

TRENDS IN AMBIENT AIR QUALITY (NO₂ AND SO₂) IN TENGGARONG CITY, KUTAI KARTANEGARA DISTRICT. EAST KALIMANTAN

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Abstract:

This research aims to determine the concentration of ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂, determine the trend in ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂, and determine the Air Quality Value index for Tenggarong City, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan. The data collection method used the 18-SPEKTRO-33/MU/SMM-AAS (Passive Sampler Spectrophotometry) method, then analyzed using environmental quality standards, government regulation number 22 of 2021. The research results show that the quality concentration of NO₂ gas in Jam Bentong is between (5.23-19.85) µg/m³ and SO₂ is between (3.75-38.55) µg/m³, in the Industrial Area NO₂ is between (5.54-10.20) µg/m³ and SO₂ is between (4.28 -10.41) µg/m³, while in residential locations NO₂ is between (2.49-7.98) µg/m³ and SO₂ is between (<2.57-10.60) µg/m³. The tendency for ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ at the Jam Bentong location to fluctuate is inconsistent, while the Industrial Location is almost the same as the Residential Location, with uniform quality. However, all quality concentrations are still below environmental quality standards. The Environmental Quality Index value at the Jam Bentong location is 79,618, which is included in suitable environmental conditions. Meanwhile, in industrial locations, it is 90,043; this value is included in superior environmental conditions. Meanwhile, in residential locations, the Environmental Quality Index value is 93,429; this value also falls into superior environmental conditions.

Keywords: Concentraion NO₂ and SO₂, Trends, Environmental Quality

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INTRODUCTION

Ambient air other than oxygen is a dangerous air pollutant gas. This gas impacts human health, especially the respiratory system, namely NO₂ and SO₂, such as in the Kalianak Surabaya area, which has a very high traffic density with approximately 1,500 vehicles busy. The results of laboratory tests show that the concentration of NO₂ and SO₂ parameters is 71.91 µg/Nm³ and 61.42 µg/Nm³. The results show that the community experiences respiratory problems (68.4%) consisting of people aged 46-55 years (31.6%), with a length of stay >20 years (47.4%), non-smokers (47.4%), with a normal growing Mass Index (36.8%). (Masito, 2018).

The quality of NH₃ in the Kebayoran Lama area, South Jakarta, during the 2022 Covid mass, in the morning, the concentration was 0.20 ppm, while in the afternoon, the concentration was 0.10 ppm. On other days, the NH₃ quality composition was 0.007 ppm to 0.002 ppm. The NO₂ concentration is 0.33 µg/m³ to 0.36 µg/m³, while on other days it is 0.27 µg/m³ to 0.29 µg/m³. The

SO₂ concentration is 0.36 µg/m³ to 0.38 µg/m³, while on other days, it is 0.30 µg/m³ to 0.33 µg/m³ (Zahra, 2022).

The quality of SO₂ in Cimahi City, Bandung, which has been carried out in eight locations, with 24-hour measurements results between 34 - 74 µg/m³, while the NO₂ concentration is between 33-70 µg/m³ (Wardhani, 2019). Meanwhile, this is carried out in three locations in India: residential, commercial, and factory. The SO₂ concentration for population locations from research from 2010 to 2019 was 9.3-20.30 µg/m³, while NO₂ was 23.90 - 55.40 µg/m³. In commercial locations, the SO₂ concentration is 8.10-22.60 µg/m³, while NO₂ is 24.00 - 72.40 µg/m³. At industrial locations, the concentration of SO₂ is between 9.60-27.20 µg/m³, while NO₂ is 22.40 - 75.60 µg/m³ (Markendeya, 2020).

METHODS

Research sites. The locations studied were 1) Jam Bentong near the Regent's office and the Kutai Kartanegara Golden Gate Bridge with coordinates 0o 24' 7" South Latitude and 116o 59' 3" East Longitude. 2) Industrial location with coordinates 0o 21' 8" South Latitude and 116o 58' 5" East Longitude. 3) Housing location with coordinates 0o 24' 27" South Latitude and 116o 59' 4" East Longitude.

