

Definitions of release condition variables
(based on REDIPHEM Online Help)

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Substance : The name of the released substance (text)
Release type : Jet, cyclone, pool or puff
Stability class : Pasquill-Gifford class expressed as one or two characters: A B DE
Obstacle type : None, fence, channel, box, circle, wall, city, arch, crossing, canyon. Adjectives: circular, linear, porous.
Nobs : The number of obstacles

Release start : The start of the release (in seconds)
Release duration, : The duration of the release in seconds.
A large number indicates that the duration was longer than the recorded time series. For puffs the release duration is usually set to 1 second.

Release rate : Measured in kg/s. For puffs it is
Release mass : The total mass released.
Initial conc : The concentration of pure contaminant in the released gas.

Nozzle diameter : The diameter of the source
Pool fraction : The rain out fraction of the released mass.
X release, Y release, Z release : Source coordinates
A release : Direction of release (degrees from N)
B release : Inclination of release (degrees from horizontal)
Ideal wind direction : The desirable wind direction (degrees from N). Note that that 270 means that the wind blows from west towards east.

X orientation : The direction of the X-axis in degrees from N. 270 means that the axis points towards W.

Exit temperature : The temperature in centigrade measured before flashing. In most cases equal to the storage temperature.

Exit pressure : Pressure in Bar measured just before exit.
Atm temp : Mean atmospheric temperature (C).
Atm press : Mean atmospheric pressure (Bar).
Atm rel hum : Mean atmospheric relative humidity. A number between 0 and 1.

Wind speed : Mean wind speed in m/s measured at the reference height.
Z ref : Reference height in m.
Wind direction : Average wind direction (degrees from N)
Cloudiness : A number between 0 and 1 indicating cloud cover.
MO length : The Monin-Obukov length scale in m.
Phase : A number between 0 and 1 indicating the mass fraction of the released mass in liquid phase.

Mole weight : An EFFECTIVE molar weight which takes thermodynamics into account. For a precise definition see the REDIPHEM report.

Slope : Tan(s), where s is the slope angle of the

terrain.
Ustar : The friction velocity in m/s.
Z0 : The surface roughness in m.
Lc : Characteristic length scale in m (see report)
Tc : Characteristic time scale in s (see report)

Additional Notes :

The release rate range is specified for continuous releases.
The total mass released is specified for instantaneous releases.

'Phase' is the mass fraction on liquid form of the released substance prior to release. It is a number between 0 and 1, where 0 indicates a purely gaseous release and 1 indicates a release of pure liquid (which may flash immediately after).

The effective molar weight is calculated as the molar weight of an ideal simulant gas. The simulant gas simulates lean adiabatic mixtures of the actual substance. Confer report for more details.

The non-dimensional windspeed is determined by the use of the characteristic scales of length and time. See report for more details.