PM-2.5 High Pollution Advisory
C = Ozone High Pollution Advisory

HEALTH WATCHES
D = PM-10 Health Watch
E = PM-2.5 Health Watch
F = Ozone Health Watch

Calendar of Meteorological Conditions observed in Metro Phoenix during July 2007

SUN		MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT	
1		2	E	3		4	E	5	E	6	D	7	D
8	D	9		10	A	11	A B	12		13		14	B
15	B	16	A B	17		18		19	A B	20	A B	21	A B
22		23	B	24	B	25	A B	26		27	B	28	A B
29		30	A B	31	A B								

LEGEND

ELECTROMETEORS
A = Thunderstorm

HYDROMETEORS
B = Rain/Drizzle/Hail/Snow
C = Fog

LITHOMETEORS
D = Blowing Dust
E = Haze (vsby <10SM)
F = Smoke

Exceedance days during JUL 2007-

<u>Total=</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Max AQI</u>	<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Site/s</u>
		07/19	418	PM-10	Phoenix Supersite
			157	PM-10	Central Phoenix
			156	PM-10	Coyote Lakes
			123	PM-10	Higley
			121	PM-10	Buckeye
			112	PM-10	West Forty Third
			152	PM-2.5	Phoenix Supersite

Health Watches issued during JUL 2007-

<u>Total=</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Max AQI</u>	<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Site/s</u>
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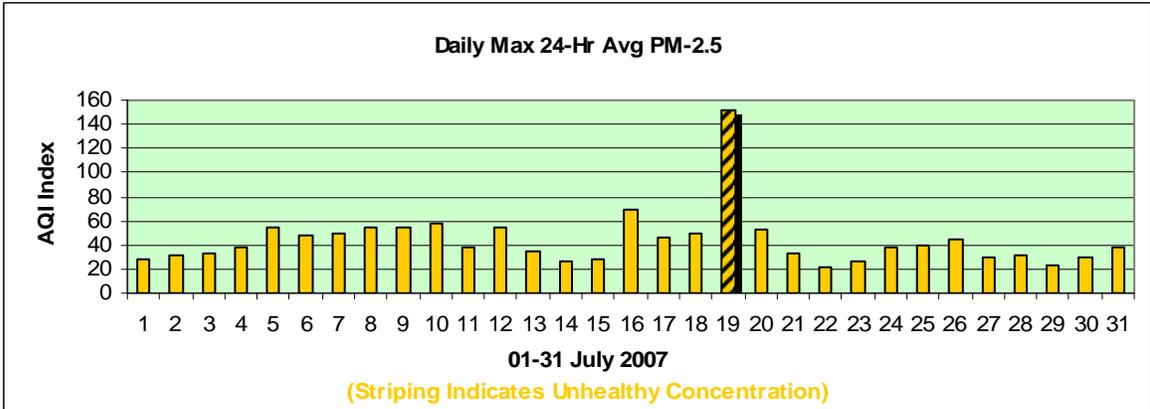
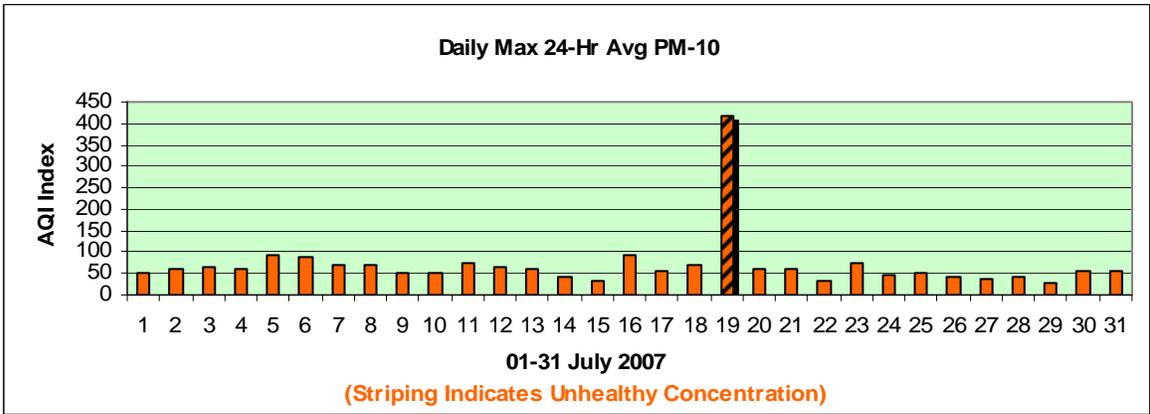
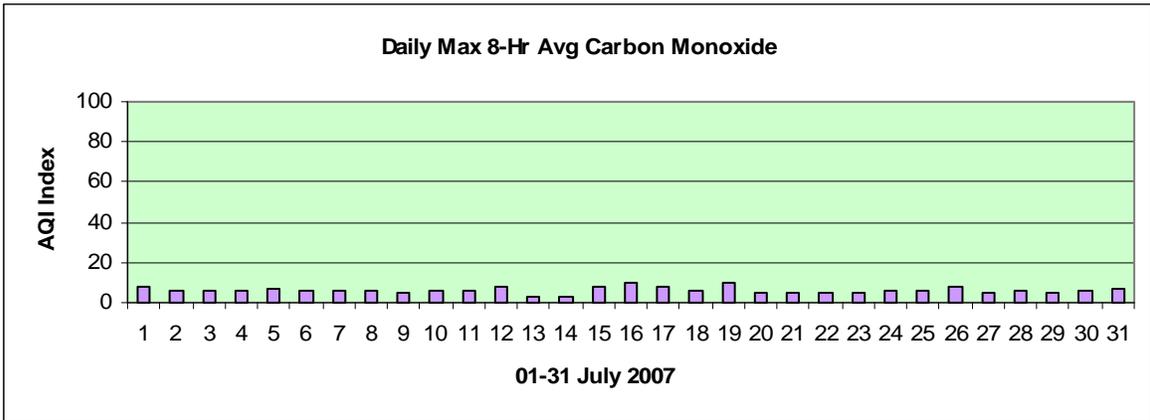
High Pollution Advisories issued during JUL 2007-

