

Waquoit Bay (WQB) NERR Meteorological Metadata
January – September 2025
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I. Data Set and Research Descriptors

1) Principal investigator(s) and contact persons –

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2) Entry verification –

The meteorological information is sampled every 5 seconds from each instrument on the weather station and stored on a Campbell Scientific CR1000X data logger. Data are sent to a file in three file formats: CR1000X_A5Min.dat stores 5 minute data; CR1000X_GOESout.dat stores 15 minute averages that are transmitted hourly for satellite upload; and CR1000X_SWMP.dat files stores the 15 minute average data that is submitted to CDMO on a quarterly basis for primary QAQC review. The CDMO Data Logger (NERR_4.CSI) was loaded into the CR1000X and controls the sensors.

Data are uploaded from the CR1000X data logger to a personal computer with a Windows 7 or newer operating system. Files are exported from LoggerNet in a comma-delimited format and uploaded to the CDMO where they undergo automated primary QAQC and become part of the CDMO's online provisional database. During primary QAQC, data are flagged if they are missing or out of sensor range. The edited file is then returned to the reserve where it is opened in Microsoft Excel and processed using the CDMO's NERRQAQC Excel macro. The macro inserts station codes, creates metadata worksheets for flagged data and summary statistics, and graphs the data for review. It allows the user to apply QAQC flags and codes to the data, append files, and export the resulting data file to the CDMO for tertiary QAQC and assimilation into the CDMO's authoritative online database. For more information on QAQC flags and QAQC codes, see Sections 11 and 12.

Theophilos Collins, Research Associate, error checked and compiled the meteorological data for January through July 2025.

3) Research objectives –

The principal objectives are to record meteorological information for the Waquoit Bay NERR's site that can be used: 1) as a vital reference of atmospheric data for various research projects at the reserve - an integral

part of our general NERR mission is to provide a platform for estuarine research; 2) to give meteorological context (atmospheric-forcing) for our fifteen minute SWMP water quality data, and other long-term environmental monitoring programs at the Reserve (including nutrients and shoreline change); 3) to observe and characterize important events, such as storms, heat and cold waves, droughts and heavy rainfall; and 4) to detect trends and characterize climate variability over the long term.

4) Research methods –

The Campbell Scientific weather station samples every 5 seconds continuously throughout the year. These data are used by the CR1000X to produce 15 minute, hourly and daily averages of those measurements of air temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed, and wind direction. Precipitation and PAR are recorded as totals for each interval. CR1000X raw data are currently stored on one data storage module capable of storing about 3 months of data, and the data is generally uploaded from the CR1000X storage module about once a month. The CR1000X is also cabled directly to a desktop PC where the instantaneous 5 sec data are displayed (in a LoggerNet window) and can be viewed at any time. During quarterly review, the error/anomaly reports and all monthly parameter graphs are printed and reviewed. Any error/anomaly messages are further investigated and the data is either corrected/deleted (if necessary) or commented on and left unchanged.

Campbell Scientific data telemetry equipment was installed at the Waquoit Bay Carriage House (*wqbchmet*) station in January 2002 and transmits data to the NOAA GOES satellite, NESDIS ID #3B022462. (3B022462 is the GOES ID for this particular station.) The transmissions are scheduled hourly at **1 minute and 50 seconds** after the hour and contain four (4) data sets reflecting fifteen minute data sampling intervals. Upon receipt by the CDMO, the data undergoes the same automated primary QAQC process detailed in Section 2 above. The “real-time” telemetry data become part of the provisional dataset until undergoing secondary and tertiary QAQC and assimilation in the CDMO’s authoritative online database. Provisional and authoritative data are available at <http://cdmo.baruch.sc.edu>.

The 15-minute data are collected in the following formats for the **CR1000X**:

Averages from 5-second data:

Temperature (°C), Relative Humidity (%), Barometric Pressure (mb), Wind Speed (m/s), Wind Direction (degrees), Battery Voltage (volts)

Maximum and Minimum Temperature (°C) and their times from 5-second data (these data are available from the reserve)

Maximum Wind Speed (m/s) and time from 5-second data

Wind Direction Standard Deviation (degrees)

Totals:

Precipitation (mm), PAR (millimoles/m²), and Cumulative Precipitation (mm) (Cumulative precipitation is no longer available via export from the CDMO. Please contact the reserve or the CDMO for more information or to obtain these data.)

