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1. Introduction

Element Materials Technology were commissioned by Heidelberg Materials UK, Ribblesdale to maintain the Air Quality Stations (AQS) located in Chatburn and Clitheroe. Both AQS use the Turnkey Instruments' Osiris and iGas analysers to provide real-time particulate, gas concentrations and meteorological data, at the AQS sites identified in **Figure 1**. The AQS is permanently connected to the AirQWeb system and provides an online portal to view current and historical data, and 24/7 alarm trigger function to alert any exceedence of the relevant air quality standards.

The December 2024 air quality data summary from the Chatburn and Clitheroe AQS are summarised below.

1.1 Site description

The Chatburn AQS (AQS-1) is situated within Chatburn village on Ribblesdale View. The monitoring location is situated northeast of the Heidelberg Materials, Ribblesdale cement site and quarry.

The Clitheroe AQS (AQS-2) is situated on Butts Grove, in Clitheroe. The monitoring location is situated southwest of the Heidelberg Materials, Ribblesdale cement site and quarry.





2. Standards and Guidance

The objectives adopted in England for the purpose of Local Air Quality Management are set out in The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland (DEFRA, 2000), as amended 2003. Similar targets are set at EU level, where there are called limit or target values. These are set out in the European 2008 Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC).

A summary of the current UK Air Quality Objectives is provided in Table 1.

Table 1 UK Air Quality Objectives for protection of human health, July 2007

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	Air Quality Objective		To be	
Pollutant	Concentration	Measured as	achieved by	
Benzene				
All authorities	16.25 μg m ⁻³	Running annual mean	31 December 2003	
England and Wales Only	5.00 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 December 2010	
Scotland and N. Ireland	3.25 µg m ⁻³	Running annual mean	31 December 2010	
1,3-Butadiene				
All authorities	2.25 µg m ⁻³	Running annual mean	31 December 2003	
Carbon Monoxide				
England, Wales and N. Ireland	10.0 mg m ⁻³	Maximum daily running 8-hour mean	31 December 2003	
Scotland Only	10.0 mg m ⁻³	Running 8-hour mean	31 December 2003	
Lead				
All authorities	0.5 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 December 2004	
	0.25 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 December 2008	
Nitrogen Dioxide				



	Air Quality Objective			
Pollutant	Concentration	Measured as	To be achieved by	
All authorities	200 μg m ⁻³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year (99.79 th percentile)	1-hour mean	31 December 2005	
	40 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 December 2005	
Particles (PM ₁₀) (gravimetric	e)			
All authorities	50 μg m ⁻³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year (90.41 th percentile)	24 hour running mean	31 December 2004	
	40 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 December 2004	
Scotland Only	50 μg m ⁻³ , not to be exceeded more than 7 times a year (98.08 th percentile)	24 hour running mean	31 December 2010	
	18 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 December 2010	
Particles (PM _{2.5}) (gravimetri	c) *			
	25 μg m ⁻³ (target)	Annual mean	2020	
All authorities	15% cut in urban background exposure	Annual mean	2010 - 2020	
Scotland Only	12 μg m ⁻³ (limit)	Annual mean	2010	
Sulphur dioxide				
All authorities	350 μg m ⁻³ , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year (99.73 th percentile)	1-hour mean	31 December 2004	
	125 μg m ⁻³ , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year (99.18 th percentile)	24-hour mean	31 December 2004	
	266 µg m ⁻³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year (99.90 th percentile)	15-minute mean	31 December 2005	
PAH *				



Pollutant	Air Quality Objective		To be
	Concentration	Measured as	achieved by
All authorities	0.25 ng m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 December 2010
Ozone *			
All authorities	100 µg m ⁻³ not to be exceeded more than 10 times a year	8 hourly running or hourly mean*	31 December 2005

