AIR DISPERSION MODELING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 5000 MTPD CEMENT MANUFACTURING FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT BODLES, ST. CATHERINE, JAMAICA

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An air dispersion modeling exercise involving the AERMOD air dispersion model was conducted to predict the impact of the emissions on ambient air quality from the proposed cement manufacturing facility to be located in the Bodles area in the parish of St. Catherine, Jamaica. Other nearby sources including the Jamaica Public Service Company (JPS) Old Harbour Bay Power Plant, the Jamaica Energy Partners (JEP) Dr. Bird Power Barges, the Best Dressed Chicken Feed Mill facility, and the Jamaica Broilers Ethanol facility were also included in the modeling analysis in order to capture the cumulative air quality impact at the identified receptor locations.

The assessment identified the sources of air pollution at the proposed cement manufacturing facility, as well as those at JPS Old Harbour Bay, Dr. Bird Power Barges, Best Dressed Feed Mill and JB Ethanol facility. The contribution of mobile source emissions both on and off the facility was not considered in the modeling project, and moreover the emissions from these vehicles were considered as part of the background concentration value for particulates and nitrogen oxides.

The emission rates for particulate matter less than ten microns (PM_{10}) , sulphur dioxide (SO_2) , nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO) from the proposed cement manufacturing facility were calculated based on the design pollutant rate and the volumetric flow rate associated with the vent from the respective fabric filter. The design pollutant rates were based on the World Bank standards for new cement manufacturing facilities, as well as new coal fired power plants. It should be noted that 400 mg/Nm³ NO_x was used as the design pollutant rate for the cement kiln, while 80 mg/Nm³ NO_x was used for the coal-fired power plant. For SO_2 , 200 mg/Nm³ design emission rate was used for the cement kiln, while 740 mg/Nm^3 was used for the coal-fired power plant. The PM design pollutant rate was less than $30 \text{ mg}/\text{Nm}^3$ for both the cement and coal-fired plants.

Emission rates for the other sources identified were obtained from the air dispersion modeling report as part of the application for an air pollutant discharge licence for the Jamaica Broilers Ethanol facility in Port Esquivel, St. Catherine. The air pollutant discharge licence documents were also reviewed to ensure the maximum emission rates.

Building and terrain effects were included as part of the modeling analysis, and the meteorological data set was defined using wind speed and direction from a weather station that was located just south of the proposed cement plant property boundary, and the use of other surface data (temperature, pressure, rainfall and relative humidity, solar radiation, cloud height and cover) from the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA). The 2006 surface data was preprocessed, along with the 2006 upper air data that was obtained from the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) to generate the meteorological input files required by the AERMOD air dispersion model.

The receptor grid system was then determined using a multi-tier grid system that included a 100-meter grid within 3 km from the centre of the proposed cement plant property boundary, a 500-meter grid spacing between 3 and 10 km from the property boundary centre, a two tier fence-line grid including a 25-meter grid spacing located at 100 m and a 50-meter grid spacing located at 200 m from the centre of the proposed plant boundary. Special receptors inclusive of schools, health centres, churches, police stations, post offices and a court house, were included as part of receptor network.

With all the input files established, the air dispersion model was executed. The model was run using the rural option based on the Auer (1978) Land Use categories, and the Ozone Limiting Method (OLM) was applied for conversion of NO_x to NO_2 with a NO_2/NO_x ratio of 0.75, as recommended by Davis (2006). An ozone concentration of 107 ug/m³, which is the maximum ozone concentration obtained at a site in Lauderwood, Clarendon for the year 2007, was applied to the OLM .

Table 1-1 shows the results of the model runs for the proposed cement manufacturing facility, and their comparisons with the Significant Impact concentrations and the ambient air quality standards. The Significant Impact concentrations are the incremental concentrations that should not be exceeded by any proposed facility. The other model targets are the predicted maximum concentrations plus the background concentrations in order to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and/or Guideline concentration.

It was determined that the predicted maximum concentrations as a result of the implementation of the proposed cement manufacturing facility (including the quarry footprint) would not exceed the concentrations that would have caused a significant air quality impact. Additionally, the proposed cement manufacturing facility also achieved compliance with the various ambient air quality standards for all applicable averaging periods.