Ideally, the WQBCHMET station sensors get calibrated or serviced according to the schedule below:

- Temperature/Humidity- yearly recalibration
- Precipitation Gauge- yearly recalibration
- Wind Speed/Direction- refurbishing yearly or every 2 years (depending on the sensor)
- Barometric Pressure- every 2 years recalibration
- PAR- every 2 years recalibration
- CR1000X - every 5 years

5) Site location and character –

The weather station is located beside the Carriage House, an historic building which is part of the Waquoit Bay Reserve Headquarters, a 24-acre parcel of Reserve land. Wind (speed and direction), temperature and relative humidity sensors are mounted on a 10-m aluminum tower next to the Carriage House, which houses our education

classroom and research laboratory. As of April 18th, 2016, the temperature, relative humidity, and wind sensors are mounted approximately 28ft above ground level. Before April 18th, the wind sensor was mounted at the top of the tower (30ft); however, it was lowered to a cross-arm in order to accommodate a lightning rod installation needed to better protect the weather equipment (see Figure 1).

Prior to August 11th, 2015, the weather tower, which supports the wind, temperature, and relative humidity sensors, was located at 41° 34'54.12 N, 70° 31' 30.36 W. Starting on November 16th, 2015, the tower location changed to 41° 34'54.09" N, 70° 31'30.65"W. The move occurred in response to a renovation project on the Carriage House; a new ADA-compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) ramp was built on the side of the building where the tower was previously installed (see Figure 1). The current location is roughly 6.5 meters northwest of the past location, and instead of being on the south side of the Carriage House, the tower is now on the west side (see Figure 2). The top of the tower exceeds the height of the building; its attached probes stand approximately 2.5 m above the roof peak of the adjacent building and are separated from any trees by 10 m. A crushed shell parking area (bleach white in color) is located to the south (20m) and west (8m) of the current tower. The tower base is 10.39 m above sea level (NGVD), approximately 100 m north from Waquoit Bay's northern shoreline. The location is most exposed to winds from the west and south.



Figure 1: Photos of before (a) and after (b) the 2015 Carriage House renovation and the 2016 tower upgrade. The tower upgrade in 2016 involved a new lightening rod, grounding wire, cross bar, and upgraded temperature/relative humidity and photosynthetically active radiation sensors.

Before April 18th, 2016, the LiCor Quantum Sensor (for photosynthetically active radiation readings) was mounted about 10 m east from the weather tower, where the temperature/relative humidity and wind sensors are installed. The PAR sensor pole included an extended aluminum arm at a height of 3 m (~ 10 ft) above the ground level. On April 18th, 2016, a new PAR sensor (see sensor details in Section 9) was installed on the weather tower at a height of approximately 4m (~14 ft) above ground level. Thus, current PAR readings are taken roughly 16m westward and roughly 1m higher in relation to readings taken before April 18th, 2016. However, photon scatter related to the roofline and ground should be similar between pre- and post-sensor location change. Due to shading interference in the summer months from a nearby tree, the PAR sensor was moved 10 ft higher (~24ft above ground level) on October 25th, 2016.

The air pressure sensor, which is mounted next to the CR1000 in the laboratory, is approximately 1.5 meters in height above ground level. The rain gauge is in an open field away from trees about 55 m northwest of the laboratory and tower and 11.2 m above sea level (NGVD). The top of the gauge is 1 meter above ground.