<u>Total=</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Max AQI</u>	<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Site/s</u>
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<u>Concentration Recap:</u>	Days in the Good category:	4
	Days in the Moderate category:	26
	Days in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category:	0
	Days in the Unhealthy category:	0
	Days in the Hazardous category:	<u>1</u>
	Total Forecast Days:	31

Narrative:

For the fifth straight month a wind event contributed to a PM-10 (coarse particle) exceedance in the Phoenix metro area by generating and transporting thick dust from disturbed desert soils. The incident that began at 2200 hrs on July 19th produced zero visibility at one airport and wind gusts of 55 mph at another; however, it stood out from all other wind events on record for several other reasons. First, it also contributed to a PM-2.5 (fine particle) exceedance – a very rare event that in the past was associated with holiday wood burning – but apparently had never occurred during a high-wind event. Secondly, the peak hourly concentrations of both PM-10 and PM-2.5 were incredibly high at some sites: a concentration of 8,540ug/m3 for PM10 was recorded at Phoenix Supersite and 4,198.6ug/m3 at the Coyote Lakes site; for PM-2.5 a level of 976.3ug/m3 was attained at Phoenix Supersite. Thirdly, the moving clouds of dust particles evidently stayed intact for hours afterwards and impacted the visibilities in the communities of Prescott, Flagstaff, and the Grand Canyon – the latter being almost 150 miles north of Phoenix – during much of the following a.m. period. Prescott had visibilities of 2-8 miles between 0200 thru 0500 hrs; Flagstaff had 3-8 miles between 0500 thru 1000 hrs; and Grand Canyon had 4-7 miles between 0700 and 1100 hrs. It is thought that the severity of the dust concentrations was enhanced by decreased mixing depths due to the late hour and evaporation-cooled air, and sparse subsequent rainfall -Reith



