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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
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Re: Georgia-Pacific Palatka Mill - PSD Permit Applications – Withdrawal Request
Lime Kiln (LK) Shell Project No.: 1070005-030-AC/PSD-FL-345
#4 Combination Boiler (CB) Project No.: 1070005-003-AC/PSD-FL-357
#4 Recovery Boiler (RB) Project No.: 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367

Dear Ms. Vielhauer:

With this letter Georgia-Pacific respectfully withdraws the above referenced PSD Permit Applications previously sent to the Department. As GP and DEP have discussed recently, it is our intent to prepare the RB and LK Shell as one new application and submit it and a revised #4CB PSD Application in one package in the very near future. In discussions with your staff, it is our understanding that DEP will process the applications concurrently and issue one overall permit.

If you have any questions please call Myra Carpenter at (386) 329-0918.

Sincerely,

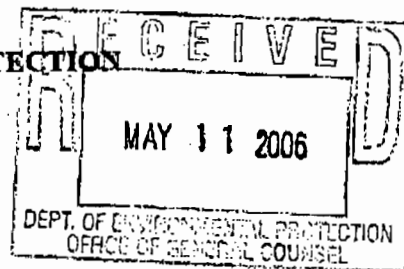
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cc: M.J. Carpenter, T. Champion, S.D. Matchett, T. Wyles, E. Jamro
Mr. D. Buff – Golder Asso.

cc: Scott Anderson, 7/13/06

cc: Lea Crandall, OGC 37-14-06 - v4

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE OF FLORIDA



GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORPORATION,
Palatka Operations,

Petitioner,

v.

GP Air Construction Permit Project No.:
1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367 Recovery
Boiler Modification

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION, STATE OF FLORIDA

Respondent.

SECOND FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Petitioner, GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORPORATION ("GP"), pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(4), Fla. Admin. Code, hereby requests an additional thirty-day extension of time within which to file a petition seeking a formal administrative proceeding and within which to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue a construction permit in the above-styled matter concerning the agency action proposed by Respondent, the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. This request is in response to the letter providing notice of intent to issue a permit, dated March 30, 2006, and is timely filed. In support of this request, Petitioner states:

1. GP has a number of issues in the permit which it needs to discuss and attempt to resolve with the Department.
2. The issues of concern in the proposed permit have been provided verbally to the Department. Subsequently, a letter with the issues of concern raised by the proposed permit was provided to the Department. Follow-up discussions have also occurred.

3. Such continuing discussions are more efficient than filing a Petition for Hearing.

4. The issues with the proposed construction permit were not be resolved in time for construction during the annual mill outage scheduled to begin May 7. (GP and the Department are discussing a much smaller interim maintenance project to replace a minimum number of tubes while the unit is down, which GP believes does not require permitting.) The issues involving the proposed construction permit will remain regardless of the routine maintenance issue.

5. GP consulted with the Department, Trina Vielhauer, who indicated the Department would not object to an additional thirty-day extension.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Department enter an Order allowing until June 12, 2006 to file a petition seeking a formal administrative proceeding or to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Construction Permit in the above-styled matter. Should the Motion not be granted, GP requests that this Motion be treated as a Petition for Formal Administrative Proceedings.


Respectfully submitted this 11th day of May 2006.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct of the foregoing has been furnished via Electronic Transmission this 11th day of May 2006, to:

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GEORGIA-PACIFIC CORPORATION,
PALATKA OPERATIONS,

Petitioner,

v.

OGC No. 06-0921
DEP Permit No. 107005-035-AC

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION,

Respondent.

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR HEARING**

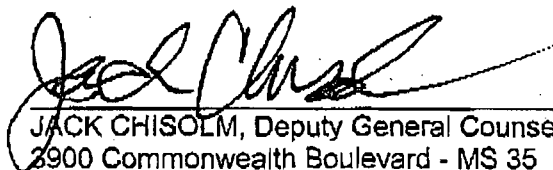
This cause has come before the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) upon receipt of a request made by Petitioner, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, to grant an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing to allow time to discuss with FDEP several specific permit conditions for its facility in Palatka, Florida. Because the request shows good cause for the extension of time,

IT IS ORDERED:

The request for an extension of time to file a petition for administrative proceeding is granted. Petitioner shall have until **May 11, 2006**, to file a petition in this matter. Filing shall be complete upon receipt by the Office of General Counsel, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 24th day of April, 2006, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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JACK CHISOLM, Deputy General Counsel
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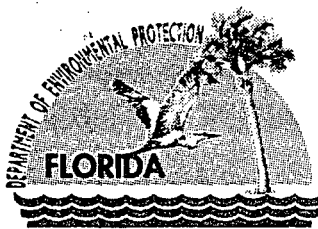
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April 30, 2006

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Re: GP Air Construction Permit Project No.: 1070005-35-AC/PSD-FL-367
Recovery Boiler Modification

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated April 20, 2006, regarding the above referenced project. Several aspects of your correspondence warrant clarification. I am hopeful that this clarification will allow a productive teleconference with you and your staff tomorrow, Monday May 1, 2006, at 9:30.

First and foremost, the Department has acted in good faith and as expeditiously as possible to reach resolution on this project. Since the receipt of the Recovery Boiler application in November, Georgia-Pacific ("GP") has changed its project priorities on several occasions and redirected the Department's efforts on its various pending projects. For example, on February 14, 2006, the Department received an email from you indicating that the #4 lime kiln project needed to be prioritized due to a crack that developed. Then on March 2, 2006, GP requested a short-term SO₂ emission limit as part of the Recovery Boiler project which required additional modeling. For approximately 3 weeks, the Department worked with GP's modelers trying to resolve this SO₂ issue. During this delay, the Department continued its efforts on the technical evaluation and draft permit language. Suddenly, on March 20, 2006, GP rescinded its request for a short-term SO₂ limit and also requested the Department stop working on the #4 lime kiln shell project. The Department's staff worked on the Recovery Boiler project during its family vacation time in order to issue a draft PSD permit to GP a mere 10 days later (March 30, 2006).

Based upon a teleconference on April 13, 2006, the Department understands that GP did not obtain the funding for the Recovery Boiler project for this year. The Department remains hopeful, however, that the fruits of

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everyone's efforts on this project will result in a final PSD permit. To that end, your letter raised questions regarding the Department's authority for several permit conditions contained in the draft PSD permit. The following information explains the basis for the Department's authority. I would be happy to discuss this with you in more detail on the teleconference tomorrow morning or at your convenience.

As you are aware, the primary purpose of this project is to completely refurbish the recovery boiler (as evidenced by the \$34 million projected costs) and to increase the solids content of the primary fuel of black liquor solids (BLS). As described in the application, increasing the solids content is predicted to result in high flue gas volumes and increased mass emission rates, particularly NOx emissions. Based on GP's PSD netting analysis, the project could result in the following significant net emissions increases:

Pollutant	Net Emissions Increase	PSD Significant Emission Rates
PM	333	25
PM ₁₀	274	15
NO _x	744	40
CO	1,623	100
SAM	26	7
VOC	389	40

These are the potential emissions increases predicted after taking credit for any contemporaneous emissions reductions. Due to the significant potential emissions increase, the project is subject to prevention of significant deterioration ("PSD") preconstruction review for each of these pollutants. As part of the PSD program, the Department is required to perform a case-by-case best available control technology ("BACT") determination. As described in the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, Rule 62-210.200(38), F.A.C. defines BACT as follows:

- (a) An emission limitation, including a visible emissions standard, based on the maximum degree of reduction of each pollutant emitted, **which the Department**, on a case by case basis, taking into account:
1. Energy, environmental and economic impacts, and other costs;
 2. All scientific, engineering, and technical material and other information available to the Department; and
 3. The emission limiting standards or BACT determinations of Florida and any other state;


determines is achievable through application of production processes and available methods, systems and techniques (including fuel cleaning or treatment or innovative fuel combustion techniques) for control of each such pollutant.

- (b) If the Department determines that technological or economic limitations on the application of measurement methodology to a particular part of an emissions unit or facility would make the imposition of an emission standard infeasible, a design, equipment, work practice, operational standard or combination thereof, may be prescribed instead to satisfy the requirement for the application of BACT. Such standard shall, to the degree possible, set forth the emissions reductions achievable by implementation of such design, equipment, work practice or operation.
- (c) Each BACT determination shall include applicable test methods or **shall provide for determining compliance with the standard(s)** by means which achieve equivalent results.
- (d) In no event shall application of best available control technology result in emissions of any pollutant which would exceed the emissions allowed by any applicable standard under 40 CFR Parts 60, 61, and 63. (emphasis added)

In addition, Rule 62-4.070, F.A.C. requires that the Department have reasonable assurances that a proposed project will comply with all applicable Department rules. This rule allows the Department to establish permit conditions that afford it reasonable assurances of compliance. These rules are the core of the Department's authority for the PSD emission limitations and continuous emission monitoring requirements established in the PSD permit.

I hope this information is helpful and look forward to discussing this project with you tomorrow or at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Trina L. Vielhauer
Chief,
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cc: Myra Carpenter, Ed Jamro, GP
Jeff Koerner, Bruce Mitchell, BAR
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Re: Georgia-Pacific (GP) Palatka Mill – Recovery Boiler
Routine Maintenance Repair and Replacement (RMRR)
May 2006 Annual Outage

Dear Ms. Vielhauer:

This letter confirms our telephone conversation on Thursday April 13, 2006. Jeff Koerner and Bruce Mitchell from your office and Scott Matchett and Ed Jamro from GP were involved in the call as well. The topic was RMRR and GP's response to your request for additional information.

Based on our April 12 responses to your April 10 request for more information, the Florida DEP agrees that the #4 Recovery Boiler tube replacement work for the May 7 annual outage, as described in our April 5th and 12th letters, is routine maintenance, repair and replacement, and that permitting is not required. As we discussed, the May 2006 outage work will be consistent with work performed in the last 5 years.

We also discussed the status of the pending PSD Permit and GP's concerns with some of the provisions. While GP has requested an extension of time for filing a request for a hearing, it is GP's intent to work with Department staff to resolve the differences as soon as possible. At this time, we are just protecting our administrative right to request a hearing if any permit provisions cannot be agreed upon.

Thanks for the quick review and response from you and your staff on this matter.

If you have any questions please call me at (386) 329-0918.

Sincerely,

Myra J. Carpenter

Environmental Superintendent

cc: T.D. Kennedy, W.M. Jernigan, S.D. Matchett, T. Wyles, E. Jamro
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RE: Routine Maintenance Repair and Replacement – Boiler Tube Sections
No. 4 Recovery Boiler – GP - Palatka
Response to Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr. Koerner:

On April 10, 2006, Georgia-Pacific received the Department's Request for Additional Information in response to my letter to Ms. Vielhauer regarding our April 5 notice of intent to perform routine maintenance on a small number of boiler tubes. This letter is in response to that request. For ease of following our responses, the questions have been repeated prior to the answers.

As background, in November 2005, GP submitted a PSD permit application that stated our intent to conduct more extensive tube replacements and air system upgrades for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler, along with added projects in the evaporator area. The tube replacement work, proposed to take place over a 3 to 4 year period, involved a significant percentage of the tubes in the unit's superheater, economizer, and generating bank. The total number of tubes to be replaced was estimated at approximately 7,400 in the application. We submitted the application for this work out of an abundance of caution, in light of the relatively extensive nature of this work and the uncertainty surrounding interpretation of the PSD routine maintenance, repair and replacement (RMRR) exclusion. When we received the Department's draft permit for this project, it became obvious that several issues in the draft permit would take time to sort out with the Department. GP must now separately complete the bare minimum of routine maintenance work during the May 2006 outage, far short of the scope of work described in the application. This bare minimum work is that which our insurers require us to complete during the May outage. That routine maintenance work was the subject of our April 5 letter and subsequent correspondence with FDEP.

Q-1. What is the expected cause of the tube failures? Are materials being upgraded?

Answer: The potential tube failures are the result of normal corrosion and some erosion, which is typical for tubes in a recovery boiler. The 60 tube sections in the superheater will be replaced with the same material of construction. The 65 wall tube sections will be replaced with a 304SS composite that has been used in previous repairs. The 304SS composite material was installed in 1991 when the bottom of the furnace was replaced under PSD-FL-171. This composite material is considered preferable because it will match with adjacent lower tube sections and will lessen the risks of water leaks into the Boiler.

Q-2. Does the recovery boiler undergo an outage each year for insurance purposes? Describe the general terms in the insurance contract requiring inspection and repair. When was the boiler last inspected to determine the maintenance that needs to be performed during the scheduled outage?

Answer: The Recovery Boiler undergoes an annual outage for insurance purposes. Insurance on this Recovery Boiler is handled through a consortium of insurance companies and coverage is given in 12-month blocks. Near the end of each 12-month period, GP must reapply for insurance. To satisfy the insurers, GP hires an independent contractor to inspect the Recovery Boiler – inside and out. The insurance consortium relies on the contractor’s report in order to ascertain the condition of the Boiler and GP’s commitment to making routine repairs and replacements to enhance safe operation.

The contractor inspects tubes and conducts destructive and non-destructive testing of tubes. The contractor considers tube sections that were identified in the previous year’s inspection as being “prime candidates” for replacement during the next outage. If inspection and testing during the current outage indicates that “candidate replacement tube sections” can be safely operated until the next outage, those tube sections are not disturbed. The Recovery Boiler was last inspected during the annual outage in May 2005 and the tube sections that are addressed in this request were found to be “candidate replacement tube sections”.

Q-3. For comparison purposes, please provide a summary of such outages conducted over the last five years including the nature, extent, frequency, purpose, and costs for each year.

Answer: The Information requested is summarized in Attachment 1 and Table 1.

The Mill has taken routine annual maintenance outages on the Recovery Boiler every year, driven largely by insurance requirements and the Mill’s recognition of its obligation under Florida regulations (see below) to maintain the Boiler in good, safe operating condition. During the past five years, for example, the maintenance budget for the Recovery Boiler outages has ranged from \$1.4M to \$3.5M, averaging \$2.6M. The work included routine replacement or repair of similar numbers of tube sections, constituting similarly small fractions of total tube surface area, and done at similar cost to the intended 2006 work. All work was performed during normal annual Mill outage periods and was intended solely to maintain the Boiler in its current function and capacity and in a safe operating condition.

Please note that timely repair of damaged tube sections in the Recovery Boiler is a condition of continued insurance coverage of the Boiler, without which it is not prudent for GP to operate the unit. Moreover, in our view, this type and extent of work is not only “routine” as a factual matter, in light of the routine tube repair and replacement practices by recovery boiler operators throughout the industry, but is routine as a matter of law under the Florida air regulations. We are confident that the Department would agree with us that we have an obligation under Rule 62-210.700(4) to properly maintain and operate facility equipment so as to minimize shutdowns and excess emissions. In fact, if excess emissions occur during malfunction events that are later found to have been caused entirely or in part by poor maintenance practices or preventable equipment failures, we risk losing any SSM defense for

such emissions, and the Department could initiate enforcement. Hence, the Florida rules require us to perform adequate routine maintenance, repair and replacement work of the very type discussed in this letter.

As you know, the Mill intends and needs to do this work in an outage scheduled to begin on May 7. Therefore, if the Department continues to have any questions whatsoever about whether this work qualifies as RMRR under the Florida regulations, we would like to discuss those with you as soon as possible. We will contact you shortly to follow up on this letter. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Myra Carpenter at (386)-329-0918.

Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert R. Kennedy in black ink, appearing as "Robert R. Kennedy FOR TDK".

Mr. Theodore D. Kennedy
Vice President – Palatka Operations

cc: Mark Aguilar, P.E., S. Matchett, Myra Carpenter - GP
T. Cole - OHFC

ATTACHMENT NO. 1
RECOVERY BOILER (RB)
ANNUAL OUTAGES – 2001 TO PRESENT

NATURE OF OUTAGES: 2001 to 2006

The work has involved routine maintenance to repair and/or replace corroded and/or eroded boiler tube sections in the wall and superheater of the Recovery Boiler. The replacement of tubes in May 2006 represents about 0.4% of the total tubes surface area in the Boiler. It is very common in the industry for recovery boilers to require tube replacements in order to minimize leaks and boiler shutdowns. Tube replacements do not extend the life of a boiler. A recovery boiler's life span is dependent on all of the major equipment associated with the boiler (*i.e.* steam drum, feed system, combustion controls, etc.) in addition to all of its generating, superheater, and economizer tubes. It is possible that tube sections could be replaced several times over the life of a recovery boiler.

FREQUENCY OF OUTAGES: 2001 TO 2006

Throughout the life of the Recovery Boiler, boiler tube sections have been replaced as needed based on an assessment of the condition of the tubes as related to safe operation. Periodic replacement of tube sections is an accepted, routine maintenance obligation for recovery boilers. Routine maintenance outages have occurred over the past 5 years as follows:

March 2001, April 2002, May 2003, April/May 2004, May 2005 and scheduled for May 2006.

EXTENT OF OUTAGES: 2001 TO 2006

Only tube sections in the wall and superheater will be replaced during the May 2006 outage. These sections represent about 0.4% of the total tube surface area in the Boiler.

During the outages over the past five years, no new major parts were added to the Recovery Boiler. Outages typically lasted from 10 to 25 days depending upon the accessibility to the areas where the work was to be performed.

The March 2001 outage lasted 11 days, the April 2002 outage lasted 12 days, the May 2003 outage lasted 16 days, the April/May 2004 outage lasted 23 days, the May 2005 outage lasted 16 days and the May 2006 outage is scheduled to last about 10 days.

PURPOSE OF OUTAGES: 2001 TO 2006

The small number of tubes in the wall and superheater tube sections are replaced to assure safe and reliable function of the Recovery Boiler at its current capacity. Past work and the scheduled 2006 work were/are not intended to increase the useful life of the Recovery Boiler. In order to satisfy requirements for continued insurance on the Recovery Boiler, it is anticipated that tube section replacements will continue in the future.

COST OF OUTAGES: 2001 TO 2006

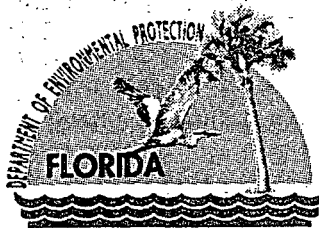
The average cost of repairs on the Recovery Boiler during annual outages from 2001 to 2005 was \$2.6M. The cost estimated for the May 2006 annual outage is \$1.8M. See details in Table No. 1.

Also for comparison purposes, the total average yearly maintenance cost for the Recovery Boiler from 2001 to 2005 was \$6.7M. This covered day to day maintenance activities for the entire year. The total budgeted yearly maintenance cost for 2006 is \$6.5M. See details in Table No. 1.

**TABLE NO. 1 - RECOVERY BOILER
ANNUAL OUTAGES – 2001 TO 2006**

YEAR	PURPOSE in Recovery Boiler	COST in Recovery Boiler Outage / tubes
2006 (Plan)	General Routine Maintenance on mechanical and electrical systems, tank repairs, ESP repairs, and replacement of 65 water wall tube and 60 superheater tube sections. The tube section replacements represent about 0.4% of the total tube surface area.	The total cost of the annual outage in the Recovery Boiler is estimated to be \$1.8M. The cost to repair the tubes is estimated to be \$0.35M to \$0.4M. The total yearly maintenance costs in the RB are budgeted at \$6.5M.
2005	General Routine Maintenance on mechanical and electrical systems, tank repairs, breaker cleaning, ESP repairs, and replacement of 262 water wall tube sections and 50 superheater tube sections. The tube section replacements represent about 1.3% of the total tube surface area.	The total cost of the 2005 annual outage in the Recovery Boiler was \$3.5M. The cost to repair the tubes was approximately \$2.1M. The total yearly maintenance cost for the RB in 2005 was \$6.3M.
2004	General Routine Maintenance – Replaced 131 roof tubes, 26 wall tube sections, and 22 superheater tube sections. The tube section replacements represent about 1.1% of the total tube surface area.	The total cost of the 2004 annual outage in the Recovery Boiler was \$4.0M. The cost to repair/replace the tubes was approximately \$1.0M. The total yearly maintenance cost for the RB in 2004 was \$8.7M.
2003	General Routine Maintenance – Replaced 21 superheater tube sections. The work included “metallizing the boiler tubes”. The tube section replacements represent about 0.1% of the total tube surface area.	The total cost of the 2003 annual outage in the Recovery Boiler was \$2.0M. The cost to repair/replace tubes was less than \$0.1M (including work to metallize boiler tubes). The total yearly maintenance cost for the RB in 2003 was \$6.5M.
2002	General Routine Maintenance – Replaced 37 wall tube sections, 14 superheater tube sections, and 1 screen tube. The tube section replacements represent about 0.2% of the total tube surface area.	The total cost of the 2002 annual outage in the Recovery Boiler was \$2.1M. The cost to repair/replace tubes was less than \$0.1M. The total yearly maintenance cost for the RB in 2002 was \$6.9M.
2001	General Routine Maintenance – Replaced 15 superheater tube sections and 4 wall tube sections. The tube section replacements represent about 0.2% of the total tube surface area.	The total cost of the 2001 annual outage in the Recovery Boiler was \$1.4M. The costs to repair/replace tubes was approximately \$0.17M. The total yearly maintenance cost for the RB in 2001 was \$5.3M.

Tube Section means – a panel of tubes that makes up an entire tube length. For example – a 100 foot long tube might be made up of 5 – 20ft. tube sections.



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Re: Georgia-Pacific – Palatka Mill
Recovery Boiler – Request Regarding Routine Maintenance of Boiler Tubes

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

On April 7, 2006, we received your letter identifying an upcoming maintenance project to replace a small portion of the waterwall and superheater tubes in the Recovery Boiler at the Palatka Mill. We recently issued Georgia-Pacific a draft PSD permit, which authorized the replacement of a substantial amount of boiler tubes based on the following preliminary schedule identified in the application: replace 25% of wall tubes in recovery boiler in May 2006; and replace tubes in superheater, economizer, and another 25% of wall tubes in recovery boiler in April/May of 2007. The total cost of the tube replacements identified in the draft PSD permit was estimated at \$24 million. In order to ensure that the recent request for "routine tubing replacements" would not be considered a part of the larger pending project, we request the following additional information.

1. What is the expected cause of the tube failures? Are materials being upgraded?
2. Does the recovery boiler undergo an outage each year for insurance purposes? Describe the general terms in the insurance contract requiring inspection and repair. When was the boiler last inspected to determine the maintenance that needs to be performed during the scheduled outage?
3. For comparison purposes, please provide a summary of such outages conducted over the last five years including the nature, extent, frequency, purpose, and costs for each year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

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Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Palatka Mill
P.O. Box 919
Palatka, Florida 32178-0919

RE: Request to Modify the No. 4 Recovery Boiler
Project No.: 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

One copy of the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the Public Notice, and the Draft air construction permit for Georgia-Pacific Corporation's Palatka Mill located North of CR 216 and West of US 17, Palatka, Putnam County, is enclosed. The permitting authority's "INTENT TO ISSUE AN AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" and the "PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" are also included.

The "PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" must be published as soon as possible. Proof of publication, i.e., newspaper affidavit, must be provided to the permitting authority's office within 7 (seven) days of publication pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(5), F.A.C. Failure to publish the notice and provide proof of publication within the allotted time may result in the denial of the permit pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(11), F.A.C.

Please submit any written comments you wish to have considered concerning the permitting authority's proposed action to Jeffery F. Koerner, P.E., at the above letterhead address. If you have any other questions, please contact Bruce Mitchell at 850/413-9198.

Sincerely,

Trina L. Vielhauer
Chief
Bureau of Air Regulation

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In the Matter of an
Application for Permit by:

Georgia-Pacific Corporation
P.O. Box 919
Palatka, Florida 32178-0919

Draft Air Construction Permit Project No.: 1070005-035-AC
PSD Permit Project No.: PSD-FL-367
Palatka Mill
Putnam County

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Mediation: Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

Executed in Tallahassee, Florida.

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**



Trina L. Vielhauer, Chief
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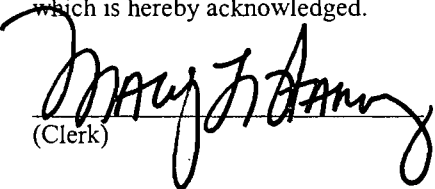
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy agency clerk hereby certifies that this "Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit" package (including the Public Notice, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, and the Draft Permit) was sent by certified mail (*) and copies were mailed by U.S. Mail or sent electronically (with Received Receipt) before the close of business on 3/30/06 to the persons listed below.

Mr. Theodore D. Kennedy *, VP – Palatka Operations, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Palatka Mill
Ms. Myra Carpenter, G-PC
Mr. Mark Aguilar, P.E., G-PC
Mr. Chris Kirts, NED Office
Mr. Gregg Worley, EPA Region 4
Mr. John Bunyak, NPS

Clerk Stamp

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FILED, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52(7), Florida Statutes, with the designated agency Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.


(Clerk) 3/30/06 (Date)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Permitting Authority
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Regulation

Draft Air Construction Permit Project No.: 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367

Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Palatka Mill
Putnam County

Applicant: The applicant for this project is the Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Palatka Mill. The applicant's Authorized Representative is: Mr. Theodore D. Kennedy, Vice President – Palatka Operations, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Palatka Mill, P.O. Box 919, Palatka, Florida 32178-0919.

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The total net potential annual emissions from the proposed project and pending projects (noted above) in terms of "tons per year" (TPY) will be: 1623 TPY of carbon monoxide (CO); 744 TPY of nitrogen oxides (NO_x); 333/274 TPY of particulate matter (PM/PM₁₀); 39.0 TPY of sulfur dioxide (SO₂); 26 TPY of sulfur acid mist (SAM); 389 TPY of volatile organic compounds (VOC); and, 9 TPY of total reduced sulfur compounds (TRS). The affected pollutants that exceed the PSD significant emission rates pursuant to Rule 62-210.200(Definitions), F.A.C., are: CO; NO_x; PM/PM₁₀; SAM; and, VOC. Therefore, the affected pollutants must undergo preconstruction evaluation pursuant to Rule 62-212.400(PSD), F.A.C., which requires a Best Available Control Technology (BACT) determination and an appropriate air quality modeling analysis.

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An air quality impact analysis was conducted. The maximum predicted PSD Class II increments consumed by this project and all other sources in the area will be as follows:

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>PSD Class II Increment Consumed (ug/m3)</u>	<u>Allowable Increment (ug/m3)</u>	<u>Percent Increment Consumed</u>
PM ₁₀			
Annual	0	17	0
24-hour	6	30	20
NO ₂			
Annual	7	25	28

The maximum predicted project impacts in the Class I Okefenokee National Wilderness Area are less than the applicable modeling significant impact levels. Therefore, a multi-source increment consumption modeling analysis was not required for this area. Based on the required analyses, the Department has reasonable assurance that the proposed project will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard or PSD increment.

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**TECHNICAL EVALUATION
AND
PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION**

PROJECT

Draft Permit No. 1070005-035-AC (PSD-FL-367)
Georgia-Pacific Palatka Mill
Facility ID No. 1070005
Modification of No. 4 Recovery Boiler

COUNTY

Putnam County, Florida

APPLICANT

Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Palatka Mill
P.O. Box 919
Palatka, Florida 32178-0919

PERMITTING AUTHORITY

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Air Resources Management
Bureau of Air Regulation - Air Permitting North
2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #5505
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

March 30, 2006

1. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Facility and Location

The Georgia-Pacific Corporation operates an existing pulp and paper mill (SIC No. 2611, 2621) in Palatka located North of CR 216 and West of US 17, Putnam County, Florida. The UTM coordinates of this facility are: Zone 17; 434.0 km East; and; 3283.4 km North. The existing Palatka Mill is subject to the following regulatory categories:

Title III: The existing facility is a major source of hazardous air pollutants (HAP).