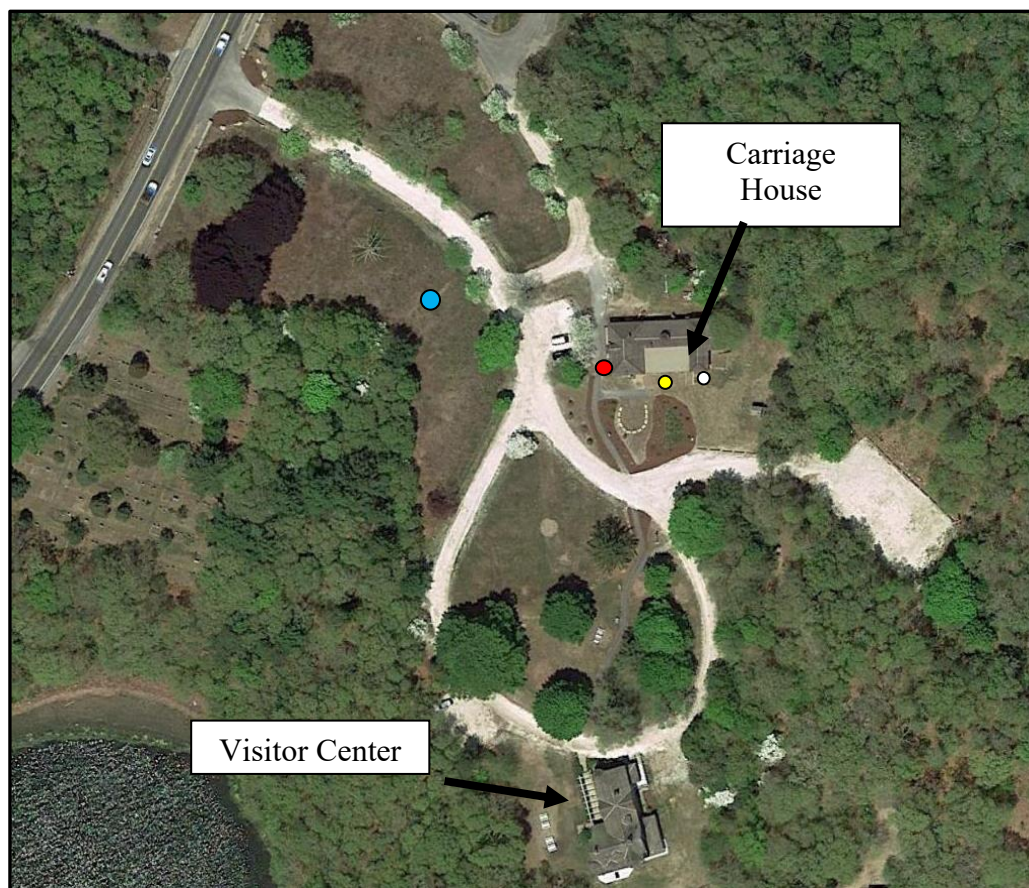


Figure 2: The image above shows the Waquoit Bay NERR Headquarters. The red circle marks the location of the current 30-foot tower location (November 2015 – present). The yellow circle marks the past location of the wind/temperature/relative humidity tower (2006 – August 2015). The white circle marks the location of the photosynthetically active radiation sensor prior to April 18th, 2016, when the sensor was moved to the 30-foot tower (red dot). The larger blue circle indicates the location of the precipitation gauge in the open field. The barometric pressure sensor is located inside the Carriage House in the laboratory along with the CR1000 logger. Aerial provided by Google Earth (spring 2015).

Station Revamp 2024

The MET station was heavily revamped in the spring of 2024 to shorten the length of data cables running to the datalogger and minimize interference and data loss. To this end, the CR1000 datalogger was replaced with a CR1000X. This new CR1000X datalogger, the satellite transmitter, and their battery and power regulator/distributor, along with the barometer, were all moved to a weatherproofed box mounted directly on the meteorological tower outside the Carriage House. This work started on 4/19/2024 at 0840 EST, and was mostly completed by the end of that day. However, re-wiring of older sensors to a newest edition CR1000X datalogger required multiple attempts, so the station was not fully set up and ready until around 15:00 on 4/23/2024.

Sometime between 05/24 and 06/01/2024, the battery powering the station died. After weeks of troubleshooting it was determined that both the battery died AND the CR1000X had a faulty ethernet port which prevented data downloads or a connection to LoggerNet even when power was re-established. The CR1000X was sent in for service, and the battery replaced. No data was collected between late May and late August, when the CR1000X was returned and re-installed. Data collection started up again in late August of 2024. However, telemetered transmission of collected data was not re-established until 10/24/2024. Around January 2, 2025, telemetry failed again, and as of

5/1/2025, it has not been re-established again. See the “Other Remarks/Notes” section for more information and flags/codes for missing and problematic data.

As for its general setting, the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (WQBNERR) is in the northeastern United States on the southern coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Climatically, this region is considered temperate maritime, and experiences relatively mild winters and cool summers relative to the rest of New England because of its exposed oceanic location. Typical of the mid-latitudes (41 N), prevailing winds are from the southwest, while storm winds tend to be from the east.

