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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of Work

SKYSIDE South Africa's understanding of the scope of work at Richards Bay Clean Air Association is as follows:

- SKYSIDE SA changes dust samples on a monthly basis.
- Gravimetric analysis of dust samples by SKYSIDE SA on a monthly basis.
- Reporting of results.

The dust deposition monitoring was based on the ASTM International standard method for collection and analysis of dustfall (ASTM D1739), with certain modifications.

The results presented in this report are compared to the South African National Dust Control Regulation, 2013.

1.2 Glossary / Abbreviations

Measurement Units	
L	Litres
m	Metres
mg/m²/day	Milligrams per metre squared per day
ml	Millilitres
mm	Millimetres

Other	
ISO 17025	International Standard: General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.
SANAS	South African National Accreditation System, established by Section 3 of the Accreditation for Conformity Assessment, Calibration and Good Laboratory Practice Act, 2006.

2 METHODOLOGY

Dustfall monitoring at Richards Bay Clean Air Association began in September 2023. Windblown settleable dust fall-out is monitored based on the ASTM International standard method for collection and analysis of Dustfall (ASTM D1739), with certain modifications. This method employs a simple device consisting of a cylindrical 5 L container half-filled with deionised water exposed for one calendar month (30 ± 3 days). The water is treated with an inorganic algaecide to prevent algal growth in the buckets. The reagent used for this is a 5 % copper sulphate solution.

The bucket stand comprises a ring that is raised above the rim of the bucket to prevent contamination from perching birds (Figure 1). The bucket holder is connected to a 2.1 m galvanised steel pole, which is either directly attached to a fence post or can be attached to a galvanised steel base plate, which is buried to a depth of 500 mm. This allows for a variety of placement options for the fallout samplers. Exposed buckets, when returned to the SKYSIDE SA laboratories, are rinsed with deionised water to remove residue from the sides of the bucket, and the bucket contents filtered through a 1 mm sieve to remove insects and other coarse organic detritus. The sample is then filtered through a pre-weighed paper filter to remove the insoluble fraction, or dust fallout. This residue and filter are dried and gravimetrically analysed to determine the insoluble fraction (dust fallout).



Figure 1: Single bucket monitoring unit, showing a sampling bucket with bird ring and security clamp.

3 STANDARDS FOR DUST DEPOSITION

3.1 National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004; (Act No. 39 of 2004) National Dust Control Regulations

Table 3: Extract from the National Dust Control Regulations, No. 36974 Government Gazette, 1 November 2013

Restriction Areas	Dustfall rate (D) (mg/m ² /day, 30-days average)	Permitted frequency of exceeding dust fall rate
Residential area	$D < 600$	Two within a year, not sequential months
Non-residential area	$600 < D < 1200$	

The method to be used for measuring Dustfall rate and the guideline for locating sampling points shall be ASTM D1739, or equivalent method approved by any internationally recognized body.

3.2 Residential and non-residential areas

A residential area means any area classified for residential use in terms of local town planning scheme.

A non-residential area means any area not classified for residential use as per local town planning scheme.