Title IV: The existing facility operates no units subject to the acid rain provisions of the Clean Air Act.

Title V: The existing facility is a Title V major source of air pollution in accordance with Chapter 213, F.A.C.

PSD: The existing facility is a PSD-major facility pursuant to Rule 62-212.400, F.A.C.

Industrial Process Description

Initial construction of the existing No. 4 recovery boiler began in December of 1976. The boiler was manufactured by Combustion Engineering and is the heart of the Kraft recovery process, which fulfills the following essential functions:

- Evaporates residual moisture from the liquor solids;
- Burns the organic constituents (lignin derivatives, carbohydrates, soap and waxes);
- Supplies heat for steam generation;
- Reduces oxidized sulfur compounds to sulfide;
- Recovers inorganic chemicals (primarily sodium sulfate) in molten form; and
- Conditions the products of combustion to minimize chemical carryover.

The heavy black liquor from the concentrators is sprayed into the furnace through liquor guns assisted by steam atomizing nozzles. The liquor droplets burn in suspension, dry and then partially pyrolyze before falling onto the char bed at the bottom of the furnace. Incomplete combustion in the porous char bed causes carbon and carbon monoxide to act as reducing agents, thus converting sulfate and thiosulfate to sulfide. The heat is sufficient to melt the sodium salts, which filter through the char bed to the floor of the furnace. The smelt, mainly sodium sulfide and sodium carbonate, is gravity fed through water-cooled spouts to one of two smelt dissolving tanks.

Air is introduced into the furnace through three sets of ports designated from bottom to top as primary, secondary and tertiary air. The primary air ports are located a few feet above the hearth and extend around the four walls of the furnace to provide as low a velocity as practical, while supplying 50% to 60% of the combustion air required. Secondary and tertiary air is usually introduced at higher velocity to ensure uniform mixing and complete combustion of the unburned gases.

The furnace ahead of the main heat-absorbing sections can be considered as consisting of three distinct zones: a drying zone where the liquor is fired; a reduction zone at the bottom (char bed); and an oxidation zone in the turbulent upper section. Air is supplied to the furnace by forced-draft fans. The flue gases are drawn through the unit by large induced-draft fans at the exhaust of the electrostatic precipitator (ESP). For safety purposes, the furnace is kept under negative pressure, where some air is infiltrated through the nozzle openings and smelt spout openings. [*Handbook for Pulp and Paper Technologists*, Gary A. Smook, Third Edition, page 142 - 145.]

Project Description

The applicant requests an air construction permit to perform the following modifications to the existing pulp and paper mill.

1. The applicant plans to replace a large percentage of the tubes in the No. 4 Recovery Boiler (EU-018), including tubes in the superheater, economizer, main generating banks and floor. The tube replacements are not considered to be routine because the original tubes have been in place since the unit was originally constructed in the mid 1970's. In addition, physical changes will be made to the combustion air system in order to lower the peak furnace exhaust gas temperature and velocity into the superheater. This effort is intended to reduce the potential for corrosion and pluggage of the superheater. The new air system is also expected to reduce particulate matter carry over and fouling in the boiler convection tube banks. By staging the combustion air, the applicant anticipates an increase in boiler efficiency, which may reduce some pollutants due to better combustion (i.e., total reduced sulfur compounds and carbon monoxide), but may result in slight increases in nitrogen oxides. To offset the potential emissions increase in nitrogen oxides, the applicant proposes to install a fourth level of combustion air (quaternary air) to provide additional staged combustion. The capacity of the No. 4 recovery boiler will remain unchanged at 789,000 lbs/hr steam (24-hour average) based on

Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination

steam conditions of 850° F – 900° F at 1250 psi and 210,000 lb/hour of black liquor solids (BLS).

- The applicant proposes to modify the black liquor evaporator system, specifically the No. 4 multiple effect evaporator (MEE) set. The change will increase the concentration of the black liquor solids (BLS) from 65% to 75%, which will be fired in the recovery boiler. The purpose is to increase the efficiency of the recovery boiler by reducing the amount of water in the black liquor solids (BLS) being fired. A crystallizer vessel will be installed to remove additional moisture from black liquor leaving the concentrators. The crystallizer will increase the temperature of the black liquor, which will discharge into a storage/flash tank at a lower pressure to “flash-off” vapors (water moisture). Vapors will be routed to the existing evaporator system and collected as part of the existing non-condensable gas (NCG) collection system. The applicant expects to fire less supplemental fuel oil as a result of improved firing of BLS. The applicant anticipates that the increased recovery boiler efficiency will reduce the amount of steam produced from other existing boilers, which fire fuel oil. However, the improved firing rate may also result in more exhaust gas flow and increased particulate matter emissions.
- The applicant plans to remove some internal baffles and resize some downcomer piping in the existing concentrators due to scaling problems that lead to frequent “boil outs”. The proposed changes will improve liquor circulation and increase velocity through the tubes, which should reduce scaling and fouling as well as the number of “boil outs”. An external heat exchanger will be added to the existing concentrators to preheat the black liquor with steam prior to entering the concentrators, which will improve evaporation. The changes allow the fuel feed system to more closely match the existing capacity of the recovery boiler. Emissions generated from the external heat exchanger operation will be controlled by the existing NCG collection system.
- Also as a part of this project, the applicant proposes to reduce the No. 6 fuel oil sulfur content from 2.35% to 2.10% sulfur by weight. This change affects the recovery boiler, the lime kiln, and the combination boiler. In addition, the applicant requests a limitation on the maximum amount of No. 6 fuel oil that can be fired in a 12-month period by the combination boiler. These changes allow the project to avoid PSD preconstruction review for sulfur dioxide (SO₂).

The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$32 million. The preliminary schedule is:

- May 2006: Modify combustion air system; replace 25% of wall tubes in recovery boiler; and start construction of new crystallizer and upgrades to concentrator/evaporator;
- April/May of 2007: Replace tubes in superheater, economizer, and 25% of wall in recovery boiler; and
- May 2008: Startup of new crystallizer/evaporator.

Reviewing and Processing Schedule

- November 18, 2005: Receipt of application;
- December 16, 2005: Request for additional information;
- January 13, 2006: Receipt of additional information;
- February 9, 2006: Request for additional information;
- February 20, 2006: Receipt of additional information; application deemed complete.

2. RULE APPLICABILITY

This project is subject to the applicable environmental laws specified in Section 403 of the Florida Statutes (F.S.). The Florida Statutes authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to establish rules and regulations regarding air quality as part of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). This project is subject to the rules and regulations defined in the following generally applicable Chapters of the Florida Administrative Code: 62-4 (Permitting Requirements); 62-204 (Ambient Air Quality Requirements, PSD Increments, and Federal Regulations Adopted by Reference); 62-210 (Permits Required, Public Notice, Reports, Stack Height Policy, Circumvention, Excess Emissions, and Forms); 62-212 (Preconstruction Review, PSD Review and BACT, and Non-attainment Area Review and LAER); 62-213 (Title V Air Operation Permits for Major Sources of Air Pollution); 62-296 (Emission Limiting Standards); and 62-297 (Test Methods and Procedures, Continuous Monitoring Specifications, and Alternate Sampling Procedures). Specifically, the recovery boiler is subject to Rule 62-296.404 (Kraft Pulp Mills and Tall Oil Plants), F.A.C.

Federal Regulations

The Environmental Protection Agency establishes air quality regulations in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Part 60 identifies New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for a variety of industrial activities. Part 61 specifies

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the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant (NESHAP) based on specific pollutants. Part 63 identifies National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant (NESHAP) based on the Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) for given source categories. Specifically the recovery boiler is subject to the following applicable provisions: NSPS Subpart BB in 40 CFR 60 (Kraft Pulp Mills); and NESHAP Subpart MM MACT II requirements in 40 CFR 63 (Recovery Combustion Sources at Pulp Mills).

General PSD Applicability

The Department regulates major air pollution facilities in accordance with Florida's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program, as approved by the EPA in Florida's State Implementation Plan and defined in Rule 62-212.400, F.A.C. A PSD review is required in areas currently in attainment with the state and federal Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS) or areas designated as "unclassifiable" for a given pollutant. A facility is considered "major" with respect to PSD if it emits or has the potential to emit: 250 tons per year or more of any regulated air pollutant, or 100 tons per year or more of any regulated air pollutant and the facility belongs to one of the 28 PSD Major Facility Categories, or 5 tons per year of lead.

New projects at existing PSD-major sources are reviewed for PSD applicability based on net emissions increases. Each regulated pollutant is evaluated for PSD applicability based on emissions thresholds known as the Significant Emission Rates defined in Rule 62-210.200 (Definitions), F.A.C. Pollutant emissions from the project exceeding these rates are considered "significant" and the applicant must employ the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) to minimize emissions of each such pollutant and evaluate the air quality impacts. Although a facility may be "major" with respect to PSD for only one regulated pollutant, it may be required to install BACT controls for several "PSD-significant" pollutants. As part of PSD preconstruction review, applicants must also provide an air quality analysis demonstrating that the project will not result in adverse ambient impacts.

PSD Applicability for the Project

The project is located in Putnam County, which is in an area that is currently in attainment with the state and federal Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS) or otherwise designated as unclassifiable. Actual annual emissions of one or more pollutants from the facility are greater than the facility applicability thresholds defined above. The plant is an existing PSD-major facility as defined in Rule 62-212.400, F.A.C. Therefore, the project must be reviewed for PSD applicability.

The requested potential annual emissions from only the recovery boiler will be: 331 tons/year of particulate matter (PM/PM₁₀); 738 tons/year of nitrogen oxides (NO_x); 2246 tons/year of carbon monoxide (CO); 15.9 tons/year of sulfuric acid mist (SAM); 155 tons/year of sulfur dioxide (SO₂); 34 tons/year of total reduced sulfur (TRS); and 138 tons/year of volatile organic compounds (VOC). However, this plant has multiple major projects proposed, or about to be proposed, including modifications to the No. 4 Recovery Boiler, the No. 4 Lime Kiln, and the No. 4 Combination Boiler. In addition, several previous projects have recently been permitted at this plant. Due to the close timing of these projects, the Department requested that the PSD netting analysis include all contemporaneous emission increases and decreases associated with past permitting projects within the last five years as well as the planned (pending) modifications to the No. 4 Lime Kiln and the No. 4 Combination Boiler. In this manner, the full emissions increases could be accounted for in the ambient air quality analysis and individual projects could not inadvertently escape determinations of Best Available Control Technology (BACT). The following table summarizes the PSD netting analysis for this project.

Table 1. PSD Netting Analysis

Pollutant	Emissions in Tons per Year					Subject to PSD?
	Past Actual Emissions	Potential Emissions	Contemporaneous Emission Changes ³	Net Emissions Increase	PSD Significant Emission Rates	
PM	343.2	683.4	-6.7	333	25	Yes
PM ₁₀	270.7	549.4	-4.3	274	15	Yes
SO ₂	839.9	1207.2 ¹	-362.0	39	40	No
NO _x	1,032.0	1779.8	-3.4	744	40	Yes
CO	1,938.0	3,541.1	19.6	1,623	100	Yes
SAM	37.1	62.3	0.3	26	7	Yes
VOC	326.3	837.5	-122.02	389	40	Yes

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Pollutant	Emissions in Tons per Year					Subject to PSD?
	Past Actual Emissions	Potential Emissions	Contemporaneous Emission Changes ³	Net Emissions Increase	PSD Significant Emission Rates	
TRS	21.1	75.27 ²	-45.3	9	10	No
PB	0.25	0.4	-0.005	0.12	0.6	No
Hg	0.00506	0.00724	-0.000081	0.0021	0.1	No
Fl	0.08	0.09	-0.027	-0.014	3.0	No

Note: Based on information received: April 15, May 6, June 14 and November 18, 2005 (recovery boiler application); and February 20, 2006 (additional information provided).

- ¹ This value is a 12-month rolling emissions cap for SO₂ emissions from the recovery boiler (153.9 TPY), lime kiln (151.1 TPY) and combination boiler (902.2 TPY). The cap includes the following:
- a. A fuel oil sulfur content limitation of 2.10% by weight for the recovery boiler, lime kiln and combination boiler.
 - b. A fuel oil consumption limitation of 5.03 million gallons during any consecutive 12-months for the combination boiler.
 - c. An annual SO₂ limit of 12 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ for the recovery boiler based on a maximum flow rate of 294,000 dscfm @ 8% O₂.
 - d. Based on a petcoke sulfur content limitation of 7.0% by weight for the lime kiln, 80% "natural" scrubbing from the lime mud, and 90% reduction from the wet scrubber.
 - e. Compliance will be demonstrated by an SO₂ CEMS for the recovery boiler.

- ² For TRS, this value includes the following:
- a. An annual TRS limit of 13 ppmvd @ 10% O₂ for the lime kiln (16.3 TPY, based on a maximum flow rate of 54,200 dscfm @ 10% O₂).
 - b. An annual TRS limit of 5 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ for the recovery boiler (34.2 TPY, based on a maximum flow rate of 294,000 dscfm @ 8% O₂).

- ³ In addition to the projects described above, contemporaneous emissions changes included such projects as: new bleach plant; chlorine dioxide plant; MACT I compliance project; new package boiler; brown stock washer system; shutdown of No. 4 Power Boiler.

The following pollutants exceed the PSD significant emissions rates specified in Rule 62-210.200(Definitions), F.A.C. and are subject to PSD preconstruction review: particulate matter (PM/PM₁₀); nitrogen oxides (NO_x); carbon monoxide (CO); sulfuric acid mist (SAM); and volatile organic compounds (VOC). These pollutants are subject to the PSD air quality analysis requirements and require determinations of Best Available Control Technology (BACT).

For SO₂ emissions, the applicant requested certain restrictions (recovery boiler, lime kiln, and combination boiler) limiting the net emissions increase to 39 TPY, which is less than significant and allowed the modification to avoid PSD preconstruction review. These restrictions will be established in the draft permit pursuant to Rule 62-212.400(12)(Source Obligation), F.A.C.

3. BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (BACT) DETERMINATION

Description of BACT Determination Procedure

The Department regulates major air pollution sources in accordance with Florida's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) of Air Quality program, as defined in Rule 62-212.400, F.A.C. A PSD preconstruction review is only required in areas that are currently in attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for a given pollutant or areas designated as "unclassifiable" such pollutants. A PSD-major facility is one that emits or has the potential to emit: 250 tons per year or more of any regulated air pollutant; or 100 tons per year or more of any regulated air pollutant and the facility belongs to one of the 28 Major Facility Categories; or 5 tons per year of lead.

For new PSD-major facilities and modifications to existing PSD-major facilities, each regulated pollutant is reviewed for

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PSD applicability based on emissions thresholds known as the Significant Emission Rates identified in Rule 62-210.200(243), F.A.C. Pollutant emissions from the project exceeding these rates are considered "significant" and the applicant must employ the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) to minimize emissions of each such pollutant and evaluate the air quality impacts. Although a facility may be "major" with respect to PSD for only one regulated pollutant, it is required to install BACT controls for each "PSD-significant" pollutant. In accordance with Rule 62-212.400(4), F.A.C., the applicant must provide the following information:

- (a) *A description of the nature, location, design capacity, and typical operating schedule of the source or modification, including specifications and drawings showing its design and plant layout;*
- (b) *A detailed schedule for construction of the source or modification;*
- (c) *A detailed description as to what system of continuous emission reduction is planned for the source or modification, emission estimates, and any other information necessary to determine best available control technology (BACT) including a proposed BACT;*
- (d) *The air quality impact of the source or modification, including meteorological and topographical data necessary to estimate such impact and an analysis of "good engineering practice" stack height; and*
- (e) *The air quality impacts, and the nature and extent of any or all general commercial, residential, industrial, and other growth which has occurred since August 7, 1977, in the area the source or modification would affect.*

"Best Available Control Technology" or "BACT" as is defined in Rule 62-210.200(38), F.A.C. as follows:

- (a) *An emission limitation, including a visible emissions standard, based on the maximum degree of reduction of each pollutant emitted, which the Department, on a case by case basis, taking into account:
 1. *Energy, environmental and economic impacts, and other costs;*
 2. *All scientific, engineering, and technical material and other information available to the Department; and*
 3. *The emission limiting standards or BACT determinations of Florida and any other state;*determines is achievable through application of production processes and available methods, systems and techniques (including fuel cleaning or treatment or innovative fuel combustion techniques) for control of each such pollutant.*
- (b) *If the Department determines that technological or economic limitations on the application of measurement methodology to a particular part of an emissions unit or facility would make the imposition of an emission standard infeasible, a design, equipment, work practice, operational standard or combination thereof, may be prescribed instead to satisfy the requirement for the application of BACT. Such standard shall, to the degree possible, set forth the emissions reductions achievable by implementation of such design, equipment, work practice or operation.*
- (c) *Each BACT determination shall include applicable test methods or shall provide for determining compliance with the standard(s) by means which achieve equivalent results.*
- (d) *In no event shall application of best available control technology result in emissions of any pollutant which would exceed the emissions allowed by any applicable standard under 40 CFR Parts 60, 61, and 63.*

The Department conducts case-by-case BACT determinations in accordance with the requirements given above. Additionally, the Department generally conducts such reviews so that the determinations are consistent with those conducted using the "Top-Down Methodology" described by EPA.

BACT Review for PM/PM₁₀

Discussion of PM/PM₁₀ Emissions and Control Options

High temperatures in the char bed zone result in a partial vaporization of sodium and sulfur from the smelt. The fume is removed from the furnace with the combustion gases and condenses to a fine particulate consisting of sodium sulfate (Na₂SO₄) and sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃). The loss of sodium (Na⁺ and Na₂) increases sharply above 1341° F. It is important that the solids entrained with the combustion gases are cooled below their fusion temperature prior to contact with the superheater tubes; otherwise, ash and fume will adhere strongly to the tubes and form an insulating layer. The "sticky ash point" for the principal sodium salts (carbonate and sulfate) is about 1472° F. The typical recovery boiler is relatively tall to allow sufficient cooling of gas and entrained solids by the water wall tubes. The tubes in the boiler section become coated with particulate (ash) and reduce heat exchange efficiency; therefore, steam soot blowers are used to remove the ash

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coating, which is conditioned and removed by an electrostatic precipitator (ESP). [*Handbook for Pulp and Paper Technologists*], Gary A. Smook, Third Edition, page 142 - 145.]

Available particulate matter control equipment for recovery boilers includes the following options:

Baghouse: A baghouse control system typically consists of a series of hanging, fine mesh bags designed to capture and remove particulate matter. Typically, the bags are periodically cleaned by pulsed jets of air or shaking. Baghouses are capable of control efficiencies exceeding 99%. However, recovery boiler exhaust gas has a relatively high moisture content (25% to 30%), which may cause bag filters to be "blinded" and plug requiring more frequent cleaning, maintenance, and replacement. For these reasons, a baghouse is generally not the control system of choice for removing particulate matter from a recovery boiler.

Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP): An ESP uses electrical power to charge particles which are then collected on large hanging plates. The plates are periodically rapped to discharge collected fly ash into ash hoppers. ESPs are capable of control efficiencies exceeding 99%. As reflected in EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse, nearly all recovery boilers at pulp and paper mills in the United States use ESPs to control particulate matter emissions.

Wet Scrubber: High-energy wet scrubbers are also effective in removing particulate matter with control efficiencies approaching 98%. As reflected by a review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse, wet scrubbers have been used by one mill for two existing recovery boilers (Georgia-Pacific Mill in Camas, Washington). However, in each case, the wet scrubber followed an ESP. The plant indicates that the wet scrubbers were installed to recover heat and make hot process water for use in the facility. The emissions limit for these units is 0.033 grains/dscf @ 8% O₂.

Applicant's PM/PM₁₀ BACT Review

The applicant selects an ESP as the top control option. The existing No. 4 Recovery Boiler is already controlled by an ESP and no additional controls are proposed. A review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse shows that previous particulate matter BACT emission limits range from 0.021 to 0.15 grains/dscf. Based on the existing ESP, the applicant proposes to meet an emissions standard of 0.030 grains/dscf @ 8% O₂, which is the current emissions standard for the recovery boiler as established in Permit No. PSD-FL-226 issued on September 21, 1995. This limit is at the low end of the range for previous BACT determinations. For comparison, NSPS Subpart BB in 40 CFR 60 specifies a particulate matter emissions standard of 0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O₂ for recovery boilers and NESHAP Subpart MM in 40 CFR 63 specifies a particulate matter emissions standard of 0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O₂ for existing recovery boilers as a surrogate for reducing HAP metal emissions. The applicant requests a visible emissions limit of 20% opacity (normal operation) with no more than 6% of opacity readings collected during a calendar quarter of no more than 35%.

Department's PM/PM₁₀ BACT Review

The Department agrees that an ESP is the top control system for the recovery boiler project. Compliance tests conducted in 2000 and 2004 on the existing recovery boiler resulted in a mean emissions rate of 0.0262 gr/dscf @ 8% O₂ and 0.0220 gr/dscf @ 8% O₂, respectively. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect that the ESP system can continue to achieve this level of emissions or better. In addition and for a similar process and control, the existing recovery boiler has been able to easily comply with the latest federal NESHAP Subpart MM MACT II regulations of 0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O₂ (40 CFR 63.862(a)(1)), which is less stringent than the current limit for the recovery boiler.

Therefore, the Department's draft particulate matter BACT determination is 0.030 grains/dscf @ 8% O₂ based on the existing ESP control system. The equivalent mass emissions rates are 75.6 lbs/hr and 331.1 tons/year. Compliance shall be demonstrated by conducting initial and annual stack tests in accordance with the requirements contained in 40 CFR 63.865. Permit No. AC54-192550 (PSD-FL-171) issued on June 12, 1991 established a BACT determination for visible emissions of no more than 20% opacity for the existing recovery boiler. The Department's draft PM BACT determination is to retain this visible emissions limit. For purposes of comparison, the following table summarizes current PM emissions standards for recovery boilers operating in Florida.

Facility/Unit	Emissions Standards
Particulate Matter (PM/PM ₁₀)	
International Paper, #1 RB	0.042 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂ ; ESP; NESHAP Subpart MM alternate "average" for boilers; stack test
International Paper, #2 RB	0.042 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂ ; ESP; NESHAP Subpart MM

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Facility/Unit	Emissions Standards
Particulate Matter (PM/PM ₁₀)	
alternate "average" for boilers; stack test	
Smurfit-Stone - Panama City, # 1 RB	0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂ ; ESP; NESHAP Subpart MM; stack test
Smurfit-Stone - Panama City, # 2 RB	0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂ ; ESP; NESHAP Subpart MM; stack test
Smurfit-Stone - Fernandina Beach, # 4 RB	0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂ ; ESP; NESHAP Subpart MM; stack test
Smurfit-Stone - Fernandina Beach, # 5 RB	0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂ ; ESP; NESHAP Subpart MM; stack test
Buckeye, #2 RB	0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂ ; ESP; NESHAP Subpart MM; stack test
Buckeye, #3 RB	0.044 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂ ; ESP; NESHAP Subpart MM; stack test

BACT Review for NO_x Emissions

Discussion of NO_x Emissions and Control Options

Thermal NO_x emissions form from a series of chemical reactions in which diatomic nitrogen (N₂) and oxygen (O₂) present in the combustion air dissociate in a high temperature combustion zone and react to form NO_x. Thermal NO_x emissions from recovery boiler are not believed to be a significant portion of the overall NO_x emissions due to relatively low combustion zone temperatures. The oxidation of nitrogen in the black liquor solids (fuel NO_x) is the primary mechanism of forming NO_x emissions in recovery boilers. However, increased combustion zone temperatures have shown to increase the amount of fuel nitrogen that is oxidized resulting in increased fuel NO_x emissions. Overall NO_x emissions are relatively low for recovery boilers because black liquor solids typically contain low amounts of nitrogen (0.10% by weight).

The two main approaches for reducing NO_x emissions from boilers are post-combustion controls and combustion modifications. Post-combustion controls include:

1. *Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)*: SCR systems work by injecting aqueous or anhydrous ammonia into the exhaust gas stream and passing the exhaust across a catalyst bed to further the chemical NO_x reduction reaction. This system also converts NO_x to elemental nitrogen, carbon dioxide, and water vapor. The optimum temperature range for an SCR catalyst to work efficiently is 550° to 1000° F (best temperature window is between 700° F to 750° F). To achieve the optimum temperature window, most SCR designs install the reaction chamber downstream of the economizer, but upstream of the air pre-heater, where the metal oxide-based catalyst works best. Reheating of the flue gas would be required for reaction chambers located downstream of the air pre-heater. SCR system can achieve NO_x control reductions of 90% on some applications.

Catalysts lose their effectiveness for a number of reasons, including poisoning, thermal sintering, binding, plugging, fouling, erosion and aging. Certain contaminants present in the exhaust flue gas can poison and deactivate the catalyst by diffusing into the catalyst's active pore sites and occupying them irreversibly. Such contaminants include calcium and magnesium oxides, potassium, sodium, arsenic, fluorine and lead. High flue gas temperatures can cause thermal sintering, which is a permanent loss of catalyst activity due to a change in the pore structure of the catalyst. Thermal sintering is dependent upon the catalyst composition and structure, but has occurred at temperature as low as 450° F. Ammonia salts, fly ash, and other PM in the flue gas stream can cause binding, plugging, and/or fouling of the catalyst through deposits left in the active pore sites of the catalyst. This reduces the number of sites available for reducing NO_x emissions and increases the flue gas pressure loss across the catalyst bed. Exhausts heavily laden with particulate matter can cause excessive erosion of the catalyst. Erosion can be reduced by hardening the leading edges of the catalyst; however, this reduces the number of active pore sites. As the catalyst ages, its physical and chemical properties change making it less effective.

Keeping the catalyst active can be accomplished in several ways, including soot blowing, removing as much of the flue gas contaminants prior to reaching the catalyst, and replacing the catalyst on a routine basis prior to becoming ineffective. Catalyst replacement is a significant portion of the costs for operating an SCR system. Similar to a SNCR system, a SCR system requires an aqueous or anhydrous ammonia or urea storage, feed, and control system, to operate properly.

2. *Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR)*: SNCR systems work by injecting ammonia or urea into the combustion chamber of the furnace to convert NO_x to elemental nitrogen (N₂), carbon dioxide (CO₂), and water. The optimum

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temperature range for an ammonia-based system is approximately 1600° F to 2000° F and for a urea-based system is 1650° F to 2100° F. The reaction must take place within the specified temperature range or it is possible to generate NO_x instead of reducing it. Increasing the residence time available for mass transfer and chemical reactions generally improves NO_x reduction. Variations in boiler steam load or flue gas temperature make the design and operation of a SNCR system more difficult. SNCR systems can achieve NO_x reductions of 50% on some applications.

Combustion modifications include:

1. *Over-Fire Air (OFA)*: The recovery boiler currently stages combustion air with a 3-level overfire air system to reduce NO_x emissions. Initial combustion air is provided with the fuel in a ratio to produce a reducing flame. Subsequent combustion air is staged to complete combustion of the fuel while maintaining low temperatures to prevent thermal NO_x formation. A variable exhaust flow can make application of OFA difficult. OFA systems can reduce NO_x emissions by 20% to 50%.
2. *Low NO_x Burners (LNBs)*: A LNB provides a stable flame that has several different zones. For example, the first zone can be primary combustion. The second zone can be fuel reburning with fuel added to chemically reduce NO_x. The third zone can be final combustion in low excess air to limit the temperature. LNBs represent a method for lowering NO_x emissions for the combustion of fossil fuels in a recovery boiler; however, the existing unit only burns No. 6 fuel oil for periods of startup and shutdown and not during normal operation. Natural gas is only burned to fuel a pilot light, which in turn is used to light the fuel oil. Therefore, LNBs would have little impact on the overall NO_x emissions from the recovery boiler. NO_x reduction potential varies from 20% to 50%.
3. *Flue Gas Recirculation (FGR)*: Recirculation of cooled flue gas reduces combustion temperature by diluting the oxygen content of the combustion air and by causing heat to be diluted by the incoming cooler air. Heat in the flue gas can be recovered by a heat exchanger. This reduction of temperature lowers the thermal NO_x concentration that is generated. High particulate matter loading in the flue gas creates technical problems which presents difficulties in implementing FGR in a recovery boiler. NO_x reduction potential varies from 15% to 20%.
4. *Low Excess Air (LEA)*: Excess airflow combustion has been correlated to the amount of thermal NO_x generated. Limiting the net excess airflow can limit the thermal NO_x content of the flue gas. NO_x reduction potential can vary from 0 to 30%. Most recovery boilers operate with low excess air (typical oxygen levels of 1% to 4%).