Pollutant	Avg. Period	Background $(\mu g/m^3)$	Significant Impact Concentration $(\mu g/m^3)$	Jamaican NAAQS $(\mu g/m^3)$	Proposed Cement Plant Sources		
					Max Conc $(\mu g/m^3)$	UTME (m)	UTMN (m)
PM_{10}	$24-hr$	9	80	150	59	274385.27	1982412.37
	Annual	20	20	60	16	272744	1983247
NO ₂	$1-hr$	Ω	N/A	400	369	272744	1991647
	$24-hr$	θ	80	N/A	24.4	272744	1989147
	Annual	θ	20	100	4.2	273444	1983447
SO ₂	$1-hr$	Ω	N/A	700	424	272744	1989147
	$24-hr$	θ	80	280	28	272244	1990647
	Annual	θ	20	60	5	273344	1983147
CO	$1-hr$	Ω	2000	40000	3.44	272744	1991647
	$8-hr$		500	10000	0.67	272244	1990647

Table 1-1 Summary of Model Results for the Proposed Cement Facility

Additionally, it was determined that the contribution of the proposed cement manufacturing facility to the overall air quality impact in the local air shed was negligible (see Table 1-2). This was assessed based on the superior suite of air pollution control technology (fifty sets of fabric filters and a desulphurization unit) to be employed by the proposed facility, and the consequent reduced emission rates.

Facilities	Concentrations, $\mu g/m^3$							
	$PM_{10} - 24h$	$NO2 - 1h$	$NO2 - 24h$		$SO_2 - 1h$ $ SO_2 - 24h CO - 1h CO - 8h$			
Cemcorp	17.996		0.245	0.01	0.3	0.0002	0.006	
JPS	1.3	Ω	0.028	6911.63	567.2	2128.4	0.052	
JEP	0.4	0.0004	0.093	1056.36	84.5	107.5	0.003	
Feed Mill	162.3	2904.74	679.157	Ω	0.0003	Ω	470.066	
JB Ethanol	0.004	0.0236	0.02	$\overline{0}$	0.0007	Ω	0.006	
Totals	182	2905	680	7968	652	2236	470	

Table 1-2: Source Contributions to Peak Modeled Short-Term Concentrations

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cement Jamaica Limited proposes to construct and operate a cement manufacturing facility at Bodles, St. Catherine in the vicinity of the Best Dressed Chicken Feed Mill. As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment that is being conducted for the proposed facility, an air dispersion modelling analysis is being undertaken to determine the impact of the air pollutants from the proposed facility on the ambient air quality. A determination will also be made whether a significant air quality impact will be created based on the incremental contribution of the proposed facility to the cumulative air quality impact. According to the Natural Resources Conservation Authority (Air Quality) Regulations, 2006, a "significant air quality impact", means:

- (a) the increment in the predicted average concentration of sulphur dioxide $(SO₂)$, total suspended particulates (TSP), particulate matter less than ten microns (PM_{10}) or nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is greater than an annual average of 21 μ g/m³ or a 24-hour average concentration of 80 μ g/m³; or
- (b) the increment in the predicted average concentration of CO is greater than 500 μ g/m³ as a 8-hour average or $2000 \mu g/m^3$ as a 1-hour average

Additionally, the cumulative air quality impact of all sources within the project area (including the proposed cement manufacturing facility) will be determined.

This report describes the air dispersion modeling analysis for SO_2 , PM_{10} , NO_2 and CO from the proposed facility only and the consequent comparison with the Jamaican National Ambient Air Quality Standards, as well as a determination whether the proposed facility's air emissions will create a significant air quality impact. The cumulative air quality impact analysis will also be included.

2.0 PROCESS DESCRIPTION & AIR POLLUTANT SOURCES

The proposed cement manufacturing facility will be located in the Bodles/Free Town area of St. Catherine, Jamaica (see Figure 1), in the vicinity of existing power plants, a feed mill and an ethanol dehydration facility. The proposed facility comprises the cement manufacturing facility and the limestone quarry footprint. The facility will be served by a power house that will provide process steam as well as electricity for its own use and for possible sale to the public grid.