Data collection method. Taking environmental parameters for NO₂ and SO₂ gas samples using an impinger tool was carried out at one point during busy traffic hours with measurements three times, namely morning, afternoon, and evening, with the 18-SPEKTRO-33/MU/SMM-AAS method (Passive Sampler Spectrophotometry), then analyzed in the air laboratory of PT Anugrah Analiscepat Selamat One Line Laboratory Service. Jl Raya Jakarta Bogor Km 37, Cilodong, Depok, West Java. Next, the results of the analysis are compared with environmental quality standards.

Data analysis method. Air Quality Index in 2022. The parameters measured are SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations, using a passive sampler, which can be used to determine the Air Quality Index (IKU). This IKU calculation was obtained from the average SO₂ and NO₂ concentrations using a passive sampler at the research location. Measurements were carried out in Tenggarong City, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan Province, with the concentrations of each SO₂ and NO₂ parameter. Next, the Air Quality Index calculation is carried out.

Calculating the NO₂ and SO₂ concentration quality index can be seen in the formula below:

$$I_{EU, NO2} = \frac{(NO2)AVERAGE}{40}$$

$$I_{EU, SO2} = \frac{(SO2)AVERAGE}{20}$$

$$I_{EU} = \frac{(IEU.NO2 + IEU.SO2)}{2}$$

IEU NO₂ is the value of the Air quality index for the concentration of the element NO₂, IEU SO₂ is the value of the Air quality index for the concentration of the element SO₂, IEU is the average value of the composite air quality index for the concentration of SO₂ and NO₂. Next, the Air Quality Index is calculated using the equation:

$$IKU = 100 - \left(\frac{50}{0.9}\right) \times (IEU - 0.1)$$

IKU is the Tenggarong City Air Quality Index. Next, it is compared with the range of IKLH values as in Table 1.

Table 1. Environmental Quality Index PP 22 of 2021

No.	Range of Environmental Quality Index	Condition Values
1	$X > 90$	Superior
2	$82 < X \leq 90$	Very Good
3	$74 < X \leq 82$	Good
4	$66 < X \leq 74$	Enough
5	$58 < X \leq 66$	Less
6	$50 < X \leq 58$	Very Poor
7	$X < 50$	Alert

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In normal and clean air, there are four gas elements, namely approximately 78.09% N₂, 20.95% O₂, 0.93% Ar, and 0.032% CO₂, while the concentration of other gases is minimal, such as NO₂ and SO₂ and others. However, If it exceeds the environment, it will affect human health.

Most of the air pollution comes almost entirely from mobile and stationary sources. The impact of these air pollution concentrations will appear in very varied forms and will be very bad for health. The most dominant air pollutant particles affecting human health include Sox Nox.

NO₂ and SO₂ Concentrations at the Jam Bentong Location. NO₂ gas is a pollutant gas that will occur if there is combustion. This gas impacts human health, for example, respiratory problems, lung disease, and even death. Healthy people have no effect from exposure to low concentrations of NO_x. Meanwhile, people with asthma or other respiratory diseases are more susceptible to the effects of NO₂ gas. These compounds, which consist of NO and NO₂ gases, are often produced from motor vehicle exhaust gases. The concentration of NO₂ gas at this location from the laboratory analysis results in April 2022 was 19.85 µg/m³. In May 2022, it was 6.00 µg/m³. In August 2022 it was 5.23 µg/m³ and in September 14.00 µg/m³.

SO₂ gas irritates the respiratory system, such as the throat, nasal mucous membranes, and airways in the lungs. This gas also has a worse health impact for people with asthma. This SO₂ can also cause lung irritation, which causes difficulty breathing, especially for sensitive people such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly. The concentration of SO₂ gas at this location from the laboratory analysis results in April 2022 was 6.09 µg/m³. In May 2022, it was 3.77 µg/m³; in August 2022, it was 3.75 µg/m³ and in September 38.55 µg/m³. The concentrations of NO₂ and SO₂ gas at the Jam Bentong location can be seen in Table 2.

Table 2. NO₂ and SO₂ Gas Concentrations at the Jam Bentong location, Tenggarong City, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan.