Each of the combustion modification techniques listed above involve lowering the temperature in the combustion chamber, which reduces the amount of thermal NO_x generated. Such combustion modifications require additional equipment, such as new fans or burners, as well as controls, to operate properly.

Applicant's NO_x BACT Review

An SCR system is the top control option for reducing NO_x emissions. However, the applicant expresses concerns regarding the feasibility of installing an SCR system due to premature deactivation of the catalyst. The recovery boiler fires black liquor solids (BLS) as the primary fuel, which results in high particulate matter loading of boiler exhaust. If the catalyst were installed prior to the ESP, the catalyst would be quickly plugged and fouled due to deposits from particulate matter in the flue gas. The applicant does not believe installation of an SCR system prior to the ESP is technically feasible. If the catalyst were installed after exiting the ESP control system, the flue gas stream would have to be heated from 425° F to approximately 700° F to achieve an effective operating temperature. The cost of firing a duct burner with natural gas would significantly add to the cost of operating an SCR system. In addition, fuel analyses of the BLS indicate the presence of sodium (18.7% by weight), potassium (1.09% by weight), and chlorine (0.56% by weight), which are known catalyst poisons. Again, the applicant expresses concerns regarding the technical feasibility of an SCR system due to premature deactivation of the catalyst from poisoning. The applicant estimates a total direct capital investment cost for a SCR system for the existing recovery boiler of nearly \$16 million and total annualized costs (including annual operating costs) of nearly \$7.5 million. Based on the actual NO_x emissions (2003 – 2004) of 425 tons/year and assuming a 90% reduction (425 x 0.90 = 383 tons of NO_x reduced), the cost effectiveness of an SCR system is estimated at nearly \$20,000 per ton of NO_x removed. The applicant rejects SCR as technically infeasible and cost prohibitive.

SNCR is the next top control option for reducing NO_x emissions. The applicant believes that an SNCR system is not technically feasible for a recovery boiler, which is a complete chemical reaction system. Any disruption of the delicate balance of chemistry within the boiler could potentially damage it, impact the quality of the product, or unacceptably affect the system. The applicant contacted two SNCR vendors (Fuel-Tech, Inc. and Aker Kvaerner Power, Inc.). These companies indicated that SNCR systems are not yet commercially available for recovery boilers. Both companies are

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working on studies in Sweden to determine whether or not SNCR can be a viable NO_x control option for recovery boilers. Based on these discussions, the applicant rejects SNCR because it is not commercially available for recovery boilers.

Of the available combustion modification techniques, staged combustion with overfire air (OFA) is the next likely control option. The existing recovery boiler currently employs staged combustion with primary, secondary and tertiary overfire air (OFA). The applicant proposes to add a 4th level of OFA to further stage combustion air and inhibit NO_x formation. A well-designed OFA and control system enhances the mixing of fuel with combustion air to promote uniform combustion, which removes hot and cold spots in the combustion zone. OFA systems are routinely employed to reduce NO_x emissions from recovery boilers.

Typical NO_x emissions from recovery boilers range from 75 to 150 ppmv, depending upon the number of levels of combustion air used to control NO_x emissions. A review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse shows previous NO_x BACT determinations for recovery boilers ranging from 70 to 210 ppmv. The BACT control technologies include combustion control, staged combustion, boiler design and operation, and process controls. One entry lists LNBS, but the application is for a supplemental natural gas burner. Another entry lists the addition of a fourth level of combustion air with a NO_x emission limit of 100 ppmv. The current NO_x limit for the recovery boiler is 80 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ and 168.5 lbs/hour. The vendor for the OFA system guarantees NO_x emissions in the range of 78 to 90 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ for a fourth level of combustion air ranges. This is based on a 75% solids content of black liquor solids (BLS), which is the proposed level after the new crystallizer is added. The current limit is at the low end of the vendor guarantees as well as previous NO_x BACT determinations for recovery boilers. Considering a concurrent reduction in CO emissions, the applicant proposes to retain the current NO_x limit of 80 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ for the recovery boiler based on a 4th level of OFA.

Department's NO_x BACT Review

The Department does not endorse the applicant's SCR cost estimates, but does recognize the considerable costs of installing and operating such a system. It is noted that the applicant's cost effectiveness estimate of \$20,000 per ton of NO_x removed was based on *actual* NO_x emissions and not *potential* NO_x emissions. Assuming the applicant's estimated annualized cost of \$7.5 million, potential NO_x emissions of 545 tons/year (based on 80 ppmvd), and a 90% reduction (545 x 0.90 = 490 tons of NO_x reduced), the cost effectiveness of an SCR system would be closer to \$16,000 per ton of NO_x removed.

A review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse shows that previous NO_x BACT determinations have relied upon combustion control techniques. The Department was unable to find any applications of an SNCR system on a recovery boiler. Based on the applicant's discussions with SNCR vendors, it does not appear that SNCR is commercially available for recovery boilers at this time. The BACT determination will be based on adding a 4th level of combustion air.

In September of 1995, the Department issued a PSD permit (AC54-266676/PSD-FL-226) for this unit with a NO_x BACT standard of standard 80 ppmvd @ 8% O₂. For reference, this is approximately 0.13 lb/MMBtu of heat input. A review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse indicates that NO_x BACT standards range from 70 to 210 ppmvd @ 8% O₂. For the existing recovery boiler, actual test results show NO_x emissions vary from 45 to 65 ppmvd @ 8% O₂. The Department's draft NO_x BACT determination is:

As determined by data collected from the required continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS), NO_x emissions from the recovery boiler shall not exceed 80 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ based on a 30-day rolling average excluding authorized periods of startup, shutdown, and equipment malfunctions.

The new CEMS-based standard will demonstrate continuous compliance and ensure the use of good combustion practices. The new standard will replace the previous NO_x standard and is believed to be more stringent due to the continuous compliance demonstration.

BACT Review for Emissions of Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

Discussion of CO/VOC Emissions and Control Options

CO and VOC emissions are formed due to incomplete combustion of the fuels. For many industrial boilers, CO emissions can be inversely proportional to the NO_x emissions. The two main options for reducing CO/VOC emissions are combustion modification and post-combustion controls.

Post-Combustion Controls: CO/VOC emissions can be oxidized to CO₂ either thermally or catalytically. Thermal oxidizers would rarely be used to control boiler exhausts because it requires much more fuel combustion to achieve the necessary oxidizing temperatures. For relatively dust-free exhausts, oxidation catalysts may be used to reduce CO/VOC emissions.

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Depending on the specific pollutants, inlet concentrations and other factors, reductions approaching 90% are possible. Oxidation catalysts operate at temperatures between approximately 600° F and 1100° F.

Combustion Modification Techniques: Minimizing the formation of CO/VOC emissions from boilers is generally achieved by ensuring efficient combustion. Uniform and efficient combustion is a function of the three "T's": turbulence (thorough mixing of air and fuel), temperature (high enough to complete oxidation), and time (sufficient residence time at given combustion temperature). For the recovery boiler, good combustion includes adequate control of the ratio of black liquor solids (BLS) to combustion air in the combustion chamber of the boiler. In addition, staged combustion with overfire air promotes uniform mixing and complete combustion of the fuel.

Applicant's CO/VOC BACT Reviews

Oxidation catalysts are sensitive to poisoning, blinding, plugging, fouling, and erosion. If installed before the ESP, particulate matter would soon erode, plug and foul the catalyst. If installed after the ESP, the residual particulate matter would still be sufficient to build-up and clog catalyst pore spaces and reduce its effectiveness. In addition, black liquor solids (BLS) contain significant amounts of sodium (18.7% by weight), potassium (1.09% by weight), chlorine (0.56% by weight) as well as lesser amounts of zinc, lead, copper, magnesium, arsenic, and vanadium. These contaminants are recognized catalyst poisons that would prematurely deactivate the catalyst and disrupt operation. A review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse identifies the following CO/VOC control options: boiler design, good combustion practices, proper combustion techniques and operating practices, combustion control, good combustion control of flame temperature and excess air, boiler design and operation, and efficient operation. These are all descriptions of "efficient combustion design and good operating practices". The applicant rejects an oxidation catalyst because it is technically infeasible for a recovery boiler due to poisoning from flue gas contaminants.

A review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse shows previous CO BACT determinations ranging from 200 to 3000 ppmv. These determinations depend on the specified averaging period and age of the boiler. The recovery boilers and other industrial boilers at Georgia-Pacific's mills emit CO emissions ranging from 60 to 450 ppmv. The higher values are from older units with fewer than three levels of combustion air. The lower values are from units with three or more levels of combustion air. Test data shows that actual CO emissions from the existing No. 4 Recovery Boiler range from 102 to 756 ppmvd @ 8% O₂. The existing unit has current CO limits of 800 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ (3-hour average) and 400 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ (24-hour average), which were established as BACT in Permit No. AC54-266676 (PSD-FL-226) issued on September 21, 1995. The applicant proposes to retain these current CO emission limits based on the improved overfire air system and good combustion control.

A review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse shows previous VOC BACT determinations ranging from 2.8 to 50 ppmv. Test data shows actual VOC emissions from the existing No. 4 Recovery Boiler ranging from 0.01 to 0.083 lbs/ton of BLS (2.0 to 15.9 ppmvd @ 8% O₂, respectively). The existing unit has current VOC limits of 0.30 lbs/ton BLS (31.5 lbs/hr and 138.0 TPY). These limits were established as BACT in Permit No. AC54-266676 (PSD-FL-226) issued on September 21, 1995. The applicant proposes to retain the current VOC emissions limits based on the improved overfire air system and good combustion control.

Department's CO/VOC BACT Reviews

It is recognized that oxidation catalysts have not been installed on boiler exhausts firing this type of fuel to control CO/VOC emissions. Therefore, the Department accepts proposed modification to add a 4th level of overfire combustion air as next best control option based on an efficient combustion design and good operating practices. According to the application, there is an optimum operating level for the BLS-to-air ratio. However, actual test results indicate a poor relationship between this ratio and CO emissions. This could be due to the manual control of the overfire air system and the variable air flow rates resulting from normal process fluctuations.

As previously mentioned, the existing unit has current CO limits of 800 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ (3-hour average) and 400 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ (24-hour average) based on annual stack tests, which were established as BACT in Permit No. AC54-266676 (PSD-FL-226) issued on September 21, 1995. Test data from the Department's ARMS database shows actual CO emissions from the existing recovery boiler ranging from approximately 35 to 510 ppmvd for a 3-hour test. Of the 15 tests reported, 11 three-hour test averages are below approximately 400 ppmvd. The Department's draft CO BACT determination is:

As determined by data collected from the required continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS), CO emissions from the recovery boiler shall not exceed 400 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ based on a 30-day rolling average excluding authorized periods of startup, shutdown, and equipment malfunctions.

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The new CEMS-based standard will demonstrate continuous compliance and ensure the use of good combustion practices. The new standard will replace the previous CO standards and is believed to be more stringent due to the continuous compliance demonstration.

The existing recovery boiler has current VOC limits of 0.30 lbs/ton BLS (31.5 lbs/hr and 138.0 TPY), which were established as BACT in Permit No. AC54-266676 (PSD-FL-226) issued on September 21, 1995. Test data from the Department's ARMS database shows actual VOC emissions from the existing recovery boiler ranging from 0.01 to 0.083 lbs/ton BLS. Of the 14 tests submitted, all have been below 0.10 lbs/ton BLS. The addition of a 4th level of overfire air will provide improved combustion control. Therefore, the Department's draft BACT determination is 0.20 lb/ton BLS (21.0 lb/hour and 92.0 TPY) based on initial/renewal stack tests conducted at permitted capacity.

BACT Review for Sulfuric Acid Mist (SAM) Emissions

Discussion of SAM Emissions and Control Options

SO₃ emissions form as a byproduct of sulfur in the fuels fired, which can form sulfuric acid mist in the presence of water when the exhaust temperature drops below the dew point (~ 284° to 338° F). Sulfuric acid mist (SAM) emissions from recovery boilers are relatively low (approximately 2% to 4% of the SO₂ emissions) because these potential emissions are adsorbed as part of the smelt formed in the bottom of the furnace during combustion. There are three add-on control options that could be used to reduce SAM from the recovery boiler: wet scrubbers, wet ESPs, and mist eliminators. SAM emissions can be difficult to control because it is in a gaseous state in the recovery boiler exhaust at 425° F. Wet scrubbers and wet ESPs would be cost prohibitive given the low potential annual SAM emissions (15.9 tons/year) from the recovery boiler. Mist eliminators would not be very effective because sulfuric acid remains in the gaseous state at the temperature of the flue gas exhaust from the recovery boiler (~ 400° F).

Applicant's SAM BACT Review

A review of EPA's RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse shows previous SAM BACT determinations range from 2.2 to 20 lbs/hr. BACT control technologies identified in the clearinghouse include: no controls, boiler design, firing rate and pulp production limits. The existing recovery boiler has a current limit of 0.81 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ (3.20 lbs/hr and 14.2 TPY), which was established in Permit No. AC54-266676 (PSD-FL-226) issued on September 21, 1995. Test data shows actual SAM emissions from the existing recovery boiler range from "none" reported in 2005 to 2.69 lbs/hr reported in 1998. The applicant proposes to retain the current SAM emissions limit of 0.81 ppmvd @ 8% O₂.

Department's SAM BACT Review

The Department accepts the applicant's proposal and establishes the draft SAM BACT determination as 0.81 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ based on initial/renewal stack tests. With the slight increase in the flue gas exhaust rate, the equivalent mass emission rates are 3.65 lbs/hr and 15.9 tons/year.

Summary of the Department's Draft BACT Determinations

The following table summarizes the Department's draft BACT determinations for the recovery boiler project.

Pollutant	Draft BACT Standards	Control Technology	Monitoring
PM/PM ₁₀	0.030 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂	Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP)	Stack Test at Capacity
NO _x	80 ppmvd @ 8% O ₂ , 30-day rolling avg. (Excludes startup, shutdown, malfunction)	4-Level Overfire Air System Good Combustion Practices	CEMS
CO	400 ppmvd @ 8% O ₂ , 30-day rolling avg. (Excludes startup, shutdown, malfunction)	Good Combustion Practices	CEMS
SAM	0.81 ppmvd @ 8% O ₂	Recovery Process	Stack Test at Capacity
VOC	0.20 lbs/ton BLS	Good Combustion Practices	Stack Test at Capacity (Surrogate: CO CEMS)

Note: Emission limits are based on either 294,000 dscfm @ 8% O₂ maximum flow rate or 210,000 lb/hr BLS maximum fuel feed rate.

4. Other Permit Conditions

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The recovery boiler is already subject to the following applicable federal provisions: NSPS Subpart BB in 40 CFR 60 (Kraft Pulp Mills); and NESHAP Subpart MM (Combustion Sources at Kraft Pulp Mills) in 40 CFR 63. The recovery boiler is also subject to the applicable requirements of Rule 62-296.404 (Kraft Pulp Mills), F.A.C. These requirements are specified in the current Title V air operation permit.

The draft permit also includes the following limitations:

- As determined by data collected from the required continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS), TRS emissions from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler shall not exceed 34.2 tons per consecutive 12 months.
- As determined by data collected from the required continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS), SO₂ emissions from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler shall not exceed 153.9 tons per consecutive 12 months.
- The No. 4 Lime Kiln (Emissions Unit 017) is permitted to fire No. 6 fuel oil with a sulfur content that shall not exceed 2.10%, by weight, and it may include on-spec used oil.
- The No. 4 Combination Boiler (Emission Unit 016) is permitted to fire No. 6 fuel oil with a sulfur content that shall not exceed 2.10%, by weight, and it may include on-spec used oil.
- The maximum No. 6 fuel oil that may be fired by the No. 4 combination boiler is 5.03 million gallons per 12-months, rolling total.
- The permittee shall permanently shut down the existing No. 4 Power Boiler (Emission Unit 014).
- The draft permit will include a sufficient period of time to operate the new combustion air system and related gather operational and emissions data in the development of good combustion practices.

This project is based on a PSD netting analysis. In accordance with Rule 62-212.400(12)(Source Obligation), F.A.C., the applicant requested the above limitations to avoid PSD preconstruction review for SO₂ and TRS emissions.

5. AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS

Introduction

The proposed project will increase PM₁₀, NO_x, CO, sulfuric acid mist (SAM), and VOC emissions at levels in excess of PSD significant amounts. PM₁₀ and NO_x are criteria pollutants and have national and state ambient air quality standards (AAQS), PSD increments, significant impact levels, and significant monitoring concentrations (de minimis concentrations) defined for them. CO is a criteria pollutant and has only AAQS, significant impact levels and a de minimis concentration defined for it. SAM is a non-criteria pollutant and has no standards, increments or significance levels defined for it; therefore, no air quality impact analysis was required for SAM. Instead, the BACT requirements will establish the SAM emission limit for this project. Potential VOC emissions increases are above the ambient impact analysis threshold of 100 TPY for the pollutant ozone. The applicant presented potential VOC emissions increases to the Department, and discussed available options to predict potential impacts associated with the emissions and formation of ozone, since no stationary point source models are available and approved for use in predicting ozone impacts. Based on the available information, the Department has determined that the use of a regional model that incorporates the complex chemical mechanisms for predicting ozone formation is not suitable for this project.

The air quality impact analyses required by the PSD regulations for this project include:

- An analysis of existing air quality for PM₁₀, NO₂, and VOC;
- A significant impact analysis for PM₁₀, NO₂, CO and VOC;
- A PSD increment analysis for PM₁₀ and NO₂;
- An Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS) analysis for PM₁₀ and NO₂;
- An analysis of impacts on soils, vegetation, and visibility and growth-related impacts to air quality.

Direction-specific building downwash parameters were used for all sources for which downwash impacts were considered. The stacks associated with this project all satisfied the good engineering practice (GEP) stack height criteria.

Based on the required analyses, the Department has reasonable assurance that the proposed project, as described in this report and subject to the conditions of approval proposed herein, will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any AAQS or PSD increment.

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Analysis of Existing Air Quality

Preconstruction ambient air quality monitoring is required for all pollutants subject to PSD review unless otherwise exempted or satisfied. If available, existing representative monitoring data may be used to satisfy this monitoring requirement. An exemption to the monitoring requirement shall be granted by rule if either of the following conditions is met: the maximum predicted air quality impact resulting from the projected emissions increase, as determined by air quality modeling, is less than a pollutant-specific de minimis ambient concentration; or the existing ambient concentrations are less than a pollutant-specific de minimis ambient concentration. If preconstruction ambient monitoring is exempted, determination of background concentrations for PSD significant pollutants with established AAQS may still be necessary for use in any required AAQS analysis. These concentrations may be established from the required preconstruction ambient air quality monitoring analysis or from existing representative monitoring data. These background ambient air quality concentrations are added to pollutant impacts predicted by modeling and represent the air quality impacts of sources not included in the modeling. No de minimis ambient concentration is provided for ozone. Instead the net emissions increase of VOC is compared to a de minimis monitoring emission rate of 100 tons per year.

The table below shows maximum predicted project air quality impacts for comparison to these de minimis levels.

MAXIMUM PREDICTED PROJECT AIR QUALITY IMPACTS FOR COMPARISON TO THE DE MINIMIS CONCENTRATIONS				
Pollutant	Averaging Time	Maximum Predicted Impact ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Impact Greater than De Minimis? (Yes/No)	De Minimis Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
PM ₁₀	24-hr	7	NO	10
CO	8-hr	82	NO	575
NO ₂	Annual	4	NO	14
VOC	Annual Emission Rate	389 TPY	YES	100 TPY

As shown in the table all pollutant emissions, with the exception of VOC are predicted to be less than the de minimis levels; therefore, preconstruction monitoring is not required for these pollutants. However, since VOC impacts from the project are predicted to be greater than the de minimis level; the applicant is not exempt from preconstruction monitoring for this pollutant. The applicant may instead satisfy the preconstruction monitoring requirement using previously existing representative data. These data do exist from ozone monitors located in the urbanized Alachua and Duval counties area to the west and north of the project. These data show no violation of any ozone standard. In addition PM₁₀ and NO_x data has been collected in the Palatka and Jacksonville areas, respectively. These data are appropriate to establish background concentrations for use in the PM₁₀ and NO_x AAQS analyses. The background concentrations for these pollutants are shown in the table below.

BACKGROUND CONCENTRATIONS FOR USE IN AAQS ANALYSES		
Pollutant	Averaging Time	Background Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
PM ₁₀	Annual	27
	24-hour	57
NO ₂	Annual	28

Models and Meteorological Data Used in Significant Impact, PSD Increment and AAQS Analyses

PSD Class II Area Model

The EPA-approved American Meteorological Society and EPA Regulatory Model (AERMOD) dispersion model was used to evaluate the pollutant emissions from the proposed project and other existing major facilities. In November, 2005, the EPA promulgated AERMOD as the preferred regulatory model for predicting pollutant concentrations within 50 km from a source. AERMOD is a replacement for the Industrial Source Complex Short-Term Model (ISCST3). The AERMOD model calculates hourly concentrations based on hourly meteorological data. For evaluating plume behavior within the building wake of structures, the AERMOD model incorporates the Plume Rise Enhancement (PRIME) downwash algorithm developed by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). AERMOD can predict pollutant concentrations for annual, 24,

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8, 3 and 1-hour. A series of specific model features, recommended by the EPA, are referred to as the regulatory options. The applicant used the EPA recommended regulatory options in each modeling scenario.

Meteorological data used in the AERMOD model consisted of a concurrent 5-year period of hourly surface weather observations and twice-daily upper air soundings from the Jacksonville International Airport and Waycross, Georgia, respectively (surface and upper air data). The 5-year period of meteorological data was from 1986 through 1990. These stations were selected for use in the evaluation because they are the closest primary weather stations to the project area and are most representative of the project site.

Because five years of data are used in AERMOD, the highest-second-high (HSH) short-term predicted concentrations were compared with the appropriate AAQS or PSD increments. For the annual averages, the highest predicted yearly average was compared with the standards. For determining the project's significant impact area in the vicinity of the facility, and for determining if there are significant impacts occur from the project on any PSD Class I area, both the highest short-term predicted concentrations and the highest predicted yearly averages were compared to their respective significant impact levels.

In reviewing this permit application, the Department has determined that the application complies with the applicable provisions of the stack height regulations as revised by EPA on July 8, 1985 (50 FR 27892). Portions of the regulations have been remanded by a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in *NRDC v. Thomas*, 838 F. 2d 1224 (D.C. Cir. 1988). Consequently, this permit may be subject to modification if and when EPA revises the regulation in response to the court decision. This may result in revised emission limitations or may affect other actions taken by the source owners or operators.

PSD Class I Area Model

Since the closest PSD Class I areas, the Okefenokee National Wilderness Area (NWA), the Chassahowitzka NWA and Wolf Island NWA are greater than 50 km from the proposed facility, long-range transport modeling was required for the Class I impact assessment. The California Puff (CALPUFF) dispersion model was used to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed pollutant emissions on the PSD Class I increments and on the Air Quality Related Values (AQRV): regional haze and nitrogen and sulfur deposition. CALPUFF is a non-steady state, Lagrangian, long-range transport model that incorporates Gaussian puff dispersion algorithms. This model determines ground-level concentrations of inert gases or small particles emitted into the atmosphere by point, line, area, and volume sources. The CALPUFF model has the capability to treat time-varying sources. It is also suitable for modeling domains from tens of meters to hundreds of kilometers, and has mechanisms to handle rough or complex terrain situations. Finally, the CALPUFF model is applicable for inert pollutants as well as pollutants that are subject to linear removal and chemical conversion mechanisms.

The meteorological data used in the CALPUFF model was processed by the California Meteorological (CALMET) model. The CALMET model utilizes data from multiple meteorological stations and produces a three-dimensional modeling grid domain of hourly temperature and wind fields. The wind field is enhanced by the use of terrain data, which is also input into the model. Two-dimensional fields such as mixing heights, dispersion properties, and surface characteristics are produced by the CALMET model as well. Meteorological data were obtained and processed for the calendar years of 1990, 1992 and 1996, the years for which MM4 and MM5 data are available. The CALMET wind field and the CALPUFF model options used were consistent with the suggestions of the federal land managers.

Receptor Grids for Performing PSD Increments and AAQS Analyses

For the PSD Class II increment and AAQS analyses, receptor grids normally are based on the size of the significant impact area for each pollutant. As shown in the previous section, the sizes of the significant impact areas for the required PM10 and NO₂, analyses were 0.80 and 1.75 km, respectively.

Significant Impact Analysis

Preliminary modeling is conducted using only the proposed project's worst-case emission scenario for each pollutant and applicable averaging time. Over 2000 receptors were placed along the facility's restricted property line and out to 4 km from the facility, which is located in a PSD Class II area. Three PSD Class I areas are located within 200 km of the project: the Okefenokee NWA, 108 km to the north of the Mill, the Chassahowitzka NWA located 137 km southwest of the Mill and the Wolf Island NWA located 186 km to the north of the project. A total of 180, 58 and 30 receptors were placed in the Okefenokee NWA, Chassahowitzka NWA and Wolf Island NWA PSD Class I areas, respectively. For each pollutant subject to PSD and also subject to PSD increment and/or AAQS analyses, this modeling compares maximum predicted

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impacts due to the project with PSD significant impact levels to determine whether significant impacts due to the project were predicted in a PSD Class II area in the vicinity of the facility or in any PSD Class I area. In the event that the maximum predicted impact of a proposed project is less than the appropriate significant impact level, a full impact analysis for that pollutant is not required. Full impact modeling is modeling that considers not only the impact of the project but also other major sources, including background concentrations, located within the vicinity of the project to determine whether all applicable AAQS or PSD increments are predicted to be met for that pollutant. Consequently, a preliminary modeling analysis, which shows an insignificant impact, is accepted as the required air quality analysis (AAQS and PSD increments) for that pollutant and no further modeling for comparison to the AAQS and PSD increments is required for that pollutant. The tables below show the results of this modeling. The radius of significant impact, if any, for each pollutant and applicable pollutant averaging time is also shown in the tables below.