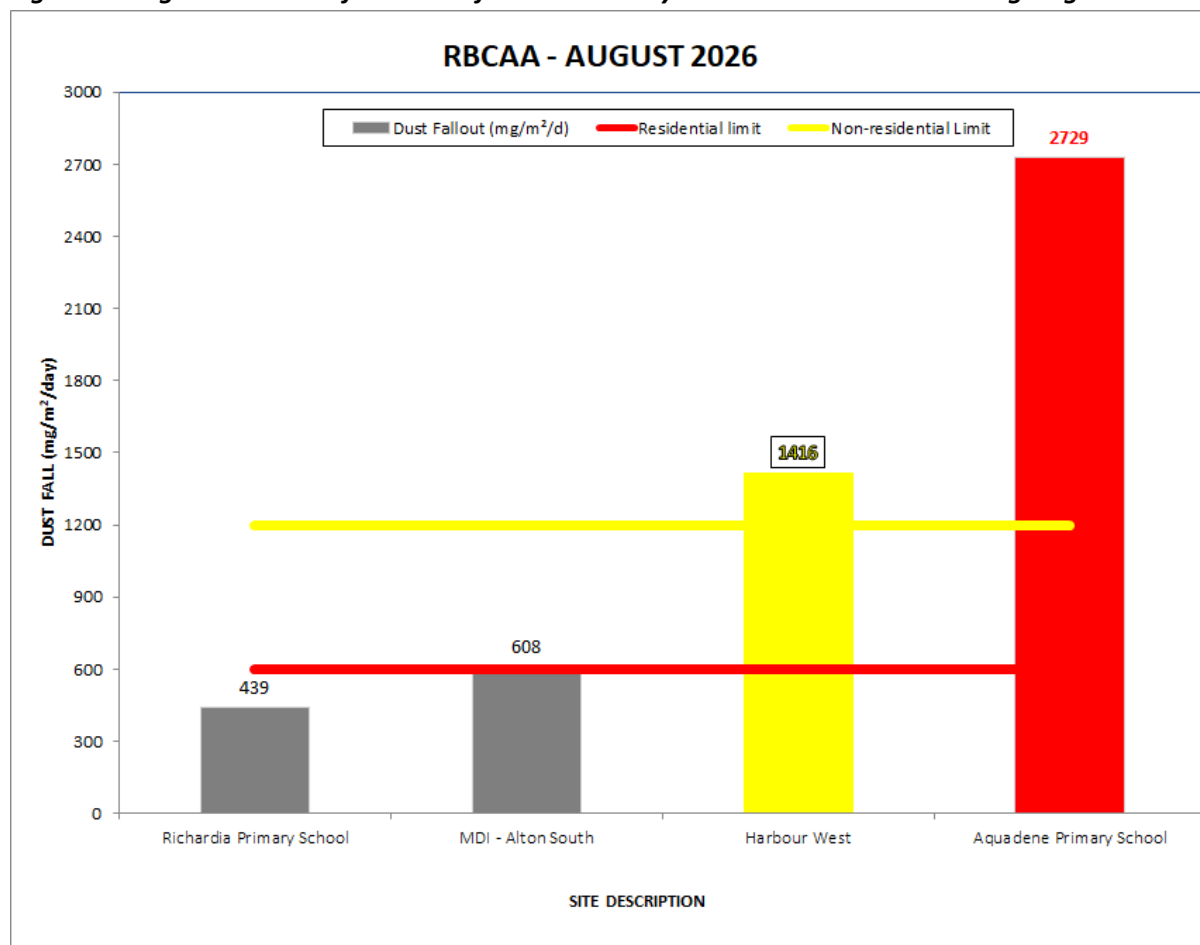
4 RESULTS

4.1 Operational Aspects

The sampling was 03 July – 04 August 2026. Samples were exposed for 32 days; this exposure period complies with the standard operating procedure of 30 ± 3 days. There were no operational problems encountered and a sample return of 100 % was achieved for single buckets.

4.2 Single Bucket Results

Figure 2: Single bucket dustfall results for Richards Bay Clean Air Association during August 2026



BOLD RED – Residential Exceedance; **BOLD YELLOW** – Non-Residential Exceedance

- During the monitoring period in review, Site 04 (Aquadene Primary School) recorded the highest dustfall with a rate of **2729** mg/m²/day.
- Site 01 (Richardia Primary School) recorded the lowest dustfall with a rate of 439 mg/m²/day.

4.3 Exceedance Reporting

The table below provides information on exceedances from September 2025 to August 2026.

Table 4.3.1: Exceedances for September 2025 to August 2026

Period	Number of sites that have exceeded dust fall limits	Site Description
Current month	2	Site 03 (Harbour West) Site 04 (Aquadene Primary School)
Previous 11 months	2	Site 01 (Richardia Primary School) (3) – March, May, and July 2026 Site 04 (Aquadene Primary School) (3) – September 2025, February, and July 2026
Consecutive months	1	Site 04 (Aquadene Primary School) (1) – July – August 2026

Please note that compliance with respect to the National Dust Control Regulations is provisional as the site classifications in terms of these regulations will need to be confirmed by the client by considering the town planning of the area of operation.