^{*}Not included in regulations at present

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective		To be		
	Concentration	Measured as	achieved by		
Nitrogen dioxide (for protect	ion of vegetation & ecosystems) *			
All ecosystems	30 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 December 2000		
Sulphur dioxide (for protection	Sulphur dioxide (for protection of vegetation & ecosystems) *				
	20 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31		
All ecosystems	20 μg m ⁻³	Winter Average (Oct - Mar)	December 2000		
Ozone *					
All ecosystems	18 μg m ⁻³	AOT40 ⁺ , calculated from 1h values May-July. Mean of 5 years, starting 2010	01 January 2010		

^{*}not included in regulations at present

⁺AOT 40 is the sum of the differences between hourly concentrations greater than 80 μ g m⁻³ (=40ppb) and 80 μ g m⁻³, over a given period using only the 1-hour averages measured between 08:00 and 20:00 hours.



3. Data Summary

3.1 Chatburn AQS-1

3.1.1 Osiris particulate data

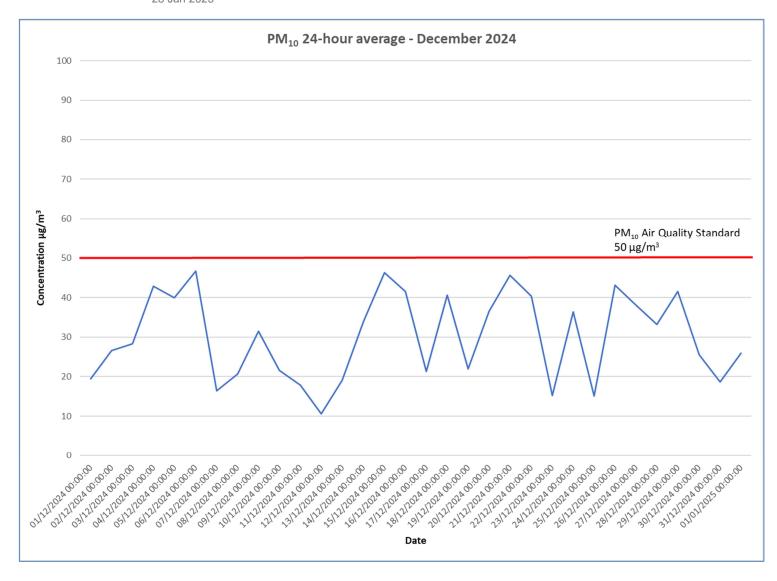
Based upon the current UK air quality guidance, the following relevant alarm trigger levels are active on the Osiris analyser and data are presented below:

- PM₁₀ 50 µg/m³ over a 24-hour period; and
- TSP 250 µg/m³ over a 15-minute period.

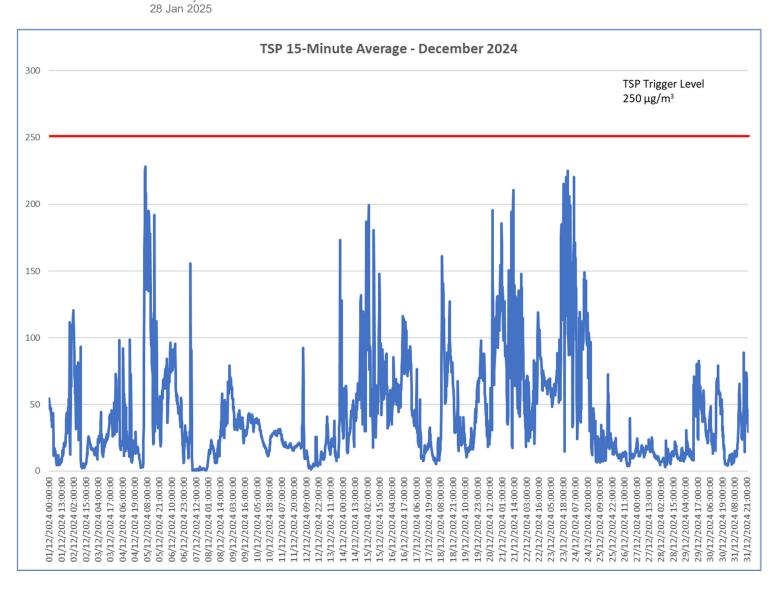
3.1.1.1 December 2024 data summary

There were no exceedences of the particulate air quality standards.