MAXIMUM PREDICTED PROJECT AIR QUALITY IMPACTS FOR COMPARISON TO THE PSD CLASS II SIGNIFICANT IMPACT LEVELS IN THE VICINITY OF THE FACILITY					
Pollutant	Averaging Time	Maximum Predicted Impact ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Significant Impact Level ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Significant Impact?	Radius of Significant Impact (km)
PM ₁₀	Annual	2	1	YES	0.80
	24-hr	7	5	YES	0.80
CO	8-hr	82	500	NO	----
	1-hr	93	2,000	NO	----
NO ₂	Annual	4	1	YES	1.75
VOC	AER	389 TPY	100 TPY	YES	----

MAXIMUM PREDICTED PROJECT IMPACTS IN THE PSD CLASS I AREAS FOR COMPARISON TO THE PSD CLASS I SIGNIFICANT IMPACT LEVELS				
Pollutant	Averaging Time	Maximum Predicted Impact ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Significant Impact Level ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Significant Impact? ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
PM ₁₀	Annual	0.002	0.2	NO
	24-hr	0.04	0.3	NO
NO ₂	Annual	0.004	0.1	NO

As shown in the tables, the maximum predicted air quality impacts due to PM₁₀ and NO₂ emissions from the proposed project are greater than the PSD Class II significant impact levels in the vicinity of the facility. Therefore, the applicant was required to do full impact PM₁₀ and NO₂ modeling in the vicinity of the facility, within the applicable significant impact area, to determine the impacts of the project along with all other sources in the vicinity of the facility. The significant impact area in the vicinity of the facility is based upon the predicted radius of significant impact. Less than significant impacts were predicted for CO in the Class II area in the vicinity of the project, and for PM₁₀ and NO₂ in the Class I areas; therefore, no further dispersion modeling was required to be performed for these pollutants in these areas. In addition, potential VOC emissions increases are above the ambient impact analysis threshold of 100 TPY for the pollutant ozone. As stated in the introduction to the air quality impact analysis section, the applicant presented potential VOC emissions increases to the Department, and discussed available options to predict potential impacts associated with the emissions and formation of ozone, since no stationary point source models are available and approved for use in predicting ozone impacts. Based on the available information, the Department has determined that the use of a regional model that incorporates the complex chemical mechanisms for predicting ozone formation is not suitable for this project.

PSD Increment Analysis

The PSD increment represents the amount that new sources in an area may increase ambient ground level concentrations of a pollutant from a baseline concentration which was established in 1977 for PM₁₀ and SO₂ (the baseline year was 1975 for existing major sources of PM₁₀ and SO₂), and 1988 for NO₂ (the baseline year was 1988 for existing major sources of NO₂). The emission values that are input into the model for predicting increment consumption are based on maximum emissions from increment-consuming facility sources and all other increment-consuming sources in the vicinity of the facility. The

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maximum predicted PSD Class II area PM₁₀ and NO₂ increments consumed by this project and all other increment-consuming sources in the vicinity of the facility are shown below. The results show that all of the maximum predicted impacts are less than the allowable increments.

PSD CLASS II INCREMENT ANALYSIS				
Pollutant	Averaging Time	Maximum Predicted Impact (µg/m ³)	Impact Greater than Allowable Increment?	Allowable Increment (µg/m ³)
PM ₁₀	Annual	0	No	17
	24-hour	6	No	30
NO ₂	Annual	7	No	25

AAQS Analysis

For pollutants subject to an AAQS review, the total impact on ambient air quality is obtained by adding a “background” concentration to the maximum-modeled concentration. This “background” concentration takes into account all sources of a particular pollutant that are not explicitly modeled. The results of the AAQS analysis are summarized in the table below. As shown in this table, emissions from the proposed facility are not expected to cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any AAQS.

MAXIMUM AMBIENT AIR QUALITY IMPACTS						
Pollutant	Averaging Time	Modeled Sources (µg/m ³)	Background Concentration (µg/m ³)	Total Impact (µg/m ³)	Total Impact Greater than AAQS	AAQS (µg/m ³)
PM ₁₀	Annual	9	27	36	No	50
	24-hour	30	57	87	No	150
NO ₂	Annual	14	28	42	No	100

Additional Impacts Analysis

Impacts on Soils, Vegetation, Wildlife, and Visibility

The maximum ground-level concentrations predicted to occur due to PM₁₀, NO_x and CO emissions as a result of the proposed project, including all other nearby sources, will be below the associated AAQS. The AAQS are designed to protect both the public health and welfare. As such, this project is not expected to have a harmful impact on soils and vegetation in the PSD Class II area. An air quality related values (AQRV) analysis was done by the applicant for the Class I area. No significant impacts on this area are expected. A regional haze analysis using the long-range transport model CALPUFF was done for the PSD Class I areas. This analysis showed no significant impact on visibility in this area. Total nitrogen (N) and sulfur (S) deposition rates on the PSD Class I areas were also predicted using CALPUFF. The maximum predicted deposition rates are below the federal land manager recommended deposition threshold levels for N and S.

Growth-Related Air Quality Impacts

The proposed modification will not significantly change employment, population, housing or commercial/industrial development in the area to the extent that a significant air quality impact will result.

6. PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

The Department makes a preliminary determination that the proposed project will comply with all applicable state and federal air pollution regulations as conditioned by the draft permit. This determination is based on a technical review of the complete application, reasonable assurances provided by the applicant, and the conditions specified in the draft permit. Bruce Mitchell is the project engineer responsible for reviewing the application and drafting the permit changes. Cleve Holladay is the meteorologist responsible for reviewing the ambient air quality analyses. Jeff Koerner, P.E. is the Air Permitting Supervisor who reviewed the draft permit package. Additional details of this analysis may be obtained by contacting the project engineer at the Department’s Bureau of Air Regulation at Mail Station #5505, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400.

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Modification

This permit authorizes the modification of the existing No. 4 Recovery Boiler, which involves an extensive replacement of several tubes, replacement or changes of the combustion air systems (including adding a fourth combustion air system), addition of a crystallizer and associated storage/flash tank, and miscellaneous changes (i.e., baffles, heat exchanger, piping, etc.) to the two concentrators associated with the No. 4 multiple effect evaporator set. These changes will occur at the existing Georgia-Pacific Corporation's Palatka Mill located North of County Road 216 and West of U.S. Highway 17, Palatka, Putnam County, Florida. UTM Coordinates: Zone 17; 434.0 km East; and, 3283.4 km North; Latitude: 29° 41' 00" North; and, Longitude: 81° 40' 4" West.

STATEMENT OF BASIS: This air construction permit is issued under the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296, and 62-297. The above named permittee is hereby authorized to perform the work or operate the facility shown on the application and approved drawing(s), plans, and other documents, attached hereto or on file with the permitting authority, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

Referenced attachments made a part of this permit:

Initial Title V Air Operation Permit Project No. 1070005-002-AV
APPENDIX A. Citation Formats
APPENDIX C. Common State Requirements
APPENDIX BD. Summary of Final BACT Determinations
APPENDIX SS-1, STACK SAMPLING FACILITIES (dated 10/07/96)
TABLE 297.310-1, CALIBRATION SCHEDULE (dated 10/07/96)
Attachment "40 CFR 63, Subpart A"

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The terms, conditions, requirements, limitations, and restrictions set forth in this permit are "Permit Conditions" and are binding and enforceable pursuant to Sections 403.161, 403.727, or 403.859 through 403.861, F.S. The permittee is placed on notice that the Department will review this permit periodically and may initiate enforcement action for any violation of the conditions.
2. This permit is valid only for the specific processes and operations applied for and indicated in the approved drawings or exhibits. Any unauthorized deviation from the approved drawings, exhibits, specifications, or conditions of this permit may constitute grounds for revocation and enforcement action by the Department.
3. As provided in Subsections 403.087(6) and 403.722(5), F.S., the issuance of this permit does not convey any vested rights or any exclusive privileges. Neither does it authorize any injury to public or private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal, state or local laws or regulations. This permit is not a waiver of or approval of any other Department permit that may be required for other aspects of the total project which are not addressed in the permit.
4. This permit conveys no title to land or water, does not constitute State recognition or acknowledgment of title, and does not constitute authority for the use of submerged lands unless herein provided and the necessary title or leasehold interests have been obtained from the State. Only the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund may express State opinion as to title.
5. This permit does not relieve the permittee from liability for harm or injury to human health or welfare, animal, or plant life or property caused by the construction or operation of this permitted source, or from penalties therefore; nor does it allow the permittee to cause pollution in contravention of Florida Statutes and Department rules, unless specifically authorized by an order from the Department.
6. The permittee shall properly operate and maintain the facility and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) that are installed and used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit, as required by Department rules. This provision includes the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit and when required by Department rules.
7. The permittee, by accepting this permit, specifically agrees to allow authorized Department personnel, upon presentation of credentials or other documents as may be required by law and at a reasonable time, access to the premises, where the permitted activity is located or conducted to:
 - a. Have access to and copy any record that must be kept under the conditions of the permit;
 - b. Inspect the facility, equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
 - c. Sample or monitor any substances or parameters at any location reasonably necessary to assure compliance with this permit or Department rules.

Reasonable time may depend on the nature of the concern being investigated.

8. If, for any reason, the permittee does not comply with or will be unable to comply with any condition or limitation specified in this permit, the permittee shall immediately provide the Department with the following information:
 - a. A description of and cause of non-compliance; and,
 - b. The period of non-compliance, including dates and times; or, if not corrected, the anticipated time the non-compliance is expected to continue, and steps being taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance.

The permittee shall be responsible for any and all damages which may result and may be subject to enforcement action by the Department for penalties or for revocation of this permit.

9. In accepting this permit, the permittee understands and agrees that all records, notes, monitoring data and other information relating to the construction or operation of this permitted source which are submitted to the Department may be used by the Department as evidence in any enforcement case involving the permitted source arising under the Florida Statutes or Department rules, except where such use is prescribed by Sections 403.73 and 403.111, F.S. Such

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evidence shall only be used to the extent it is consistent with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and appropriate evidentiary rules.

10. The permittee agrees to comply with changes in Department rules and Florida Statutes after a reasonable time for compliance, provided, however, the permittee does not waive any other rights granted by Florida Statutes or Department rules.

11. This permit is transferable only upon Department approval in accordance with Rules 62-4.120 and 62-730.300, F.A.C., as applicable. The permittee shall be liable for any non-compliance of the permitted activity until the transfer is approved by the Department.

12. This permit or a copy thereof shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity.

13. This permit also constitutes:

- (x) Determination of Best Available Control Technology (BACT)
- (x) Determination of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)
- () Compliance with New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)
- (x) Compliance with National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants/ Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT)

14. The permittee shall comply with the following:

- a. Upon request, the permittee shall furnish all records and plans required under Department rules. During enforcement actions, the retention period for all records will be extended automatically unless otherwise stipulated by the Department.
- b. The permittee shall hold at the facility or other location designated by this permit records of all monitoring information (including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation) required by the permit, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit. These materials shall be retained at least three years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application unless otherwise specified by Department rule.
- c. Records of monitoring information shall include:
 - the date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - the person responsible for performing the sampling or measurement;
 - the dates analyses were performed;
 - the person responsible for performing the analyses;
 - the analytical techniques or methods used; and
 - the results of such analyses.

15. When requested by the Department, the permittee shall within a reasonable time furnish any information required by law which is needed to determine compliance with the permit. If the permittee becomes aware that relevant facts were not submitted or were incorrect in the permit application or in any report to the Department, such facts or information shall be corrected promptly.

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A. No. 4 Recovery Boiler (Emissions Unit -018). The No. 4 Recovery Boiler has a maximum steam production capacity of 789,000 lbs/hr (24-hour average) based on steam conditions of 850° F – 900° F at 1250 psi. The primary fuel is black liquor solids (BLS). Particulate matter emissions are controlled by a 2-chamber, 6 field/chamber electrostatic precipitator (ESP) with automatic voltage control. Total reduced sulfur emissions are reduced by the low odor design. NOx emissions are control by a 4-level overfire air system. CO and VOC emissions are controlled by good operating practices. Exhaust gases exit at approximately 400° F from a 12' diameter stack that is 230' tall.

This emissions unit is regulated under Rule 62-296.404(Kraft Pulp Mills), F.A.C. Rule 212.400(PSD), F.A.C.; Permit No. PSD-FL-226; Rule 62-210.200(BACT), F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60, NSPS Subpart BB (Kraft Pulp Mills); and 40 CFR 63, NESHAP Subpart MM (Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft Pulp Mills). NSPS and NESHAP provision are already incorporated into the Title V air operation permit for this unit.

The following specific conditions apply to the emissions unit listed above:

General.

A.0. This permit authorizes the modification of the No. 4 Recovery Boiler based on the following preliminary schedule: modify combustion air system, replace portion of recovery boiler tubes, and start construction of new crystallizer and upgrades to concentrator/evaporator (May 2006); replace tubes in superheater, economizer, and walls of recovery boiler (April/May of 2007); and startup of new crystallizer/evaporator (May 2008). The modification to the existing combustion air system shall add a fourth level of combustion air (quaternary air). The project will not increase the maximum capacity of the recovery boiler or the pulp mill (118 tons/hour ADUP and 1850 tons/day ADUP, monthly average). [Rule 62-210.300(1), F.A.C.]

A.1. The term "Administrator" shall mean the "Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection" or its designee.

A.2. NESHAP Applicability.

- a. 40 CFR 63, Subpart MM, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfit, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills, shall apply to the emissions unit described herein.
 - b. 40 CFR 63, Subpart A, General Provisions, shall apply to the emissions unit described herein.
- [Rule 62-204.800, F.A.C.]

Operational Parameters.

A.3. Permitted Capacity.

- a. The maximum throughput rate of black liquor solids (BLS) is 210,000 lbs/hr (24-hour average) and 5.04 x 10⁺⁶ lb/day.
- b. The maximum exhaust gas flow rate is 294,000 dscfm at 8% oxygen.
- c. The maximum steam production rate is 789,000 lbs/hr (24-hour average) based on steam conditions of 850° F – 900° F at 1250 psi.
- a. **BLS:** The maximum heat input from firing BLS is 1,345 MMBtu/hr (based on 210,000 lbs/hr of BLS at 6,410 Btu/lb BLS).
- b. **No. 6 Fuel Oil.** The No. 4 Recovery Boiler is permitted to fire #6 fuel oil with a sulfur content that shall not exceed 2.10%, by weight, and it may include on-spec used oil. Under normal operating conditions, fuel oil shall only be fired when there is a loss of BLS and there is a need for steam that cannot be acquired from the other power boilers. The permittee is authorized to fire any fuel oil remaining in the tank, but shall only add fuel oil meeting the new fuel sulfur specification after issuance of this permit.
- c. **Natural Gas.** Natural gas may be fired as start-up fuel.
- d. **On-Specification Used Oil.** The on-specification used oil fired in the recovery boiler shall not exceed 10% of the fuel consumed and shall be blended with the No. 6 fuel oil. The on-spec used oil prior to blending shall comply with the limits listed below, the provisions of 40 CFR 279 & 761 and shall be recorded:

ON-SPEC USED OIL SPECIFICATIONS	
Constituent/Property	Allowable Level
Arsenic	5 ppm maximum
Cadmium	2 ppm maximum
Chromium	10 ppm maximum

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ON-SPEC USED OIL SPECIFICATIONS	
Lead	100 ppm maximum
Total Halogens	1,000 ppm maximum
Flash Point	100°F minimum

(1) On-specification used oil may be fired as follows:

- At any time provided the maximum concentration of PCBs shall be less than 2 ppm and whether generated on or off-site. The analysis and recordkeeping requirements apply to each amount prior to blending even if to be blended with 90% virgin oil.
- Only during normal operation temperature and not during startup or shutdown if the maximum concentration is:
- $2 \leq \text{PCB} < 50$ ppm.
- Blended oils shall not exceed 2.10% sulfur by weight.

(2) On-specification used oil test requirements are approved EPA, DEP or ASTM test methods and shall be used or a certified on-specification used oil analysis shall be obtained prior to blending and shall be retained for inspection or submitted to the Department on request.

[Rule 62-213.410, F.A.C.; 1070005-017-AC; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.5. Hours of Operation. The hours of operation are not limited.

[Rules 62-4.160(2) and 62-210.200(PTE), F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

Emission Limitations and Standards.

Unless otherwise specified, the averaging times for specific conditions A.6. through A.13. are based on the specified averaging time of the applicable test method. A summary of the BACT determinations for the recovery boiler is provided in Appendix BD.

A.6. Particulate Matter (PM as PM/PM₁₀). The permittee shall operate and maintain an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) to control particulate matter emissions. Except for infrequent periods of maintenance, all fields of the ESP shall be functioning when the recovery boiler is in operation. Total PM emissions, including HAP metal emissions, shall not exceed 0.030 grains/dscf at 8% O₂, 75.6 lbs/hr and 331.1 TPY, based on the average of three (3) test runs conducted in accordance with EPA Reference Method 5 or 29, 40 CFR 60, Appendix A.

{Permitting Note: Compliance with the above limits ensure compliance with the applicable NESHAP limit in 40 CFR 63, Subpart MM, of 0.044 grains/dscf at 8% O₂.}

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b. & c., F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60, Appendix A; 40 CFR 63.862(a)(1)(i)(C); and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.7. Total Reduced Sulfur (TRS). As determined by data collected from the required continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) for compliance purposes, TRS emissions shall not exceed:

- 11.2 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ and 17.5 lb/hour based on a 12-hour block average as H₂S (consistent with the averaging period defined in Rule 62-296.404, F.A.C.);
- 5.0 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ based on a 12-month rolling average; and
- 34.2 tons per consecutive 12 months, rolling total.

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD), 62-296.404(3)(e)1, Rule 62-212.400(12)(Source Obligation), F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.8. Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂). As determined by data collected from the required continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) for compliance purposes, SO₂ emissions (including periods of startup, shutdown and malfunctions) shall not exceed the following:

- 37.5 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ and 109.9 lbs/hr based on a 24-hr rolling average;
- 12.0 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ based on a 12-month rolling average; and

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c. 153.9 tons per consecutive 12 months, rolling total.

{Permitting Note: Modeling of SO₂ emissions were also based on a 3-hour average 37.5 ppmvd @ 8% O₂.}

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD), 62-212.400(12)(Source Obligation), and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.9. Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x). As determined by data collected from the required continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) for compliance purposes, NO_x emissions (excluding authorized periods of startup, shutdown and malfunctions) shall not exceed 80 ppmvd corrected to 8% O₂ based on a 30-day rolling average.

{Permitting Note: The equivalent mass emissions rates are 168.5 lbs/hr and 738.1 TPY.}

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.10. Carbon Monoxide (CO). As determined by data collected from the required continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) for compliance purposes, CO emissions (excluding authorized periods of startup, shutdown and malfunctions) shall not exceed 400 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ based on a 30-day rolling average.

{Permitting Note: The equivalent mass emissions rates are 512.7 lb/hour and 2,245.6 TPY.}

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.11. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC). As determined by EPA Reference Method 25A (40 CFR 60, Appendix A), VOC emissions shall not exceed 0.20 lbs/ton BLS and 21.0 lbs/hour based on the average of three (3) test runs.

{Permitting Note: The equivalent annual mass emissions rate is 92.0 TPY.}

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.12. Sulfuric Acid Mist (SAM). As determined by EPA Reference Method 8 (40 CFR 60, Appendix A), SAM emissions shall not exceed 0.81 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ and 3.6 lbs/hr and 15.9 TPY, based on the average of three (3) test runs.

{Permitting Note: The equivalent annual mass emissions rate is 15.9 TPY.}

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.13. Visible Emissions (VE). As determined by the required continuous opacity monitoring system (COMS) for compliance purposes or EPA Reference Method 9 (40 CFR 60, Appendix A), visible emissions shall not exceed 20% opacity based on a 6-minute block average.

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.a., F.A.C.; 40 CFR 63.864(d); and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

Excess Emissions.

Rule 62-210.700(Excess Emissions), F.A.C. cannot vary any federal NSPS or NESHAP provision.

A.14. Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction.

a. **Startup or Shutdown.** Excess emissions resulting from startup or shutdown shall be permitted providing (1) best operational practices to minimize emissions are adhered to and (2) the duration of excess emissions shall be minimized but in no case exceed eight (8) hours in any 24 hour period unless specifically authorized by the Department for longer duration. The ESP shall be brought on line as soon as feasible. The recovery boiler shall comply with the visible emissions standard of this permit when the ESP is fully operational.

[Rule 62-210.700, F.A.C.; Permit No. 1070005-017-AC]

b. **Malfunction.** Excess emissions resulting from malfunction shall be permitted providing (1) best operational practices to minimize emissions are adhered to and (2) the duration of excess emissions shall be minimized but in no case exceed two (2) hours in any 24-hour period unless specifically authorized by the Department for longer duration.

[Rule 62-210.700(1), F.A.C.]

c. **Definitions.** Rules 62-210.200(159), (230) and (245), F.A.C. define the following terms.

- a. **Startup** is defined as the commencement of operation of any emissions unit which has shut down or ceased operation for a period of time sufficient to cause temperature, pressure, chemical or pollution control device imbalances, which result

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in excess emissions.

- b. *Shutdown* is the cessation of the operation of an emissions unit for any purpose.
- c. *Malfunction* is defined as any unavoidable mechanical and/or electrical failure of air pollution control equipment or process equipment or of a process resulting in operation in an abnormal or unusual manner.

A.15. Excess emissions which are caused entirely or in part by poor maintenance, poor operation, or any other equipment or process failure which may reasonably be prevented during startup, shutdown, or malfunction shall be prohibited.
[Rule 62-210.700(4), F.A.C.]

Test Methods and Procedures.

A.16. PM.

a. **BACT.** Total PM emissions (including HAP metals) stack testing shall comply with the applicable requirements in Rule 62-297.401, F.A.C. (EPA Reference Method 5 or 29, to measure PM concentration, EPA Reference Methods 1 through 4 for volumetric flow rate measurements, and EPA Reference Method 3A or 3B for oxygen concentration to calculate the oxygen-corrected PM concentration, incorporated and adopted by reference in Chapter 62-297, F.A.C.). The tests shall be performed initially and once each federal fiscal year. Opacity data for each test run from the required COMS shall be included with the test report. If requested by the Department, the permittee shall conduct a PM test to demonstrate compliance with the PM emission standard with the ESP functioning on the number of fields operated when performing maintenance during the federal fiscal year.
[Rules 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

b. **NESHAP.** (Initial compliance testing has already been conducted: August 26-27, 2004)

(a) Not applicable.

(b) The owner or operator seeking to determine compliance with 40 CFR 63.862(a) (see specific condition No. 6), must use the procedures in paragraphs 40 CFR 63.865(b)(1) through (6).

(1) For purposes of determining the concentration or mass of PM emitted from each Kraft or soda recovery boiler, Method 5 or 29 in Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 60 must be used, except that Method 17 in Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 60 may be used in lieu of Method 5 or Method 29 if a constant value of 0.009 g/dscm (0.004 grains/dscf) is added to the results of Method 17, and the stack temperature is no greater than 205 °C (400 °F). For Methods 5, 29, and 17, the sampling time and sample volume for each run must be at least 60 minutes and 0.90 dscm (31.8 dscf), and water must be used as the cleanup solvent instead of acetone in the sample recovery procedure.

(2) For sources complying with 40 CFR 63.862(a), the PM concentration must be corrected to the appropriate oxygen concentration using Equation 7 of this section as follows:

$$C_{corr} = C_{meas} \times (21 - X)/(21 - Y) \quad (\text{Eq. 7})$$

Where:

C_{corr} = the measured concentration corrected for oxygen, g/dscm (grains/dscf).

C_{meas} = the measured concentration uncorrected for oxygen, g/dscm (grains/dscf).

X = the corrected volumetric oxygen concentration (8 percent for Kraft or soda recovery furnaces).

Y = the measured average volumetric oxygen concentration.

(3) Method 3A or 3B in Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 60 must be used to determine the oxygen concentration. The voluntary consensus standard ANSI/ASME PTC 19.10-1981--Part 10 (incorporated by reference--see 40 CFR 63.14) may be used as an alternative to using Method 3B. The gas sample must be taken at the same time and at the same traverse points as the particulate sample.

(4) Not applicable.

(5)(i) For purposes of selecting sampling port location and number of traverse points, Method 1 or 1A in Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 60 must be used;

(ii) For purposes of determining stack gas velocity and volumetric flow rate, Method 2, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2F, or 2G in appendix A of 40 CFR part 60 must be used;

(iii) For purposes of conducting gas analysis, Method 3, 3A, or 3B in Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 60 must be used.

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The voluntary consensus standard ANSI/ASME PTC 19.10-1981--Part 10 (incorporated by reference--see 40 CFR 63.14) may be used as an alternative to using Method 3B; and

(iv) For purposes of determining moisture content of stack gas, Method 4 in Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 60 must be used.

(6) Process data measured during the performance test must be used to determine the black liquor solids firing rate on a dry basis and the CaO production rate.

[40 CFR 63.865(b)(1) thru (3), (5) & (6)]

c. The tests shall be performed initially and once each federal fiscal year.

[Rules 62-210.200(BACT), 62-212.400(PSD NSR and BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b. & c., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.17. TRS. Compliance shall be demonstrated by the required CEMS. If required, TRS emissions stack testing shall comply with the applicable requirements in Rule 62-297.401, F.A.C. (EPA Reference Method 16 or 16A, to measure TRS concentration; EPA Reference Methods 1 through 4 for volumetric flow rate measurements; and EPA Reference Method 3A or 3B for oxygen concentration to calculate the oxygen-corrected TRS concentration, incorporated and adopted by reference in Chapter 62-297, F.A.C.).

[Rules 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.18. SO₂. Compliance shall be demonstrated by the required CEMS. If required, SO₂ emissions testing shall comply with Rule 62-297.401, F.A.C. (EPA Reference Method 8 to measure the SO₂ concentration and EPA Reference Methods 1 through 4 to measure the volumetric flow rate and EPA Reference Method 3A or 3B shall be used to measure the oxygen concentration to calculate the oxygen-corrected SO₂ concentration, incorporated and adopted by reference in Chapter 62-297, F.A.C.).

[Rules 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.19. NO_x. Compliance shall be demonstrated by the required CEMS. If required, NO_x emissions testing shall comply with Rule 62-297.401, F.A.C. (EPA Reference Method 7E shall be used to measure the NO_x concentration, EPA Reference Methods 1 through 4 shall be used to measure the volumetric flow rate and EPA Reference Method 3A or 3B shall be used to measure the oxygen concentration to calculate the oxygen-corrected NO_x concentration, incorporated and adopted by reference in Chapter 62-297, F.A.C.).

[Rules 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.20. CO. Compliance shall be demonstrated by the required CEMS. If required, CO emissions testing shall comply with Rule 62-297.401, F.A.C. (EPA Reference Method 10 shall be used to measure the CO concentration, EPA Reference Methods 1 through 4 shall be used to measure the volumetric flow rate and EPA Reference Method 3A or 3B shall be used to measure the oxygen concentration to calculate the oxygen-corrected CO concentration, incorporated and adopted by reference in Chapter 62-297, F.A.C.).

[Rules 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.21. SAM. SAM emissions testing shall comply with Rule 62-297.401, F.A.C. (EPA Reference Method 8 of NCASI Method 106 to measure the SAM concentration and EPA Reference Methods 1 through 4 to measure the volumetric flow rate and EPA Reference Method 3A or 3B shall be used to measure the oxygen concentration to calculate the oxygen-corrected SAM concentration, incorporated and adopted by reference in Chapter 62-297, F.A.C.). The test shall be performed initially and prior to each permit renewal.

[Rules 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.22. VOC. VOC emissions testing shall comply with Rule 62-297.401(25)(a), F.A.C. (EPA Reference Method 25A to measure the total hydrocarbon concentration, EPA Methods 1 through 4 to measure the volumetric flow rate, incorporated and adopted by reference in Chapter 62-297, F.A.C.). The test shall be performed initially and prior to each permit renewal.

[Rules 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.b., F.A.C.; 3/11/93 Alternate Procedures and Requirements Order; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

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A.23. VE. Compliance shall be demonstrated by the required COMS. If required, VE testing shall comply with Rule 62-297.401, F.A.C. (EPA Reference Method 9 shall be used to measure the opacity, incorporated and adopted by reference in Chapter 62-297, F.A.C.).

[Rules 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.310(7)(a)4.a., F.A.C.; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.24. Required Number of Test Runs. For mass emission limitations, a compliance test shall consist of three complete and separate determinations of the total air pollutant emission rate through the test section of the stack or duct and three complete and separate determinations of any applicable process variables corresponding to the three distinct time periods during which the stack emission rate was measured provided, however, that three complete and separate determinations shall not be required if the process variables are not subject to variation during a compliance test, or if three determinations are not necessary in order to calculate the unit's emission rate. The three required test runs shall be completed within one consecutive five day period. In the event that a sample is lost or one of the three runs must be discontinued because of circumstances beyond the control of the owner or operator, and a valid third run cannot be obtained within the five day period allowed for the test, the Secretary or his or her designee may accept the results of the two complete runs as proof of compliance, provided that the arithmetic mean of the results of the two complete runs is at least 20 percent below the allowable emission limiting standards.

