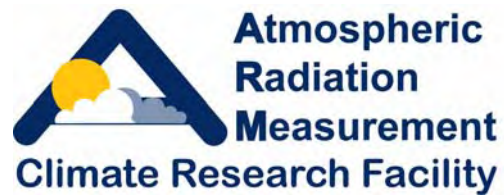


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1. Data Availability

Description. Individual raw data streams from instrumentation at the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Program Climate Research Facility (ACRF) fixed and mobile sites are collected and sent to the Data Management Facility (DMF) at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for processing in near real time. Raw and processed data are then sent daily to the ACRF Archive, where they are made available to users. For each instrument, we calculate the ratio of the actual number of data records received daily at the Archive to the expected number of data records. The results are tabulated by (1) individual data stream, site, and month for the current year and (2) site and fiscal year dating back to 1998.

The United States Department of Energy requires national user facilities to report time-based operating data. The requirements concern the actual hours of operation (ACTUAL); the estimated maximum operation or uptime goal (OPSMAX), which accounts for planned downtime; and the VARIANCE [$1 - (\text{ACTUAL}/\text{OPSMAX})$], which accounts for unplanned downtime. The OPSMAX time for the third quarter for the Southern Great Plains (SGP) site is 2,074.8 hours ($0.95 \times 2,184$ hours this quarter). The annual OPSMAX for the North Slope Alaska (NSA) site is 1,965.6 hours ($0.90 \times 2,184$), and that for the Tropical Western Pacific (TWP) site is 1,856.4 hours ($0.85 \times 2,184$). The OPSMAX time for the ARM Mobile Facility (AMF) is 2,074.8 ($0.95 \times 2,184$). The differences in OPSMAX performance reflect the complexity of local logistics and the frequency of extreme weather events. It is impractical to measure OPSMAX for each instrument or data stream. Data availability reported here refers to the average of the individual, continuous data streams that have been received by the ACRF Archive. Data not at the Archive are caused by downtime (scheduled or unplanned) of the individual instruments. Therefore, data availability is directly related to individual instrument uptime. Thus, the average percent of data in the Archive represents the average percent of the time (24 hours per day, 91 days for this quarter) the instruments were operating this quarter.

Summary. Table 1 shows the accumulated maximum operation time (planned uptime), the actual hours of operation, and the variance (unplanned downtime) for the period April 1 through June 30, 2005, for the fixed sites and the ARM Mobile Facility. The third quarter comprises a total of 2,184 hours. For all fixed sites, the actual data availability (and therefore actual hours of operation) exceeded the operational goal for the third quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2005. For the mobile facility, the actual data availability was below the operational goal but within acceptable variance, due to a failed instrument computer hard drive. The ensemble average of actual data availability for the fixed and mobile sites exceeded the ensemble operational goal for this period.

Table 1. Operational Statistics for the Fixed ACRF Sites for the Period April 1 – June 30, 2005.

Site	Hours Of Operation			Data Availability	
	Opsmax	Actual	Variance	Goal	Actual
NSA	1,965.60	2,009.28	-0.022	0.90	0.92
SGP	2,074.80	2,118.48	-0.021	0.95	0.97
TWP	1,856.40	1,892.88	-0.020	0.85	0.87
AMF	2,074.80	1987.44	+0.042	0.95	0.91
Site Average	1,992.90	2,002.07	-0.005	0.91	0.92

2. Site Visit Requests, Archive Accounts, and Research Computer Accounts

Description. The Site Access Request System is a web-based database used to track visitors to the fixed sites, all of which have facilities that can be visited. The NSA site has the Barrow and Atqasuk facilities. The SGP site has 1 central facility, 23 extended facilities, 4 boundary facilities, and 3 intermediate facilities. The TWP site has the Manus, Nauru, and Darwin facilities. The AMF currently represents 1 facility. In addition, users who require data more timely than that provided by the ACRF Archive can request an account on the local site data system. The 8 research computers are located at the Barrow and Atqasuk facilities; the SGP central facility; the TWP Manus, Nauru, and Darwin facilities; the DMF at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; and the AMF is currently in Point Reyes, California. This report provides the cumulative numbers of visitors and user accounts by site for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005.

The United States Department of Energy requires national user facilities to report facility use by total visitor days—broken down by institution type, gender, race, citizenship, visitor role, visit purpose, and facility—for actual visitors and for active user research computer accounts. During this reporting period, the ACRF Archive did not collect data on user characteristics in this way. Work is under way to collect and report these data.

Research computer accounts are counted in the same manner as for the ACRF Archive accounts: an individual is counted as only one unique user per site, even though he or she opens and closes an account several times to obtain different data at one or more sites. However, site visitors are counted each time they visit, because many visitors participate in multiple, unrelated experiments or events.

Also, users that visit sites can also connect their computer or instrument to an ACRF network, which requires an on-site device account. Remote (off-site) users can also have remote access to any ACRF instrument or computer system at any ACRF site, which requires an off-site device account. These accounts are also tracked.

All user accounts are established for period of up to one year and must be renewed annually. To report users, we counted the number of active users for the previous 12 months during the last month of the quarterly reporting period.

Summary. Table 2 shows the summary of cumulative users for the period July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005. For the third quarter of FY 2005, the SGP site had a large increase of the number of visitors before and during the ARM Atmospheric Compensation intensive operational period (IOP) in June. As expected, there was also a large increase in the numbers of users of the ARM Mobile Facility during its deployment at Point Reyes, California.

Table 2. Summary of ACRF User Site Visits, Archive Accounts, and Research Computer Accounts for the Period July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005.

Site	Visitors	Visitor Days	On-Site Device Accounts	Off-Site Device Accounts	Research Accounts	Archive Accounts	Total Users
NSA	152	1,270	26	24	29	180	411
SGP	182	1,398	18	25	33	477	735
TWP	106	394	4	13	20	152	295
AMF	72	502	6	16	8	13	115
DMF					26		26
Total	512	3,564	54	78	116	822	1,582

3. Safety

For reporting purposes, the three ACRF Sites and ARM Mobile Facility operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 52 weeks per year. Time is reported in days instead of hours. If any lost work time is incurred by any employee, it is counted as a workday loss. Consecutive days since the last recordable or reportable injury or by damage to property, equipment, or vehicle are provided in Table 3 for the period April 1 – June 30, 2005. There were no lost days for the third quarter of FY 2005.

Table 3. Consecutive Days of Injury-Free Operation, * April 1– June 30, 2005.

ES&H Category	NSA	SGP	TWP	AMF
Days Worked without a Lost Time Incident	91	91	91	91
Days Worked without a Recordable Accident (Doctor Case)	91	91	91	91
Days Worked without a Recordable Incident (Property-Equipment Damage/Loss)	91	91	91	91
Days Worked without a Reportable Loss to Vehicles	91	91	91	91
*“Injury-free” is defined as days without a recordable lost time incident or property damage incident.				