2.1 UNIT OPERATIONS

The cement production process commences with the acquisition of raw materials, with the main one, crushed limestone being transported from a nearby quarry via an overhead long conveyor belt. Once the raw materials are transported to the plant site, they are proportioned and blended to produce the raw meal for the pyro-processing in the kiln. Materials transport associated with dry raw milling systems can be accomplished by a variety of mechanisms, including screw conveyors, belt conveyors, drag conveyors, bucket elevators, air slide conveyors, and pneumatic conveying systems. The dry raw mix is pneumatically blended and stored in specially constructed silos until it is fed to the pyro-processing system.

The pyro-processing system being employed at Cement Jamaica Limited is a dry one that incorporates a pre-calciner/pre-heater at the back end of the rotary kiln. The raw material mix enters the kiln at the elevated end, with the combustion fuel to be introduced into the lower end of the kiln in a counter-current manner. The materials are continuously and slowly moved to the lower end of the kiln by rotation. As they move down the kiln, the raw materials are changed to cementitious or hydraulic minerals as a result of the increasing temperature within the kiln. Coal would be the fuel of choice for the cement manufacturing facility and this will go through its usual preparation stages prior to its use.

The pre-calciner/pre-heater vessels are arranged vertically, in series, and are supported by a structure known as the preheater tower. Hot exhaust gases from the rotary kiln pass countercurrently through the downward-moving raw materials in the preheater vessels. This precalciner/pre-heater system contributes to production efficiencies, as well as assisting with the increased efficiency in the collection of particulates in the main fabric filter.

The final step in cement manufacturing involves a sequence of blending and grinding operations that transforms clinker to cement. Gypsum is added to the clinker during the grinding process to control the cement setting time, and other specialty chemicals are added as needed to impart specific product properties. This finish milling will be accomplished in a closed circuit system, with product sizing by air separation. The finished product will then be stored and sent for packing in various dimensions and weights.

The entire cement manufacturing facility will be served by a dedicated power house that will generate process steam and electricity for plant usage, and possible sale of electricity to the generating grid. The power house will boast three 15 MW generating sets, that combust coal, with another 9 MW waste heat recovery power generating unit.

2.2 POTENTIAL AIR EMISSIONS

The primary air pollutant to ambient air quality from the proposed cement manufacturing facility will be particulates. Secondary air pollutants will include NOx , $SO₂$ and CO .

2.2.1 Particulate Pollution and Countermeasures

It is expected that particulate emissions will contribute the most to air pollution from the cement plant. The total uncontrolled particulate emissions from the entire facility is estimated to be 78kg/h, with the highest emission point being the 90m high pre-heater stack that will emit 27kg/h or 35% of the total expected particulate emissions from the entire plant. Consequently a major effort in reducing air pollution loads from the proposed cement manufacturing plant will be focussed on particulates.

In order to effectively control particulates at each dust emission point, specialized equipment will be incorporated in the design of the plant. The generation of particulates during material transfer points will be minimized, and exhaust streams containing dusts will be purified by highly efficient filters, while the dust collected by the filters will be recycled into the relevant unit operation. The entire facility will utilize fifty sets of high-efficient fabric filters. All particulate gas streams after treatment will be reduced to less than 30 mg/m³ dust concentration.

2.2.2 Gaseous Pollutants and Countermeasures

The main gaseous pollutants to be emitted from the facility will include $SO₂$, NOx, and CO.

2.2.2.1 SO2 Countermeasures

 $SO₂$ will be emitted mainly from the burning of coal containing sulphur in rotary kiln, as well as the sulphur brought in with the raw meal while calcining clinker. The inclusion of the precalciner in the design of the plant will serve to enable the sufficient contact between materials and gases in order to better the sulphur absorption process and reduce $SO₂$ emission. This method has the potential to absorb more than 99% of sulphur compounds, and will result in a SO₂ emission rate less than 200 mg/m³.

The $SO₂$ emissions from the coal fired generating units will be controlled by a desulphurization unit that will reduce the emissions to below 740 mg/m^3 .