The area is adjacent to one of the world’s most active regions for cyclogenesis (extra-tropical cyclone formation) off the East coast of North America. These generally winter season storms are most frequent (almost weekly) from late October until late April and are locally called Nor’easters because of the NE wind direction typical to the area during the period of peak wind speeds. These storms generally develop rapidly as secondary lows off the mid-Atlantic coast (Carolinas to New Jersey) and track northeastward passing Cape Cod either directly overhead, or to the southeast or northwest. These winter season storms are important agents of coastal erosion and shoreline alteration in the region, particularly for easterly facing coasts.

Hurricanes are also important phenomena in the region. Most years, during the period from July to November, the Cape experiences some interaction with a passing tropical storm. About once every decade the area experiences a nearby landfall, with winds exceeding hurricane threshold (>33 m/s), usually from the southerly quarter. Hurricanes are particularly important agents of change for the Cape’s southern coastal areas, and can have profound effects on local estuaries, including Waquoit Bay. Typically, barrier beach over-wash (with salt marsh burial) and breaching (with new tidal inlet formation) occur during these extreme events.

Meteorological data from Waquoit Bay NERR can be compared to that from other nearby meteorological stations. These stations are located at Otis Air Force Base (10 km to the north), Falmouth Water Department-Long Pond (8 km to the west), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution–Quisset Campus (13 km to the southwest), Hyannis Airport (23 km to the northeast), and the Menauhant Yacht Club Local National Weather Service Reporting Station. The Menauhant Yacht Club weather station is operated and maintained by Dr. Richard Taylor as a Local National Weather Service Reporting Station (Data Garrison <https://datagarrison.com/>). Since December 2002, the National Weather Service Reporting Station has been recording daily observations at 0700 and 1900 for the following weather parameters: Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{F}$; minimum and maximum), Precipitation (inches; rain and melted snow, snow fall, initial and endpoint times of events), Sky Conditions and Wind Speed/Direction (mph; gusts).

Station measurements

Tower and sensor heights	Height (<i>meters</i>)	Notes
Tower	10	Made of aluminum. Height measured from ground.
Temperature/Relative Humidity	8.5	
Barometric Pressure	2.7	Installed inside the box containing the CR1000X datalogger and telemetry equipment.
Wind	8.5	
PAR	7.3	Mounted on an aluminum arm extending $\sim 1\text{m}$ off the tower.
Precipitation gauge	1m above ground, ~ 11.2 above MSL.	$\sim 55\text{m}$ NW of laboratory and tower

SWMP station timeline

Station code	SWMP status	Station name	Location	Active dates	Reason decommissioned	Notes
WQBCHMET	P	Carriage House	41°34'54.09"N, 70°31'30.65"W	Jan 2002 - present	NA	Moved slightly in 2015; upgraded in 2016

6) Data collection period –

File start date and time	File end date and time
01/01/2024 00:00	01/16/2025 09:45
01/16/2025 10:00	02/19/2025 10:45
02/19/2025 11:00	03/11/2025 09:30
03/11/2025 09:45	04/14/2025 09:30
04/14/2025 09:45	05/12/2025 10:15
05/12/2025 10:30	06/12/2025 09:45
06/12/2025 10:15	07/16/2025 12:15
07/16/2025 12:30	09/12/2025 11:00
09/12/2025 11:00	10/08/2025 15:15

7) Distribution –

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Requested citation format:

NOAA National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS). System-wide Monitoring Program. Data accessed from the NOAA NERRS Centralized Data Management Office website: <http://www.nerrsdata.org/>; accessed 12 October 2025.

Also include the following excerpt in the metadata which will address how and where the data can be obtained.

NERR meteorological data and metadata can be obtained from the Research Coordinator at the individual NERR site (please see Principal Investigators and Contact Persons), from the Data Manager at the Centralized Data Management Office (please see personnel directory under the general information link on the CDMO home page) and online at the CDMO home page www.nerrsdata.org. Data are available in comma delimited format.

8) Associated researchers and projects –

As part of the SWMP long-term monitoring program, WQBNERR also collects 15-minute water quality data and monthly grab and diel samples for nutrient/pigment data which may be correlated with this meteorological dataset. These data are available at www.ncrrsdata.org.

