WIND DATA REPORT

Thompson Island

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

All the work presented in this Wind Data Report including installation and decommissioning of the meteorological tower and instrumentation, and the data analysis and reporting was preformed by the Renewable Energy Research Laboratory (RERL) at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Wind monitoring equipment was first installed at Thompson Island in 1998. Due to planned construction by the Outward Bound School on the island, the monitoring tower was relocated in November 2001 from a central, inland site, to the current site, which is closer to the western shoreline, 4 m (13 ft) above sea level. Anemometers and wind direction vanes are installed at 25 and 40 m (82 and 131 ft) above the tower base. A temperature sensor and a solar sensor (pyronometer) are installed near the base.

This report describes the wind data collected at Thompson Island during the fall of 2004, September – November. On June 30, 2004, the data logger stopped collecting data, possibly due to a nearby lightening strike. In early November the logger and sensors were replaced and tower operation was restarted on November 10, 2004. Therefore, the only data summarized in this report are from November 10 to November 30.

With the tower out of commission for all of September and October and for the first 10 days of November, this report can not give summary statistics for any of those months or for the quarter as a whole. With more than 10% of the data missing for each month and for the quarter, any summary statistics would not be comparable to previous or future months or quarters.

For the quarter, the gross data recovery percentage (the actual percentage of expected data received) was 22.550% and the net data recovery percentage (the percentage of expected data which passed all of the quality assurance tests) was 22.002%. Both of these percentages are low due to the loss of data as described above. The difference between these two numbers is due to an icing event on November 13.

Additional information about interpreting the data presented in this report can be found in the Fact Sheet, "Interpreting Your Wind Resource Data", produced by RERL and the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC). This document is found through the RERL website:

www.ceere.org/rerl/about_wind/RERL_Fact_Sheet_6_Wind_resource_interpretation.pdf.

* 1 m/s = 2.25 mph.

SECTION 1 - Station Location

Thompson Island is located in Boston Harbor, approx 2 ½ miles south of Logan Airport. It is home to the Outward Bound School of Boston. The 40 m (131 ft) monitoring tower is located at 42^0-18'- 54.1" North, 071^0- 00'-44.7" West (see Figure 1). The location is near the western shore of the island, located on a small bluff, 4 m (13 ft) above sea level.

