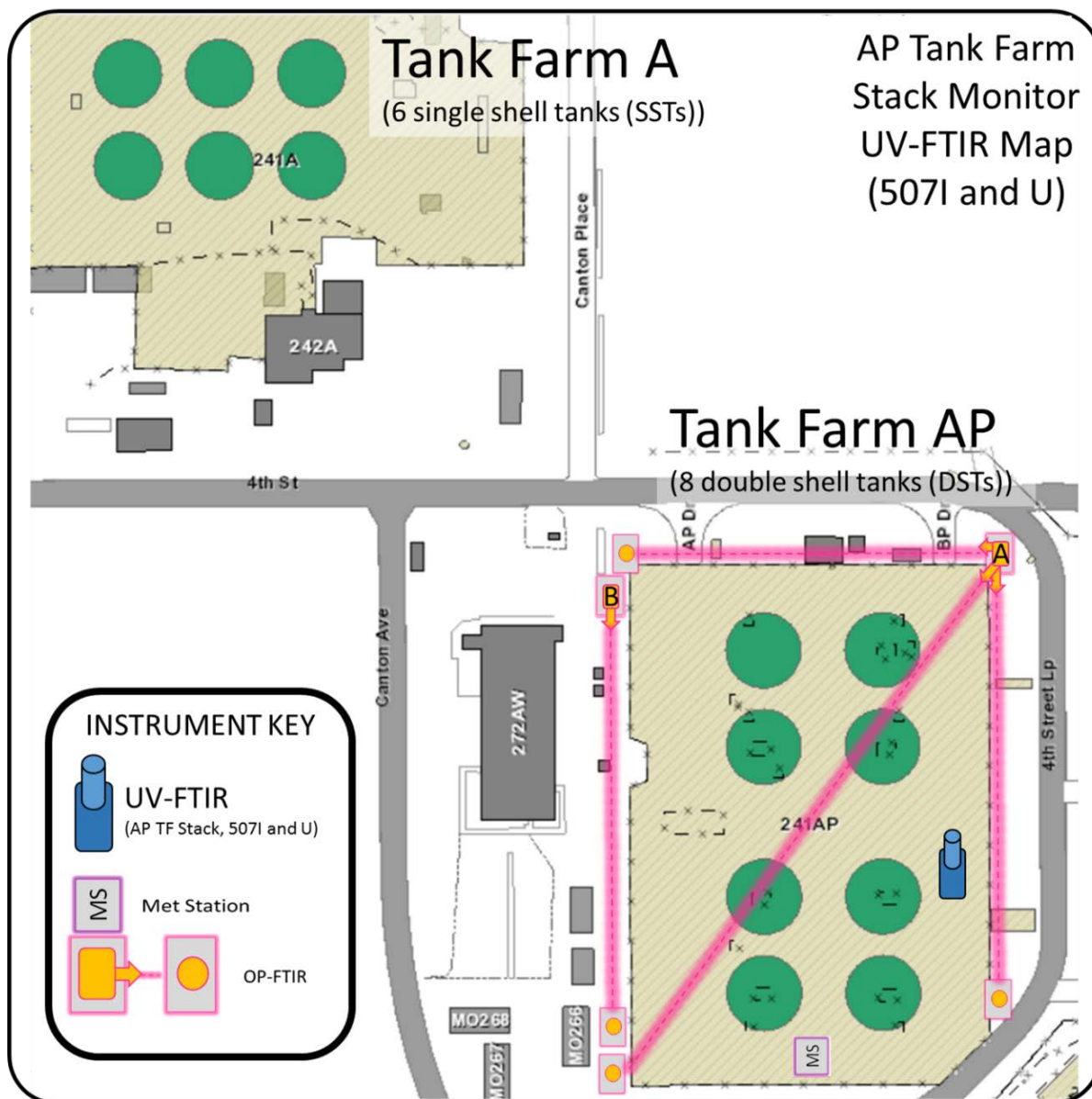


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AP-Tank Farm Stack Monitor (north is up)



AP Tank Farm Stack Monitor UV-FTIR Map (507I and U)

Tank Farm AP (8 double shell tanks (DSTs))

**INSTRUMENT KEY**

- UV-FTIR (AP TF Stack, 507I and U)
- MS Met Station
- OP-FTIR

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## Abbreviations and Units

CH <sub>4</sub>	=	methane
CO	=	carbon monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub>	=	carbon dioxide
COPC	=	chemicals of potential concern
LEL	=	lower explosive limit
ND	=	not detected
NH <sub>3</sub>	=	ammonia
NO	=	nitric oxide
N <sub>2</sub> O	=	nitrous oxide
NO <sub>2</sub>	=	nitrogen dioxide
O <sub>3</sub>	=	ozone
OEL	=	occupational exposure limit
OP-FTIR	=	open path Fourier transform infrared spectrometer
OSHA	=	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	=	permissible exposure limit
ppb	=	parts per billion
ppm	=	parts per million
UV-DOAS	=	ultraviolet differential optical absorption spectrometer
VMDS	=	vapor monitoring detection system