No.	Location	Coordinate	Environmental Quality Standards Governing Law 22 of 2021		laboratory analysis results		Measurement Month of 2022
			NO ₂	SO ₂	NO ₂	SO ₂	
			(µg/m ³)	(µg/m ³)	(µg/m ³)	(µg/m ³)	
1	Jam Bentong	S -0.4019	200.00	150.00	19.85	6.09	April
2	intersection on Jl	E 116.9680	200.00	150.00	6.00	3.77	May
3	Mulawarman		200.00	150.00	5.23	3.75	August

4	next to the Regent's office	200.00	150.00	14.00	38.55	Sept
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NO₂ and SO₂ Concentrations at Industrial Locations. The concentration of NO₂ gas at the Tenggarong City Industrial location, according to the results of laboratory analysis in April 2022, was 8.47 µg/m³; in May 2022, it was 5.54 µg/m³; in August 2022, it was 10.20 µg/m³ and in September 7.50 µg/m³. Meanwhile, the concentration of SO₂ gas at this location from the results of laboratory analysis in April 2022 was 5.54 µg/m³; in May 2022, it was 8.59 µg/m³; in August 2022, it was 4.28 µg/m³ and in September it was 10.41 µg/m³. NO₂ and SO₂ gas concentrations at industrial locations can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3. NO₂ and SO₂ Gas Concentrations in Tenggarong City Industrial Locations, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan.

No.	Location	Coordinate	Environmental Quality Standards Governing Law 22 of 2021		laboratory analysis results		Measurement Month of 2022
			NO ₂ (µg/m ³)	SO ₂ (µg/m ³)	NO ₂ (µg/m ³)	SO ₂ (µg/m ³)	
1	Ready	S-0.4280	200.00	150.00	8.47	5.54	April
2	mix	E 116.9919	200.00	150.00	5.54	8.59	May
3	industrial area/tofu		200.00	150.00	10.20	4.28	August
4	factory		200.00	150.00	7.50	10.41	Sept

NO₂ and SO₂ Concentrations in Residential Locations. The concentration of NO₂ gas in the Tenggarong City housing location, according to the results of laboratory analysis in April 2022, was 2.49 µg/m³; in May 2022, it was 4.14 µg/m³; in August 2022 it was 3.14 µg/m³ and in September 7.98 µg/m³. Meanwhile, the concentration of SO₂ gas at this location from the results of laboratory analysis in April 2022 was 7.04 µg/m³; in May 2022, it was 5.84 µg/m³; in August 2022 it was 10.06 µg/m³ and in September <2.57 µg/m³. NO₂ and SO₂ gas concentrations at industrial locations can be seen in Table 4.

Table 4. NO₂ and SO₂ Gas Concentrations in residential locations in Tenggarong City, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan.

No.	Location	coordinate	Environmental Quality Standards Governing Law 22 of 2021		laboratory analysis results		Measurement Month of 2022
			NO ₂ (µg/m ³)	SO ₂ (µg/m ³)	NO ₂ (µg/m ³)	SO ₂ (µg/m ³)	
1	Housing area	S -0.394	200.00	150.00	2.49	7.04	April
2	Mangga	2 E 116.9858	200.00	150.00	4.14	5.84	May
3	Ahmad Dahlan Street/		200.00	150.00	3.14	10.6	August
4	Mangkurawang		200.00	150.00	7.98	< 2.57	Sept

Trends in Ambient Air Quality of NO₂ and SO₂ in Jam Bentong, Tenggarong City. The trend of ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ in Jam Bentong, Tenggarong City, based on the analysis

of air samples at the research location, shows that the trend of ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ is almost the same. From April 2022 to May until August 2022, the concentration decreases, then increases again in September 2022, so the ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ trend are inconsistent but still below environmental quality standards. Trends in ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ in Jam Bentong, Tenggarong City, can be seen in Figure 1.