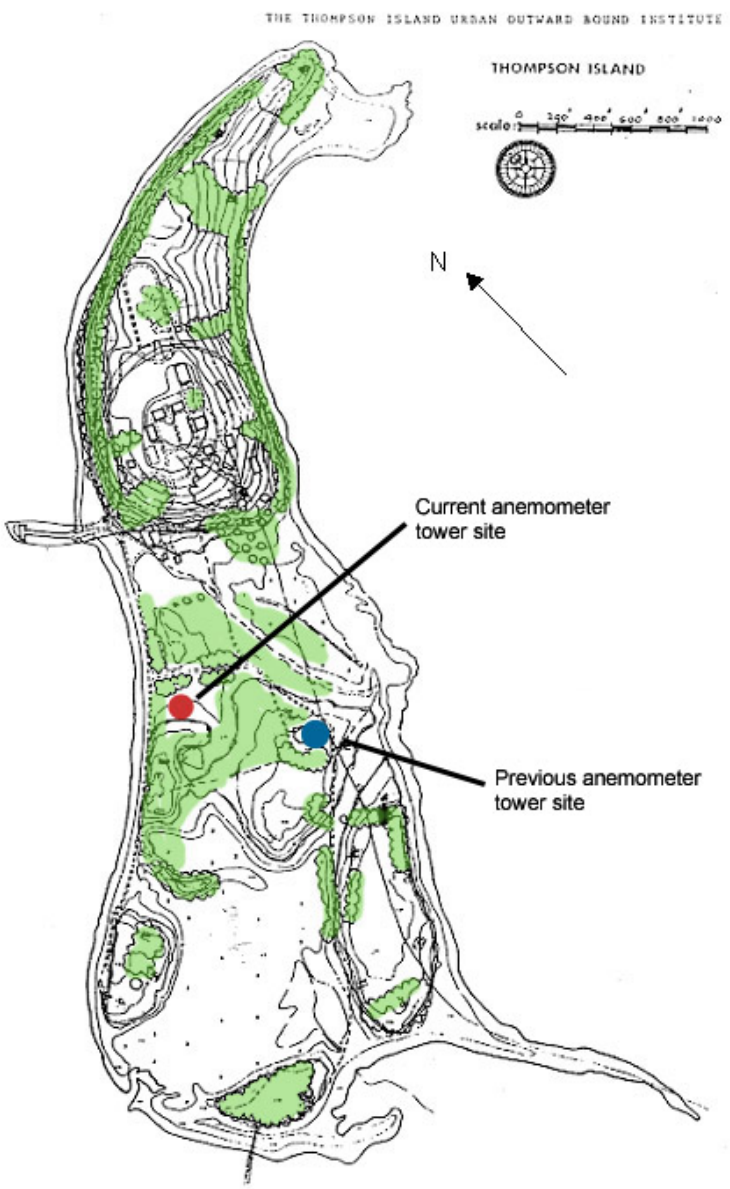

Figure 1 - Site location on Thompson Island

SECTION 2 - Instrumentation and Equipment

The 40 m (131 ft) monitoring tower and associated equipment are supplied by NRG systems, with the exceptions of custom made anemometer booms, temperature sensor, and the FAA-approved L-810 warning light. The wind speed and direction were measured at both 25 and 40 m (82 and 131 ft) height. The monitoring equipment (Figure 2) consists of the following items:

- Model 9300 Cellogger®, serial # 0568
- Electrical enclosure box with 5 watt PV panel
- Yagi directional antenna and mount
- NRG 40m tower, 4.5" diameter model
- 4 – #40 Anemometers, standard calibration (Slope 0.765, Offset 0.350)
- 2 - #200P Wind direction vanes (Slope 1.0, Offset 0.0)
- 1 – Li-Cor Solar sensor (Slope 70.9, Offset 0.0)
- 1- Custom temp sensor (Slope 0.1356, Offset -17.78)
- 2 – Sensor booms, 54" length at 25 m
- 2 - Sensor booms, 44" length at 40 m
- 2 – 'Z' masts, for vane mount
- Lightning rod and grounding cable
- Shielded sensor wire

Figure 2 - Monitoring Station/Data Equipment at Thompson Island

The NRG 9300 system logger is equipped with a built-in cell phone so that the data can be transmitted weekly to a PC, located at the University of Massachusetts/ Amherst. The logger samples wind speed and direction once every second. These are then combined into 10-minute averages, and along with the standard deviation for those 10-minute periods, are put into a binary file. These binary files are converted to ASCII text files using the NRG software BaseStation®. These text files are then imported into a database software program where they are subjected to quality assurance (QA) tests prior to using the data.

SECTION 3 - Data Collection and Maintenance

The following maintenance/equipment problems occurred during the report period, and the following corrective actions taken:

- The monitoring tower did not operate from June 30 until November 10, 2004. A suspected nearby lightning strike caused the data logger and sensors to malfunction. On November 10, the sensors and logger were replaced and the tower was put back into operation.

Data Statistics Summary

	Anemometer 40m			Anemometer 25m				Vane 40m	Vane 25m
Date	Mean [m/s]	Max [m/s]	Turb. Int. [ ]	Mean [m/s]	Max [m/s]	Turb. Int. [ ]	Shear [ ]	Prev. Dir	Prev. Dir
Sep 2004	- *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov 2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fall 2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* At least 10% of the data were missing for each month and for the quarter. Therefore, summary statistics have not been calculated.

No measurement of wind speed can be perfectly accurate. Errors occur due to anemometer manufacturing variability, anemometer calibration errors, the response of anemometers to turbulence and vertical air flow and due to air flows caused by the anemometer mounting system. Every effort is made to reduce the sources of these errors. Nevertheless, the values reported in this report have an expected uncertainty of about ± 2% or ± 0.2 m/s.

SECTION 4 - Significant Meteorological Events

Fall of 2004 experienced, on average, normal winds and precipitation, though September was a wetter than normal month. There are no major wind events shown in the wind speed time series.