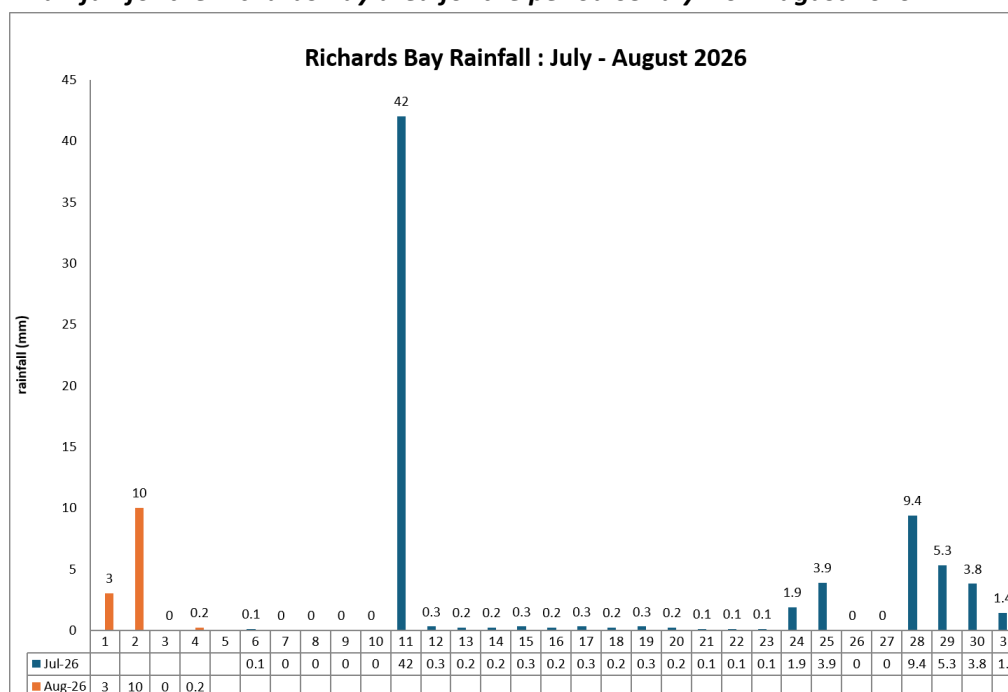
4.4 Meteorological Data

SKYSIDE SA is not accredited for the acquisition and reporting of meteorological data. The data has been provided by Richards Bay Clean Air Association at the Arboretum Weather Station. SKYSIDE SA will not take responsibility for any errors that may occur in the acquisition and transmission of data.

Figure 3: Wind rose in Google Earth depicting the wind profile for the period 03 July – 04 August 2026



Figure 4: Rainfall for the Richards Bay area for the period 03 July – 04 August 2026



5 CONCLUSIONS

During the monitoring period in review, Site 03 (Harbour West) recorded dustfall rates exceeding the NON-RESIDENTIAL limit. The remaining NON-RESIDENTIAL site recorded dust fall rates within the NON-RESIDENTIAL threshold.

During the monitoring period in review, Site 04 (Aquadene Primary School) recorded dustfall rates exceeding the RESIDENTIAL limit. The remaining RESIDENTIAL site recorded dust fall rates within the RESIDENTIAL threshold

6 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1: Results

RICHARDS BAY CLEAN AIR ASSOCIATION DUSTFALL MONITORING			Month: August 2026 Sampling period: 03 July – 04 August 2026		
SITE DESCRIPTION	SITE CLASSIFICATION	FILTER No.	NETT MASS (mg)	No. DAYS	DUST FALLOUT (mg/m ² /day)
Richardia Primary School	RESIDENTIAL	DA094	319	32	439
MDI - Alton South	NON-RESIDENTIAL	DA086	442	32	608
Harbour West	NON-RESIDENTIAL	DA091	1028	32	1416
Aquadene Primary School	RESIDENTIAL	DA092	1982	32	2729

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Specific Test Conditions	Samples stored at room temperature prior to analysis. Filters weighed at constant mass
Deviations from Method	None
Measurement Uncertainty	± 5%

Table 1. Dust fall recorded at Richard's Bay Clean Air Association's single bucket sites for the period September 2025 – August 2026

Site	SITE 01	SITE 02	SITE 03	SITE 04	SITE 05	SITE 06
Month	Richardia Primary School	MDI - Alton South	Harbour West	Aquadene Primary School	Lizwi Secondary School	CBD
SEP 25	260	594	290	756	197	498
OCT 25	ND	537	621	338	185	212
NOV 25	ND	455	517	168	166	159
DEC 25	ND	339	578	230	101	154
JAN 26	116	344	377	102	95	ND
FEB 26	311	406	538	834	219	109
MAR 26	748	405	537	488	D/C	D/C
APR 26	145	356	493	ND	D/C	D/C
MAY 26	627	443	614	ND	D/C	D/C
JUN 26	ND	463	652	ND	D/C	D/C
JUL 26	1493	417	647	1215	D/C	D/C
AUG 26	439	608	1416	2729	D/C	D/C