2.2.2.2 NOX Countermeasures

NOx will be mainly generated during the high-temperature calcination of materials in the rotary kiln, and the amount being formed depends greatly on the combustion temperature. The higher the burning temperature and the more intense the oxygen concentration, the longer the reaction time would be and thereby generating more NOx emissions. Therefore, a specific strategy to reduce NOx emissions would be to utilize the calining technology, which transfer approximately 60% of coal into the pre-calciner that has a lower temperature. This technology, along with the possible inclusion of other treatment will reduce the NOx emissions from the cement process to less than 400 mg/m³.

NOx emissions from the coal fired steam turbines will be controlled to less than 80 mg/m³.

2.2.2.3 CO Countermeasures

CO emissions will be controlled from the entire facility based on the combustion design efficiencies to be achieved at the plant. The entire plant will be designed to achieve a maximum CO emission rate of 2.9 mg/m³ from both the power generating sets and the cement plant.

3.0 AIR DISPERSION MODELING METHODOLOGY

3.1 MODELING APPROACH

The assessment methodology for the air dispersion modeling exercise follows the guidance specified in the Natural Resources Conservation Authority (NRCA) Ambient Air Quality Guideline Document of 2006.

The detailed model recommended in the Ambient Air Quality Guideline Document is AERMOD. The model of selection was the commercially available AERMOD View dispersion model, developed by Lakes Environmental. This model is used extensively to assess pollution concentration and deposition from a wide variety of sources. AERMOD View is a true, native Microsoft Windows application and runs in Windows applications. The **A**MS/**E**PA **R**egulatory **Mod**el (AERMOD) was specially designed to support the EPA's regulatory modeling programs. AERMOD is a regulatory steady-state plume modeling system with three separate components: AERMOD (AERMIC Dispersion Model), AERMAP (AERMOD Terrain Preprocessor), and AERMET (AERMOD Meteorological Preprocessor). The AERMOD model includes a wide range of options for modeling air quality impacts of pollution sources, making it a popular choice among the modeling community for a variety of applications. Some of the modeling capabilities of AERMOD include the following:

- The model may be used to analyze primary pollutants and continuous releases of toxic and hazardous waste pollutants.
- Source emission rates can be treated as constant or may be varied by month, season, hour-of-day, or other optional periods of variation. These variable emission rate factors may be specified for a single source or for a group of sources. For this project all emission rates were treated as constant.
- The model can account for the effects of aerodynamic downwash due to buildings that are nearby point source emissions.
- Receptor locations can be specified as gridded and/or discrete receptors in a Cartesian or polar coordinate system.
- For applications involving elevated terrain, the U.S. EPA AERMAP terrain preprocessing program is incorporated into the model to generate hill height scales as well as terrain elevations for all receptor locations.
- The model contains algorithms for modeling the effects of settling and removal (through dry and wet deposition) of large particulates and for modeling the effects of precipitation scavenging for gases or particulates.
- AERMOD requires two types of meteorological data files, a file containing surface scalar parameters and a file containing vertical profiles. These two files are provided by the U.S. EPA AERMET meteorological preprocessor programme.

3.2 MODEL INPUTS

3.2.1 Source Emissions

A critical step for conducting air dispersion modeling is to quantify the emissions from the various sources at the facility. The emission rates from the sources identified were estimated in accordance with the recommendation outlined in the Ambient Air Quality Guideline Document. According to Davis & Associates (2006), emission rates should be estimated in the following order of preference:

- Continuous emissions monitoring data
- Stack Emission Testing data
- Manufacturer's emission data
- Mass balance calculations
- Emission factors
- Engineering calculations

Table 3-1 shows the source information data determined for the proposed cement manufacturing facility, while Table 3-2 displays the emission rates that were calculated based on the use of manufacturer's emission specifications.

Source information data for the Best Dressed Feed Mill, JB Ethanol dehydration facility and power plants operated by Jamaica Public Service Company and Jamaica Energy Partners are identified in Table 3-3, while Table 3-4 include the corresponding emission rates. These emission rates were based on the maximum emission rates as stipulated in the air pollutant discharge licences for the respective facility.

The locations of the sources at the proposed cement manufacturing facility were obtained from plant drawings and are identified in Figure 3-1.