During the fall of 2004 several hurricanes affected weather on the east coast of the US, though none of these storms produced abnormally strong winds in eastern Massachusetts. The winds of Hurricanes Karl and Jeanne did produce high surf along the Massachusetts coast, but the storm was too far from shore for their winds to be felt.

Source: http://www.erh.noaa.gov/box/MonthlyClimate2.shtml.

SECTION 5 - Data Recovery and Validation

All raw wind data are subjected to a series of tests and filters to weed out data that are faulty or corrupted. Definitions of these QA controls are given below under Test Definitions and Sensor Statistics. The gross percentage of data recovered (ratio of the number of raw data points received to data points expected) and net percentage (ratio of raw data points which passed all QA control tests to data points expected) are shown below. See Section 3 above for an explanation of the low percentages reported here.

Gross Data Recovered [%]	22.550
Net Data Recovered [%]	22.002

Test Definitions

All raw data were subjected to a series of validation tests, as described below. The sensors tested and the parameters specific to each sensor are given in the Sensor Performance Report which is included in APPENDIX A. Data which were flagged as invalid were not included in the statistics presented in this report.

MinMax Test: All sensors are expected to report data values within a range specified by the sensor and logger manufacturers. If a value falls outside this range, it is flagged as invalid. A data value from the sensor listed in Test Field 1 (TF1) is flagged if it is less than Factor 1 (F1) or greater than Factor 2. This test has been applied to the following sensors (as applicable): wind speed, wind speed standard deviation, wind direction, temperature, and solar insolation.

$$F1 > TF1 > F2$$

MinMaxT Test: This is a MinMax test for wind direction standard deviation with different ranges applied for high and low wind speeds. A wind direction standard deviation data value (TF1) is flagged either if it is less than Factor 1, if the wind speed

(TF2) is less than Factor 4 and the wind direction standard deviation is greater than Factor 2, or if the wind speed is greater than or equal to Factor 4 and the wind direction standard deviation is greater than Factor 3.

$$(TF1 < F1)$$
$$\text{or } (TF2 < F4 \text{ and } TF1 > F2)$$
$$\text{or } (TF2 \geq F4 \text{ and } TF1 > F3)$$

Icing Test: An icing event occurs when ice collects on a sensor and degrades its performance. Icing events are characterized by the simultaneous measurements of near-zero standard deviation of wind direction, non-zero wind speed, and near- or below-freezing temperatures. Wind speed, wind speed standard deviation, wind direction, and wind direction standard deviation data values are flagged if the wind speed (TF2) is less than or equal to Factor 1 (F1), the wind direction standard deviation (TF1) is greater than Factor 2 (F2), and the temperature (CF2) is less than Factor 3 (F3). To exit an icing event, the wind direction standard deviation must be greater than Factor 4 (F4).

$$CF1 \leq F1 \text{ and } TF1 > F2 \text{ and } CF2 < F3$$

CompareSensors Test: Where primary and redundant sensors are used, it is possible to determine when one of the sensors is not performing properly. For anemometers, poor performance is characterized by low data values. Therefore, if one sensor of the pair reports values significantly below the other, the low values are flagged. At low wind speeds (Test Fields 1 and 2 less than or equal to Factor 3) wind speed data are flagged if the absolute difference between the two wind speeds is greater than Factor 1. At high wind speeds (Test Fields 1 or 2 greater than Factor 3) wind speed data are flagged if the absolute value of the ratio of the two wind speeds is greater is greater than Factor 2.

$$[\ TF1 \leq F3 \text{ and } TF2 \leq F3 \text{ and } abs(TF1 - TF2) > F1\ ]$$
$$\text{or } [\ (TF1 > F3 \text{ or } TF2 > F3) \text{ and } (abs(1 - TF1 / TF2) > F2 \text{ or } abs(1 - TF2 / TF1) > F2)\ ]$$

Sensor Statistics

Expected Data Points: the total number of sample intervals between the start and end dates (inclusive).

Actual Data Points: the total number of data points recorded between the start and end dates.

% Data Recovered: the ratio of actual and expected data points (this is the *gross data recovered percentage*).

Hours Out of Range: total number of hours for which data were flagged according to MinMax and MinMaxT tests. These tests flag data which fall outside of an expected range.

