STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

TWIN TOWERS OFFICE BUILDING 2600 BLAIR STONE ROAD TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301-8241



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February 23, 1984

Mr. James T. Wilburn, Chief Air Management Branch Air & Waste Management Division U.S. EPA, Region IV 345 Courtland Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Dear Mr. Wilburn:

Agrico Chemical Company's proposed wet prilled sulfur handling facility in South Pierce, AC 53-55780

I wish to bring to your attention that Agrico Chemical Company proposes to modify its existing facilities at South Pierce, Polk County, Florida, and that emissions of air pollutants will thereby be increased. The Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, has reviewed the proposed construction and, after initially issuing an intent to deny, determined after review of additional information that reasonable assurance had been given, with certain permit conditions. Public notices of both the intent to deny and the Department's more recent position are attached.

These notices have been mailed to you for your information and in accordance with regulatory requirements. You need take no action unless you wish to comment on the proposed construction. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Bill Thomas or myself at (904)488-1344.

Sincerely,

C. H. Fancy, P.E.

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Mr. Ron Fahs State A-95 Coordinator Florida State Planning and Development Clearinghouse Office of Planning and Budget The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Fahs:

RE: Agrico Chemical Company's proposed wet prilled sulfur handling facility in South Pierce, AC 53-55780

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Mr. James Duane Central Florida Regional Planning Council Post Office Drawer 208 Bartow, Florida 33830

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Polk County Board of County Commissioners Post Office Box 60 Bartow, Florida 33830

Dear Commissioners:

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> REPLY TO: Miami

Mr. Steve Smallwood Department of Environmental Regulation Twin Towers Office Building 2600 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Agrico South Pierce Sulphur Permit (Permit Application #AC53-55780)

Dear Mr. Smallwood:

Enclosed please find additional information and preliminary emission factor data developed by TRC. These data relate to the 3% moisture levels proposed at South Pierce in terms of both a theoretical laboratory moisture condition (uniformly distributed 3% moisture) and moisture distributions averaging 3% but varied to represent drain down and unevenly distributed moisture levels believed to exist in actual commercial handling situations.

TRC believes that moisture retention and distribution within prilled sulphur piles or truck or railcar loads are key factors in determining a realistic emission factor for prilled sulphur. More detailed data at additional moisture levels and testing conclusions will be presented in a formal written report submitted in the Department's rulemaking proceeding.

Please call if you have any questions on this. Our technical experts are available to discuss this matter with you or any members of your staff.

Very truly yours,

PEEPLES, EARL, REYNOLDS &

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William L. Earl

For the Firm

cc: Mr. Claire Fancy

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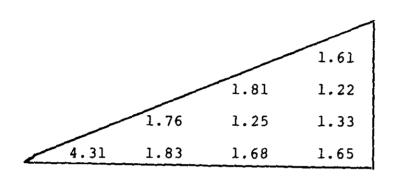
Mr. John Bottcher

# Comparison of Emission Results For Different Moisture Content Distributions For Handled Wet-Formed Prilled Sulfur At 3% Moisture Content By Weight

Run #	Surface Moisture Content Distribution (% by weight)	Average Surface Moisture Content (% by weight)	Emission Results (lbs/ton)
15 23 28 29	Uniform Laboratory Mois Uniform Laboratory Mois Uniform Laboratory Mois Uniform Laboratory Mois	sture 3.08 sture 3.08	0.092 0.258 0.229 0.232
35 37 39	Distributed Moisture 4.22 - 2.90 - 2.52 4.22 - 2.90 - 2.52 4.22 - 2.90 - 2.52	3.20 3.20 3.19	0.323 0.311 0.316
36 38 40	Distributed Moisture 4.11 - 0.88 - 3.96 4.11 - 0.88 - 3.96 4.11 - 0.88 - 3.96	3.09 3.05 2.97	1.74 2.04 2.64

### Cross-Section of 100 Pound Pile of Wet-Formed Prilled Sulfur\* One Hour After Spraying With Approximately 8% Water By Weight

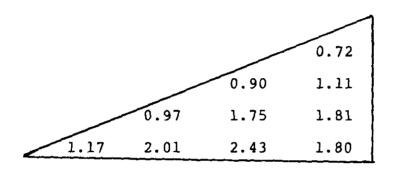
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## Cross-Section of 100 Pound Pile of Wet-Formed Prilled Sulfur\* 20 Hours After Spraying With Approximately 8% Moisture by Weight

Surface Moisture Contents (% by Weight)



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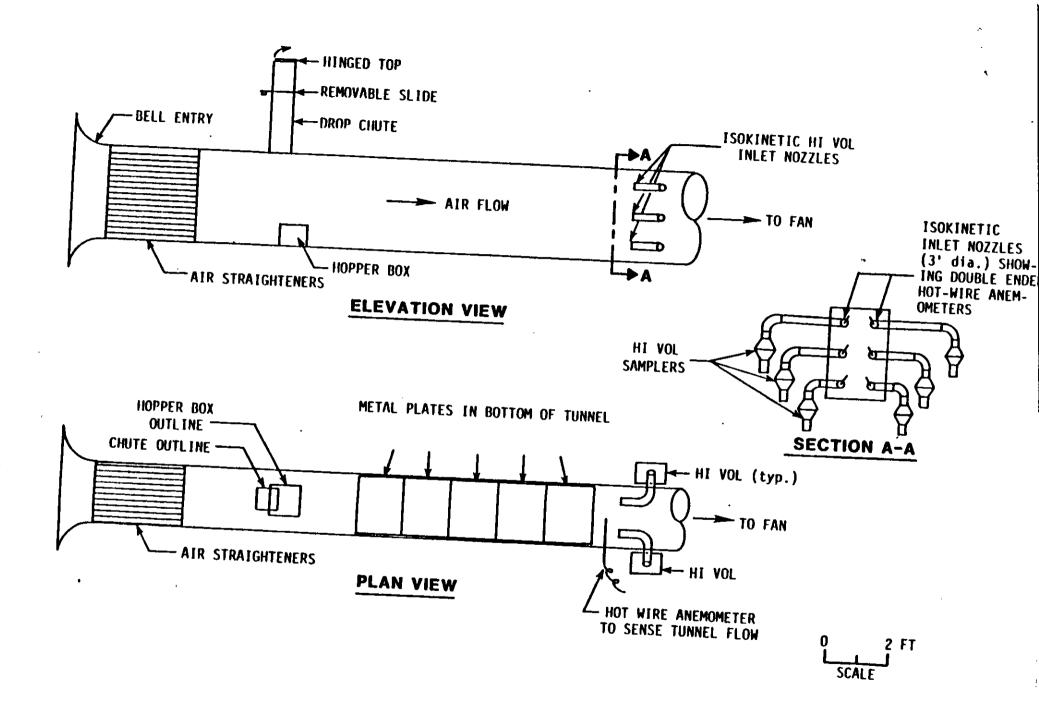


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of wind tunnel used to measure dust emission factors for handled wet-formed prilled sulfur.