Table 3-1: Source Information Data for Proposed Cement Plant

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a Release height increased by 2m above original design value **b** Release height increased by 5m above original design value

Table 3-2: Emission Rates for Proposed Cement Plant

a NOx design specification for cement kiln adjusted from 800 mg/Nm³ to 400 mg/Nm³ in order to achieve compliance with NEPA's NOx 1-h Ambient Guideline Concentration

Table 3-3: Source Information Data for Nearby Existing Facilities

Table 3-4: Emission Rates for Nearby Existing Facilities

3.2.1.1 Comparison of Proposed Emission Rates with Emission Standards

Table 3-5 highlights the emission standards to be applied to the proposed cement manufacturing facility. These standards are based on the NRCA (Air Quality) Regulations, 2006.

Since the entire proposed cement manufacturing facility will be designed to accomplish a PM emission standard of 30 mg/m³, it's therefore concluded that compliance would be achieved. Also, the same 30 mg/m³ PM emissions will be applied to the coal fired power generating facility, and with a fuel (coal) heat input of 27.95 MJ/kg and a coal usage of 6.55 kg/s, a PM emission rate of 8.15 ng/J input is obtained, which complies with the stipulated standard.

Table 3-5: Emission Rate Comparison with Standards

Also, the coal fired power generating facility will be designed to achieve a maximum emission rate of 740 mg/m³ SO_2 and 80 mg/m³ NOx. When these values are applied to a fuel (coal) heat input of 27.95 MJ/kg and a coal usage of 6.55 kg/s, emission rates of 267.2 and 28.9 ng/J are respectively determined and are in compliance with the designated emission standard.

3.2.1.2 Building Downwash Effects

Buildings located close to point sources (see Figure 3-2) may significantly affect the dispersion of the pollutants from the source. If the point source is low, the air pollutants released may be trapped in the wake zone of nearby obstructions (structures or terrain features) and may be brought down to ground level in the immediate vicinity of the release point (down-wash). It is therefore necessary to determine if such effects are present for each point source.

The "Good Engineering Practice" (GEP) height is defined as the height necessary to ensure that point source emissions do not result in excessive pollutant concentrations in the immediate vicinity of the source. These excessive concentrations may be the result of atmospheric downwash, eddies, or wakes that may be created by the source itself, nearby structures, or nearby terrain obstacles. If a point source is below the GEP height, then the plume entrainment must be taken into account by modifying certain dispersion parameters used in the dispersion model. However, if the point source height meets GEP, then entrainment within the wake of nearby obstructions is unlikely and need not be considered in the modeling.

The GEP height formula is: $Hg = H + 1.5 * L$ where Hg is the GEP height measured from ground level elevation at the base of the point source, H is the height of nearby structure(s) measured from the ground level elevation at the base of the point source, and L is the lesser dimension, height or projected width, of the nearby structure(s).

A building or structure is considered sufficiently close to a point source to cause wake effects when the minimum distance between the point source and the building is less than or equal to five times the lesser of the height or projected width of the building (5L). This distance is commonly referred to as the building's "region of influence." If the source is located near to more than one building, each building and point source configuration would have to be assessed separately. If a building's projected width is used to determine 5L, then the apparent width of the building must be determined. The apparent width is the width as seen from the source looking toward either the wind direction or the direction of interest. For example, for

Figure 3-2: Proposed Facility Point Sources and Main Buildings

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short-term modeling, the AERMOD model requires the apparent building widths (and also heights) for every 10 degrees of azimuth around each source. The AERMOD model also contains algorithms for determining the impact of downwash on ambient concentration and was used for determining predicted maximum estimates.

There are a number of buildings nearby the point sources that were identified in the modeling project and these are sufficiently close to cause wake effects for the plumes. The dimensions of the various buildings (and process vessels) as well as the parameters for the various point sources were inputted into the Building Profile Input Program (BPIP) to generate the necessary building heights and widths.

The USEPA BPIP was designed to incorporate the concepts and procedures expressed in the GEP technical support document (EPA, 1985), the Building Downwash guidance (Tikvart 1988, Tikvart 1989, and Lee 1993), and other related documents into a program that correctly calculates building heights (BHs) and projected building widths (PBWs). The BPIP model is divided into two parts.