Hours of Icing: total number of hours for which data were flagged according to Icing tests. This test uses the standard deviation of wind direction, air temperature, and wind speed to determine when sensor icing has occurred.

Hours of Fault: total number of hours for which data were flagged according to CompareSensors tests. These tests compare two sensors (e.g. primary and redundant anemometers installed at the same height) and flag data points where one sensor differs significantly from the other.

% Data Good: the filter results are subtracted from the gross data recovery percentage to yield the *net data recovered percentage*.

SECTION 6 - Data Summary

This report contains several types of wind data graphs. Unless otherwise noted, each graph represents data from September 2004. The following graphs are included:

- Time Series – 10-minute average wind speeds are plotted against time. Data before November 10 were missing because the tower was not of operating. The wind speed time series is shown in Figure 3.

- Wind Speed Distribution – There were not enough data for the quarter to calculate values for this plot. The wind speed distribution is shown in Figure 4.

- Monthly Average – A plot of the monthly average wind speed over the 12 month period ending November 2004. December 2003 - February 2004 and July - November 2004 are not shown because more than 10% of the data in each of those months was either missing or invalid. The monthly average plot is shown in Figure 5.

- Diurnal – There were not enough data for the quarter to calculate values for this plot. The diurnal wind speeds are shown in Figure 6.

- Turbulence Intensity – A plot of turbulence intensity as a function of wind speed. Turbulence Intensity is calculated as the standard deviation of the wind speed divided by the wind speed and is a measure of the gustiness of a wind resource. Lower turbulence results in lower mechanical loads on a wind turbine. In the graph, the turbulence intensity bottoms out around 5 m/s (11.3 mph), which is typical for this site. The turbulence intensity plot is shown in Figure 7.

- Wind Rose – There were not enough data for the quarter to calculate values for this plot. The wind rose is shown in Figure 8.

SECTION 7 - Graphs

Data for the wind speed histograms, monthly and diurnal average plots, and wind roses are included in APPENDIX B.