[Rule 62-297.310(1), F.A.C.]

A.25. Operating Rate During Testing. Testing of emissions shall be conducted with each emissions unit operation at permitted capacity, which is defined as 90 to 100 percent of the maximum operation rate allowed by the permit. If it is impracticable to test at permitted capacity, an emissions unit may be tested at less than the minimum permitted capacity; in this case, subsequent emissions unit operation is limited to 110 percent of the test load until a new test is conducted. Once the emissions unit is so limited, operation at higher capacities is allowed for no more than 15 consecutive days for the purpose of additional compliance testing to regain the authority to operate at the permitted capacity.

[Rules 62-297.310(2) & (2)(b), F.A.C.]

A.26. Calculation of Emission Rate. The indicated emission rate or concentration shall be the arithmetic average of the emission rate or concentration determined by each of the separate test runs unless otherwise specified in a particular test method or applicable rule.

[Rule 62-297.310(3), F.A.C.]

A.27. Applicable Test Procedures.

(a) Required Sampling Time.

1. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable rule, the required sampling time for each test run shall be no less than one hour and no greater than four hours, and the sampling time at each sampling point shall be of equal intervals of at least two minutes.

2. Opacity Compliance Tests. When either EPA Method 9 or DEP Method 9 is specified as the applicable opacity test method, the required minimum period of observation for a compliance test shall be sixty (60) minutes for emissions units which emit or have the potential to emit 100 tons per year or more of particulate matter, and thirty (30) minutes for emissions units which have potential emissions less than 100 tons per year of particulate matter and are not subject to a multiple-valued opacity standard. The opacity test observation period shall include the period during which the highest opacity emissions can reasonably be expected to occur. Exceptions to these requirements are as follows:

c. The minimum observation period for opacity tests conducted by employees or agents of the Department to verify the day-to-day continuing compliance of a unit or activity with an applicable opacity standard shall be twelve minutes.

(b) Minimum Sample Volume. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable rule, the minimum sample volume per run shall be 25 dry standard cubic feet.

(c) Required Flow Rate Range. For EPA Method 5 particulate sampling, acid mist/sulfur dioxide, and fluoride sampling which uses Greenburg Smith type impingers, the sampling nozzle and sampling time shall be selected such that the average sampling rate will be between 0.5 and 1.0 actual cubic feet per minute; and the required minimum sampling volume will be obtained.

(d) Calibration of Sampling Equipment. Calibration of the sampling train equipment shall be conducted in accordance with the schedule shown in Table 297.310-1 (attached).

(e) Allowed Modification to EPA Method 5. When EPA Method 5 is required, the following modification is allowed: the heated filter may be separated from the impingers by a flexible tube.

[Rule 62-297.310(4), F.A.C.]

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A.28. Required Stack Sampling Facilities. When a mass emissions stack test is required, the permittee shall comply with the requirements contained in Appendix SS-1, Stack Sampling Facilities, attached to this permit.
[Rule 62-297.310(6), F.A.C.]

A.29. Frequency of Compliance Tests. The following provisions apply only to those emissions units that are subject to an emissions limiting standard for which compliance testing is required.

(a) **General Compliance Testing.**

3. The owner or operator of an emissions unit that is subject to any emission limiting standard shall conduct a compliance test that demonstrates compliance with the applicable emission limiting standard prior to obtaining a renewed operation permit. Emissions units that are required to conduct an annual compliance test may submit the most recent annual compliance test to satisfy the requirements of this provision. In renewing an air operation permit pursuant to Rule 62-210.300(2)(a)3.b., c., or d., F.A.C., the Department shall not require submission of emission compliance test results for any emissions unit that, during the year prior to renewal:

a. Did not operate.

4. During each federal fiscal year (October 1 - September 30), unless otherwise specified by rule, order, or permit, the owner or operator of each emissions unit shall have a formal compliance test conducted for:

a. Visible emissions, if there is an applicable standard;

b. Each of the following pollutants, if there is an applicable standard, and if the emissions unit emits or has the potential to emit: 5 tons per year or more of lead or lead compounds measured as elemental lead; or, 100 tons per year or more of any other regulated air pollutant; and,

c. Each NESHAP pollutant, if there is an applicable emission standard.

9. The owner or operator shall notify the Department, at least 15 days prior to the date on which each formal compliance test is to begin, of the date, time, and place of each such test, and the test contact person who will be responsible for coordinating and having such test conducted for the owner or operator.

(b) **Special Compliance Tests.** When the Department, after investigation, has good reason (such as complaints, increased visible emissions or questionable maintenance of control equipment) to believe that any applicable emission standard contained in a Department rule or in a permit issued pursuant to those rules is being violated, it may require the owner or operator of the emissions unit to conduct compliance tests which identify the nature and quantity of pollutant emissions from the emissions unit and to provide a report on the results of said tests to the Department.

[Rule 62-297.310(7), F.A.C.; and, SIP approved]

(c) **Initial Compliance Stack Tests:** After completing the recovery boiler modifications, initial compliance with the emissions standards for PM, SAM, and VOC shall be demonstrated within 60 days of achieving the permitted capacity (210,000 lb/hour of BLS), but no later than 180 days of initial startup. [Rules 62-4.070(3) and 62-297.310(7), F.A.C.]

Monitoring Requirements.

A.30. Determination of Process Variables.

(a) **Required Equipment.** The owner or operator of an emissions unit for which compliance tests are required shall install, operate, and maintain equipment or instruments necessary to determine process variables, such as process weight input or heat input, when such data are needed in conjunction with emissions data to determine the compliance of the emissions unit with applicable emission limiting standards.

(b) **Accuracy of Equipment.** Equipment or instruments used to directly or indirectly determine process variables, including devices such as belt scales, weight hoppers, flow meters, and tank scales, shall be calibrated and adjusted to indicate the true value of the parameter being measured with sufficient accuracy to allow the applicable process variable to be determined within 10% of its true value.

[Rule 62-297.310(5), F.A.C.]

Continuous Monitoring Requirements.

A.31. Continuous Flow Monitor. A continuous flow monitor shall be installed to determine the stack exhaust flow rate to be used in determining mass emission rates. The flow monitor shall be certified pursuant to 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 6. [Rules 62-4.070(3) and 62-297.520, F.A.C.; and, 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 6]

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A.32. Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS). The permittee shall install, calibrate, operate and maintain a CEMS to measure and record concentrations of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO) and total reduced sulfur (TRS) in the exhaust stack of the recovery boiler in a manner sufficient to demonstrate continuous compliance with the emissions standards specified in this section.

[Rules 62-4.070(3), 62-212.400(BACT), 62-296.404(5) and 62-297.520, F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specifications 2, 4 or 4B, 5 and 6; 40 CFR 60, Appendix F; and, 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367]

A.33. Diluent Oxygen (O₂) CEMS Requirements. The permittee shall install, calibrate, operate and maintain a CEMS to measure and record the concentration of oxygen (O₂) to correct measured CO, SO₂ and TRS emissions to the required oxygen concentration. The O₂ monitor shall be certified pursuant to 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification(s) 3 and/or 4B. The CEMS shall be installed and functioning within the required performance specifications by the time of the initial performance tests.

[Rules 62-4.070(3), 62-296.404(5) and 62-297.520, F.A.C.; and, 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification(s) 3 and/or 4B]

A.34. SO₂: CEMS Requirements. The SO₂ monitor shall be certified pursuant to 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 2. Quality assurance procedures shall conform to the requirements of 40 CFR 60, Appendix F. The required RATA tests shall be performed using EPA Reference Method 6C in Appendix A, 40 CFR 60. The SO₂ monitor span values shall be set appropriately, considering the expected range of emissions and corresponding emission standards.

[Rules 62-4.070(3) and 62-297.520, F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60, Appendix A; 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 2; and, 40 CFR 60, Appendix F]

A.35. NO_x: CEMS Requirements. The NO_x monitor shall be certified pursuant to 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 2. Quality assurance procedures shall conform to the requirements of 40 CFR 60, Appendix F. The required RATA tests shall be performed using EPA Reference Method 7 or 7E in Appendix A, 40 CFR 60. The NO_x monitor span values shall be set appropriately, considering the expected range of emissions and corresponding emission standards.

[Rules 62-4.070(3) and 62-297.520, F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60, Appendix A; 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 2; and, 40 CFR 60, Appendix F]

A.36. CO: CEMS Requirements. The CO monitor shall be certified pursuant to 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 4 or 4B. Quality assurance procedures shall conform to the requirements of 40 CFR 60, Appendix F. The required RATA tests shall be performed using EPA Reference Method 10 in Appendix A, 40 CFR 60. The CO monitor span values shall be set appropriately, considering the expected range of emissions and corresponding emission standards.

[Rules 62-4.070(3), 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.520, F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60, Appendix A; 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 4 or 4B; and, 40 CFR 60, Appendix F]

A.37. TRS: CEMS Requirements. (a) A TRS continuous monitoring system for monitoring TRS emissions shall comply with the applicable requirements in Rule 62-296.404(5)(b), F.A.C., as follows:

(b) Continuous Determination of Total Reduced Sulfur Emissions.

1. A total reduced sulfur continuous emissions monitoring system shall be installed, calibrated, certified and operated pursuant to all of the following provisions:

- a. The continuous emissions monitoring system shall monitor and record the concentration of total reduced sulfur (TRS) emissions on a dry basis and the percentage of oxygen by volume on a dry basis.
- b. The continuous emissions monitoring system shall complete a minimum of one cycle of operation (sampling, analyzing, and data recording) for each successive 15-minute period.
- c. The continuous emissions monitoring system shall be located downstream of the control device such that representative measurements of process parameters can be obtained.
- d. The continuous emissions monitoring system shall be located, installed and certified pursuant to the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 2 and Performance Specification 3, and 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 5, which are adopted by reference in subsection 62-204.800(7), F.A.C. The exception is that the phrase "or other approved alternative" in Section 3.2 of Performance Specification 5 is not adopted. For the purposes of compliance testing and certification of continuous emissions monitoring systems, 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Appendix A, Reference Method 16 and Method 16A, adopted by reference in subsection 62-204.800(7), F.A.C., are to

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be used.

e. The continuous emissions monitoring system shall be in continuous operation, except when the emissions unit is not operating, or during system breakdowns, repairs, calibration checks, and zero and span adjustments.

f. During any initial compliance tests conducted pursuant to Rule 62-296.404, F.A.C., or within 30 days thereafter, and at such times as there is reason to believe the system does not conform to the performance specifications under this rule (for example, equipment repairs, replacements, excessive drift and such), the owner or operator of any affected emissions unit shall conduct continuous monitoring system performance evaluations and furnish the Department, within sixty days thereof, two copies of a written report of the results of such tests. These continuous emissions monitoring systems performance evaluations shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements and procedures contained in sub-subparagraph 62-296.404(5)(b)1.d., F.A.C.

g. The continuous emissions monitoring system shall have a maximum span value not to exceed:

(i) A total reduced sulfur concentration of 30 ppm for the total reduced sulfur continuous emissions monitoring system on any new design direct-fired Kraft recovery furnace that is not a direct-fired, new design suspension-burning Kraft recovery furnace.

(ii) A total reduced sulfur concentration of 50 ppm for the total reduced sulfur continuous emissions monitoring system on any old design Kraft recovery furnace, new design Kraft recovery furnace that is not a direct-fired, new design direct-fired suspension-burning Kraft recovery furnace.

(iii) 20 percent oxygen for the continuous oxygen monitoring system.

h. The continuous emissions monitoring system shall be checked by the owner or operator in accordance with a written procedure at least once daily and after any maintenance to the system. The owner or operator shall check the zero (or low level value between 0 and 20 percent of span value) and span (90 to 100 percent of span value) calibration drifts. The zero and span shall be adjusted, as a minimum, whenever the 24-hour zero drift or 24-hour span drift exceeds two times the limits of the applicable performance specifications referenced in sub-subparagraph 62-296.404(5)(b)1.d., F.A.C. The system must allow the amount of excess zero and span drift measured at the 24-hour interval checks to be recorded and quantified.

2. The owner or operator of any total reduced sulfur emissions unit who is required to install a total reduced sulfur continuous emissions monitoring system pursuant to paragraph 62-296.404(5)(a), F.A.C., shall:

a. Reduce all data to one-hour averages for each 60-minute period beginning on the hour. One-hour averages shall be computed from a minimum of four data points equally spaced over each one-hour period. Data recorded during periods of system breakdowns, repairs, calibration checks, and zero and span adjustments shall not be included in the computation. Either an arithmetic or integrated average shall be used. The data output of the continuous emissions monitoring system may, at the owner's or operator's option, include a numerical format showing individual numerical readings and averages in addition to the required strip chart format with legible ink tracings and calibration information. All data output shall be clearly and properly identified by the operator. All system breakdowns, repairs, calibration checks, span adjustments and periods of excess emissions shall legibly appear on all data output.

b. Calculate and record on a daily basis the 12-hour average total reduced sulfur concentrations for two consecutive 12-hour periods of each operating day. Each 12-hour average shall be determined as the arithmetic mean of the appropriate 12 contiguous one-hour average total reduced sulfur concentrations provided by the continuous emissions monitoring system.

c. Calculate and record on a daily basis 12-hour average oxygen concentrations for two consecutive 12-hour periods of each operating day. These 12-hour averages shall correspond to the 12-hour average total reduced sulfur concentrations from sub-subparagraph 62-296.404(5)(b)2.b., F.A.C., and shall be determined as an arithmetic mean of the appropriate 12 contiguous one-hour average oxygen concentrations provided by each continuous emissions monitoring system.

d. Correct all 12-hour average total reduced sulfur (TRS) concentrations using the following equation:

$$C_{corr} = C_{meas} (21 - X) / (21 - Y)$$

where:

C_{corr} = the TRS concentration corrected for oxygen.

C_{meas} = the TRS concentration uncorrected for oxygen.

X = the volumetric oxygen concentration in percentage that the measured TRS concentration is to be corrected to 8 percent for all recovery furnaces.

Y = the measured 12-hour average volumetric oxygen concentration.

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e. The data shall be rounded to the same number of significant digits as the standard.

[Rules 62-296.404(5)(a) & (b), F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60, Appendix A; 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specifications 5 and 6; and, 40 CFR 60, Appendix F]

A.38. Continuous Opacity Monitoring System (COMS). The owner or operator of each affected Kraft or soda recovery furnace equipped with an ESP must install, calibrate, maintain, and operate a COMS according to the provisions in 40 CFR 63.6(h) and 63.8 and 40 CFR 63.864(d)(1) through (4).

(1) [Reserved].

(2) [Reserved].

(3) As specified in 40 CFR 63.8(c)(4)(i), each COMS must complete a minimum of one cycle of sampling and analyzing for each successive 10-second period and one cycle of data recording for each successive 6-minute period.

(4) The COMS data must be reduced as specified in 40 CFR 63.8(g)(2).

[40 CFR 63.864(d)(3) & (4); and, 40 CFR 60, Appendix B, Performance Specification 1]

A.39. (e) Continuous Parameter Monitoring System (CPMS). For each CPMS required in this section, the owner or operator of each affected source or process unit must meet the requirements in 40 CFR 63.864(e)(1) through (14).

(1)-(9) [Reserved].

(10) – (12) Not applicable.

(13) The owner or operator of each affected source or process unit that uses an ESP, may monitor alternative control device operating parameters subject to prior written approval by the Administrator.

(14) Not applicable.

[40 CFR 63.864(e)(13)]

A.40. (j) Determination of Operating Ranges.

(1) During the initial performance test required in 40 CFR 63.865, the owner or operator of any affected source or process unit must establish operating ranges for the monitoring parameters in 40 CFR 63.864(e)(10) through (14), as appropriate; or

(2) The owner or operator may base operating ranges on values recorded during previous performance tests or conduct additional performance tests for the specific purpose of establishing operating ranges, provided that test data used to establish the operating ranges are or have been obtained using the test methods required in this subpart. The owner or operator of the affected source or process unit must certify that all control techniques and processes have not been modified subsequent to the testing upon which the data used to establish the operating parameter ranges were obtained.

(3) The owner or operator of an affected source or process unit may establish expanded or replacement operating ranges for the monitoring parameter values listed in 40 CFR 63.864(e)(10) through (14) and established in 40 CFR 63.864(j)(1) or (2) during subsequent performance tests using the test methods in 40 CFR 63.865.

(4) The owner or operator of the affected source or process unit must continuously monitor each parameter and determine the arithmetic average value of each parameter during each performance test. Multiple performance tests may be conducted to establish a range of parameter values.

(5) – (6). Not applicable.

[40 CFR 63.864(j)(1) thru (4)]

A.41. (k) On-going Compliance Provisions.

(1) Following the compliance date, owners or operators of all affected sources or process units are required to implement corrective action, as specified in the startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan prepared under 40 CFR 63.866(a) if the monitoring exceedances in 40 CFR 63.864(k)(1)(i) through (vi) occur:

(i) For an existing Kraft or soda recovery furnace equipped with an ESP, when the average of ten consecutive 6-minute averages result in a measurement greater than 20 percent opacity;

(ii) For an existing Kraft or soda recovery furnace, when any 3-hour average parameter value is outside the range of values established in 40 CFR 63.864(j);

(iii) Not applicable;

(iv) Not applicable;

(v) For an affected source or process unit equipped with an ESP and monitoring alternative operating parameters established in 40 CFR 63.864(e)(13), when any 3-hour average value is outside the range of parameter values established in paragraph (j) of this section; and

(vi) Not applicable.

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- (2) Following the compliance date, owners or operators of all affected sources or process units are in violation of the standards of 40 CFR 63.862 if the monitoring exceedances in 40 CFR 63.864(k)(2)(i) through (vii) occur:
- (i) For an existing Kraft or soda recovery furnace equipped with an ESP, when opacity is greater than 35 percent for 6 percent or more of the operating time within any quarterly period;
 - (ii) Not applicable;
 - (iii) Not applicable;
 - (iv) Not applicable;
 - (v) Not applicable;
 - (vi) For an affected source or process unit equipped with an ESP and monitoring alternative operating parameters established in 40 CFR 63.864(e)(13), when six or more 3-hour average values within any 6-month reporting period are outside the range of parameter values established in 40 CFR 63.864(j); and
 - (vii) Not applicable.

(3) For purposes of determining the number of non-opacity monitoring exceedances, no more than one exceedance will be attributed in any given 24-hour period.

[40 CFR 63.864(k)(1) thru (3)]

A.42. CMS/CEMS/COMS Certification and Initial Startup: Continuous monitoring systems are currently in place for emissions of TRS, SO₂, and opacity. Compliance with the TRS, SO₂, and opacity standards of this permit shall begin upon the final issuance of this permit. The CO CEMS, NO_x CEMS, and continuous flow monitor shall be installed and certified within at least 180 days of initial startup following the completion of the initial combustion air modifications. After these monitors are certified, the permittee is authorized to operate the recovery boiler for an additional shakedown period of 180 calendar days to gather operating and emissions data to develop good combustion practices. Thereafter, compliance shall be demonstrated with the CO and NO_x standards by data collected from the required CEMS.

[Rules 62-4.070(3), 62-212.400(BACT) and 62-297.520, F.A.C.; 40 CFR 60, Appendices A, B and F]

A.43. CMS/CEMS Data Requirements: Each CEMS shall be installed, calibrated, maintained, and operated in the exhaust stack of the recovery boiler to measure and record the emissions of CO, NO_x, SO₂, and TRS in a manner sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the emission limits of this permit. The CEMS shall express the results in units of ppmvd @ 8% O₂ and pounds per hour.

- a. *Valid Hourly Averages:* Each CEMS shall be designed and operated to sample, analyze, and record data evenly spaced over the hour at a minimum of one measurement per minute. All valid measurements collected during an hour shall be used to calculate a 1-hour block average that begins at the top of each hour. Each 1-hour block average shall be computed using at least one data point in each fifteen-minute quadrant of an hour, where the unit combusted fuel (black liquor) during that quadrant of an hour. Notwithstanding this requirement, a 1-hour average shall be computed from at least two data points separated by a minimum of 15 minutes (where the unit operates for more than one quadrant of an hour). If less than two such data points are available, there is insufficient data and the 1-hour block average is not valid. Hours during which the recovery boiler is not operating are not valid hours.
- b. *12-hour Block Averages:* Each 12-hour block average shall be consistent with the methodology specified in Rule 62-296.404, F.A.C. and specific condition A.37.
- c. *24-hour Rolling Averages:* Each 24-hour rolling average shall be recomputed after every valid hour as the arithmetic average of that hourly average and the preceding 23 valid hourly averages during which the recovery boiler operated (fired fuel).
- d. *30-day Rolling Averages:* Each 30-day rolling average shall be the arithmetic average of all valid hourly averages collected for the current day and the previous 29 days during which the recovery boiler operated (fired fuel).
- e. *12-Month Rolling Averages:* Each 12-month rolling average shall be the arithmetic average of all valid hourly averages collected during the current calendar month and the previous 11 calendar months.
- f. *12-month Rolling Total:* Each 12-month rolling total shall be the total of all valid hourly mass emissions rates collected during the current calendar month and the previous 11 calendar months.

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- g. *Data Exclusion:* Except for monitoring system breakdowns, repairs, calibration checks, and zero and span adjustments, each CEMS shall monitor and record emissions during all operations including episodes of startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions.
- h. *Availability:* Monitor availability for each CEMS used to demonstrate compliance shall be 95% or greater in any calendar quarter. Monitor availability shall be reported in the quarterly excess emissions report (see specific condition A.48.). In the event 95% availability is not achieved, the permittee shall provide the Department's Northeast District office with a report identifying the problems in achieving 95% availability and a plan of corrective actions that will be taken to achieve 95% availability. The permittee shall implement the reported corrective actions within the next calendar quarter. Failure to take corrective actions or continued failure to achieve the minimum monitor availability shall be violations of this permit, except as otherwise authorized by the Compliance Authority - Department's Northeast District office.

[Rules 62-4.130 and 62-4.070(3), F.A.C.]

Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements.

A.44. In case of excess emissions resulting from malfunctions, each owner or operator shall notify the Department's Northeast District office in accordance with Rule 62-4.130, F.A.C. A full written report on the malfunctions shall be submitted in a quarterly report, if requested by the Department.

[Rule 62-210.700(6), F.A.C.]

A.45. All recorded data shall be maintained on file by the owner or operator for a period of five (5) years.

[Rule 62-213.440, F.A.C.]

A.46. Test Reports.

- (a) The owner or operator of an emissions unit for which a compliance test is required shall file a report with the Department's Northeast District office on the results of each such test.
- (b) The required test report shall be filed with the Department's Northeast District office as soon as practical but no later than 45 days after the last sampling run of each test is completed.
- (c) The test report shall provide sufficient detail on the emissions unit tested and the test procedures used to allow the Department's Northeast District office to determine if the test was properly conducted and the test results properly computed. As a minimum, the test report, other than for an EPA or DEP Method 9 test, shall provide the following information:
1. The type, location, and designation of the emissions unit tested.
 2. The facility at which the emissions unit is located.
 3. The owner or operator of the emissions unit.
 4. The normal type and amount of fuels used and materials processed, and the types and amounts of fuels used and material processed during each test run.
 5. The means, raw data and computations used to determine the amount of fuels used and materials processed, if necessary to determine compliance with an applicable emission limiting standard.
 6. The type of air pollution control devices installed on the emissions unit, their general condition, their normal operating parameters (pressure drops, total operating current and GPM scrubber water), and their operating parameters during each test run.
 7. A sketch of the duct within 8 stack diameters upstream and 2 stack diameters downstream of the sampling ports, including the distance to any upstream and downstream bends or other flow disturbances.
 8. The date, starting time and duration of each sampling run.
 9. The test procedures used, including any alternative procedures authorized pursuant to Rule 62-297.620, F.A.C. Where optional procedures are authorized in this chapter, indicate which option was used.
 10. The number of points sampled and configuration and location of the sampling plane.
 11. For each sampling point for each run, the dry gas meter reading, velocity head, pressure drop across the stack, temperatures, average meter temperatures and sample time per point.
 12. The type, manufacturer and configuration of the sampling equipment used.
 13. Data related to the required calibration of the test equipment.
 14. Data on the identification, processing and weights of all filters used.

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15. Data on the types and amounts of any chemical solutions used.
 16. Data on the amount of pollutant collected from each sampling probe, the filters, and the impingers, are reported separately for the compliance test.
 17. The names of individuals who furnished the process variable data, conducted the test, analyzed the samples and prepared the report.
 18. All measured and calculated data required to be determined by each applicable test procedure for each run.
 19. The detailed calculations for one run that relate the collected data to the calculated emission rate.
 20. The applicable emission standard, and the resulting maximum allowable emission rate for the emissions unit, plus the test result in the same form and unit of measure.
 21. A certification that, to the knowledge of the owner or his authorized agent, all data submitted are true and correct. When a compliance test is conducted for the Department or its agent, the person who conducts the test shall provide the certification with respect to the test procedures used. The owner or his authorized agent shall certify that all data required and provided to the person conducting the test are true and correct to his knowledge.
- [Rules 62-213.440 and 62-297.310(8), F.A.C.]

A.47. Quarterly Reporting Requirements: TRS. The owner or operator of a Kraft recovery furnace subject to the provisions of subsection 62-296.404(5), F.A.C. (Continuous Monitoring Requirements), shall submit a written total reduced sulfur emissions and surrogate parameter data report to the Department's Northeast District office postmarked by the 30th day following the end of each calendar quarter.

(a) The report shall include the following information:

1. The magnitude of excess emissions and the date and time of commencement and completion of each time period in which excess emissions occurred.
2. Specific identification of each period of excess emissions that occurs including startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions of the affected emissions unit. An explanation of the cause of each period of excess emissions, and any corrective action taken or preventive measures adopted. Excess emissions shall be all 12-hour periods for which the appropriate surrogate parameter data or total reduced sulfur continuous emissions monitoring data indicates that an applicable 12-hour average total reduced sulfur emission limiting standard for the emissions unit was exceeded.
3. The date and time identifying each period during which each continuous emissions monitoring system used to measure total reduced sulfur emissions or surrogate parameters was inoperative except for zero and span checks, and the nature of the system repairs or adjustments.
4. When no excess emissions have occurred or the continuous emissions monitoring system(s) have not been operative, or have been repaired or adjusted, such information shall be stated in the report.

(b) Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of subsections 62-296.404(5) and (6), F.A.C., shall maintain a complete file of any measurements, including continuous emissions monitoring system, monitoring device, and performance testing measurements; any continuous emissions monitoring system performance evaluations; any continuous emissions monitoring system or monitoring device calibration checks; any adjustments and maintenance performed on these systems or devices; and any other information required, recorded in a permanent legible form available for inspection. The file shall be retained for at least three years following the date of such measurements, maintenance, reports and records.