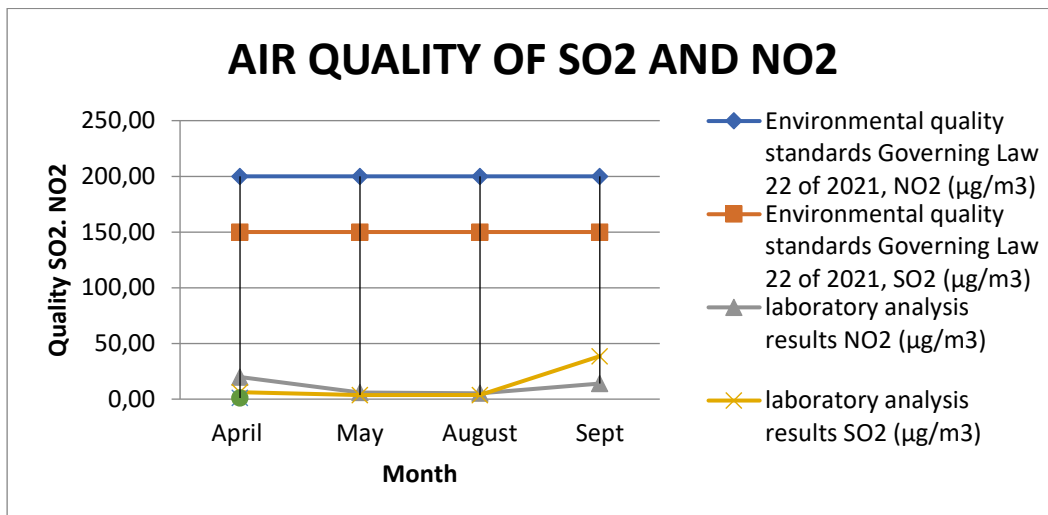


Figure 1. Trends in ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ in Jam Bentong, Tenggarong City. Kutai Kartanegara. East Kalimantan.

Trends in Ambient Air Quality NO₂ and SO₂ in Tenggarong City Industrial Locations. The ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ trends at the Tenggarong City Industrial Location differ from those at the Jam Bentong location. Based on the analysis of air samples at the research location, the ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ trends are almost the same. From April 2022 to September 2022, the concentration will not increase or decrease, so the ambient air quality NO₂ and SO₂ trend are relatively the same but still below environmental quality standards. Trends in Ambient Air Quality NO₂ and SO₂ in Tenggarong City Industrial Locations can be seen in Figure 2.

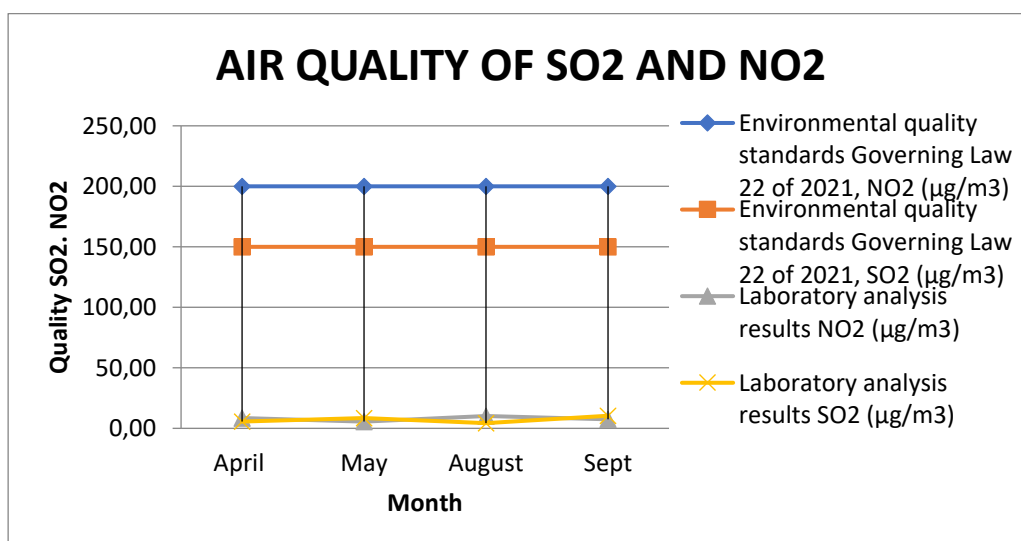


Figure 2. Trends in ambient air quality NO2 and SO2 at the Tenggarong City Kutai Kartanegara Industrial Location. East Kalimantan.