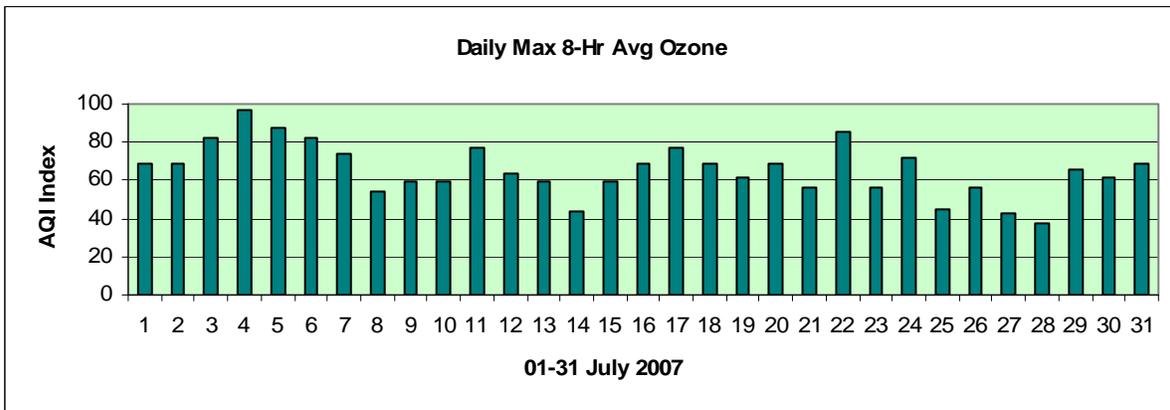
DETAILED OZONE SECTION

GOOD	MODERATE	UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS	UNHEALTHY
0-50	51-100	101-150	151-200

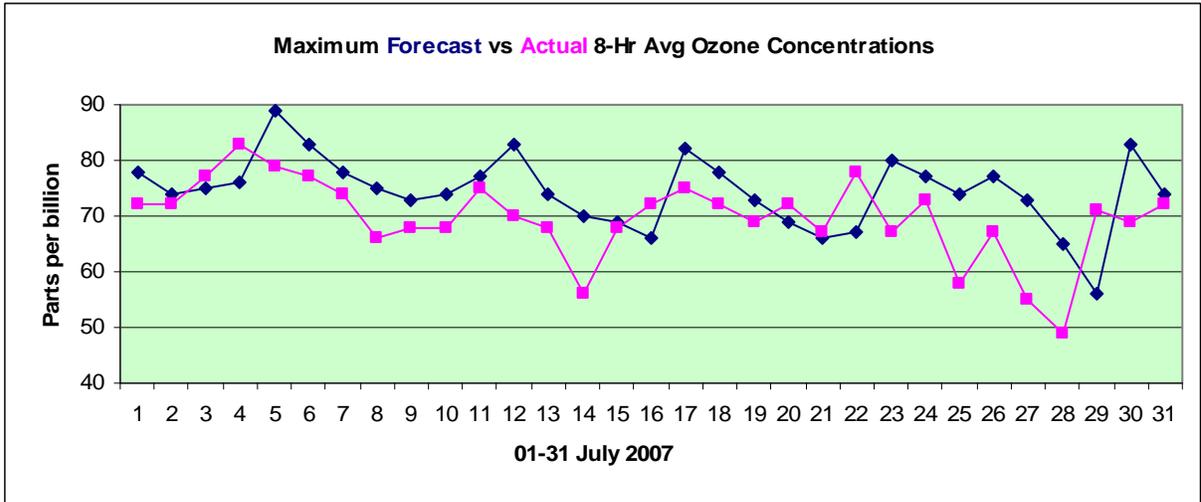
SUMMARY OF MAXIMUM 8-HR OZONE AQI VALUES FOR JULY 2007*

*Preliminary data

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT						
1	69	2	69	3	82	4	97	5	87	6	82	7	74
8	54	9	59	10	59	11	77	12	64	13	59	14	44
15	59	16	69	17	77	18	69	19	61	20	69	21	56
22	85	23	56	24	72	25	45	26	56	27	43	28	38
29	66	30	61	31	69								



Forecast Verification:	# of days maximum concentrations were over-forecast:	24
	# of days maximum concentrations were under-forecast:	7
	# of days maximum concentrations were correctly forecast:	0
	Jul average forecast accuracy (ppb):	+/-7.7
	Jul average forecast bias (ppb):	+6.3



Narrative: Local ozone production continued it's below normal trend during July – normally the month with the highest number of exceedance days – with a total of 46 between 1996 and 2006. Due to this known climatology and the expectation it creates, forecaster accuracy and bias statistics took a real hit for the month. This was in spite of the searing daytime heat that one would expect during July in Phoenix. The National Weather Service issued six Heat Advisories and two Excessive Heat Warnings during the month and there were 12 days with maximum temperatures of 110 deg F or higher. Other meteorological factors that tend to accompany locally high ozone levels are low-level easterly winds and elevated dew points associated with the summer monsoon. The monsoon did not meet the local criteria for its start date until rather late in the month – the 19th to be exact. Thus, the late arrival and subsequent capricious nature of the monsoon – and its lack of contributory characteristics during the month – was the forecasters' best explanation for the lower than normal ozone concentrations. –Reith