(c) **Evaluation of Excess Emissions.** The Department shall consider periods of excess emissions from any Kraft recovery furnace to be evidence of improper operation and maintenance of the monitored emissions unit provided that:

1. For Kraft recovery furnaces subject to the emissions limits of paragraph 62-296.404(3)(c), F.A.C., the excess emissions occur during more than one percent of the total number of possible contiguous 12-hour periods of excess emissions in a calendar quarter rounded to the nearest whole number (excluding only the actual 12-hour periods during which a startup, shutdown or malfunction of the Kraft recovery furnace occurred and only the actual 12-hour periods when the Kraft recovery furnace was not operating), and
4. The Department determines that the affected emissions unit, including air pollution control equipment, is not maintained and operated in a manner which is consistent with good air pollution control practices for minimizing emissions. Such determination shall be based on the failure of the owner or operator of the facility to provide records of maintenance and operation of the emissions unit and related equipment showing operation consistent with good air pollution control practices. Good air pollution control practices shall include:
 - a. Operation of all equipment within permit limits for loading rates and other process parameters,
 - b. An adequate preventive maintenance program based on manufacturer's recommendations or other accepted industry practices,
 - c. Training of personnel in the operation and maintenance of equipment,

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- d. Visual and instrument inspections of equipment on a regular basis, and
 - e. Maintenance of an adequate on-site, or readily available, supply of equipment for routine repairs.
- (d) The owner or operator of any Kraft pulp mill or tall oil plant shall notify the Department in writing within fourteen days of the date on which periods of excess emissions exceed the percentages allowed by subparagraphs 62-296.404(6)(c)1. through 3., F.A.C.
[Rule 62-296.404(6), F.A.C.]

A.48. Quarterly Reporting Reports: Within 30 days following each calendar quarter, the permittee shall submit a written report to the Department's Northeast District summarizing the following: monitor availability; summary of emissions for the calendar quarter (CO, NOx, SO₂, TRS, and opacity); and excess emissions.
[Rule 62-4.070(3), F.A.C.]

A.49. Recordkeeping Requirements.

(a) Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Plan. The owner or operator must develop and implement a written plan as described in 40 CFR 63.6(e)(3) that contains specific procedures to be followed for operating the source and maintaining the source during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction, and a program of corrective action for malfunctioning process and control systems used to comply with the standards. In addition to the information required in 40 CFR 63.6(e), the plan must include the requirements in paragraphs 40 CFR 63.866(a)(1) and (2).

(1) Procedures for responding to any process parameter level that is inconsistent with the level(s) established under 40 CFR 63.864(j), including the procedures in paragraphs 40 CFR 63.866(a)(1)(i) and (ii):

- (i) Procedures to determine and record the cause of an operating parameter exceedance and the time the exceedance began and ended; and
- (ii) Corrective actions to be taken in the event of an operating parameter exceedance, including procedures for recording the actions taken to correct the exceedance.

(2) The startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan also must include the schedules listed in paragraphs 40 CFR 63.866(a)(2)(i) and (ii):

- (i) A maintenance schedule for each control technique that is consistent with, but not limited to, the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations for routine and long-term maintenance; and
- (ii) An inspection schedule for each continuous monitoring system required under 40 CFR 63.864 to ensure, at least once in each 24-hour period, that each continuous monitoring system is properly functioning.

(b) The owner or operator of an affected source or process unit must maintain records of any occurrence when corrective action is required under 40 CFR 63.864(k)(1), and when a violation is noted under 40 CFR 63.864(k)(2).

(c) In addition to the general records required by 40 CFR 63.10(b)(2), the owner or operator must maintain records of the information in paragraphs 40 CFR 63.866(c)(1) through (7):

- (1) Not applicable.
- (2) Records of CaO production rates in units of Mg/d or ton/d for all lime kilns;
- (3) Records of parameter monitoring data required under 40 CFR 63.864, including any period when the operating parameter levels were inconsistent with the levels established during the initial performance test, with a brief explanation of the cause of the deviation, the time the deviation occurred, the time corrective action was initiated and completed, and the corrective action taken;
- (4) Records and documentation of supporting calculations for compliance determinations made under 40 CFR 63.865(a) through (d);
- (5) Records of monitoring parameter ranges established for each affected source or process unit;
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Not applicable.

[40 CFR 63.866(a), (b) & (c)]

A.50. Reporting Requirements.

(a) Notifications.

(1) The owner or operator of any affected source or process unit must submit the applicable notifications from Subpart A of 40 CFR 63, as specified in Table 1 of 40 CFR 63, Subpart MM.

- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

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(c) Excess Emissions Report. The owner or operator must report quarterly if measured parameters meet any of the conditions specified in 40 CFR 63.864(k)(1) or (2). This report must contain the information specified in 40 CFR 63.10(c) as well as the number and duration of occurrences when the source met or exceeded the conditions in 40 CFR 63.864(k)(1), and the number and duration of occurrences when the source met or exceeded the conditions in 40 CFR 63.864(k)(2). Reporting excess emissions below the violation thresholds of 40 CFR 63.864(k) does not constitute a violation of the applicable standard.

(1) When no exceedances of parameters have occurred, the owner or operator must submit a semiannual report stating that no excess emissions occurred during the reporting period.

(2) The owner or operator of an affected source or process unit subject to the requirements of Subpart MM and Subpart S of 40 CFR Part 63 may combine excess emissions and/or summary reports for the mill.

[40 CFR 63.867(a) & (c)]

B. New Crystallizer and Associated Storage/Flash Tank.

B.1. The permittee is authorized to install a new Crystallizer and associated Storage/Flash tank (June 2006 to May 2008) as a modification to the existing multiple effect evaporators (MEEs) and two associated concentrators (Emissions Unit 032). The purpose is to increase the temperature of and remove ("flash off") moisture from the black liquor received from the existing MEEs and two associated concentrators in order to increase the black liquor solids from 65% to approximately 75%, which will then be fired in the existing No. 4 Recovery Boiler. The emissions from the Crystallizer and associated storage/flash tank shall be routed back to the MEEs and collected as part of the existing non-condensable gas (NCG) collection system. The preliminary schedule is for startup of the new crystallizer/evaporator by May of 2008.

[Rules 62-4.070(3) and 62-210.300(1), F.A.C.]

C. No. 4 Lime Kiln.

C.1. Methods of Operation: No. 6 Fuel Oil. The No. 4 Lime Kiln (Emissions Unit 017) is permitted to fire No. 6 fuel oil with a sulfur content that shall not exceed 2.10%, by weight, and it may include on-spec used oil. The permittee is authorized to fire any fuel oil remaining in the tank, but shall only add fuel oil meeting the new fuel sulfur specification after issuance of this permit.

[Rules 62-4.070(3) and 62-212.400(12)(Source Obligation), F.A.C.]

D. No. 4 Combination Boiler.

D.1. Methods of Operation: No. 6 Fuel Oil

a. The No. 4 Combination Boiler (Emission Unit 016) is permitted to fire No. 6 fuel oil with a sulfur content that shall not exceed 2.10%, by weight, and it may include on-spec used oil. The permittee is authorized to fire any fuel oil remaining in the tank, but shall only add fuel oil meeting the new fuel sulfur specification after issuance of this permit.

b. The maximum No. 6 fuel oil that may be fired is 5,030,000 gallons during any consecutive 12-months, rolling total.

[Rules 62-4.070(3) and 62-212.400(12)(Source Obligation), F.A.C.]

E. No. 4 Power Boiler.

E.1. The No. 4 Power Boiler (Emission Unit 014) shall remain permanently shut down.

{Permitting Note: The existing No. 4 Power Boiler shutdown in September 2003. The actual emissions from this unit were used in the PSD netting analysis as a contemporaneous decrease. The status of this unit will be designated as "Inactive" in the Division's Air Resource Management System (ARMS) database.}

[Application No. 1070005-035-AC; Rules 62-4.070(3), 62-210.200(Definitions: Actual Emissions) and 62-212.400(PSD NSR), F.A.C.]

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REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS PERMITTING ACTIONS

Old Permit Numbers

Example: Permit No. AC50-123456 or Air Permit No. AO50-123456

Where: “AC” identifies the permit as an Air Construction Permit
“AO” identifies the permit as an Air Operation Permit
“123456” identifies the specific permit project number

New Permit Numbers

Example: Permit Nos. 099-2222-001-AC, 099-2222-001-AF, 099-2222-001-AO, or 099-2222-001-AV

Where: “099” represents the specific county ID number in which the project is located
“2222” represents the specific facility ID number
“001” identifies the specific permit project
“AC” identifies the permit as an air construction permit
“AF” identifies the permit as a minor federally enforceable state operation permit
“AO” identifies the permit as a minor source air operation permit
“AV” identifies the permit as a Title V Major Source Air Operation Permit

PSD Permit Numbers

Example: Permit No. PSD-FL-317

Where: “PSD” means issued pursuant to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality
“FL” means that the permit was issued by the State of Florida
“317” identifies the specific permit project

RULE CITATION FORMATS

Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

Example: [Rule 62-213.205, F.A.C.]

Means: Title 62, Chapter 213, Rule 205 of the Florida Administrative Code

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

Example: [40 CFR 60.7]

Means: Title 40, Part 60, Section 7

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Unless otherwise specified in the permit, the following conditions apply to all emissions units and activities at the facility.

EMISSIONS AND CONTROLS

1. Plant Operation - Problems: If temporarily unable to comply with any of the conditions of the permit due to breakdown of equipment or destruction by fire, wind or other cause, the permittee shall notify each Compliance Authority as soon as possible, but at least within one working day, excluding weekends and holidays. The notification shall include: pertinent information as to the cause of the problem; steps being taken to correct the problem and prevent future recurrence; and, where applicable, the owner's intent toward reconstruction of destroyed facilities. Such notification does not release the permittee from any liability for failure to comply with the conditions of this permit or the regulations. [Rule 62-4.130, F.A.C.]
2. Circumvention: The permittee shall not circumvent the air pollution control equipment or allow the emission of air pollutants without this equipment operating properly. [Rule 62-210.650, F.A.C.]
3. Excess Emissions Allowed: Excess emissions resulting from startup, shutdown or malfunction of any emissions unit shall be permitted providing (1) best operational practices to minimize emissions are adhered to and (2) the duration of excess emissions shall be minimized but in no case exceed two hours in any 24 hour period unless specifically authorized by the Department for longer duration. [Rule 62-210.700(1), F.A.C.]
4. Excess Emissions Prohibited: Excess emissions caused entirely or in part by poor maintenance, poor operation, or any other equipment or process failure that may reasonably be prevented during startup, shutdown or malfunction shall be prohibited. [Rule 62-210.700(4), F.A.C.]
5. Excess Emissions - Notification: In case of excess emissions resulting from malfunctions, the permittee shall notify the Department or the appropriate Local Program in accordance with Rule 62-4.130, F.A.C. A full written report on the malfunctions shall be submitted in a quarterly report, if requested by the Department. [Rule 62-210.700(6), F.A.C.]
6. VOC or OS Emissions: No person shall store, pump, handle, process, load, unload or use in any process or installation, volatile organic compounds or organic solvents without applying known and existing vapor emission control devices or systems deemed necessary and ordered by the Department. [Rule 62-296.320(1), F.A.C.]
7. Objectionable Odor Prohibited: No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the discharge of air pollutants, which cause or contribute to an objectionable odor. An "objectionable odor" means any odor present in the outdoor atmosphere which by itself or in combination with other odors, is or may be harmful or injurious to human health or welfare, which unreasonably interferes with the comfortable use and enjoyment of life or property, or which creates a nuisance. [Rules 62-296.320(2) and 62-210.200(203), F.A.C.]
8. General Visible Emissions: No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow to be discharged into the atmosphere the emissions of air pollutants from any activity equal to or greater than 20 percent opacity. This regulation does not impose a specific testing requirement. [Rule 62-296.320(4)(b)1, F.A.C.]
9. Unconfined Particulate Emissions: During the construction period, unconfined particulate matter emissions shall be minimized by dust suppressing techniques such as covering and/or application of water or chemicals to the affected areas, as necessary. [Rule 62-296.320(4)(c), F.A.C.]

GENERAL COMPLIANCE TESTING REQUIREMENTS

10. Required Number of Test Runs: For mass emission limitations, a compliance test shall consist of three complete and separate determinations of the total air pollutant emission rate through the test section of the stack or duct and three complete and separate determinations of any applicable process variables corresponding to the three distinct time periods during which the stack emission rate was measured; provided, however, that three complete and separate determinations shall not be required if the process variables are not subject to variation during a compliance test, or if three determinations are not necessary in order to calculate the unit's emission rate. The three required test runs shall be completed within one consecutive five-day period. In the event that a sample is lost or one of the three runs must be discontinued because of circumstances beyond the control of the owner or operator, and a valid third run cannot be obtained within the five-day period allowed for the test, the Secretary or his or her designee may accept the results of two complete runs as proof of compliance, provided that the arithmetic mean of the two complete runs is at least 20% below the allowable emission limiting standard. [Rule 62-297.310(1), F.A.C.]
11. Operating Rate During Testing: Testing of emissions shall be conducted with the emissions unit operating at permitted capacity. If it is impractical to test at permitted capacity, an emissions unit may be tested at less than the maximum permitted capacity; in this case, subsequent emissions unit operation is limited to 110 percent of the test rate until a new

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test is conducted. Once the unit is so limited, operation at higher capacities is allowed for no more than 15 consecutive days for the purpose of additional compliance testing to regain the authority to operate at the permitted capacity. Permitted capacity is defined as 90 to 100 percent of the maximum operation rate allowed by the permit. [Rule 62-297.310(2), F.A.C.]

12. Calculation of Emission Rate: For each emissions performance test, the indicated emission rate or concentration shall be the arithmetic average of the emission rate or concentration determined by each of the three separate test runs unless otherwise specified in a particular test method or applicable rule. [Rule 62-297.310(3), F.A.C.]
13. Applicable Test Procedures [Rule 62-297.310(4), F.A.C.]
 - a. *Required Sampling Time*.
 - (1) Unless otherwise specified in the applicable rule, the required sampling time for each test run shall be no less than one hour and no greater than four hours, and the sampling time at each sampling point shall be of equal intervals of at least two minutes.
 - (2) Opacity Compliance Tests. When either EPA Method 9 or DEP Method 9 is specified as the applicable opacity test method, the required minimum period of observation for a compliance test shall be sixty (60) minutes for emissions units which emit or have the potential to emit 100 tons per year or more of particulate matter, and thirty (30) minutes for emissions units which have potential emissions less than 100 tons per year of particulate matter and are not subject to a multiple-valued opacity standard. The opacity test observation period shall include the period during which the highest opacity emissions can reasonably be expected to occur. Exceptions to these requirements are as follows:
 - (a) For batch, cyclical processes, or other operations which are normally completed within less than the minimum observation period and do not recur within that time, the period of observation shall be equal to the duration of the batch cycle or operation completion time.
 - (b) The observation period for special opacity tests that are conducted to provide data to establish a surrogate standard pursuant to Rule 62-297.310(5)(k), F.A.C., Waiver of Compliance Test Requirements, shall be established as necessary to properly establish the relationship between a proposed surrogate standard and an existing mass emission limiting standard.
 - (c) The minimum observation period for opacity tests conducted by employees or agents of the Department to verify the day-to-day continuing compliance of a unit or activity with an applicable opacity standard shall be twelve minutes.
 - b. *Minimum Sample Volume*. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable rule or test method, the minimum sample volume per run shall be 25 dry standard cubic feet.
 - c. *Calibration of Sampling Equipment*. Calibration of the sampling train equipment shall be conducted in accordance with the schedule shown in Table 297.310-1, F.A.C.
 - d. *Calibration of Sampling Equipment*. Calibration of the sampling train equipment shall be conducted in accordance with the schedule shown in Table 297.310-1.
 - e. *Allowed Modification to EPA Method 5*. When EPA Method 5 is required, the following modification is allowed: the heated filter may be separated from the impingers by a flexible tube.
14. Determination of Process Variables [Rule 62-297.310(5), F.A.C.]
 - a. *Required Equipment*. The owner or operator of an emissions unit for which compliance tests are required shall install, operate, and maintain equipment or instruments necessary to determine process variables, such as process weight input or heat input, when such data are needed in conjunction with emissions data to determine the compliance of the emissions unit with applicable emission limiting standards.
 - b. *Accuracy of Equipment*. Equipment or instruments used to directly or indirectly determine process variables, including devices such as belt scales, weight hoppers, flow meters, and tank scales, shall be calibrated and adjusted to indicate the true value of the parameter being measured with sufficient accuracy to allow the applicable process variable to be determined within 10% of its true value.
15. Sampling Facilities: The permittee shall install permanent stack sampling ports and provide sampling facilities that meet the requirements of Rule 62-297.310(6), F.A.C. Sampling facilities include sampling ports, work platforms, access to work platforms, electrical power, and sampling equipment support. All stack sampling facilities must also

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comply with all applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Safety and Health Standards described in 29 CFR Part 1910, Subparts D and E. [Rule 62-297.310(6), F.A.C.]

- a. *Permanent Test Facilities.* The owner or operator of an emissions unit for which a compliance test, other than a visible emissions test, is required on at least an annual basis, shall install and maintain permanent stack sampling facilities.
- b. *Temporary Test Facilities.* The owner or operator of an emissions unit that is not required to conduct a compliance test on at least an annual basis may use permanent or temporary stack sampling facilities. If the owner chooses to use temporary sampling facilities on an emissions unit, and the Department elects to test the unit, such temporary facilities shall be installed on the emissions unit within 5 days of a request by the Department and remain on the emissions unit until the test is completed.
- c. *Sampling Ports.*
 - (1) All sampling ports shall have a minimum inside diameter of 3 inches.
 - (2) The ports shall be capable of being sealed when not in use.
 - (3) The sampling ports shall be located in the stack at least 2 stack diameters or equivalent diameters downstream and at least 0.5 stack diameter or equivalent diameter upstream from any fan, bend, constriction or other flow disturbance.
 - (4) For emissions units for which a complete application to construct has been filed prior to December 1, 1980, at least two sampling ports, 90 degrees apart, shall be installed at each sampling location on all circular stacks that have an outside diameter of 15 feet or less. For stacks with a larger diameter, four sampling ports, each 90 degrees apart, shall be installed. For emissions units for which a complete application to construct is filed on or after December 1, 1980, at least two sampling ports, 90 degrees apart, shall be installed at each sampling location on all circular stacks that have an outside diameter of 10 feet or less. For stacks with larger diameters, four sampling ports, each 90 degrees apart, shall be installed. On horizontal circular ducts, the ports shall be located so that the probe can enter the stack vertically, horizontally or at a 45 degree angle.
 - (5) On rectangular ducts, the cross sectional area shall be divided into the number of equal areas in accordance with EPA Method 1. Sampling ports shall be provided which allow access to each sampling point. The ports shall be located so that the probe can be inserted perpendicular to the gas flow.
- d. *Work Platforms.*
 - (1) Minimum size of the working platform shall be 24 square feet in area. Platforms shall be at least 3 feet wide.
 - (2) On circular stacks with 2 sampling ports, the platform shall extend at least 110 degrees around the stack.
 - (3) On circular stacks with more than two sampling ports, the work platform shall extend 360 degrees around the stack.
 - (4) All platforms shall be equipped with an adequate safety rail (ropes are not acceptable), toe board, and hinged floor-opening cover if ladder access is used to reach the platform. The safety rail directly in line with the sampling ports shall be removable so that no obstruction exists in an area 14 inches below each sample port and 6 inches on either side of the sampling port.
- e. *Access to Work Platform.*
 - (1) Ladders to the work platform exceeding 15 feet in length shall have safety cages or fall arresters with a minimum of 3 compatible safety belts available for use by sampling personnel.
 - (2) Walkways over free-fall areas shall be equipped with safety rails and toe boards.
- f. *Electrical Power.*
 - (1) A minimum of two 120-volt AC, 20-amp outlets shall be provided at the sampling platform within 20 feet of each sampling port.
 - (2) If extension cords are used to provide the electrical power, they shall be kept on the plant's property and be available immediately upon request by sampling personnel.
- g. *Sampling Equipment Support.*
 - (1) A three-quarter inch eyebolt and an angle bracket shall be attached directly above each port on vertical stacks and above each row of sampling ports on the sides of horizontal ducts.

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- (a) The bracket shall be a standard 3 inch × 3 inch × one-quarter inch equal-legs bracket which is 1 and one-half inches wide. A hole that is one-half inch in diameter shall be drilled through the exact center of the horizontal portion of the bracket. The horizontal portion of the bracket shall be located 14 inches above the centerline of the sampling port.
 - (b) A three-eighth inch bolt which protrudes 2 inches from the stack may be substituted for the required bracket. The bolt shall be located 15 and one-half inches above the centerline of the sampling port.
 - (c) The three-quarter inch eyebolt shall be capable of supporting a 500 pound working load. For stacks that are less than 12 feet in diameter, the eyebolt shall be located 48 inches above the horizontal portion of the angle bracket. For stacks that are greater than or equal to 12 feet in diameter, the eyebolt shall be located 60 inches above the horizontal portion of the angle bracket. If the eyebolt is more than 120 inches above the platform, a length of chain shall be attached to it to bring the free end of the chain to within safe reach from the platform.
- (2) A complete monorail or dual rail arrangement may be substituted for the eyebolt and bracket.
- (3) When the sample ports are located in the top of a horizontal duct, a frame shall be provided above the port to allow the sample probe to be secured during the test.
16. Frequency of Compliance Tests. The following provisions apply only to those emissions units that are subject to an emissions limiting standard for which compliance testing is required. [Rule 62-297.310(7), F.A.C.]
- a. *General Compliance Testing*.
1. The owner or operator of a new or modified emissions unit that is subject to an emission limiting standard shall conduct a compliance test that demonstrates compliance with the applicable emission limiting standard prior to obtaining an operation permit for such emissions unit.
 2. For excess emission limitations for particulate matter specified in Rule 62-210.700, F.A.C., a compliance test shall be conducted annually while the emissions unit is operating under soot blowing conditions in each federal fiscal year during which soot blowing is part of normal emissions unit operation, except that such test shall not be required in any federal fiscal year in which a fossil fuel steam generator does not burn liquid and/or solid fuel for more than 400 hours other than during startup.
 3. The owner or operator of an emissions unit that is subject to any emission limiting standard shall conduct a compliance test that demonstrates compliance with the applicable emission limiting standard prior to obtaining a renewed operation permit. Emissions units that are required to conduct an annual compliance test may submit the most recent annual compliance test to satisfy the requirements of this provision. In renewing an air operation permit pursuant to sub-subparagraph 62-210.300(2)(a)3.b., c., or d., F.A.C., the Department shall not require submission of emission compliance test results for any emissions unit that, during the year prior to renewal:
 - (a) Did not operate; or
 - (b) In the case of a fuel burning emissions unit, burned liquid and/or solid fuel for a total of no more than 400 hours,
 4. During each federal fiscal year (October 1 – September 30), unless otherwise specified by rule, order, or permit, the owner or operator of each emissions unit shall have a formal compliance test conducted for:
 - (a) Visible emissions, if there is an applicable standard;
 - (b) Each of the following pollutants, if there is an applicable standard, and if the emissions unit emits or has the potential to emit: 5 tons per year or more of lead or lead compounds measured as elemental lead; 30 tons per year or more of acrylonitrile; or 100 tons per year or more of any other regulated air pollutant; and
 - (c) c. Each NESHAP pollutant, if there is an applicable emission standard.
 5. An annual compliance test for particulate matter emissions shall not be required for any fuel burning emissions unit that, in a federal fiscal year, does not burn liquid and/or solid fuel, other than during startup, for a total of more than 400 hours.
 6. For fossil fuel steam generators on a semi-annual particulate matter emission compliance testing schedule, a compliance test shall not be required for any six-month period in which liquid and/or solid fuel is not burned

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for more than 200 hours other than during startup.

7. For emissions units electing to conduct particulate matter emission compliance testing quarterly pursuant to paragraph 62-296.405(2)(a), F.A.C., a compliance test shall not be required for any quarter in which liquid and/or solid fuel is not burned for more than 100 hours other than during startup.
 8. Any combustion turbine that does not operate for more than 400 hours per year shall conduct a visible emissions compliance test once per each five-year period, coinciding with the term of its air operation permit.
 9. The owner or operator shall notify the Department, at least 15 days prior to the date on which each formal compliance test is to begin, of the date, time, and place of each such test, and the test contact person who will be responsible for coordinating and having such test conducted for the owner or operator.
 10. An annual compliance test conducted for visible emissions shall not be required for units exempted from air permitting pursuant to subsection 62-210.300(3), F.A.C.; units determined to be insignificant pursuant to subparagraph 62-213.300(2)(a)1., F.A.C., or paragraph 62-213.430(6)(b), F.A.C.; or units permitted under the General Permit provisions in paragraph 62-210.300(4)(a) or Rule 62-213.300, F.A.C., unless the general permit specifically requires such testing.
- b. *Special Compliance Tests.* When the Department, after investigation, has good reason (such as complaints, increased visible emissions or questionable maintenance of control equipment) to believe that any applicable emission standard contained in a Department rule or in a permit issued pursuant to those rules is being violated, it shall require the owner or operator of the emissions unit to conduct compliance tests which identify the nature and quantity of pollutant emissions from the emissions unit and to provide a report on the results of said tests to the Department.
- c. *Waiver of Compliance Test Requirements.* If the owner or operator of an emissions unit that is subject to a compliance test requirement demonstrates to the Department, pursuant to the procedure established in Rule 62-297.620, F.A.C., that the compliance of the emissions unit with an applicable weight emission limiting standard can be adequately determined by means other than the designated test procedure, such as specifying a surrogate standard of no visible emissions for particulate matter sources equipped with a bag house or specifying a fuel analysis for sulfur dioxide emissions, the Department shall waive the compliance test requirements for such emissions units and order that the alternate means of determining compliance be used, provided, however, the provisions of paragraph 62-297.310(7)(b), F.A.C., shall apply.

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17. Test Reports [Rule 62-297.310(8), F.A.C.]

- a. The owner or operator of an emissions unit for which a compliance test is required shall file a report with the Department on the results of each such test.
- b. The required test report shall be filed with the Department as soon as practical but no later than 45 days after the last sampling run of each test is completed.
- c. The test report shall provide sufficient detail on the emissions unit tested and the test procedures used to allow the Department to determine if the test was properly conducted and the test results properly computed. As a minimum, the test report, other than for an EPA or DEP Method 9 test, shall provide the following information.
 1. The type, location, and designation of the emissions unit tested.
 2. The facility at which the emissions unit is located.
 3. The owner or operator of the emissions unit.
 4. The normal type and amount of fuels used and materials processed, and the types and amounts of fuels used and material processed during each test run.
 5. The means, raw data and computations used to determine the amount of fuels used and materials processed, if necessary to determine compliance with an applicable emission limiting standard.
 6. The type of air pollution control devices installed on the emissions unit, their general condition, their normal operating parameters (pressure drops, total operating current and GPM scrubber water), and their operating parameters during each test run.
 7. A sketch of the duct within 8 stack diameters upstream and 2 stack diameters downstream of the sampling ports, including the distance to any upstream and downstream bends or other flow disturbances.

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8. The date, starting time and duration of each sampling run.
9. The test procedures used, including any alternative procedures authorized pursuant to Rule 62-297.620, F.A.C. Where optional procedures are authorized in this chapter, indicate which option was used.
10. The number of points sampled and configuration and location of the sampling plane.
11. For each sampling point for each run, the dry gas meter reading, velocity head, pressure drop across the stack, temperatures, average meter temperatures and sample time per point.
12. The type, manufacturer and configuration of the sampling equipment used.
13. Data related to the required calibration of the test equipment.
14. Data on the identification, processing and weights of all filters used.
15. Data on the types and amounts of any chemical solutions used.
16. Data on the amount of pollutant collected from each sampling probe, the filters, and the impingers, are reported separately for the compliance test.
17. The names of individuals who furnished the process variable data, conducted the test, analyzed the samples and prepared the report.
18. All measured and calculated data required to be determined by each applicable test procedure for each run.
19. The detailed calculations for one run that relate the collected data to the calculated emission rate.
20. The applicable emission standard and the resulting maximum allowable emission rate for the emissions unit plus the test result in the same form and unit of measure.
21. A certification that, to the knowledge of the owner or his authorized agent, all data submitted are true and correct. When a compliance test is conducted for the Department or its agent, the person who conducts the test shall provide the certification with respect to the test procedures used. The owner or his authorized agent shall certify that all data required and provided to the person conducting the test are true and correct to his knowledge.