Wind Speed Time Series

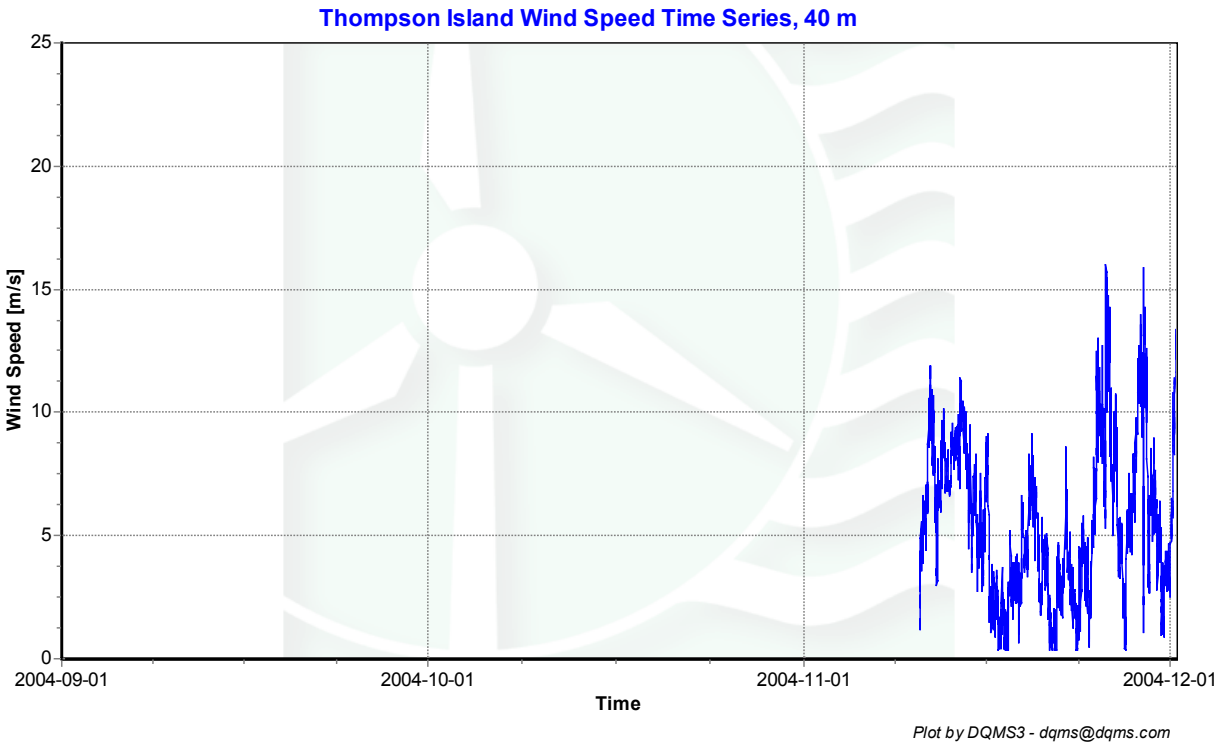

Figure 3 - Wind Speed Time Series, September 2004 – November 2004

Wind Speed Distribution

Data Not Available

Figure 4 - Wind Speed Distribution, September 2004 – November 2004

Monthly Average Wind Speeds

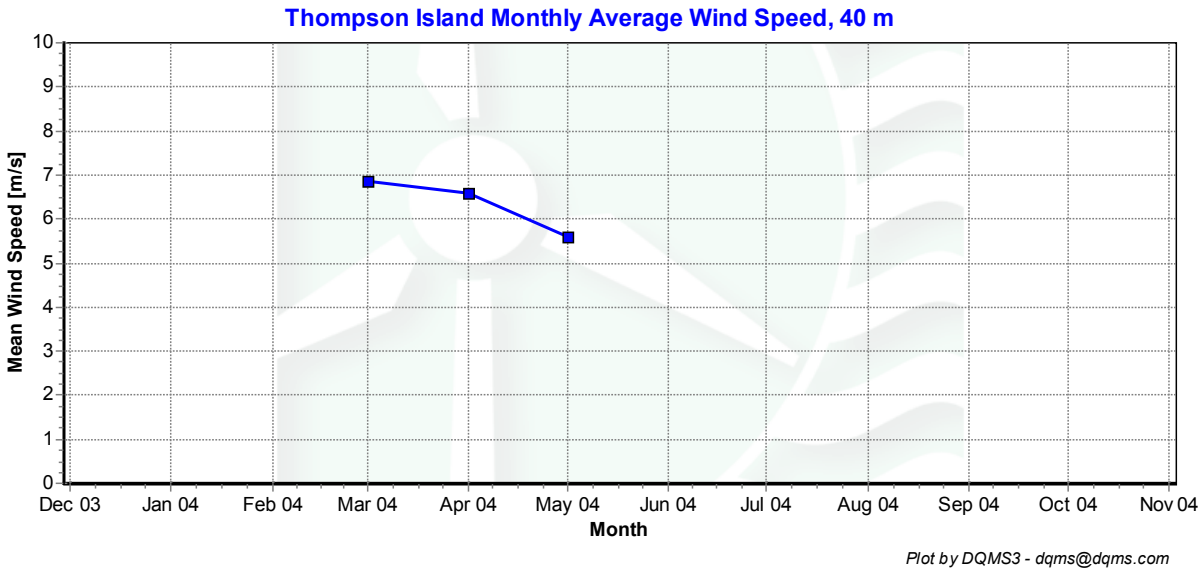

Figure 5 - Monthly average wind speed

Diurnal Average Wind Speeds

Data Not Available

Figure 6 - Diurnal Wind Speed, September 2004 – November 2004

Turbulence Intensities

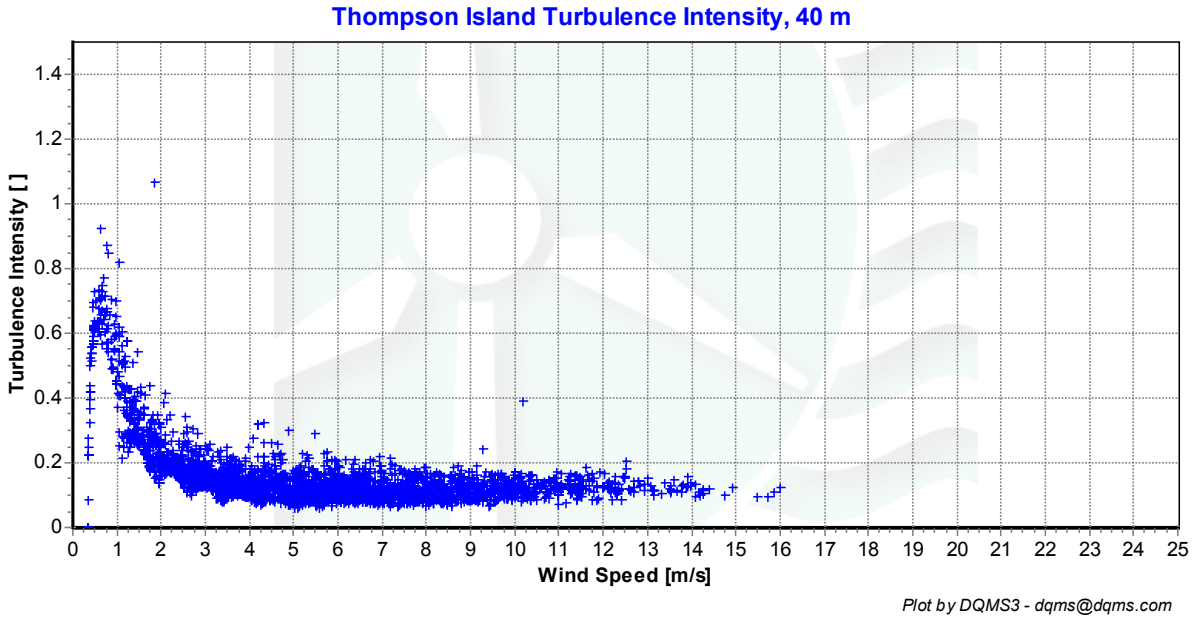

Figure 7 - Turbulence Intensity vs Wind Speed, November 10 – 30, 2004

Wind Roses

Data Not Available

Figure 8 - Wind Rose, September 2004 – November 2004

APPENDIX A - Sensor Performance Report

Test Definitions

Test Order	Test Field1	Test Field2	Test Field3	Calc Field1	Calc Field2	Calc Field3	TestType	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4
1							TimeTest Insert				
2	Itmp2aDEGC						MinMax	-30	60	0	0
3	Batt2aVDC						MinMax	10.5	15	0	0
4	Etmp3aDEGC						MinMax	-30	60		
5	EtmpSD3aDEGC						MinMax	-30	60		
10	Anem40aMS						MinMax	0	90	0	0