Part one (based on the GEP technical support document) is designed to determine whether or not a stack is subject to wake effects from a structure or structures. Values are calculated for GEP stack height and GEP-related BHs and PBWs. Indication is given to which stacks are being affected by which structure wake effect. Part two calculates building downwash BHs and PBWs values based on references Tikvart, 1988, Tikvart 1989, and Lee 1993, which can be different from those calculated in part one. Part two only performs the calculations if structure wake effects are influencing a particular stack.

Table 3-6 shows the calculated GEP stack heights and since at least one of the existing stack heights is below the corresponding calculated GEP stack height, the dispersion model had to address building downwash issues, utilizing the building heights and projected building widths that were calculated using part two of the BPIP program.

Table 3-6: Calculated GEP Stack Heights

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- * Results are based on Determinants 1 & 2 on pages 1 & 2 of the GEP Technical Support Document. Determinant 3 may be investigated for additional stack height credit. Final values result after Determinant 3 has been taken into consideration.
- ** Results were derived from Equation 1 on page 6 of GEP Technical Support Document. Values have been adjusted for any stack-building base elevation differences.

3.2.2 Meteorological Data

The AERMOD model requires hourly surface data values for wind speed, wind direction, temperature, rainfall, relative humidity, pressure, cloud cover and ceiling height and solar radiation and at least once daily mixing height data. Wind data (direction and speed) for year 2006 was utilized from a weather station located at Kelly Pen, less than 1 km east of the proposed plant site location. The data was supplemented with other surface data (temperature, rainfall, relative humidity, pressure, cloud cover and height, and solar radiation) from the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA). The data obtained from the NMIA had some missing information, but were in excess of 90% complete. The missing data were filled using the guidance in "*Procedures for Substituting Values for Missing NWS Meteorological Data for Use in Regulatory Air Quality Models*" (Atkinson, 1992).

Upper air data for year 2006 were then obtained from the NCDC and these were utilized to generate the required mixing heights for the AERMOD model.

Both data files for the surface and mixing heights were then used to generate the meteorological file required by the AERMOD dispersion model using the AERMET meteorological preprocessor programme. This AERMET programme has three stages to process the data. The first stage extracts meteorological data and assesses data quality through a series of quality assessment checks. The second stage merges all data available for 24-hour periods and writes these data together in a single intermediate file. The third and final stage reads the merged meteorological data and estimates the necessary boundary layer parameters for dispersion calculations by AERMOD.

The 2006 meteorological preprocessed data was used to determine its corresponding Wind Rose plot (see Figure 3-3). The Wind rose show that the most predominant wind direction blows from the northwest, with the secondary wind direction being from the southeast. This means that the emissions plume will be dispersed mainly in the southeast direction, and secondarily in the northwest direction from the proposed plant site.

3.2.3 Model Domain, Receptor Network and Terrain Considerations

The selected model domain was 20 km in both the east-west and north-south directions, with the centre of the domain being the centre of the proposed cement manufacturing plant site, with coordinates 274244 m UTME and 1982647 m UTMN. Figure 3-4 shows the model domain that was utilized in the project, including the receptor grid and the plant boundary. The model domain is overlain on a Jamaica Metric Grid 1:50,000 topographic map.

Figure 3-4: Model Domain showing the Receptor Grid

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3.2.3.1 Receptor Network

The selection and location of the receptor network are important in determining the maximum impact from a source and the area where there is significant air quality impact. Impacts were assessed at locations beyond the fence line. Consequently, the receptor locations were selected as a multi-tier grid that is defined by discrete Cartesian receptors, square in shape, and with origin at the centre of the proposed cement manufacturing facility. A two-tiered fence line grid was also included with spacing of 25 m and 50 m and at a distance of 100 m and 200 m away, respectively from the proposed facility fence line. Certain special receptor locations were also defined, including schools, church buildings, postal agencies, health centres, post offices, police stations and a courthouse.

The entire receptor network locations include the following:

- A 100-meter spaced grid within 3 km from the subject source; and
- A 500-meter spaced grid between 3 and 10 km from the subject source; and,
- A 25-meter spaced fence-line grid 100 m away from the facility fence line
- A 50-meter spaced fence-line grid 200 m away from the facility fence line
- A total of 45 special receptors that include schools, church buildings, postal agencies, health centres, post offices, police stations and a courthouse (see Table 3-7).

