

Evaluating Impacts of AERMET & AERMOD Options on Modeled Concentration

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Action Plan

- Generate new met data
 - Using the AERMET ver.12345
- Perform AERMOD ver.12345 runs
 - Using the new processed met sets.
- Compare Results
- Prepare Conclusion / Justification
- Finally Update AERMOD /AERMET guidance



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AERMET Datasets

- Met Set 1 - Base Case – Without 1-min data
- Met Set 2 - Base Case – Without 1-min data + ADJ_U*
- Met Set 3 - THRESH_1MIN 0.257 m/sec (0.5 Knots)
- Met Set 4 - THRESH_1MIN 0.5 m/sec (1.0 knots)
- Met Set 5 - THRESH_1MIN 0.99 m/sec (1.92 knots)
- Met Set 6 - THRESH_1MIN 0.257 m/sec (0.5 Knots) + ADJ_U*
- Met Set 7 - THRESH_1MIN 0.5 m/sec (1.0 knots) + ADJ_U*
- Met Set 8 - THRESH_1MIN 0.99 m/sec (1.92 knots) + ADJ_U*
- Met Set 9 - With 1-min data + NO THRESH + NO ADJ_U*
- Met Set 10 - With 1-min data + NO THRESH + ADJ_U*



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AERMOD Runs

- Case 1 – Regulatory Default Option Only
- Case 2 – ADJ_U
- Case 3 – ADJ_U* + LOW WIND1
- Case 4 – ADJ_U* + LOW WIND2

*1) VECTORWS keyword is not used as per MCB#8 all wind speeds derived from NWS or FAA airport data represent scalar mean wind speeds.



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Receptor Grid

- 25m spacing out to 100m
- 50m spacing out to 200m
- 100m spacing out to 400m
- 200m spacing out to 800m
- 400m spacing out to 1600m
- 800m spacing out to 3200m
- 1600m spacing out to 3200m
- To ~10km (13,736 receptors)



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Sources Modeled

- Eight Point Sources (Flare, IC Engine, Tall & Short Stacks)
- One Volume Source
- One Open Pit Source
- One Area Source
- One Area Circle Source
- One Area Polygon Source



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Modeled Time Periods

- 1-Hour
- 3-Hour
- 8-Hour
- 24-Hour
- Annual



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Sample Results

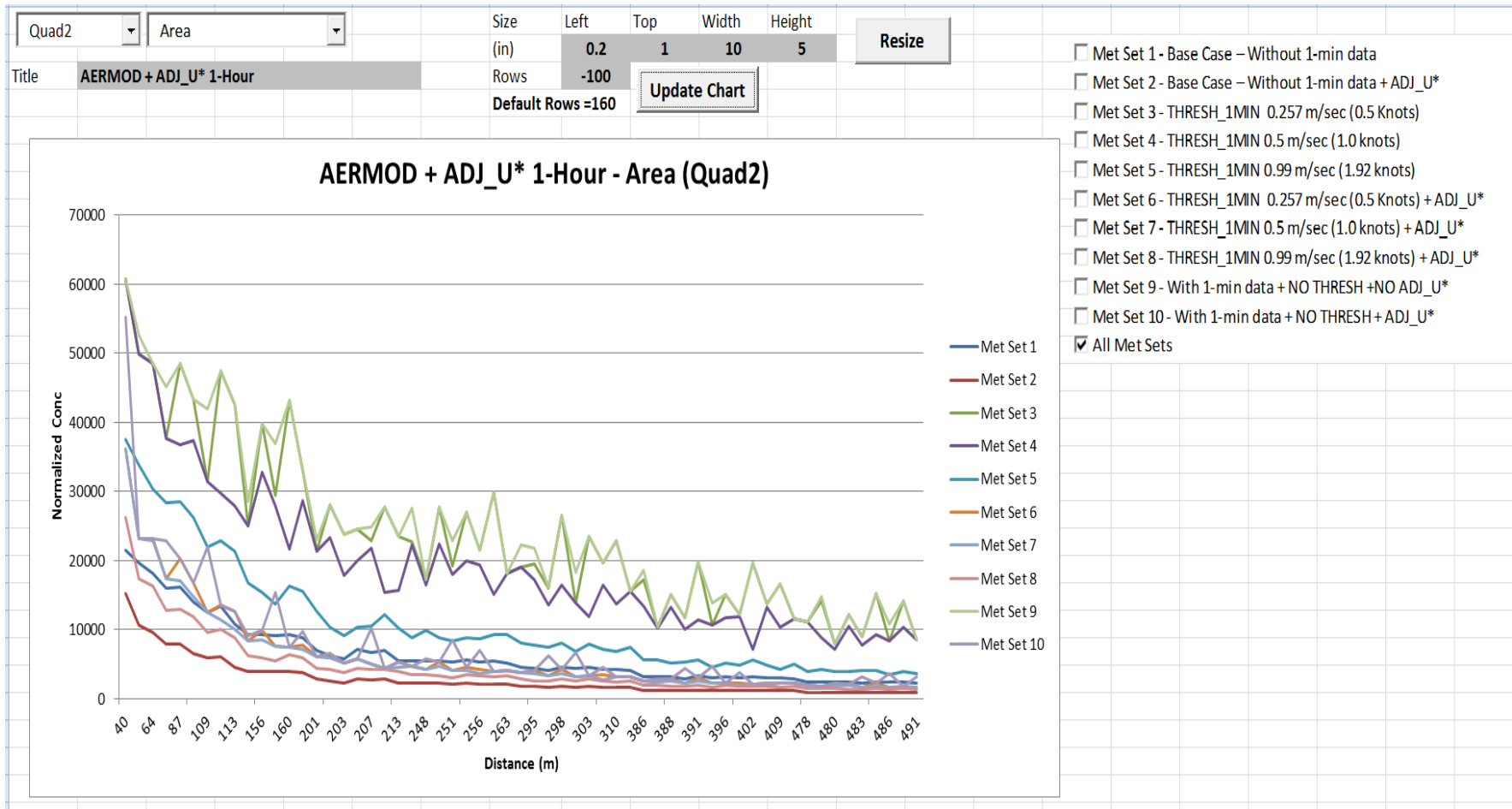
- Results Summarized
 - by Receptor & Quadrant
- Created an Excel Spreadsheet
 - Allows for Source Selection
 - Allows for Quad Selection
 - Allows for Met Dataset Selection
 - Allows for Distance Selection
 - Creates Chart Based on Options Selected