II. Physical Structure Descriptors

9) Sensor specifications –

[Instructions/Remove: Include parameter description, units, sensor type, model #, (operating temperature), range of measurement, accuracy, (temperature dependence), (sensitivity), (stability), serial numbers, multipliers, date of last calibration, and dates in use for each sensor (**include at a minimum the sensors installed for the year covered by this metadata document**) and CR1000/CR1000X description. **Ensure that sensor information is accurate for your weather station.**]

Parameter: Temperature

Units: Celsius

Sensor type: Pt1000 Class A

Model #: EE181 Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe

Operating Temperature: -40°C to +60°C

Range: -40°C to +60°C

Accuracy: $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$ @ 23°C

SN: 2507160003152D

Calibration Date: 02/14/2025

Installed: 04/17/2025

SN: 211916001182C3

Calibration Date: 05/19/2021

Dates in Use:

04/23/2024 - 04/17/2025

Parameter: Relative Humidity

Units: Percent

Sensor type: HC101

Model #: EE181 Temperature and Relative Humidity Probe

Range: 0-100% non-condensing

Accuracy: -15 to 40 °C: $\leq 90\% \text{ RH} \pm (1.3 + 0.003 \cdot \text{RH reading}) \% \text{ RH}$

-15 to 40 °C: $> 90\% \text{ RH} \pm 2.3\% \text{ RH}$

-25 to 60 °C: $\pm (1.4 + 0.01 \cdot \text{RH reading}) \% \text{ RH}$

-40 to 60 °C: $\pm (1.5 + 0.015 \cdot \text{RH reading}) \% \text{ RH}$

Temperature dependence of RH measurement: typically 0.03% RH/°C

Note: This sensor caps relative humidity values at 100%, measured values >100% are altered to 100%

SN: 2507160003152D

Calibration Date: 02/14/2025

Installed 04/17/2025

Parameter: Barometric Pressure

Units: millibars (mb)

Sensor type: Vaisala Barocap © silicon capacitive pressure sensor

Model #: CS-106 (PTB110)

Operating Range: Pressure: 500 to 1100 mb; Temperature: -40°C to +60°C

Humidity: non-condensing

Accuracy: ± 0.3 mb at $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$, ± 0.6 mb at 0°C to 40°C , ± 1 mb at -20°C to $+45^{\circ}\text{C}$, ± 1.5 mb at -40°C to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$

Stability: ± 0.1 mb per year

S/N: N0220822

Date of last calibration: 05/17/2021

Dates of Sensor Use:

08/25/2021 - 04/19/2024,

04/23/2024 - 02/04/2025

S/N: D3140010

Date of last calibration: 01/02/2025

Dates of Sensor Use:

02/04/2025 – current as of 04/30/2025

Parameter: Wind speed

Units: meter per second (m/s)

Sensor type: 18 cm diameter 4-blade helicoids propeller molded of polypropylene

Model #: R.M. Young 05103 Wind Monitor

Range: 0 - 100 m/s (224 mph)

Accuracy: ± 0.3 m/s or 1% of reading

Multiplier: 0.0980

S/N: 09834

Date of last calibration: 06/29/2016

Dates of Sensor Use: 6/27/2012–12/04/2015,
10/25/2016 – 10/30/2018
08/09/2019 – 09/2022

S/N: 87990

Date of last calibration: 10/30/2019

Dates of Sensor Use: 10/30/2018 – 08/09/2019 (potentiometer failed on 04/26/2019)
09/2022 – 04/23/2024
06/11/2025 - Present

Parameter: Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR)

Units: mmol m⁻² (total flux)

Sensor type: Quantum Sensor; high stability silicon photodiode (blue enhanced) in anodized aluminum case with acrylic diffuser

Model #SQ110 Apogee Quantum Sensor

Light spectrum waveband: 410 to 655 nm

Temperature dependence: $0.06 \pm 0.06\%$ per $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Stability: $<\pm 2\%$ change over 1 yr

Operating Temperature: -40°C to 70°C ; Humidity 0 to 100%

Cosine Response: 45° zenith angle: $\pm 2\%$; 75° zenith angle: $\pm 5\%$

Sensitivity: 0.2mV per $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-2}$

Multiplier: 0.025 (this does not change) – *include*

S/N: 20507
Date of last calibration: 07/01/2024
Dates of Sensor Use:
04/18/2016 – 03/28/2018
05/03/2018 – 04/23/2024
06/11/2025