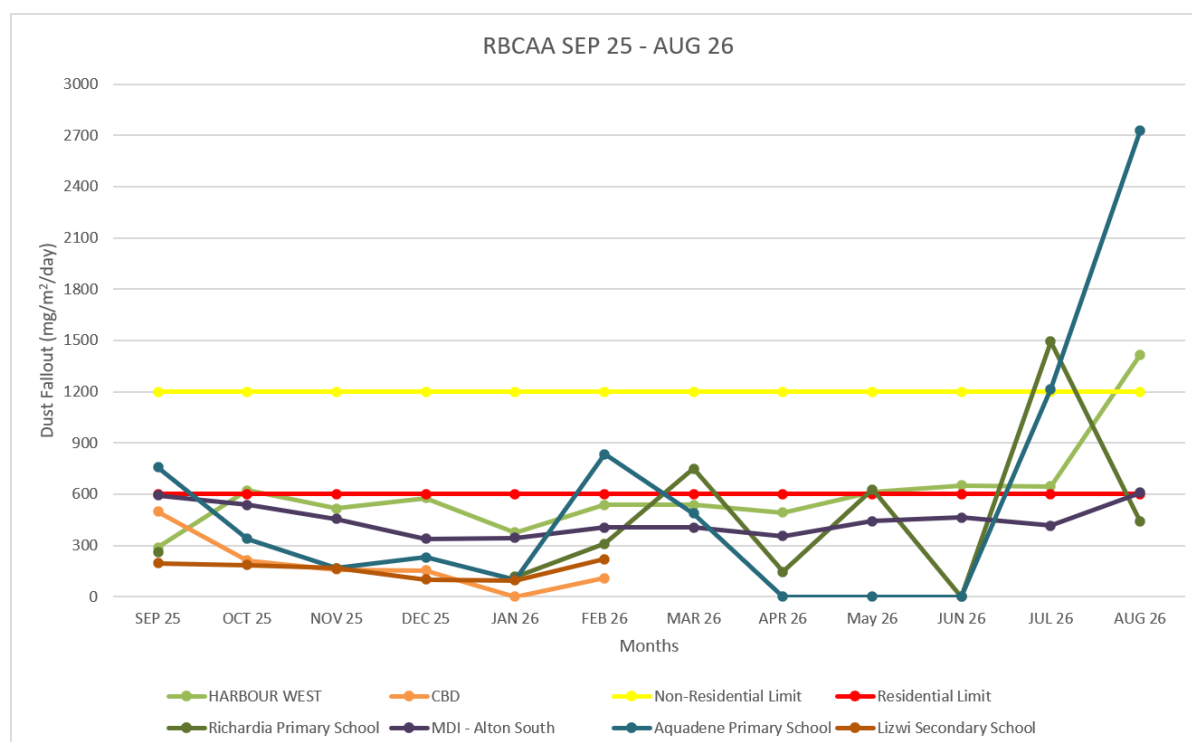
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BOLD RED – Residential Exceedance

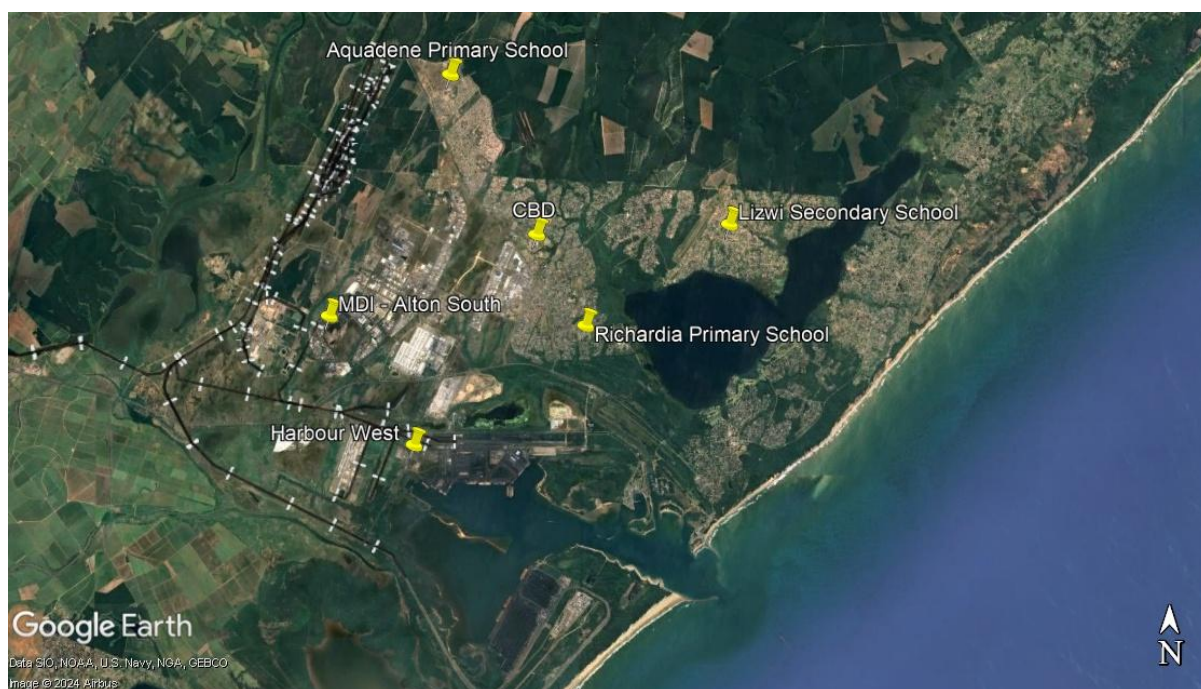
ND – No data due to the sample being contaminated with organic matter