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18. Records Retention: All measurements, records, and other data required by this permit shall be documented in a permanent, legible format and retained for at least five (5) years following the date on which such measurements, records, or data are recorded. Records shall be made available to the Department upon request. [Rules 62-4.160(14) and 62-213.440(1)(b)2, F.A.C.]
19. Annual Operating Report: The permittee shall submit an annual report that summarizes the actual operating rates and emissions from this facility. Annual operating reports shall be submitted to the Compliance Authority by March 1st of each year. [Rule 62-210.370(2), F.A.C.]

SECTION 4. APPENDIX BD
SUMMARY OF FINAL BACT DETERMINATIONS

Project Description

The project includes the following:

- May 2006: Modify combustion air system; replace 25% of wall tubes in recovery boiler; and start construction of new crystallizer and upgrades to concentrator/evaporator;
- April/May of 2007: Replace tubes in superheater, economizer, and 25% of wall in recovery boiler; and
- May 2008: Startup of new crystallizer/evaporator.

The project will not increase the maximum capacity of the recovery boiler or the pulp mill (118 tons/hour ADUP and 1850 tons/day ADUP, monthly average).

Air Pollution Control Equipment and Techniques

The following control equipment and techniques represent the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) determined for the project to modify the No. 4 Recovery Boiler. PM/PM₁₀ emissions will be minimized by the continued use of the existing 2-chamber, 6 field/chamber electrostatic precipitator (ESP) with automatic voltage control. NO_x emissions will be minimized by modifying the existing combustion air system to add a 4th level of combustion air (quaternary air) and good combustion practices. CO and VOC emissions will be minimized by good combustion practices for the existing furnace design. Sulfuric acid mist (SAM) will be minimized by proper operation of the recovery process.

Final BACT Determinations

In accordance with Rule 62-212.400(6), F.A.C., the Department establishes the following standards that represent the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for the following pollutants: carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), particulate matter (PM/PM₁₀), sulfuric acid mist (SAM), and volatile organic compounds (VOC).

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Pollutant	Draft BACT Standards	Control Technology	Monitoring
PM/PM ₁₀	0.030 grains/dscf @ 8% O ₂	Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP)	Stack Test at Capacity
NO _x	80 ppmvd @ 8% O ₂ , 30-day rolling avg. (Excludes startup, shutdown, malfunction)	4-Level Overfire Air System	CEMS
CO	800 ppmvd @ 8% O ₂ , 3-hour avg.	Boiler Design and GCPs	Stack Test at Capacity
	400 ppmvd @ 8% O ₂ , 24-hour avg.	Boiler Design and GCPs	Stack Test at Capacity
	400 ppmvd @ 8% O ₂ , 30-day rolling avg. (Excludes startup, shutdown, malfunction)	Boiler Design and GCPs	CEMS
SAM	0.81 ppmvd @ 8% O ₂	Process	Stack Test at Capacity
VOC	0.20 lbs/ton BLS	Boiler Design and GCPs	Stack Test at Capacity (Surrogate: CO CEMS)

The Department's technical review and rationale for the BACT determinations are presented in Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination issued concurrently with the draft permit for the original project.



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BUREAU OF AIR REGULATION

RE: Modification to the No. 4 Recovery Boiler
Project No.: 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367
Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI) - #2

Dear Mr. Koerner:

On February 9, 2006 Georgia-Pacific received the Department's Request for Additional Information (RAI-#2) regarding the application for an air construction permit to modify the No. 4 Recovery Boiler at the Palatka Mill. This letter is in response to that request. For ease of following our responses, the questions have been repeated prior to the answers.

Q-1. The netting analysis shown in Table 5-1 indicates that the project will net out of PSD NSR review for SO₂ emissions. This is based on contemporaneous emissions increases/decreases as well as the following affected combustion units under review within the same time frame: No. 4 Recovery Boiler, No. 4 Combination Boiler and No. 4 Lime Kiln. The Department will require an SO₂ emissions cap of 1207.2 tons per 12-months, rolling total, for these affected emissions units. In addition, the No. 4 Combination Boiler and the No. 4 Lime Kiln will be limited to fuel oil containing no more than 2.1% sulfur content, by weight; and, the No. 4 Combination Boiler will also be limited to no more than 5.3 million gallons during any consecutive 12-months. Please comment.

Answer: Georgia-Pacific agrees that the revised sulfur in fuel limit will be 2.1% sulfur. GP further stipulates that the No. 4 Combination Boiler will be limited to a total of 5.0 million gallons of fuel oil burned but would like that measured on a **calendar year basis**. GP is also willing to accept an SO₂ emissions cap of 1207.2 tons per 12-month period, rolling total for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler, No. 4 Combination Boiler and No. 4 Lime Kiln. This combined value will not include emissions from the burning of NCG, SOG, or DNCG gases in the No. 4 Combination Boiler.

Q-2. In Table 5-1, the future NO_x emissions value used for the #4 Recovery Boiler is 553.5 TPY, yet the application pages, including calculations, reflect 738.1 TPY; and, the modeling analyses use the values of 738.1 TPY and 168.5 lbs/hr (it appears that the

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calculations used 60 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ vs. 80 ppmvd @ 8% O₂). Please correct this discrepancy and resubmit.

Answer: The corrected Table 5-1 is included in Attachment B.

Q-3. For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the application reports actual emissions for PM and PM10 as follows:

a. CY 2003: PM - 63.7 TPY PM10 – 47.8 TPY

b. CY 2004: PM – 213.0 TPY PM10 – 159.75 TPY

For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the mill reported AOR actual emissions for PM and PM10 as follows:

a. CY 2003: PM – 59.27 TPY PM10 – 50.97 TPY

b. CY 2004: PM – 57.87 TPY PM10 – 49.77 TPY

For both PM and PM10 and the year 2004, why is there such a large discrepancy between the application's actual emissions and the AOR's reported actual emissions? Also and for the years 2003 and 2004, why is there such a large discrepancy between the actual emissions?

Answer: Part of the answer to this question is that different engineers, using different factors, for different purposes, and at different times made different estimates of the PM emissions. While our methodology for estimating emissions may have changed over the past few years, it has always been GP's intent to use the best information in hand at the time that estimates are made. The emissions shown in the PSD application are the best estimates as they are based on stack testing results for the baseline years. The PM stack test results for the Recovery Boiler were 15.4 lbs/hr in 2003 and 52.7 lbs/hr in 2004. The Recovery Boiler ran 8,278 hours in 2003 and 8,082 hours in 2004. These values were used to calculate the total annual emissions. GP reviewed the individual stack test runs and the operation of the Recovery Boiler during those runs and it appears that the difference in test results can best be described as stack test result variability. The AOR data is based on an hourly emission factor of 14.32 lbs/hr (from the stack test result in 2002 – but there was typo error in that the correct 19.32 lbs/hr value became 14.32 lbs/hr). GP had previously noted these differences and to avoid confusion in the future, we have already instructed the consultant who is preparing our 2005 AOR to base the reported values on the most recent stack test data.

Q-4. For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the application reports actual emissions for SO₂ as follows:

a. CY 2003: SO₂ – 6.2 TPY b. CY 2004: SO₂ – 17.4 TPY

Why is there such a very large discrepancy between the 2003 and 2004 actual emissions, which classifies the emissions data as coming from a stack test? Please provide the actual test value for each run for these years.

Answer: The emissions shown in the PSD application are the best estimates as they are based on specific stack testing results for the baseline years. The SO₂ stack test results for the Recovery Boiler were 1.5 lbs/hr in 2003 and 4.3 lbs/hr in 2004. The Recovery Boiler ran 8,278 hours in 2003 and 8,082 hours in 2004. These values were used to calculate the total annual emissions. GP reviewed the

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individual stack test runs and the operation of the Recovery Boiler during those runs and it appears that the difference in test results can best be described as stack test result variability.

The actual test values for each run for these years are provided in Attachment C.

Q-5. For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the application reports actual emissions for VOC as follows: a. CY 2003: VOC – 15.3 TPY b. CY 2004: VOC – 1.2 TPY

For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the mill reported AOR actual emissions for VOC as follows: a. CY 2003: VOC – 15.3 TPY b. CY 2004: VOC – 14.95 TPY

For the year 2004, why is there such a very large discrepancy between the application's actual emissions and the AOR's reported actual emissions? Also and for the years 2003 and 2004, why is there such a discrepancy between the actual emissions?

Answer: As in response to Question 3, part of the answer to this question is that different engineers, using different factors, for different purposes, and at different times made different estimates of the VOC emissions. The emissions shown in the PSD application are the best estimates as they are based on stack testing results in those years. The VOC stack test results for the Recovery Boiler were 3.7 lbs/hr in 2003 and 0.3 lbs/hr in 2004. The Recovery Boiler ran 8,278 hours in 2003 and 8,082 hours in 2004. These values were used to calculate the total annual emissions. GP reviewed the individual stack test runs and the operation of the Recovery Boiler during those runs and it appears that the difference in test results can best be described as stack test result variability. The 2003 AOR data is based on the test value for that year of 3.7 lbs/hr and the actual operating hours. In 2004 the reported AOR VOC data was proportioned based on 2004 operating hours versus 2003 operating hours (*i.e.* 8082/8278). GP had previously noted these differences and to avoid confusion in the future, we have already instructed the consultant who is preparing our 2005 AOR to base the reported values on the most recent stack test data.

Q-6. The Department requires reasonable assurance that the SO₂ ambient air quality standards and PSD Class I and II increments will not be exceeded (Rule 62-212.300(1), F.A.C.). Based on the application, SO₂ modeling analysis is not required for this project because the net emissions will be below the PSD significant emissions rate. The most recent SO₂ modeling analysis for this facility is based on a maximum SO₂ emission rate of 109.9 lbs/hr (3-hour average) for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler. However, the application indicates a maximum 3-hour average of 439.4 lbs/hr for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler. The Department does not believe such a rate is justified and is not part of this project. Please comment.

Answer: As discussed during our telephone conversation with Mr. Mitchell on February 15th, GP is still very interested in pursuing this issue but we agree that the modeling results necessary to support our request have not yet been sent to the Department. It is GP's intent to discuss the modeling needs

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and methodology with the Department and to submit the modeling information as part of a separate submittal in the near future.

Q-7. Please identify the number of times and hours that the thermal oxidizer was down and the No. 4 Combination Boiler burned SOGs and NCGs as the back-up unit.

Answer: Tables showing the requested data are included in Attachment D for Calendar Years 2003 and 2004.

Q-8. If any response to the above issues affect the application and/or supplementary material submittals (i.e., Table 5-1), please correct and resubmit.

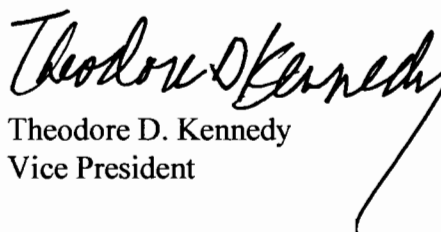
Answer: Appropriate documents are included in the attachments and Mr. Mark Aguilar, PE has endorsed these responses. His updated signature and PE stamp are included in Attachment A.

**Q-9. Does GP normally operate the RB Precipitator with any of the electrical fields off line?
(This question was a supplemental question from Mr. Bruce Mitchell).**

Answer: GP operates all 12 fields all the time unless one is down due to a malfunction or a field needs essential maintenance. Past testing has shown that the Recovery Boiler can meet its particulate matter limits with one or two fields at low power levels and that opacity remains below 20% with as many as three fields off line.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Myra Carpenter at (386) 329-0918.

Sincerely,


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ATTACHMENT – A

Enclosed in this section is Mark Aguilar, P.E.'s signed and stamped PSD application page A-7.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

**PSD Permit Application for
No. 4 Recovery Boiler
Palatka, Fl Mill RAI 2 2/2006**

Professional Engineer Certification

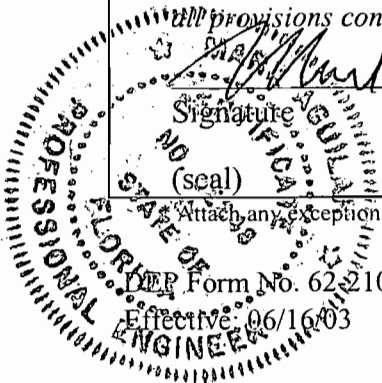
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5. Professional Engineer Statement: <i>I, the undersigned, hereby certify, except as particularly noted herein*, that:</i> <p>(1) To the best of my knowledge, there is reasonable assurance that the air pollutant emissions unit(s) and the air pollution control equipment described in this application for air permit, when properly operated and maintained, will comply with all applicable standards for control of air pollutant emissions found in the Florida Statutes and rules of the Department of Environmental Protection; and</p> <p>(2) To the best of my knowledge, any emission estimates reported or relied on in this application are true, accurate, and complete and are either based upon reasonable techniques available for calculating emissions or, for emission estimates of hazardous air pollutants not regulated for an emissions unit addressed in this application, based solely upon the materials, information and calculations submitted with this application.</p> <p>(3) If the purpose of this application is to obtain a Title V air operation permit (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that each emissions unit described in this application for air permit, when properly operated and maintained, will comply with the applicable requirements identified in this application to which the unit is subject, except those emissions units for which a compliance plan and schedule is submitted with this application.</p> <p>(4) If the purpose of this application is to obtain an air construction permit (check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>, if so) or concurrently process and obtain an air construction permit and a Title V air operation permit revision or renewal for one or more proposed new or modified emissions units (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that the engineering features of each such emissions unit described in this application have been designed or examined by me or individuals under my direct supervision and found to be in conformity with sound engineering principles applicable to the control of emissions of the air pollutants characterized in this application.</p> <p>(5) If the purpose of this application is to obtain an initial air operation permit or operation permit revision or renewal for one or more newly constructed or modified emissions units (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that, with the exception of any changes detailed as part of this application, each such emissions unit has been constructed or modified in substantial accordance with the information given in the corresponding application for air construction permit and with all provisions contained in such permit.</p>

Signature

Date

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Attach any exception to certification statement.



ATTACHMENT – B

This section contains revised Table 5-1.

Table 5-1- Rev. 1

Contemporaneous and Debottlenecking Emissions Analysis and PSD Applicability, Recovery Boiler Project, GP Palatka

Source Description	Pollutant Emission Rate (TPY)										
	SO ₂	NO _x	CO	PM	PM ₁₀	VOC	TRS	SAM	Lead	Mercury	Fluoride
Future Potential Emissions-Recovery Boiler Project											
No. 4 Recovery Boiler: annual-12 ppmvd SO ₂ ; 5 ppmvd TRS	153.9	738.1	2,245.6	331.1	248.3	138.0	34.2	15.9	0.014	8.3E-05	--
No. 4 Smelt Dissolving Tank	33.7	69.6	11.4	55.2	49.7	115.0	14.9	--	0.013	8.3E-05	--
Black Liquor/Green Liquor Tanks	--	--	--	--	--	14.0	3.7	--	--	--	--
No. 4 Lime Kiln: Annual-13 ppmvd TRS	151.1	427.0	71.5	130.2	130.2	41.4	16.3	6.7	0.25	--	--
Caustic Area	--	--	--	2.6	2.6	18.9	5.7	--	--	--	--
Other Affected Sources											
No. 4 Combination Boiler - 2.1% S ^a	902.2	545.1	1,212.6	141.5	104.7	34.4	0.47	39.7	0.097	0.0071	0.093
Bark Handling System (March 2005)	--	--	0.0	22.8	13.9	475.8	--	--	--	--	--
Total- Future Potential	1,240.9	1,779.8	3,541.1	683.4	549.4	837.5	75.3	62.3	0.4	7.24E-03	0.09
Past Actual Emissions											
No. 4 Recovery Boiler	11.8	425.4	1,110.2	138.4	103.8	8.3	5.8	1.85	0.012	6.8E-05	--
No. 4 Smelt Dissolving Tank	27.6	57.1	9.5	39.6	35.6	94.6	6.2	--	0.011	6.8E-05	--
Black Liquor/Green Liquor Tanks	--	--	--	--	--	9.7	3.0	--	--	--	--
Caustic Area	--	--	--	1.7	1.7	12.6	3.7	--	--	--	--
No. 4 Lime Kiln ^b	8.6	126.9	6.2	38.3	38.3	2.4	2.3	0.40	0.16	--	--
No. 4 Combination Boiler ^b	791.9	422.6	812.1	110.6	80.7	23.3	0.0	34.8	0.067	0.0049	0.081
Bark Handling System ^b	--	--	--	14.6	10.6	175.4	--	--	--	--	--
Total- Past Actual	839.9	1,032.0	1,938.0	343.2	270.7	326.3	21.1	37.1	0.25	5.06E-03	0.08
Increase Due to Project	401.0	747.8	1,603.2	340.1	278.6	511.2	54.2	25.2	0.12	0.0022	0.012
PSD SIGNIFICANT EMISSION RATE	40	40	100	25	15	40	10	7	0.6	0.1	3.0
Netting Triggered?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
CONTEMPORANEOUS EMISSION CHANGES											
New Bleach Plant (6/99) (Permit Nos. 1070005-006, 010 and 019-AC)- startup Feb. 2001											
--Increase Due to New No. 3 Bleach Plant	--	--	324.0	--	--	80.7	9.4	--	--	--	--
--Decrease from Nos. 1 and 2 Bleach Plants	--	--	-48.0	--	--	-144.7	-1.2	--	--	--	--
--Net Change	--	--	276.0 ^d	--	--	-64.0	8.2	--	--	--	--
Chlorine Dioxide Plant (11/00) (Permit no. 1070005-005-AC and -008-AC) - startup Dec. 2000											
--Increase Due to Modified ClO ₂ Plant	--	--	--	--	--	0.699	--	--	--	--	--
--Decrease Due to Existing ClO ₂ Plant	--	--	--	--	--	-0.615	--	--	--	--	--
--Net Change	--	--	--	--	--	0.084	--	--	--	--	--
MACT I Compliance Project (9/00) (Permit nos. 1070005-007-AC and -017-AC) - startup 2002											
--Increase Due to New Thermal Oxidizer	109.7	151.4	8.8	30.7	30.7	9.1	0.89	7.7	--	--	--
--Increase Due to Modified No. 4 Comb. Boiler	548.7	37.8	--	--	--	--	0.47	21.9	--	--	--
--Increase Due to BSW System w/Condensate Treatment	--	--	--	--	--	48.6	58.7	--	--	--	--
--Decrease Due to Existing Thermal Oxidizer	-749.8	-49.5	-0.3	-20.6	-20.6	-3.2	-0.3	-26.9	--	--	--
--Decrease Due to Existing BSW System w/o Condensate Treatment	--	--	--	--	--	-52.1	-62.9	--	--	--	--
--Net Change	-91.4	139.7 ^e	8.5	10.1	10.1	2.4	-3.14	2.7	--	--	--
New Package Boiler (9/02) (Permit No. 1070005-018-AC) - startup Oct. 2002											
--Increase Due to New Package Boiler (EU 044)	0.1	39.4	16.5	1.5	1.5	1.1	--	--	e	e	e
--Decrease from old No. 6 Package Boiler	-0.07	-9.2	-2.1	-0.15	-0.15	--	--	--	e	e	e
--Net Change	0.03	30.20	14.40	1.35	1.35	1.1	--	--	e	e	e
Brown Stock Washer and Oxygen Delignification System (7/04) (Permit No. 1070005-024-AC) - not yet started											
--Increase Due to No. 4 Comb. Boiler/No. 5 Power Boiler	236.3	--	0.3	--	--	4.0	17.1	9.5	--	--	--
--Increase Due to Pulp Storage Tanks	--	--	--	--	--	63.1	9.6	--	--	--	--
--Decrease from existing BSW System, BL Filter, etc.	--	--	--	--	--	-128.5	-77.1	--	--	--	--
--Net Change	236.3 ^e	--	0.3	--	--	-61.4	-50.4	9.5	--	--	--
No. 4 Power Boiler Shutdown (Sep. 2003)	-270.6	-33.6	-3.6	-18.1	-15.7	-0.2	--	-11.9	-0.005	-0.000081	-0.027
Total Contemporaneous Emission Changes	-362.0	-3.4	19.6	-6.7	-4.3	-122.02	-45.3	0.3	-0.005	-0.000081	-0.027
TOTAL NET CHANGE	39.0	744.4	1,622.7	333.4	274.4	389.2	8.87	25.5	0.12	0.0021	-0.014
PSD SIGNIFICANT EMISSION RATE	40	40	100	25	15	40	10	7	0.6	0.1	3.0
PSD REVIEW TRIGGERED?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No

Footnotes:

^a Total future potential emissions from Table 2-2, and Tables A-1 and A-2 (without NCGs, SOG, DNCGs) of No. 4 Combination Boiler Permit Application^b Based on actual emissions for 2003 and 2004 from No. 4 Combination Boiler Permit Application or Bark Handling System Permit Application for the No. 4 Combination Boiler or the No. 4 Lime Kiln Pet Coke Permit Application^c Pollution Control Projects (PCP) approved for G-P Palatka Mill; excluded from PSD review.^d Denotes that PSD review was triggered for this pollutant; therefore this, and any previous contemporaneous increases/decreases, are wiped clean.^e Since project increase does not exceed PSD significant emission rate, netting is not performed for this pollutant.

ATTACHMENT – C

Below is a summary of stack test results for Sulfur Dioxide in the No. 4 Recovery Boiler for calendar years 2003 and 2004. Results from individual test runs are shown.

#4 Recovery Boiler Stack test – January 17, 2003

Run #	TIME	SO2 ppm at 8% oxygen	SO2 lbs/hr
1	11:15-12:15	1.73	2.2
2	12:50-13:50	0.72	0.9
3	14:15-15:15	1.1	1.4
	Average =	1.19	1.5

#4 Recovery Boiler Stack test – March 2, 2004

Run #	TIME	SO2 ppm at 8% oxygen	SO2 lbs/hr
1	09:22-10:22	<1	<2
2	12:50-13:50	3	8
3	14:15-15:15	1	3
	Average =	2	<4.3

ATTACHMENT – D

Included are tables showing the number of times and hours that the thermal oxidizer was down and the No. 4 Combination Boiler burned SOGs and NCGs as the back-up unit for Calendar Years 2003 and 2004.

TABLE No. 3 - SUMMARY							
HOURS NCG's & SOG's FIRED IN COMBINATION BOILER (NOTE 1)							
Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's) - To Backup Combustion Device							
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004							
MONTH		NCG	NCG Hours	SOG	SOG Hours	TOTAL	Hours
Calendar Year 2004		Hours (1)	per	Hours (1)	per	Hours (1)	per
		per Month	Quarter	per Month	Quarter	NCG + SOG	Quarter
January	(1)	48		92		140	
February	(1)	59		77		136	
March	(1)	71		123		194	
1Q04-total =			178		292		470
April	(1)	98		100		198	
May	(1)	108		30		138	
June	(1)	50		66		116	
2Q04-total =			256		196		452
July	(2)	87.7		58		145.7	
August	(2)	179.2		184.5		363.7	
September	(2)	165.5		106.3		271.8	
3Q04-total =			432.4		348.8		781.2
October	(2)	35		37.1		72.1	
November	(2)	57.7		67.8		125.5	
December	(2)	133.4		123.8		257.2	
4Q04-total =			226.1		228.7		454.8
Annual Total =			1092.5		1065.5		2158
NOTE 1 - "REGULATORY" HOURS AS DEFINED IN PERMIT NO. 1070005-023-AV - Section C.9. For the time frame 1/1/04 to 7/1/04.							
NOTE 2 - Actual hours used after 7/1/04 per Permit No.107005-029-AV.							
Combustion time in the #4 Combination Boiler for NCG's and SOG's =						1341 Actual Hours (*)	
Combustion time in the #4 Combination Boiler for NCG's and SOG's =						2158 Regulatory Hours (*)	
(*) In 2004, there were over 500 hours when NCG's and SOG's were being burned simultaneously in the CB.							