S/N: SQ-110-L10_33270
Date of last calibration: 07/01/2021
Dates of Sensor Use:
04/23/2024 – 06/11/2025

Parameter: Precipitation (**specify if heated rain gauge**)
Units: millimeters (mm)
Sensor Type: Heated Tipping Bucket Rain Gauge
Model #: 385L
Rainfall per tip: 0.01 inch
Operating range: Temperature: 0° to 50°C; Humidity: 0 to 100%
Accuracy:
±0.5% @ < 0.5" (1.25 cm)/hr rate
±2.0% @ < 3.0" (7.50 cm)/hr rate
S/N: C1521
Date of last calibration: 10/21/2024
Dates of Sensor Use:
9/9/2011 - present

Datalogger:

CR1000X:

The CR1000X has a total onboard memory of 128 MB of flash and 4MB of battery backed SRAM. There are 8 MB of flash memory reserved for loading the operating system and 1MB of flash reserved for configuration settings. SRAM is used for the CRBasic program operating memory, communication memory, and data storage, with 72 MB of flash for extended data storage. Additional data storage expansion is available with a removable microSD flash memory card of up to 16 GB.

Serial number: 28772
Date CR1000X installed: 04/19/2024
Date CR1000X calibrated: 2021

CR1000X firmware version (s): CR1000X.Std.07.02 (updated 01/09/2024)

CR1000X program version(s): WQBCHMET_CR1000x_6.1.1_010924

GOES transmitter:

Model number: TX325 Omnisat-3
Serial number: 300002496
Date installed: 04/19/2024

10) Coded variable definitions -

[Instructions/Remove: List the sampling station, sampling site code, and station code used in the data.]

Sampling station:	Sampling site code:	Station code:
Carriage House	CH	wqbchmet

11) QAQC flag definitions –

QAQC flags provide documentation of the data and are applied to individual data points by insertion into the parameter's associated flag column (header preceded by an F_). During primary automated QAQC (performed by the CDMO), -5, -4, and -2 flags are applied automatically to indicate data that is above or below sensor range, or missing. All remaining data are then flagged 0, as passing initial QAQC checks. During secondary and tertiary QAQC 1, -3, and 5 flags may be used to note data as suspect, rejected due to QAQC, or corrected.

- 5 Outside High Sensor Range
- 4 Outside Low Sensor Range
- 3 Data Rejected due to QAQC
- 2 Missing Data
- 1 Optional SWMP supported parameter
- 0 Passed Initial QAQC Checks
- 1 Suspect Data
- 2 *Open - reserved for later flag*
- 3 *Open - reserved for later flag*
- 4 Historical Data: Pre-Auto QAQC
- 5 Corrected Data

12) QAQC code definitions –

QAQC codes are used in conjunction with QAQC flags to provide further documentation of the data and are also applied by insertion into the associated flag column. There are three (3) different code categories, general, sensor, and comment. General errors document general problems with the CR1000/CR1000X, sensor errors are sensor specific, and comment codes are used to further document conditions or a problem with the data. Only one general or sensor error and one comment code can be applied to a particular data point, but some comment codes (marked with an * below) can be applied to the entire record in the F_Record column.

General Errors

GIM	Instrument malfunction
GIT	Instrument recording error, recovered telemetry data
GMC	No instrument deployed due to maintenance/calibration
GMT	Instrument maintenance
GPD	Power down
GPF	Power failure / Low battery
GPR	Program reload
GQR	Data rejected due to QA/QC checks
GSM	See metadata

Sensor Errors

SDG	Suspect due to sensor diagnostics
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SIC	Incorrect calibration constant, multiplier or offset
SIW	Incorrect wiring
SMT	Sensor maintenance
SNV	Negative value
SOC	Out of calibration
SQR	Data rejected due to QAQC checks
SSD	Sensor drift
SSN	Not a number / unknown value
SSM	Sensor malfunction
SSR	Sensor removed

Comments

CAF	Acceptable calibration/accuracy error of sensor
CCU	Cause unknown
CDF	Data appear to fit conditions
CML	Snow melt from previous snowfall event
CRE*	Significant rain event
CSM*	See metadata
CVT*	Possible vandalism/tampering
CWE*	Significant weather event

13) Other remarks/notes –

Data are missing due to equipment or associated specific sensors not being deployed, equipment failure, time of maintenance or calibration of equipment, or repair/replacement of a sampling station platform. Any NaNs in the dataset stand for “not a number” and are the result of low power, disconnected wires, or out of range readings. If additional information on missing data is needed, contact the Research Coordinator at the reserve submitting the data.

negative PAR values are within range of the LI-COR sensor and are due to normal errors in the sensor and the CR1000 Datalogger. The Maximum signal noise error for the LI-COR sensor is ± 2.214 mmol/m² over a 15 minute interval. These values are automatically flagged and coded as <1> (CAF).