## VMDS Instruments

507I	=	FTIR AP Farm Stack
507U	=	UV-DOAS AP Farm Stack

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## Introduction

This summary contains Vapor Monitoring and Detection System (VMDS) pilot-scale data collected over one week (2/1/2017 at 6:00 a.m. through 2/8/2017 at 6:00 a.m.) using the AP-Farm stack monitor<sup>1</sup>. This instrument is a dual channel FTIR/UV-DOAS spectrometer that provides real-time multi-gas measurement (qualitative and quantitative) of gases. The implementation method for this instrument allows for very accurate identification and quantification of compounds found in the AP-Farm exhaust stack.

Since chemical compounds found in the stack are not representative of what is found in the work environment, their concentrations will not be reviewed against Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) or other limits implemented in work environments. The review here will focus on chemicals present, patterns, and what is observed during waste disturbing activities.

Pilot-scale testing is focused on evaluating component integration and functionality. Data shown may include results for calibration and calibration check (bump test) tests performed to verify sensors are functioning; these tests are visible in the data as spikes. Any alarms occurring during pilot-scale testing are taken to be actual events and the appropriate actions/notifications are undertaken.

For the stack monitor, each analyte has a specific reference spectrum, which represents the absorption characteristics for that chemical in the IR or UV spectral regions. Reference spectra for each analyte are stored in a library that specifies which absorption features are analyzed, how that analysis is performed, and reporting threshold values. Revisions to the library are periodically performed to improve accuracy of analysis for analytes; spectrographic instruments reporting for the VMDS project are still in the iterative optimization process and periodic changes to the library are being performed. Revisions to the library may result in the identification of a compound not previously thought to be present, or conversely determine that a previously reported analyte was not actually present. Identification of an analyte is dependent on the analytical method (UV or IR), library used, concentration, other chemical compounds present [chemicals present can interfere/overlap with each other at key locations; typically those having the same functional groups (e.g., methane or ketone groups) – the library is optimized to minimize these interferences], and many other factors.

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<sup>1</sup> AP-Farm Stack Monitor Fact Sheet: <https://hanfordvapors.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/UV-FTIR-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

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## 2/1/2017 through 2/8/2017 Summary

There were no retrieval or waste disturbing activities during the reporting period. The FTIR 507I data were collected during the reporting period but the library was not re-installed after the replacement of the IR module, so data are suspect. No reporting of the FTIR 507I data will be presented in this report. The UV-DOAS 507U data were collected during the reporting period. Table 1 shows that ammonia concentrations ranged from 36 to 61 ppm, and ethylamine shows concentrations ranged from non-detect to 0.062 ppm and ethyl benzene from non-detect to 0.045 ppm. These are typical ranges observed when no waste disturbing activities have occurred. Figure 1 shows ethyl benzene, ethylamine, and ammonia concentrations measured with the UV-DOAS 507U. As shown in Figure 1, ethyl benzene was detected twice at very low levels and well below OEL levels. Table 2 shows the reporting time of the stack monitors. Both the FTIR 507I and the UV-DOAS 507U monitored for 100% of the reporting period as the instruments were still reading data, although the data from FTIR 507I is suspect.

**Table 1. Chemical Species Detected in the AP Tank Farm Stack by Method (2 Pages)**

Chemical	FTIR <sup>a</sup> (507I) ppm	Chemical	UV-DOAS (507U) ppm
Nitrous Oxide*	NR	Ammonia*	36 – 61
Ammonia*	NR	Nitric Oxide	ND
Methane	NR	Oxygen	ND
1-3-Butadiene*	NR	Ozone	ND
1-Butanol*	NR	1-3 Butadiene*	ND
2-Hexanone*	NR	2-Methyl-2-butenal*	ND
3-Buten-2-one*	NR	2-Methylfuran*	ND
Acetaldehyde*	NR	Acetaldehyde*	ND
Acetonitrile*	NR	Benzene*	ND
Benzene*	NR	Butanal*	ND
Butanal*	NR	Ethylamine*	ND - 0.062
Butyl Nitrite*	NR	Formaldehyde*	ND
Ethylamine*	NR	Furan*	ND
Formaldehyde*	NR	Mercury*	ND
Furan*	NR	Methyl Nitrite*	ND
Methanol*	NR	Pyridine*	ND
Methyl Isocyanate*	NR	1-2-4 Trimethylbenzene	ND
Methyl Nitrite*	NR	1-3-5 Trimethylbenzene	ND