3.1.2 iGas data

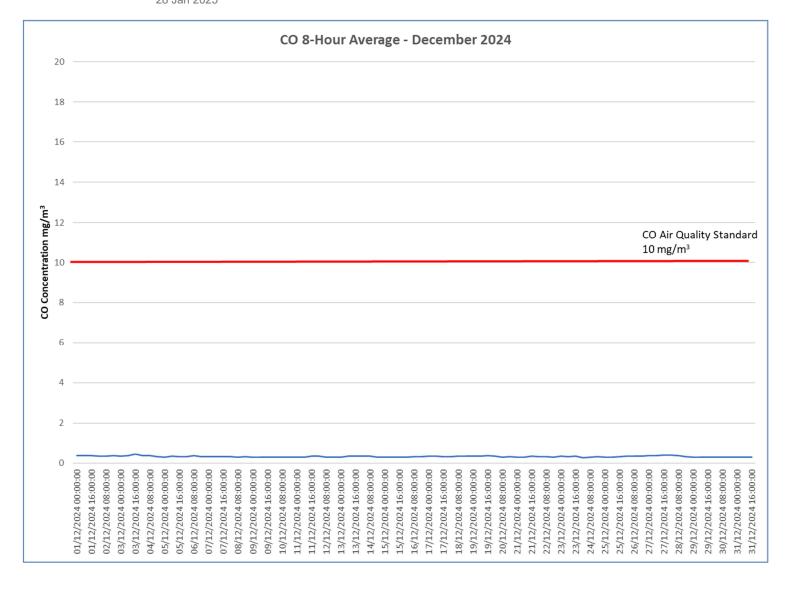
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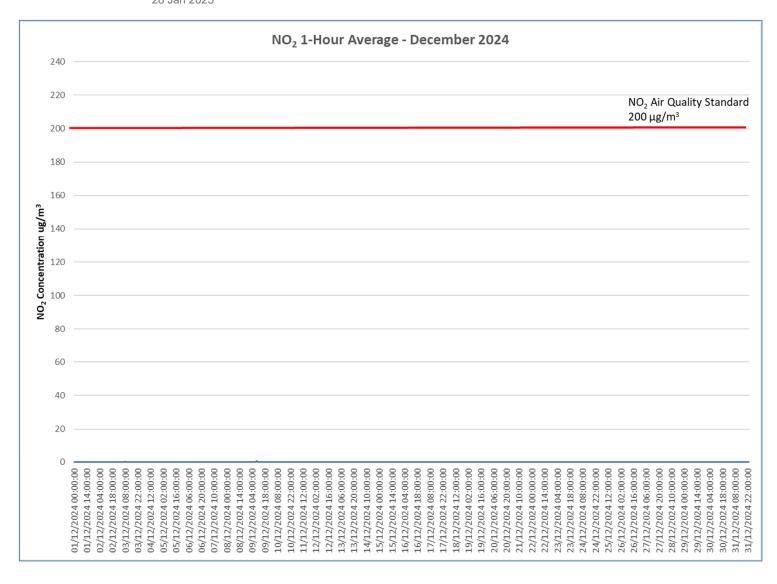
3.1.2.1 December 2024 data summary