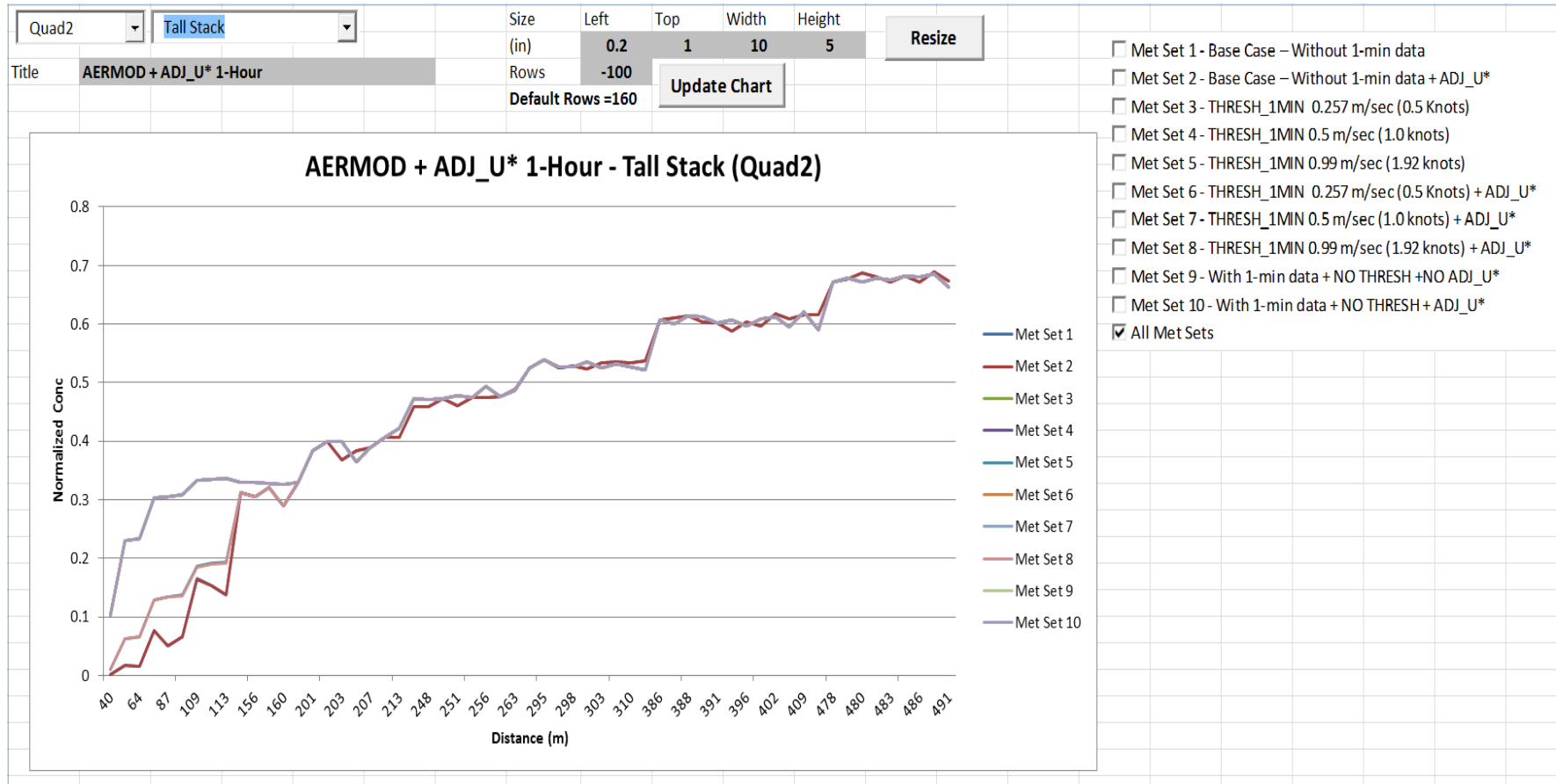
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Sample Results – Area Source



Sample Results – Point Source



Example Spreadsheet

- Files can be found on District FTP Site:
<ftp://12.219.204.27/public/Modeling/Draft/AERMET-AERMOD Test Runs/>



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