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**Table 1. Chemical Species Detected in the AP Tank Farm Stack by Method  
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Chemical	FTIR <sup>a</sup> (507I) ppm	Chemical	UV-DOAS (507U) ppm
N-Nitrosodiethylamine*	NR	Ethylbenzene	ND – 0.045
N-Nitrosodimethylamine*	NR	m-Xylene	ND
N-Nitrosomorpholine*	NR	Nitrogen Dioxide	ND
Propanenitrile*	NR	o-Xylene	ND
Pyridine*	NR	p-Xylene	ND
Tributyl Phosphate*	NR	Styrene	ND
		Sulfur dioxide	ND
		Toluene	ND

Notes: \*Chemical is on COPC list

NR – Not reported

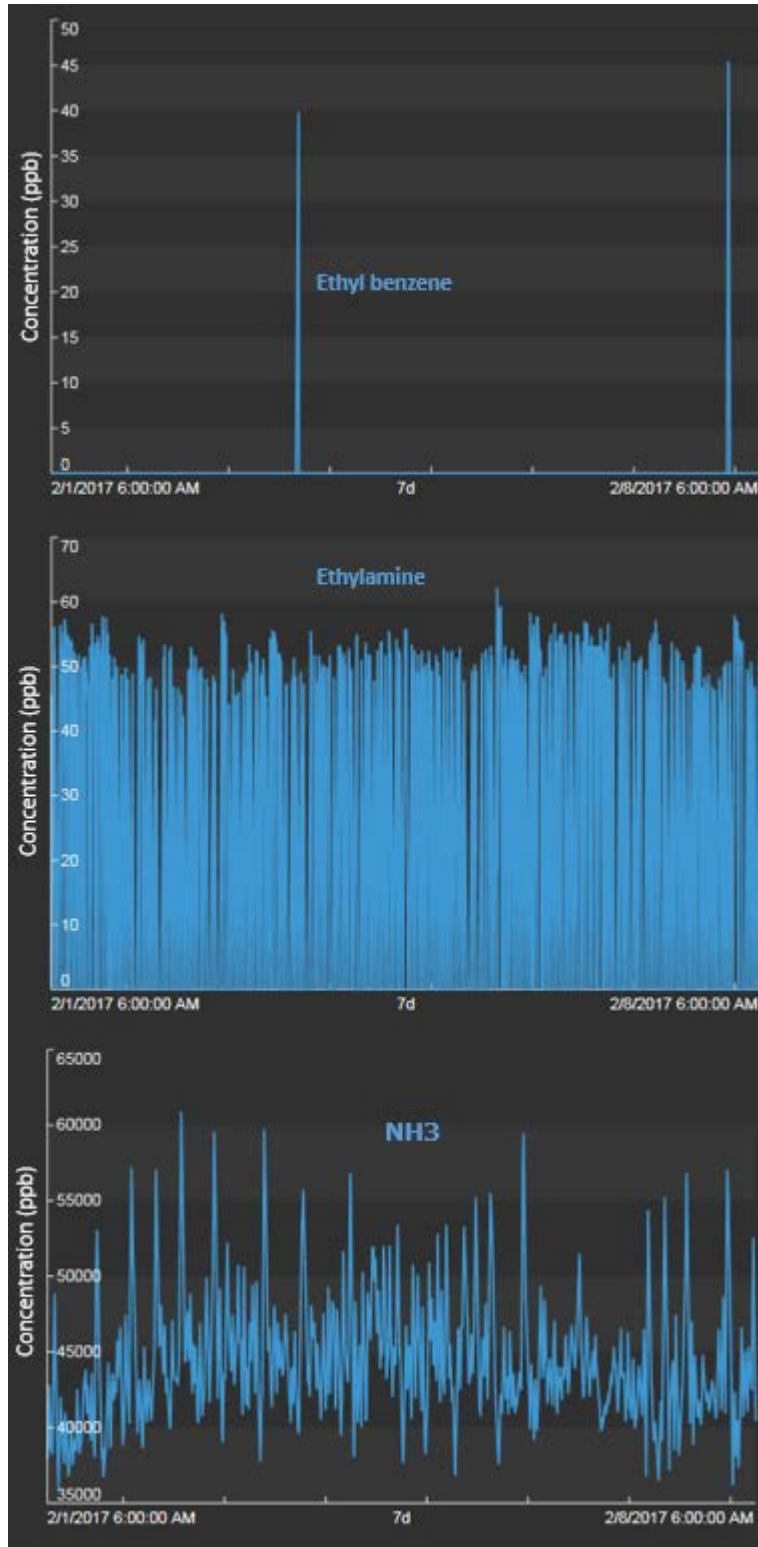
ND – Not detected

a – Data read from FTIR 507I is suspect

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Figure 1. UV-DOAS (507U) Data Review.  
(Note that concentration units are ppb)



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**Table 2. Stack Monitor Time Reporting.**

Instrument	% Time Reporting
507I	100% <sup>a</sup>
507U	100%

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a Data read from 507I is suspect  
Notes: % time reporting is based on data reported to OSI PI System<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> OSI PI System is a data visualization software package from [OSIsoft](http://www.osisoft.com).