Trends in Ambient Air Quality NO2 and SO2 in Tenggarong City Residential Locations. The ambient air quality NO2 and SO2 trends in the Tenggarong City Residential Location are almost the same as in the Jam Industri location. The levels of NO2 and SO2 in the ambient air are almost equal. From April 2022 to September 2022, the concentration does not increase or decrease, so the ambient air quality NO2 and SO2 trend are relatively the same but still below environmental quality standards. Trends in Ambient Air Quality NO2 and SO2 in Tenggarong City Industrial Locations can be seen in Figure 3.

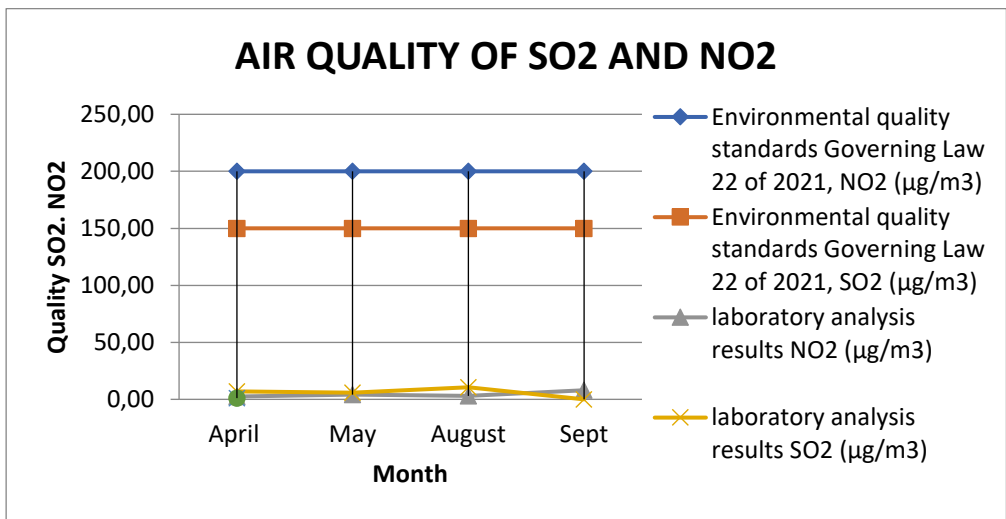


Figure 3. Trends in ambient air quality NO2 and SO2 at the Tenggarong City Kutai Kartanegara Industrial Location. East Kalimantan.

Air Quality Index Value for Tenggarong City, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan. Air Quality Index Value for Tenggarong City, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan. At the Jam Bentong location, the Environmental Quality Index value is 79,618; this value is included in suitable environmental conditions. Meanwhile, in industrial locations, the Environmental Quality Index value is 90,043; this value is included in superior environmental conditions. Finally, in the housing location, the Environmental Quality Index value is 93,429; this value is included in superior environmental conditions. The Air Quality Index value for Tenggarong City, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan, can be seen in Table 5.

Table 5. Air quality index values based on element concentrations and air quality index values for SO2 and NO2 elements

No	Location	Air quality index value NO ₂	element concentration Air quality index value SO ₂	element concentration Air quality index value based on NO ₂ and SO ₂	concentration Environmental Quality Index value	Environmenta I conditions
1	Jam Bentong	0.025	0.652	0.467	79.618	Good
2	Industry	0.198	0.360	0.279	90.043	Superior

3	Housing	0.111	0.326	0.218	93.429	Superior
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CONCLUSION

Some conclusions that can be drawn from this research are as follows

- The quality concentration of NO₂ and SO₂ at the Jam Bentong, industrial, and residential locations still needs to be below the quality standards of government regulation no. 22 of 2021.
- Trends in Ambient Air Quality NO₂ and SO₂ in the three locations, only the Bentong hour location is different where the quality tends to go up and down. Meanwhile, the quality from April to September 2022 is almost identical in industrial and residential locations.
- Good Ambient Air Quality Trend Index NO₂ and SO₂ values for the Jam Bentong location. Meanwhile, residential and industrial locations are superior.

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