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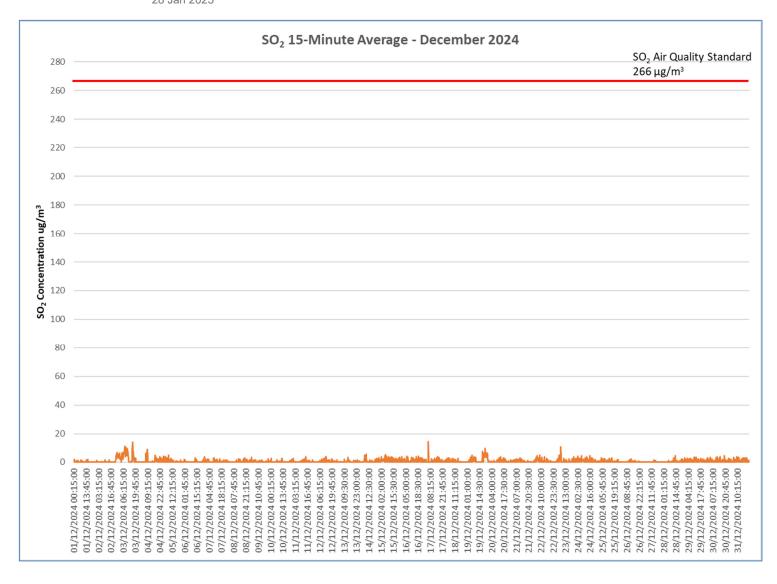