A total of 5,887 receptors were considered, and some of these are graphically depicted in Figure 3-3.

3.2.3.2 Terrain Considerations

The classification of the land use in the vicinity of the proposed cement facility is needed because dispersion rates differ between urban and rural areas. In general, urban areas cause greater rates of dispersion because of increased turbulent and buoyancy-induced mixing. This is due to the combination of greater surface roughness caused by more buildings and structures and greater amounts of heat released from concrete and similar surfaces. The USEPA guidance provides two procedures to determine whether the character of an area is predominantly urban or rural. One procedure is based on land-use type, and the other is based on population density. Both procedures require an evaluation of characteristics within a 3-km radius from the subject source, but the land-use methodology is considered more accurate. Hence, this method was applied and it was determined that the rural dispersion coefficient be selected for this modeling project.

According to the land-use type methodology, a 3 km radius circle was circumscribed about the centre of the proposed cement facility. Then using the Auer land use types, only 33% (less than the 50% threshold) of the 3 km radius area around the project site matches the urban zones of I1, I2, C1, and R2 (see Figure 3-5). The majority of the area was cultivated land, and hence the rural option was selected.

Table 3-7: Special Receptors

Figure 3-5: Land Use Categories

	Auer Land Ose Categories 11, 12, C1, & R2 (Auer 1770)					
	Type Use and Structure	Vegetation				
I1	Heavy Industrial	growth Grass and tree				
	Major chemical, steel and fabrication industries; generally	<5% ∣ extremely rare:				
	3-5 story buildings, flat roofs	vegetation				
I2	Light-moderate industrial	Very limited grass, trees				
	Rail yards, truck depots, warehouses, industrial parks, minor	almost totally absent; <5%				
	fabrications; generally 1-3 story buildings, flat roofs	vegetation				
C1	Commercial	Limited grass and trees;				
	Office and apartment buildings, hotels;>10 story heights,	$<$ 15% vegetation				
	flat roofs					
R ₂	Compact Residential	Limited sizes and lawn				
	Single, some multiple, family dwelling with close spacing;	$30%$ shade trees:				
	generally \leq story, pitched roof structures; garages (via)	vegetation				
	alley), no driveways					

Auer Land Use Categories Il J. C.L. & R.2 (Auer 1978).

Source: Auer, A. H. 1978. Correlation of Land Use and Cover with Meteorological Anomalies, Journal of Applied Meteorology, 17:636- 643.

Additionally, the topography in the region of the proposed cement manufacturing facility is defined as either simple terrain (terrain lying below the stack top elevation) or complex terrain (terrain above the top of the stack). Measurements of the terrain in the area surrounding the proposed facility were made using terrain data obtained from Digital Elevation Maps derived from the Mona Informatix Limited. It was determined that the topography from the south to the north eastern directions up to 10 km have terrain elevations above 20 m (see Figure 3-6). The areas from northeast through to the southern direction are for the most part flat, and include the marine environment.

Therefore, since terrain elevations extend above the facility's highest top stack elevation, complex terrain algorithms were included as part of the dispersion modeling analysis.

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4.0 MODEL RESULTS

With the various sources identified, a model domain established of 20 km in the east-west direction and 20 km in the north-south direction and centred in the middle of the proposed cement manufacturing facility, and the necessary input files created, model predictions were made for the pollutants SO_2 , NO_x , PM_{10} and CO for averaging periods for which there are Jamaican National Ambient Air Quality Standards or Guideline Concentrations. Model runs were conducted for the proposed cement facility's air pollutant sources alone, as well as the cumulative air quality impact in combination with the other defined sources in the vicinity of the proposed facility.

During the NO_x model runs, the Ozone Limiting Method (OLM) was applied to convert NOx to $NO₂$. According to the Davis, 1999, the in-stack $NO₂/NOx$ ratio should be set to 0.75 and this was applied to an ozone concentration of 107 ug/m^3 which was the maximum ozone concentration obtained at the Lauderwood air quality station in Northern Clarendon for the year 2007.

