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Description: Calibration factors for the air monitoring station(s) at Falkirk Council

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The reported expanded uncertainties are based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k=2 providing a level of confidence of approximately 95% The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with UKAS requirements.

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Falkirk Council

NOx analysers

Station	Date of Audit	Species	Analyser Serial no	Zero Response[1]	Zero uncertainty nmol/mol	Calibration Factor[2]	Factor uncertainty %	Converter eff. (%)[3]
Falkirk Main St Bainsford	26 January 2023	NOx	7576	1.3	2.5	1.0574	3.50	97.7 (236nmol/mo)
		NO		0.7	2.5	1.0526	3.50	101.5 (102nmol/mo)
Falkirk Grangemouth MC	23 January 2023	NOx	7568	-2.9	2.5	1.0128	3.50	100 (235nmol/mol)
		NO		-0.3	2.5	1.0243	3.50	99.5 (99nmol/mol)
Falkirk Haggs	24 January 2023	NOx	4793	3.8	2.6	1.0761	3.50	99.1 (2251nmol/mol)
		NO		1.9	2.5	1.0581	3.50	98.5 (105nmol/mol)
Falkirk Hope Street	24 January 2023	NOx	7564	2.9	2.5	1.0498	3.50	99.5 (272nmol/mol)
		NO		0.4	2.5	1.0393	3.50	99.7 (131nmol/mol)
Falkirk West Bridge Street	26 January 2023	NOx	1228	14.2	2.6	1.2414	3.50	98.5 (241nmol/mol)
		NO		14.5	2.6	1.2207	3.50	95.5 (93nmol/mol)

Fidas analysers

Station	Date of audit	Analyser Serial no	Calculated ko[5]	Uncertainty %	Total flow[4]	Uncertainty %	Main flow	Uncertainty %
Falkirk Main St Bainsford	26 January 2023	13696			4.60	2.2		2.2
Falkirk Grangemouth MC	23 January 2023	11616			4.19	2.2		2.2
Falkirk Grangemouth Zetland Park	24 January 2023	13554			4.71	2.2		2.2
Falkirk Haggs	24 January 2023	6179			4.76	2.2		2.2
Falkirk Hope Street	24 January 2023	13555			4.60	2.2		2.2
Falkirk West Bridge Street	26 January 2023	7661			4.66	2.2		2.2

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SO2 analysers

Station	Date of Audit	Analyser Serial no	Zero Response[1]	Zero uncertainty nmol/mol	Calibration Factor[2]	Factor uncertainty %	Response to m-xylene (nmol/mol)
Falkirk Bo'ness	23 January 2023	616X6GNF	4.8	2.5	1.0302	2.9	
Falkirk Grangemouth MC	23 January 2023	SM7N38YX	0.1	2.5	0.9646	2.7	
Falkirk Hope Street	24 January 2023	6226	2.2	2.5	0.8815	3.2	
Falkirk Grangemouth Zetland Park	24 January 2023	6227	-1.1	2.5	1.0041	3.0	
Grangemouth Moray	03 February 2023	124MLC3B	0.0	2.5	0.9103	2.8	

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The gaseous ambient analysers listed above have been tested for zero response, calibration factor, linearity and converter efficiency (NOx analysers) by documented methods. The factors have been calculated using certified gas standards. The particulate analysers listed above have been tested for sample flow rates and k0 (where appropriate) by documented methods. Note that the test results are valid on the day of test only, as analyser drift over time cannot be quantified. All results for gaseous species are reported in concentration units of nmol/mol or µmol/mol.

[1] The zero response is the zero reading on the data logging system of the analyser when audit zero gas was introduced to the analysers under test.

[2] The calibration factor is the multiplying factor required to scale the reading on the data logging system of the analyser into reported concentration units (nmol/mol for NO, NOx, SO2, O3 and µmol/mol for CO). It should be used in conjunction with the zero response. A corrected concentration is calculated using the following equation:

Concentration = F(Output - Zero Response)

Where F = Calibration Factor provided on this certificate

Output = Reading on the data logging system of the analyser

Zero Response = Zero Response provided on this certificate

[3] Converter eff. is the measured efficiency of the NO_2 to NO converter within the oxides of nitrogen analyser under test.

[4] The measured main flow rate (where this is applicable) is the flow rate through the sensor unit of the TEOM particulate analyser under test. The measured aux flow rate (where this is applicable) is the flow rate through the bypass tubing of the TEOM particulate analyser under test. The measured total flow rate is the total flow rate through the particulate analyser under test. Units of flow are l.min-1, reported at prevailing ambient conditions unless otherwise specified. Where flow rates are highlighted in bold, it indicates that measurements were not made at the analyser sample inlet. These measurements therefore may not accurately reflect analyser performance in normal operation.

[5] The calculated k_0 value (specifically for TEOM analysers) is the calculated k_0 spring constant based on tests undertaken with filters of known weight. The % deviation indicates the closeness of the calculated result to the manufacturer's specified value of k_0.

The calibration results shaded are those that fall within our scope of accreditation, all other results on this certificate are not UKAS accredited, but have been included for completeness.