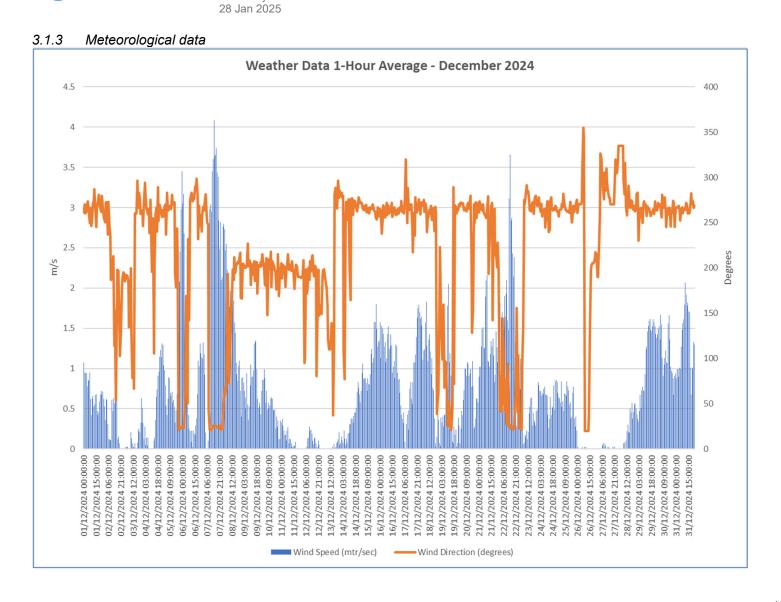








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3.2 Clitheroe AQS-2

3.2.1 Osiris particulate data

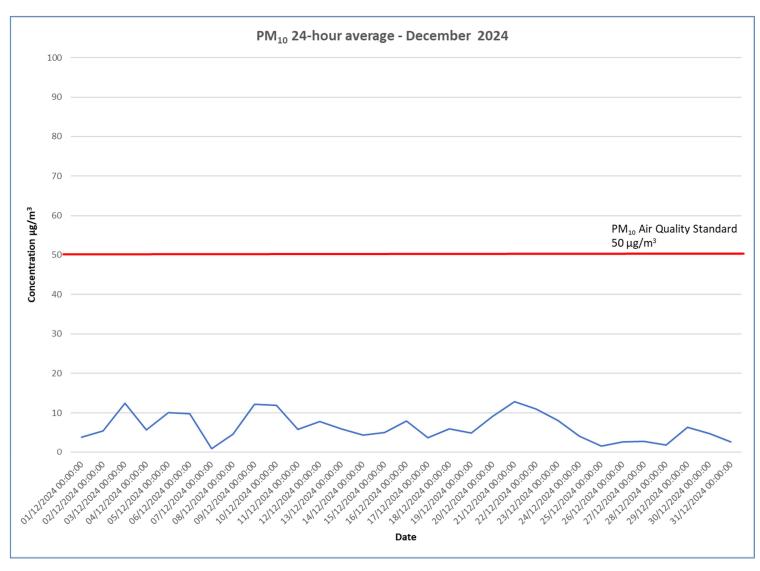
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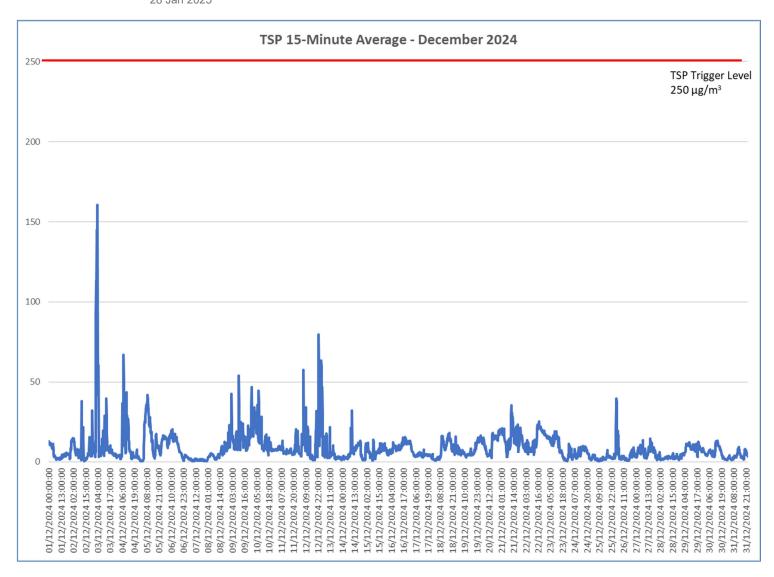
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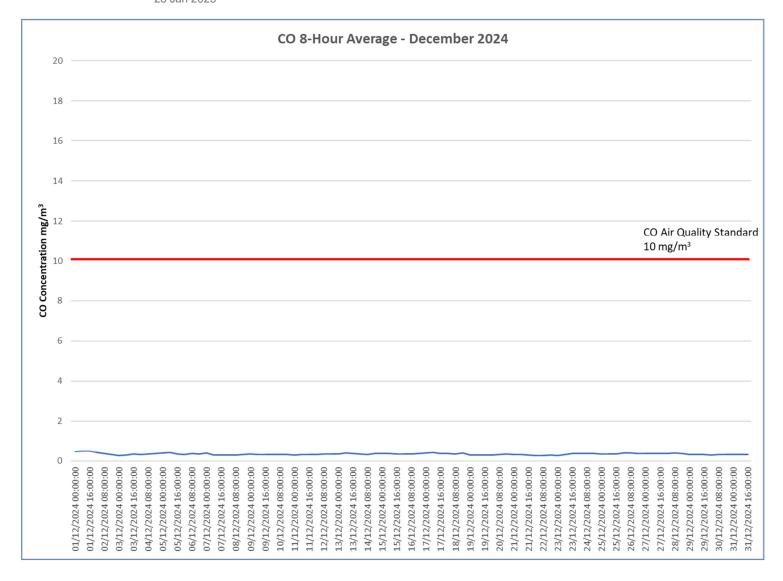
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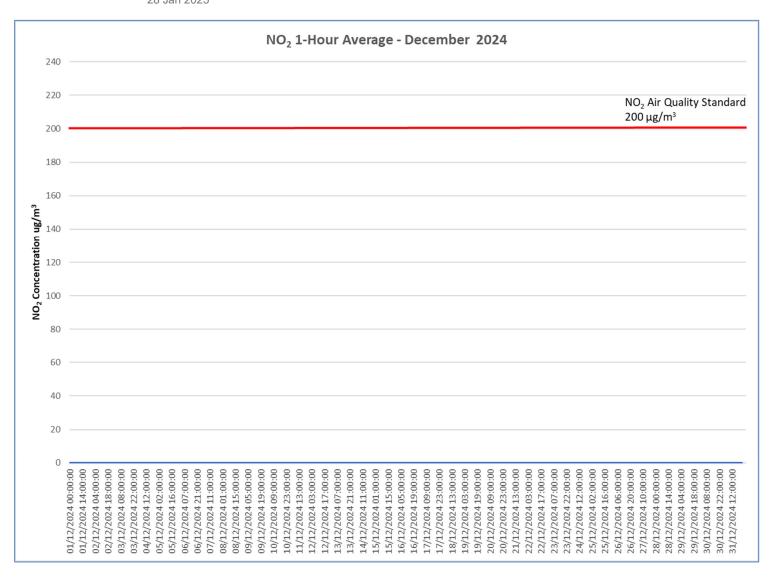
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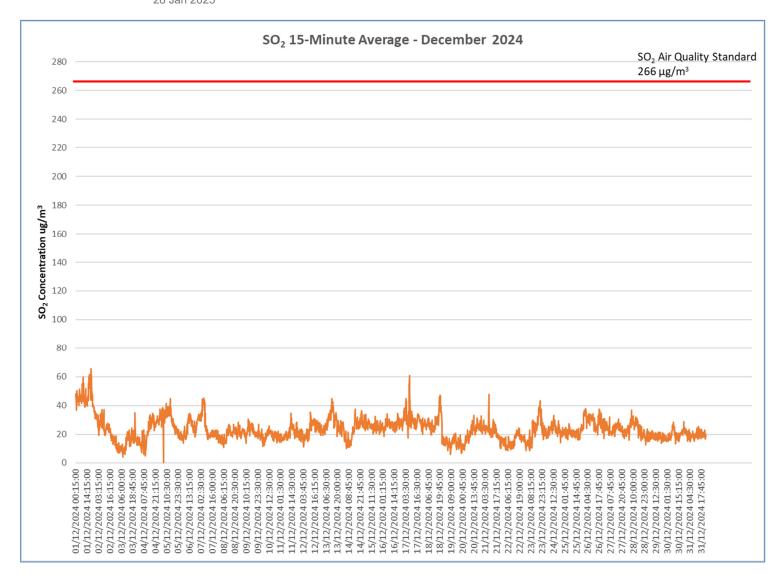