4.1 Proposed Cement Facility Impacts Only

Table 4-1 summarizes the maximum predicted concentrations for the proposed cement facility sources and their comparison with the Significant Impact Concentrations, as well as the Jamaican National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The results revealed that the maximum predicted ground level concentrations from all the proposed sources of the cement facility (including the quarry) did not exceed the Significant Impact Concentrations. Additionally, the maximum predicted ground level concentrations from all the proposed cement facility sources plus the background concentrations (as recommended in the Air Quality Guideline Document) were all less than the NAAQS.

Figures 4-1 through 4-10 show the pollutant contour plot-files for PM_{10} , SO_2 , NO_x and CO. The plot files show the most impacted areas based on the predicted pollutant concentrations generated by the model runs. The colour coded scale in the figures indicates the various impact concentrations obtained up to the predicted maximum concentrations achieved.

Figure 4-1: Predicted 24-h PM10 Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

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Figure 4-2: Predicted Annual PM10 Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

Figure 4-3: Predicted 1-h SO2 Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

Figure 4-4: Predicted 24-h SO2 Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

Figure 4-5: Predicted Annual SO2 Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

Figure 4-6. Predicted 1-h NO2 Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

Figure 4-7: Predicted 24-h NO2 Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

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Figure 4-8: Predicted Annual NO2 Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

Figure 4-9: Predicted 1-h CO Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

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Figure 4-10: Predicted 8-h CO Concentrations – Proposed Cement Plant Only

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4.2 Cumulative Impacts

As part of the air dispersion modeling analyses, a determination of the impact of the existing sources on the ambient air quality was made, as well as the cumulative impact with the addition of the air pollutant sources associated with the proposed cement manufacturing facility. Table 4-2 shows the model results for the existing sources, and the all sources category. The results for the existing sources revealed predicted high concentrations that exceed the respective ambient air quality standards for PM_{10} (24h averaging period), NO_2 (1-h averaging period), and all averaging periods for SO_2 . Additionally, the predicted annual average concentration for PM_{10} would be exceeded once the background concentration is added.

It should be noted that the addition of the cement manufacturing facility with its superior suite of air pollution control technology, including fifty sets of fabric filters, and a desulphurization unit, will only contribute a small percentage of the overall air quality impact. Table 4-3 lists the specific contribution of the proposed cement manufacturing facility to the peak modeled concentrations within the air shed.

Table 4-2: Cumulative Impacts

Bold type indicate exceedances above the respective standard

Table 4-3: Source Contributions to Peak Modeled Short-Term Concentrations

5.0 CONCLUSION

The following conclusions may be made as a result of the conduct of the air dispersion modeling analyses for the proposed cement manufacturing facility:

- 1. The emission rates for PM, NO_x and $SO₂$ that will be emitted from the proposed cement manufacturing facility are in compliance with their respective emission standards (see Table 3-5). It may be inferred that these emission standards would not be exceeded based on the superior suite of air pollution control technology (fifty sets of fabric filters and a desulphurization unit) to be employed by the proposed cement manufacturing facility.
- 2. The model predictions for the proposed cement manufacturing facility revealed compliance with the CO, PM_{10} , NO_2 and SO_2 ambient air quality standards and guideline concentration for the requisite averaging periods. The incremental impact of these air pollutants were also less than the established values that would have created a significant air quality impact. It should be noted that certain design changes would be necessary for the achievement of compliance with the PM_{10} and NO_2 ambient air quality standards and guideline concentration.
- 3. Necessary design changes will be needed to ensure the overall compliance of the proposed cement manufacturing facility. The vent height of the fabric filter associated with the quarry crushing plant will need to be increased from 8.5m to 10.5m, while the vent height of the fabric filter associated with the additives and coal pre-blending area will need to be increased from 3m to 8m. Additionally, the design NOx specification for the cement kiln will need to be changed from 800 mg/Nm³ to 400 mg/Nm³.
- 4. The proposed cement manufacturing facility only has a minor contribution to the overall peak modeled short term concentrations for CO, PM_{10} , NO₂ and SO₂.
- 5. Since the proposed cement manufacturing facility sources demonstrated compliance with the ambient air quality standards and the guideline concentration, as well as the significant impact incremental values, it is envisaged that approval will be granted for the establishment of the facility.

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