D/C – Decommissioned

Figure 5. Dust fall recorded at Richard's Bay Clean Air Association's single bucket sites for the period SEP 2025 – AUG 2026



6.2 Appendix 2: Sampling Locations



SITE DESCRIPTION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Richardia Primary School	28° 45' 46.5"S	32° 03' 58.1" E
MDI - Alton South	28° 45' 41.2"S	32° 00' 26.2" E
Harbour West	28°47'14"S	32° 1'37"E
Aquadene Primary School	28° 42' 45.9"S	32° 02' 04.6" E
Lizwi Secondary School*	28° 44' 32.2"S	32° 05' 56.2" E
CBD*	28°44'41"S	32°3'17"E

* Decommissioned

6.3 Appendix 3: Non-Exceedance Filters

	
SITE 01 – Richardia Primary School – 439 mg/m²/day	SITE 02 – MDI – Alton South – 608 mg/m²/day

6.4 Appendix 4: Exceedance Filters

	
SITE 03 – Harbour West – 1416 mg/m²/day	SITE 04 – Aquadene Primary School – 2729 mg/m²/day

6.5 Appendix 5: Bucket Images

	
SITE 01 – Richardia Primary School	SITE 02 – MDI – Alton South
	
SITE 03 – Harbour West	SITE 04 – Aquadene Primary School

6.6 Appendix 6: Logsheet

	SHEQ MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	Doc. Number:	AQS-GLT-FOR-039
	SINGLE BUCKET LOGSHEET (LONG TERM PROJECT)	Revision:	00
		Date Issued:	23 March 2026
		Effective From:	01 April 2026

Date: 04/08/2026
 Month: August
 Operator 1: Lwenelema
 Operator 2: Thabo

Project Name: RBCAA
 Project Code: AS 1751

Site Description	Site Code	Time of Sample Change	Buckets Removed	Bucket Replaced	Remarks
RICHARDIA PRIMARY	SITE01	08:04	DA 094	DA 096	water
M.D.I ALTON SOUTH	SITE02	08:45	DA 086	DA 087	water
HARBOUR WEST	SITE03	08:34	DA 091	DA 085	water
AQUADENE SECONDARY SCHOOL	SITE04	07:47	DA 092	DA 090	undrawn particles in the bucket

Field Officer: Lwenelema
 Total Buckets to Site: 4
 Total Buckets from Site: 4
 No. of Extra Buckets to Site: 0
 Received By: Thabo Date: 04/08/26
 Collected By: Thabo Date: 04/08/26
 No. of Extra Buckets from Site:

Any samples Abnormalities? Yes/No (If Yes Describe the Abnormalities and alert Reporter immediately)

NO

Acknowledgement of Reporter(Name): Lefu Mokoena Signature: [Signature] Date: 05/08/26

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	SINGLE BUCKET LOGSHEET (LONG TERM PROJECT)	Revision:	00
		Date Issued:	23 March 2026
		Effective From:	01 April 2026

Laboratory (Filtration, weighing, etc.)

Total Buckets to Lab: 04 Received By: Thule Date: 11/08/26
 Total Buckets / Samples Processed (Filtration & Weighing): 04 Received By: Thule Date: 12/08/26

Any samples Abnormalities? Yes/No (If Yes Describe the Abnormalities and alert Reporter immediately)

NO

Acknowledgement of Reporter(Name): Lefu Mokoena Signature: [Signature] Date: 14/08/26

Comments: (Any description or even that can affect the quality of results)