11	Anem40bMS						MinMax	0	90	0	0
12	Anem25aMS						MinMax	0	90		
13	Anem25bMS						MinMax	0	90		
14	Anem40yMS						MinMax	0	90		
15	Anem25yMS						MinMax	0	90		
20	AnemSD40aMS						MinMax	0	4	0	0
21	AnemSD40bMS						MinMax	0	4	0	0
22	AnemSD25aMS						MinMax	0	4		
23	AnemSD25bMS						MinMax	0	4		
24	AnemSD40yMS						MinMax	0	4		
25	AnemSD25yMS						MinMax	0	4		
30	Vane40aDEG						MinMax	0	359.9		
31	Vane25aDEG						MinMax	0	359.9		
40	Pyro3aWMS						MinMax	0	1500		
41	PyroSD3aWMS						MinMax	0	1500		
50	Turb40zNONE						MinMax	0	2		
51	Turb25zNONE						MinMax	0	2		
60	Wshr0zNONE						MinMax	-100	100		
200	VaneSD40aDEG	Anem40yMS					MinMaxT	0	100	100	10
201	VaneSD25aDEG	Anem25yMS					MinMaxT	0	100	100	10
300	Anem40aMS	AnemSD40aMS	Vane40aDEG	VaneSD40aDEG	Etmp3aDEGC		Icing	0.5	1	2	2
301	Anem40bMS	AnemSD40bMS	Vane40aDEG	VaneSD40aDEG	Etmp3aDEGC		Icing	0.5	1	2	2
302	Anem25aMS	AnemSD25aMS	Vane25aDEG	VaneSD25aDEG	Etmp3aDEGC		Icing	0.5	1	2	2
303	Anem25bMS	AnemSD25bMS	Vane25aDEG	VaneSD25aDEG	Etmp3aDEGC		Icing	0.5	1	2	2
400	Anem40aMS	Anem40bMS					CompareSensors	1	0.25	3	0
401	Anem25aMS	Anem25bMS					CompareSensors	1	0.25	3	0