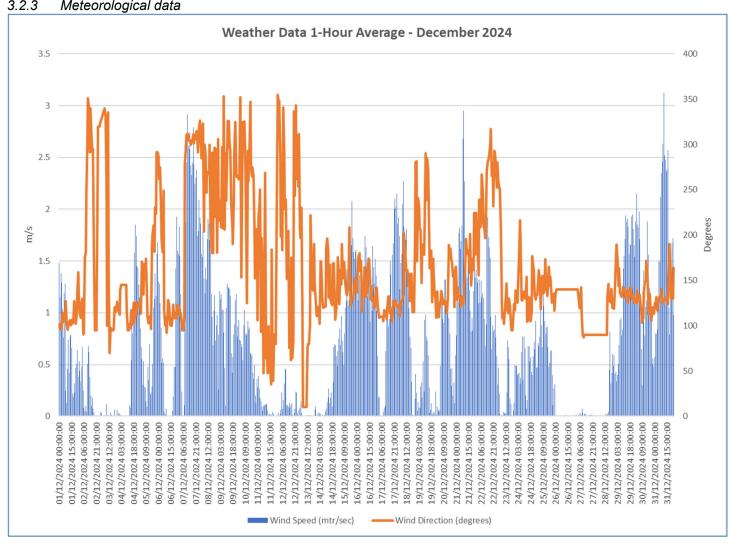








3.2.3 Meteorological data







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