Relative Humidity data greater than 100 are within range of the sensor accuracy of $\pm 3\%$ and are flagged and coded as suspect, <1> (CAF). Values greater than 103 are rejected <-3>.

Data recorded for all parameters (with the exception of cumulative precipitation) at the midnight timestamp (00:00) are the 15 minute averages and totals for the 23:45-23:59 time period of the previous day. Cumulative precipitation data at the midnight timestamp (00:00) are the sum of raw (unrounded) precipitation data from 00:00 to 23:59 of the previous day. Summing each individual 15-minute total precipitation value from the same period will result in small differences from cumulative precipitation due to rounding. It is especially important to note how data at the midnight timestamp are recorded when using January 1st and December 31st data. **Note: Cumulative precipitation is no longer available via export from the CDMO. Please contact the reserve or the CDMO for more information or to obtain these data.**

Precipitation data collected with rain gauges that are not designed specifically for measuring frozen precipitation (snow/ice/hail), including heated gauges and those that use antifreeze to melt frozen precipitation, may not be measured accurately. Blowing wind, sublimation, and rate of snowfall/ice melt all effect the amount of recorded precipitation. The reserve has made attempts to accurately record dates and times when frozen precipitation and subsequent melting has occurred.

Specific 2025 Metadata Notes (all times provided in EST):

General:

- Since early January (unknown exact date), wqbCHmet telemetry has been down. Sensors are working and data is being recorded, but something is wrong with the telemetry system. We have been troubleshooting for months to no avail.
- 02/04/2025 09:30 – 10:15, <-2>[GPD](CSM) – Station powered down for maintenance, inspecting problem of no telemetry.
- 04/17/2025 14:45 – 15:45, <-2>[GPD] – Station powered down for maintenance, replacing Temp/RH sensor.
- 06/11/2025 09:00 – 14:30, <-2>[GPD] – Station powered down for maintenance, replacing PAR sensor and Wind sensor/anemometer.
- 06/12/2025 10:00, <-2>(CCU) – Missing data right around the time of the new deployment and download of previous deployment. Unknown why.
- 09/18/2025 09:55 – 14:10, <-2>[GPD] – Station powered down for maintenance, replacing satellite transmitter cables to repair telemetry system.
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Temperature and Relative Humidity (RH):

- 07/03/2025 19:30, <-3>[SQR] – Data rejected because Maximum Temperature and Minimum Temperature difference during the 15 minute sampling period was more than 3 degrees.

PAR (Photosynthetically Active Radiation):

Total Precipitation (TotPrcp) and Cumulative Precipitation (CumPrcp)

- 01/02/2024 – 05/05/2025 09:45, <-3>[SIW](CSM) – Both Total and Cumulative Precipitation data did not seem to match other local precipitation gauges, or real precipitation conditions. By mid-January, readings became extremely erratic (readings being recorded when no precipitation was observed), and nonsensically high (sometimes recording a foot of rain over a matter of hours). Troubleshooting was difficult under the winter weather conditions. Upon inspection, the rewiring of the gauge was slightly incorrect. All affected data is now rejected with this code.
- 05/05/2025 09:45 – 05/06/2025 00:00, <-3>[SMT] – Cumulative Precipitation data the rest of the day 05/05/2025 is flagged because it is affected by rejected data from earlier in the day (when maintenance and sensor wiring connections were being corrected).
- 06/04/2025 14:15 - , <-3>[SMT] – Total Precipitation data is rejected because bucket was tipped during checks and maintenance. See below for how the rest of that day's data was flagged.
- 06/04/2025 14:15 – 06/05/2025 00:00, <-3>[SMT] – Cumulative Precipitation data the rest of the day 06/04/2025 is flagged because it is affected by rejected data from earlier in the day (when bucket was tipped during some checks and maintenance).