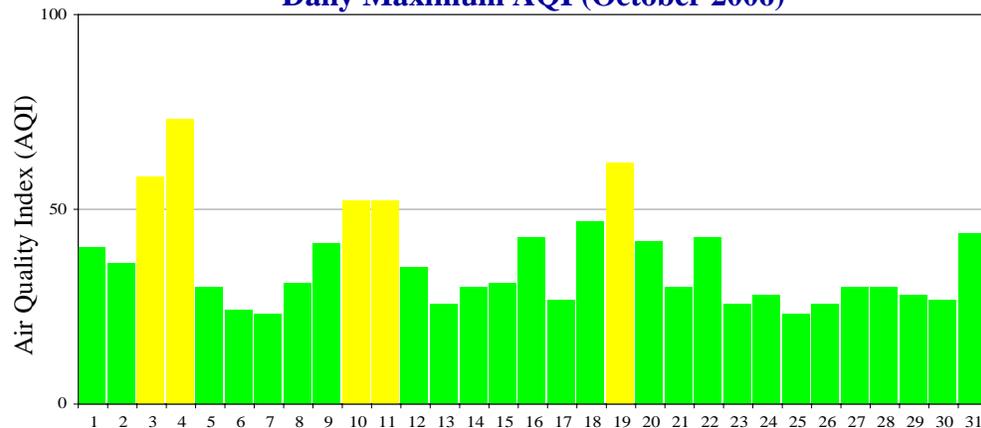


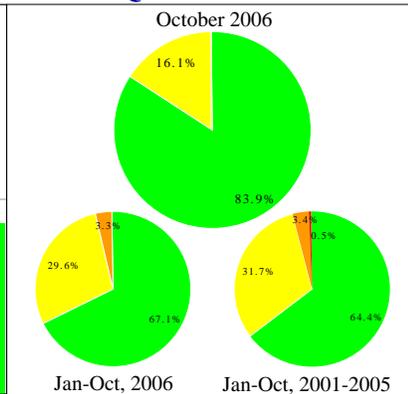
Quality of Air

for Eastern Shore Forecast Region, October 2006

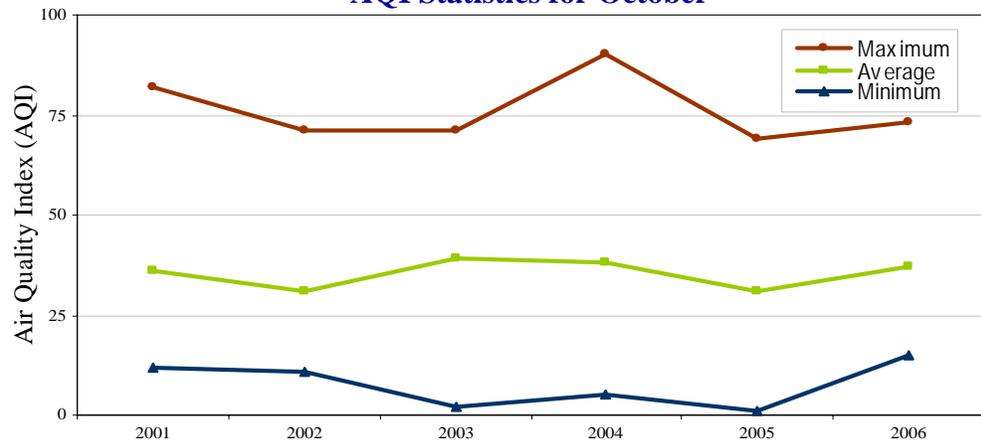
Daily Maximum AQI (October 2006)



AQI Distribution



AQI Statistics for October



Eastern Shore Forecast Region and Monitors



Number Days Above 100 AQI vs. Days ≥ 90 F at Salisbury (2006 Data)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
8-hr Ozone	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	n/a	n/a	4
24-hr PM Fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	n/a	n/a	8
Both Pollutants ¹	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	3	0	0	n/a	n/a	10
Day ≥ 90 F	0	0	0	0	1	1	14	10	0	0	n/a	n/a	26

October marks the peak of the autumn “Spectacular Foliage Colors” in the Mid-Atlantic region as daylight hours wane and temperatures cool, transitioning into the beginning of winter. The vibrant colors in mixtures of reds, oranges, and golds are visible not only at the surface but also from space. The Terra Satellite captured this spectacular transition and it can be found on the NASA’s Earth Observatory website at http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Newsroom/NewImages/images.php3?img_id=17448. Generally, good air quality was observed during October in the Eastern Shore Forecast Region (ESFR) due to low fine particle pollution, creating good visibility also. AQI levels were Good on 26 days (83.9%) and Moderate on 5 days (16.1%). The AQI data thus far in 2006 indicate a decreasing trend in Moderate AQI levels or above when compared to historical data (Jan-Oct, 2001-2005). Historically, AQI levels in the Moderate range or higher occurred on 35.6% of the days. This is a notable comparison to only 32.9% of the days thus far in 2006. Visit www.air-watch.net for the current air quality conditions and forecast or call the air quality hotline at 410-537-3247.

Air Quality Index (AQI)



Note: ¹Either one or both pollutants are USG or above. ²Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups. Data presented for 2006 are preliminary.