Sensor Statistics

Sensor	Expected Data Points	Actual Data Points	% Data Recovered	Hours Out of Range	Hours of Icing	Hours of Fault	% Data Good
Itmp2aDEGC	13104	2955	22.55	0	0	0	22.55
Batt2aVDC	13104	2955	22.55	0	0	0	22.55
Anem40aMS	13104	2955	22.55	0	17.5	0	21.749
AnemSD40aMS	13104	2955	22.55	0	17.5	0	21.749
Anem40bMS	13104	2955	22.55	0	17.5	0	21.749
AnemSD40bMS	13104	2955	22.55	0	17.5	0	21.749
Anem25aMS	13104	2955	22.55	0.167	18.333	0	21.703
AnemSD25aMS	13104	2955	22.55	0.167	18.333	0	21.703
Anem25bMS	13104	2955	22.55	0.167	18.333	0	21.703
AnemSD25bMS	13104	2955	22.55	0.167	18.333	0	21.703
Vane25aDEG	13104	2955	22.55	0	18.333	0	21.711
VaneSD25aDEG	13104	2955	22.55	0	18.333	0	21.711
Vane40aDEG	13104	2955	22.55	0	17.5	0	21.749
VaneSD40aDEG	13104	2955	22.55	0	17.5	0	21.749
Etmp3aDEGC	13104	2955	22.55	0	0	0	22.55
EtmpSD3aDEGC	13104	2955	22.55	0	0	0	22.55
Pyro3aWMS	13104	2955	22.55	0	0	0	22.55
PyroSD3aWMS	13104	2955	22.55	0	0	0	22.55
Total	**235872**	**53190**	**22.55**	**0.667**	**215**	**0**	**22.002**

APPENDIX B - Plot Data

Wind Speed Distribution Data

Bin Center Wind Speed [m/s]	Percent of Time [%]
0.5	NA
1.5	NA
2.5	NA
3.5	NA
4.5	NA
5.5	NA
6.5	NA
7.5	NA
8.5	NA
9.5	NA
10.5	NA
11.5	NA
12.5	NA
13.5	NA
14.5	NA
15.5	NA
16.5	NA
17.5	NA
18.5	NA
19.5	NA
20.5	NA
21.5	NA
22.5	NA
23.5	NA
24.5	NA

Table 1 - Wind Speed Distribution

Monthly Average Wind Speed Data

Date	10 min Mean [m/s]
Dec 2003	-
Jan 2004	-
Feb	-
Mar	6.87
Apr	6.58
May	5.59
Jun	5.36
Jul	-
Aug	-
Sep	-
Oct	-
Nov	-

Table 2 - Wind Speed Averages

Note: Dashes (-) indicate months for which more than 10% of the data were missing or invalid. No statistics are reported for these months.

Diurnal Average Wind Speed Data

Hour of Day	Average Wind Speed [m/s]
0	NA
1	NA
2	NA
3	NA
4	NA
5	NA
6	NA
7	NA
8	NA
9	NA
10	NA
11	NA
12	NA
13	NA
14	NA
15	NA
16	NA
17	NA
18	NA
19	NA
20	NA
21	NA
22	NA
23	NA

Table 3 - Diurnal Average Wind Speeds

Wind Rose Data

Direction	Percent Time [%]	Mean Wind Speed [m/s]
N	NA	NA
NNE	NA	NA
NE	NA	NA
ENE	NA	NA
E	NA	NA
ESE	NA	NA
SE	NA	NA
SSE	NA	NA
S	NA	NA
SSW	NA	NA
SW	NA	NA
WSW	NA	NA
W	NA	NA
WNW	NA	NA
NW	NA	NA
NNW	NA	NA

Table 4 - Wind Rose, Time Percentage and Mean Wind Speed by Direction