1Q2004	TABLE NO. 4a - NCG / SOG Firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's) - 1Q2004															
Date	AVT - Actual Time								AVT - Regulatory Time							
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)		NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)	
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Time (hh:h)		Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Time (hh:h)	
03/02/04	5:25	6:00	0:35	5:25	6:00	0:35	0:58	0:58	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
03/03/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	6:00	6:38	0:38	0:00	0:63	0:00	0:00	0:00	6:00	7:00	1:00	0:0	1:0
03/04/04	9:14	18:43	9:29	9:14	18:43	9:29	9:48	9:48	9:00	19:00	10:00	9:00	19:00	10:00	10:0	10:0
03/05/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	11:10	11:55	0:45	0:00	0:75	0:00	0:00	0:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	0:0	1:0
03/09/04	8:31	8:58	0:27	8:32	6:00	21:28	0:45	21:50	8:00	9:00	1:00	8:00	6:00	22:00	1:0	22:0
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03/17/04	16:51	17:26	0:35	16:51	17:26	0:35	0:58	0:58	16:00	18:00	2:00	16:00	18:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	0:31	0:50	0:19	0:31	0:50	0:19	0:32	0:32	0:00	1:00	1:00	0:00	1:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
03/18/04	3:37	3:56	0:19	3:40	3:57	0:17	0:32	0:28	3:00	4:00	1:00	3:00	4:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
03/19/04	10:17	11:47	1:30	10:17	11:47	1:30	1:50	1:50	10:00	12:00	2:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	21:39	22:04	0:25	21:39	22:05	0:26	0:42	0:43	21:00	23:00	2:00	21:00	23:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	5:31	5:44	0:13	5:31	5:50	0:19	0:22	0:32	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
03/20/04	8:48	9:12	0:24	8:48	9:12	0:24	0:40	0:40	8:00	10:00	2:00	8:00	10:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
03/21/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	20:33	20:43	0:10	0:00	0:17	0:00	0:00	0:00	20:00	21:00	1:00	0:0	1:0
03/22/04	5:50	6:00	0:10	5:50	6:00	0:10	0:17	0:17	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
03/23/04	6:00	6:09	0:09	6:00	6:09	0:09	0:15	0:15	6:00	7:00	1:00	6:00	7:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	9:20	9:42	0:22	6:38	9:40	3:02	0:37	3:03	9:00	10:00	1:00	7:00	10:00	3:00	1:0	3:0
	13:41	14:00	0:19	13:41	14:00	0:19	0:32	0:32	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:04	0:15	0:11	0:00	0:18	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	1:00	1:00	0:0	1:0
	0:00	0:00	0:00	4:13	5:58	1:45	0:00	1:75	0:00	0:00	0:00	4:00	6:00	2:00	0:0	2:0
03/24/04	11:05	11:49	0:44	11:05	11:49	0:44	0:73	0:73	11:00	12:00	1:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	12:04	13:08	1:04	12:04	13:08	1:04	1:07	1:07	12:00	14:00	2:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	13:40	14:51	1:11	13:33	14:44	1:11	1:18	1:18	14:00	15:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	23:42	0:26	0:44	22:45	6:00	7:15	0:73	7:25	23:00	1:00	2:00	22:00	6:00	8:00	2:0	8:0
03/25/04	1:49	2:28	0:39	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:65	0:00	1:00	3:00	2:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	2:0	0:0
	7:18	7:53	0:35	6:00	23:48	17:48	0:58	17:60	7:00	8:00	1:00	6:00	0:00	18:00	1:0	18:0
	8:16	8:33	0:17	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:28	0:00	8:00	9:00	1:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	1:0	0:0
	14:10	14:27	0:17	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:28	0:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	1:0	0:0
	4:22	4:41	0:19	4:24	4:41	0:17	0:32	0:28	4:00	5:00	1:00	4:00	5:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
03/27/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	7:38	7:59	0:21	0:00	0:35	0:00	0:00	0:00	7:00	8:00	1:00	0:0	1:0
03/28/04	3:01	3:21	0:20	3:01	3:21	0:20	0:33	0:33	3:00	4:00	1:00	3:00	4:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
03/29/04	5:06	5:34	0:28	5:06	5:34	0:28	0:47	0:47	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
03/29/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	4:34	5:33	0:59	0:00	0:98	0:00	0:00	0:00	4:00	6:00	2:00	0:0	2:0
03/30/04	15:40	16:06	0:26	15:40	16:06	0:26	0:43	0:43	15:00	17:00	2:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	20:41	21:12	0:31	20:41	21:12	0:31	0:52	0:52	20:00	22:00	2:00	20:00	22:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	0:42	1:10	0:28	0:42	1:10	0:28	0:47	0:47	0:00	2:00	2:00	0:00	2:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
03/31/04	1:23	1:43	0:20	1:23	1:43	0:20	0:33	0:33	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0	0:0
	9:57	10:11	0:14	10:00	14:04	4:04	0:23	4:07	9:00	11:00	2:00	10:00	15:00	5:00	2:0	5:0
03/31/04	11:01	11:21	0:20	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:33	0:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	1:0	0:0
TOTAL March =							34:18	85:40							71:00	123:00
							95	182								

2Q2004	TABLE - No. 4b - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's)															
Date	AVT - Actual Time							AVT - Regulatory Time								
	NCG			SOG			(NCG/SOG)		NCG			SOG			(NCG/SOG)	
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh,h)	(hh,h)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh,h)	(hh,h)
06/16/04	22:35	22:59	0:24	22:35	22:59	0:24	0:40	0:40	22:00	23:00	1:00	22:00	23:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	2:15	2:51	0:36	2:15	2:51	0:36	0:60	0:60	2:00	3:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	3:12	3:33	0:21	3:12	3:33	0:21	0:35	0:35	3:00	4:00	1:00	3:00	4:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
06/18/04	12:46	13:11	0:25	12:46	13:11	0:25	0:42	0:42	12:00	14:00	2:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	16:09	17:56	1:47	16:09	17:56	1:47	1:78	1:78	16:00	18:00	2:00	16:00	18:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
06/19/04	1:08	1:15	0:07	1:08	1:15	0:07	0:12	0:12	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
06/20/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	7:44	7:55	0:11	0:00	0:16	0:00	0:00	0:00	7:00	8:00	1:00	0:0	1:0
06/22/04	6:54	7:19	0:25	6:54	7:19	0:25	0:42	0:42	6:00	8:00	2:00	6:00	8:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	16:19	17:23	1:04	16:19	17:23	1:04	1:07	1:07	16:00	18:00	2:00	16:00	18:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
06/23/04	11:19	11:49	0:30	11:19	11:49	0:30	0:50	0:50	11:00	12:00	1:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	12:48	13:46	0:58	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:97	0:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	2:0	0:0
	14:33	15:18	0:45	12:48	15:22	2:34	0:75	2:57	14:00	16:00	2:00	12:00	16:00	4:00	2:0	4:0
	19:25	19:39	0:14	16:52	19:47	2:55	0:23	2:92	19:00	20:00	1:00	16:00	20:00	4:00	1:0	4:0
	22:25	23:17	0:52	22:24	23:17	0:53	0:67	0:88	22:00	0:00	2:00	22:00	0:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	1:08	1:24	0:16	1:08	2:53	1:45	0:27	1:75	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	3:00	2:00	1:0	2:0
06/24/04	4:00	4:16	0:16	4:00	4:40	0:40	0:30	0:67	4:00	5:00	1:00	4:00	5:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	9:02	9:24	0:22	9:02	9:24	0:22	0:37	0:37	9:00	10:00	1:00	9:00	10:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	9:51	10:27	0:36	9:51	10:27	0:36	0:60	0:60	10:00	11:00	1:00	10:00	11:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
06/25/04	15:21	16:28	1:07	15:21	16:28	1:07	1:12	1:12	15:00	17:00	2:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	2:0	2:0
	12:12	12:29	0:17	12:12	12:29	0:17	0:28	0:28	12:00	13:00	1:00	12:00	13:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
06/28/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	17:55	23:40	5:45	0:00	5:75	0:00	0:00	0:00	17:00	0:00	7:00	0:0	7:0
06/29/04	10:31	10:55	0:24	10:31	10:55	0:24	0:40	0:40	10:00	11:00	1:00	10:00	11:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	8:30	8:52	0:22	8:30	8:52	0:22	0:37	0:37	8:00	9:00	1:00	8:00	9:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	13:25	13:46	0:21	13:25	13:46	0:21	0:35	0:35	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	0:26	0:51	0:25	0:26	0:51	0:25	0:42	0:42	0:00	1:00	1:00	0:00	1:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
end of 2Q-04	3:32	3:57	0:25	3:32	3:57	0:25	0:42	0:42	3:00	4:00	1:00	3:00	4:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
June Totals =							19.00	31.95						50.00	66.00	
2q2004 totals =							176.96	131.41							258.00	196.00

3Q2004								
TABLE - No. 4c - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's)								
Date	AVT - Actual Time (see note on regulatory time at bottom)							
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)	
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Total Time (hh.h)	
07/01/04	8:22	8:44	1:00	8:22	8:44	1:00	1.00	1.00
07/02/04	21:51	22:05	0:14	21:51	22:33	0:42	0.23	0.70
07/03/04	9:17	9:31	0:14	9:14	9:36	0:22	0.23	0.37
	15:08	15:22	0:14	15:08	15:33	0:25	0.23	0.42
07/04/04	18:36	19:10	0:34	18:34	19:17	0:43	0.57	0.72
	1:40	1:55	0:15	1:42	1:52	0:10	0.10	0.17
07/06/04	11:28	13:50	2:22	11:28	13:50	2:22	2.27	2.37
	15:32	15:52	0:20	15:32	15:52	0:20	0.33	0.33
	20:25	21:02	0:37	20:31	2:18	5:47	0.62	5.78
	22:30	22:46	0:16	3:35	3:59	0:24	0.27	0.40
07/09/04	23:18	0:34	1:16	4:12	4:55	0:43	1.27	0.72
	12:50	13:40	0:50	12:50	13:40	0:50	0.83	0.83
07/10/04	5:48	6:00	0:12	5:48	6:00	0:12	0.20	0.20
07/11/04	6:00	6:15	0:15	6:00	6:15	0:15	0.25	0.25
	14:19	14:42	0:23	14:19	14:42	0:23	0.38	0.38
07/12/04	11:36	11:58	0:22	11:36	11:58	0:22	0.37	0.37
	15:36	16:28	0:52	15:36	16:28	0:52	0.87	0.87
	21:32	21:47	0:15	21:32	21:47	0:15	0.25	0.25
	23:08	23:59	0:51	23:08	23:59	0:51	0.85	0.85
	1:11	1:54	0:43	1:11	1:54	0:43	0.72	0.72
07/13/04	2:26	4:15	1:49	2:26	4:15	1:49	1.82	1.82
	9:34	13:20	3:46	0:00	0:00	0:00	3.77	0.00
	18:07	19:17	1:10	9:34	6:00	20:26	1.17	20.43
	20:40	20:57	0:17	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.28	0.00
	22:28	22:42	0:14	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.23	0.00
	23:58	0:33	0:35	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.58	0.00
	1:58	2:24	0:26	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.43	0.00
07/14/04	4:37	5:00	0:23	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.38	0.00
	6:21	6:45	0:24	6:21	7:36	1:15	0.40	1.25
	7:20	7:39	0:19	12:40	13:21	0:41	0.32	0.68
	12:13	13:00	0:47	14:52	14:55	0:03	0.78	0.05
	16:39	21:00	4:21	15:24	17:38	2:14	4.35	2.23
	22:16	23:54	1:38	0:00	0:00	0:00	1.63	0.00
07/15/04	0:34	2:07	1:33	0:00	0:00	0:00	1.55	0.00
	6:00	6:07	0:07	6:00	6:15	0:15	0.12	0.25
	14:54	15:14	0:20	14:54	15:08	0:14	0.33	0.23
	18:08	6:00	11:52	18:08	18:19	0:11	11.90	0.18
07/16/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	3:51	4:34	0:43	0.00	0.72
	0:00	0:00	0:00	4:57	6:00	1:03	0.00	1.05
	6:00	6:45	0:45	6:00	6:04	0:04	0.75	0.07
	6:58	7:29	0:31	6:58	7:29	0:31	0.52	0.52
	7:58	8:33	0:35	7:58	8:33	0:35	0.58	0.58
	8:59	9:37	0:38	8:47	9:32	0:45	0.63	0.75
	10:24	11:13	0:49	10:24	11:04	0:40	0.82	0.67
07/17/04	11:47	6:00	18:13	11:41	12:18	0:37	18.22	0.62
	0:00	0:00	0:00	14:07	14:53	0:46	0.00	0.77
	6:00	9:09	3:09	7:42	7:53	0:11	3.15	0.18
	14:26	14:43	0:17	14:24	14:37	0:13	0.28	0.22
	20:17	20:43	0:26	20:15	20:32	0:17	0.43	0.28
07/18/04	20:53	21:56	1:03	20:53	21:16	0:23	1.05	0.38
	22:48	6:00	7:12	0:00	0:00	0:00	7.20	0.00
	6:00	6:34	0:34	8:51	9:18	0:27	0.57	0.45
	8:51	9:18	0:27	9:39	10:06	0:27	0.45	0.45
	9:39	10:12	0:33	11:39	12:00	0:21	0.55	0.35
	11:39	12:00	0:21	15:01	15:34	0:33	0.35	0.55
	15:01	15:34	0:33	17:08	17:28	0:20	0.55	0.33
	17:08	17:28	0:20	5:05	5:18	0:13	0.33	0.22
5:05	6:00	0:55	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.92	0.00	
6:00	7:11	1:11	7:31	7:42	0:11	1.18	0.18	

3Q2004	TABLE - No. 4c - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's)							
Date	AVT - Actual Time (see note on regulatory time at bottom)							
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)	
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Total Time (hh:h)	
07/19/04	7:31	7:47	0:16	21:21	21:34	0:13	0:27	0:22
	21:21	21:40	0:19	3:50	4:01	0:11	0:32	0:18
	23:59	1:04	1:05	0:00	0:00	0:00	1:08	0:00
	3:50	6:00	2:10	0:00	0:00	0:00	2:17	0:00
07/20/04	6:00	6:35	0:35	12:34	12:54	0:20	0:58	0:33
	12:36	12:59	0:23	17:17	17:42	0:25	0:38	0:42
	17:19	17:48	0:29	19:52	20:27	0:35	0:48	0:58
07/21/04	7:59	8:13	0:14	7:59	8:10	0:11	0:23	0:18
	4:49	5:06	0:17	4:49	5:04	0:15	0:28	0:25
07/22/04	1:42	1:56	0:14	1:41	1:52	0:11	0:23	0:18
07/23/04	22:50	23:04	0:14	22:49	22:59	0:10	0:23	0:17
07/27/04	4:15	4:33	0:18	3:54	4:13	0:19	0:30	0:32
	0:00	0:00	0:00	4:16	4:27	0:11	0:00	0:18
	0:00	0:00	0:00	5:00	5:05	0:05	0:00	0:08
07/29/04	12:45	12:56	0:11	12:44	13:03	0:19	0:18	0:32
07/30/04	10:37	10:52	0:15	10:38	11:03	0:25	0:25	0:42
Total July =							87.67	57.98
08/01/04	13:35	14:17	0:42	13:56	14:11	0:15	0:70	0:25
	15:01	15:14	0:13	15:00	15:21	0:21	0:22	0:35
	17:22	17:37	0:15	17:22	17:46	0:24	0:25	0:40
	4:05	4:25	0:20	4:03	4:17	0:14	0:33	0:23
08/02/04	5:17	5:48	0:31	5:17	5:51	0:34	0:52	0:57
	7:23	7:42	0:19	7:23	7:38	0:15	0:32	0:25
	10:56	11:22	0:26	10:58	11:16	0:18	0:43	0:30
	15:42	15:56	0:14	15:43	16:02	0:19	0:23	0:32
08/03/04	16:12	16:23	0:11	16:11	16:36	0:25	0:18	0:42
	17:00	17:24	0:24	17:01	17:38	0:37	0:40	0:62
	12:11	13:10	0:59	12:13	12:26	0:13	0:98	0:22
	13:47	17:44	3:57	13:45	14:26	0:41	3:95	0:68
	19:42	19:59	0:17	15:43	16:00	0:17	0:28	0:28
08/04/04	5:04	6:00	0:56	19:37	20:08	0:31	0:93	0:52
	0:00	0:00	0:00	20:12	20:16	0:04	0:00	0:07
08/05/04	6:00	6:36	0:36	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:60	0:00
	7:25	19:03	11:38	6:19	19:16	12:57	11:63	12:95
08/06/04	7:03	7:32	0:29	7:02	7:38	0:36	0:48	0:60
	4:09	4:23	0:14	4:09	4:30	0:21	0:23	0:35
08/07/04	12:02	12:19	0:17	12:02	12:14	0:12	0:28	0:20
	13:10	13:29	0:19	13:10	13:23	0:13	0:32	0:22
	16:07	16:20	0:13	16:09	16:26	0:17	0:22	0:28
08/09/04	17:01	17:14	0:13	17:03	17:19	0:16	0:22	0:27
	6:54	7:11	0:17	6:52	7:06	0:14	0:28	0:23
	4:50	5:01	0:11	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:18	0:00
	5:11	5:29	0:18	4:09	6:00	1:51	0:30	1:85
08/10/04	5:38	5:56	0:18	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:30	0:00
	8:24	9:02	0:38	6:00	6:07	0:07	0:63	0:12
	14:40	15:00	0:20	8:23	8:43	0:20	0:33	0:33
	17:55	18:13	0:18	14:38	15:06	0:28	0:30	0:47
	19:04	19:19	0:15	17:57	18:36	0:39	0:25	0:65
	19:31	20:19	0:48	19:05	19:25	0:20	0:80	0:33
08/11/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	20:01	20:26	0:25	0:00	0:42
	7:51	8:32	0:41	7:50	8:26	0:36	0:68	0:60
	9:54	10:23	0:29	9:54	10:18	0:24	0:48	0:40
08/13/04	16:20	16:48	0:28	16:20	16:48	0:28	0:47	0:47
	7:52	8:04	0:12	7:51	8:10	0:19	0:20	0:32
	10:29	10:43	0:14	10:29	10:50	0:21	0:23	0:35
	1:02	1:17	0:15	16:40	16:52	0:12	0:25	0:20
	3:09	3:23	0:14	1:03	1:22	0:19	0:23	0:32
	3:48	4:02	0:14	3:09	3:30	0:21	0:23	0:35
0:00	0:00	0:00	3:47	4:12	0:25	0:00	0:42	
	7:12	7:50	0:38	7:11	7:57	0:46	0:63	0:77

3Q2004	TABLE - No. 4c - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's)							
Date	AVT - Actual Time (see note on regulatory time at bottom)							
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)	
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)		
(hh.h)								
08/14/04	16:50	17:03	0:13	16:49	17:36	0:47	0:22	0:78
	22:56	23:07	0:11	22:56	23:59	1:03	0:18	1:05
	23:26	23:44	0:18	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:30	0:00
08/15/04	14:56	17:00	2:04	14:56	16:31	1:35	2:07	1:58
08/16/04	21:57	22:14	0:17	21:58	22:25	0:27	0:28	0:45
	22:36	0:09	1:33	22:38	2:21	3:43	1:55	2:35
	1:15	1:33	0:18	2:33	6:00	3:27	0:30	3:45
	1:57	2:29	0:32	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:53	0:00
08/17/04	2:33	3:00	0:27	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:45	0:00
	7:04	7:33	0:29	6:00	6:52	0:52	0:48	0:87
	7:49	8:43	0:54	7:05	7:27	0:22	0:90	0:37
	8:55	9:43	0:48	7:51	8:37	0:46	0:80	0:77
	12:53	13:28	0:35	8:55	9:37	0:42	0:58	0:70
	15:56	16:07	0:11	12:53	13:23	0:30	0:18	0:50
	20:38	20:53	0:15	15:54	16:17	0:23	0:25	0:38
08/18/04	20:59	21:15	0:16	20:38	21:22	0:44	0:27	0:73
	22:09	22:57	0:48	22:07	22:45	0:38	0:80	0:63
	9:22	10:01	0:39	9:22	9:56	0:34	0:65	0:57
	3:33	3:44	0:11	3:32	4:14	0:42	0:18	0:70
08/19/04	8:39	9:17	0:38	8:39	9:07	0:28	0:63	0:47
08/20/04	16:01	16:31	0:30	16:00	16:26	0:26	0:50	0:43
	14:33	14:45	0:12	14:31	14:51	0:20	0:20	0:33
	18:31	18:48	0:17	18:32	18:55	0:23	0:28	0:38
	23:10	23:40	0:30	23:10	23:34	0:24	0:50	0:40
08/21/04	4:21	4:44	0:23	4:21	4:37	0:16	0:38	0:27
	17:21	17:57	0:36	17:21	17:50	0:29	0:60	0:48
08/22/04	17:57	18:20	0:23	17:56	18:14	0:18	0:38	0:30
	19:12	19:47	0:35	19:12	19:32	0:20	0:58	0:33
08/23/04	5:07	5:27	0:20	5:07	5:37	0:30	0:33	0:50
	12:02	12:19	0:17	11:58	12:26	0:28	0:28	0:47
	5:37	5:59	0:22	5:37	5:51	0:14	0:37	0:23
08/24/04	18:26	18:43	0:17	6:01	8:06	2:05	0:28	2:08
	1:54	2:32	0:38	8:14	8:22	0:08	0:63	0:13
	0:00	0:00	0:00	18:26	18:50	0:24	0:00	0:40
08/26/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	2:40	2:40	0:45	0:00	0:75
08/26/04	16:00	6:00	14:00	16:00	6:00	14:00	14:00	14:00
08/27/04	6:00	5:59	23:59	6:00	5:59	23:59	24:00	24:00
08/28/04	6:00	5:59	23:59	6:00	5:59	23:59	24:00	24:00
08/29/04	6:00	5:59	23:59	6:00	5:59	23:59	24:00	24:00
08/30/04	6:00	5:59	23:59	6:00	5:59	23:59	24:00	24:00
08/31/04	6:00	3:45	21:45	6:00	3:45	21:45	21:75	21:75
Total Aug. =							179.22	184.62
09/01/04	10:19	22:02	11:43	10:20	21:09	10:49	11:72	10:82
09/02/04	8:09	10:26	2:17	8:10	10:19	2:09	2:28	2:15
09/03/04	9:08	9:12	0:04	12:14	12:55	0:41	0:07	0:68
	12:14	13:10	0:56			0:00	0:93	0:00
09/04/04 <i>FISCAL</i>	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
09/05/04	12:39	13:08	0:29	12:41	13:01	0:20	0:48	0:33
	0:16	0:38	0:22	0:19	0:42	0:23	0:37	0:38
	0:55	5:03	4:08	0:57	6:00	5:03	4:13	5:05
	5:14	6:00	0:46			0:00	0:77	0:00
09/06/04	6:00	11:43	5:43	6:00	11:31	5:31	5:72	5:52
	12:06	19:00	6:54	12:04	12:53	0:49	6:90	0:82
	19:17	6:00	10:43	12:59	18:13	5:14	10:72	5:23
				18:21	19:05	0:44	0:00	0:73
				19:20	22:45	3:25	0:00	3:42
09/07/04	6:00	16:00	10:00	9:00	11:00	2:00	10:00	2:00
	20:00	6:00	10:00	20:00	6:00	10:00	10:00	10:00

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Date	AVT - Actual Time (see note on regulatory time at bottom)							
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)	
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh.h)	
09/08/04	8:00	16:00	8:00	8:00	16:00	8:00	8.00	8.00
	22:00	6:00	8:00	22:00	6:00	8:00	8.00	8.00
09/09/04	6:00	15:00	9:00	6:30	8:00	1:30	9.00	1.50
	19:00	20:20	1:20	10:45	13:25	2:40	1.33	2.67
09/10/04	22:00	6:00	8:00	18:20	20:50	2:30	8.00	2.50
	0:00	23:59	23:59	18:55	19:50	0:55	23.98	0.92
				20:43	21:07	0:24		0.40
				21:31	21:53	0:22		0.37
22:13				1:35	3:22	3.37		
09/11/04	6:00	10:43	4:43	10:48	12:31	1:43	4.72	1.72
	10:50	11:10	0:20	12:54	13:03	0:09	0.33	0.15
	11:38	11:46	0:08	13:32	13:47	0:15	0.13	0.25
	11:53	12:34	0:41	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.68	0.00
	12:59	13:16	0:17	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.28	0.00
09/12/04	13:32	14:40	1:08	0:00	0:00	0:00	1.13	0.00
	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
09/13/04	12:21	16:52	4:31	12:20	17:34	5:14	4.52	5.23
	17:18	17:49	0:31	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.52	0.00
09/14/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
09/15/04	10:08	10:27	0:19	10:09	10:22	0:13	0.32	0.22
	10:45	10:57	0:12	10:45	11:03	0:18	0.20	0.30
09/16/04	14:30	14:48	0:18	14:30	15:01	0:31	0.30	0.52
	15:31	15:57	0:26	15:31	15:51	0:20	0.43	0.33
09/17/04	17:34	17:55	0:21	17:33	17:46	0:13	0.35	0.22
	13:44	13:45	0:01	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.02	0.00
09/18/04	15:13	15:15	0:02	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.03	0.00
09/18/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
09/19/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
09/20/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
09/21/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
09/22/04	14:20	14:37	0:17	14:15	15:16	1:01	0.28	1.02
	19:56	20:11	0:15	19:56	20:29	0:33	0.25	0.55
09/23/04	0:47	1:13	0:26	0:47	1:08	0:21	0.43	0.35
	8:36	9:20	0:44	8:36	9:31	0:55	0.73	0.92
09/24/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	10:32	10:51	0:19	0.00	0.32
	6:00	6:17	0:17	6:00	6:10	0:10	0.28	0.17
09/25/04	2:27	2:56	0:29	2:27	2:48	0:21	0.48	0.35
	9:30	9:51	0:21	9:30	9:58	0:28	0.35	0.47
09/26/04	17:35	20:55	3:20	17:35	19:20	1:45	3.33	1.75
09/26/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
09/27/04	18:30	6:00	11:30	22:30	6:00	7:30	11.50	7.50
09/28/04	6:00	14:29	8:29	6:00	14:34	8:34	11.50	7.50
			0:00	18:09	19:30	1:21	0.00	1.35
09/29/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
09/30/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.00	0.00
Total Sept =							165.52	106.25
end of 3rd quarter 2004				TOTALS ==			432.40	348.74
NOTES: AVT Change			Rounded the actual minutes on July 1st to 60 and 60					
			as of July 2, 2004 no longer need to show "regulatory hours"					
			see e-mail from John Gay to Ed Jamro - July 20, 2004					

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Date	AVT - Actual Time							
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG) (hh.h)	
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)		
10/05/04	0:23	0:43	0:20	0:20	0:43	0:23	0:33	0:36
10/06/04	9:27	11:35	2:08	9:25	11:28	2:03	2:13	2:05
10/09/04	2:23	2:40	0:17	9:23	9:30	0:07	0:28	0:12
10/09/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	2:23	2:47	0:24	0:00	0:40
10/10/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	3:14	3:30	0:16	0:00	0:27
10/10/04	9:17	9:38	0:21	8:09	8:42	0:33	0:35	0:55
10/10/04	12:23	12:47	0:24	9:17	9:32	0:15	0:40	0:25
10/11/04	12:56	13:08	0:12	12:19	13:16	0:57	0:20	0:95
10/11/04	10:24	10:35	0:11	10:23	10:40	0:17	0:18	0:28
10/12/04	1:56	6:00	4:04	1:56	6:00	4:04	4:07	4:07
10/13/04	6:00	6:59	0:59	6:00	6:51	0:51	0:98	0:85
10/13/04	8:02	8:26	0:24	8:02	8:43	0:41	0:40	0:68
10/13/04	9:35	9:50	0:15	9:35	11:27	1:52	0:25	1:87
10/13/04	10:14	10:23	0:09	13:29	13:45	0:16	0:15	0:27
10/13/04	11:11	11:32	0:21	14:46	15:01	0:15	0:35	0:25
10/13/04	13:29	13:51	0:22	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:37	0:00
10/13/04	14:48	16:14	1:26	0:00	0:00	0:00	1:43	0:00
10/14/04	16:12	16:35	0:23	16:12	18:58	2:46	0:38	2:77
10/14/04	17:23	18:11	0:48	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:80	0:00
10/14/04	18:26	18:41	0:15	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:25	0:00
10/14/04	10:48	15:33	4:45	10:47	15:09	4:22	4:75	4:37
10/15/04	17:00	17:36	0:36	15:19	15:31	0:12	0:60	0:20
10/15/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	16:59	17:21	0:22	0:00	0:37
10/16/04	7:05	12:11	5:06	7:01	11:56	4:55	5:10	4:92
10/16/04	13:47	13:59	0:12	13:47	14:08	0:21	0:20	0:35
10/17/04	0:51	1:14	0:23	0:49	1:26	0:37	0:38	0:62
10/17/04	2:29	2:47	0:18	2:29	2:52	0:23	0:30	0:36
10/18/04	7:43	10:26	2:43	7:43	10:20	2:37	2:72	2:62
10/18/04	17:11	17:32	0:21	17:13	17:26	0:13	0:35	0:22
10/18/04	21:29	22:02	0:33	21:29	21:56	0:27	0:55	0:45
10/19/04	15:09	16:08	0:59	15:09	16:01	0:52	0:98	0:87
10/19/04	19:44	20:13	0:29	19:44	20:07	0:23	0:48	0:38
10/20/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
10/21/04	8:09	10:37	2:28	8:09	10:37	2:28	2:47	2:47
10/23/04	18:53	19:28	0:35	18:54	19:28	0:34	0:58	0:57
10/28/04	23:32	23:52	0:20	23:32	23:52	0:20	0:33	0:33
10/29/04	1:05	1:25	0:20	1:04	1:17	0:13	0:33	0:22
10/31/04	7:56	8:58	1:02	7:56	9:13	1:17	1:03	1:28
10/31/04	9:26	9:59	0:33	9:26	9:48	0:22	0:55	0:37
10/31/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	12:56	13:04	0:08	0:00	0:13
Total Oct. =							35:03	37:10
11/01/04	21:23	21:41	0:18	21:10	22:39	1:29	0:30	1:48
11/01/04	21:53	22:29	0:36	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:60	0:00
11/01/04	20:44	20:58	0:14	20:44	21:02	0:18	0:23	0:30
11/01/04	21:05	21:34	0:29	21:06	23:36	2:30	0:48	2:50
11/02/04	21:41	21:58	0:17	3:54	4:06	0:12	0:28	0:20
11/02/04	22:08	23:16	1:08	4:18	6:00	1:42	1:13	1:70
11/02/04	23:20	23:43	0:23	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:38	0:00
11/02/04	3:53	4:13	0:20	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:33	0:00
11/03/04	6:00	9:35	3:35	6:00	8:53	2:53	3:58	2:88
11/03/04	13:02	13:32	0:30	9:14	9:27	0:13	0:50	0:22
11/03/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	13:02	13:37	0:35	0:00	0:58
11/04/04	18:57	19:17	0:20	18:57	19:08	0:11	0:33	0:18
11/04/04	20:05	20:38	0:33	20:05	20:27	0:22	0:55	0:37
11/04/04	21:20	21:38	0:18	21:20	21:33	0:13	0:30	0:22
11/05/04	15:05	15:15	0:10	15:05	15:15	0:10	0:17	0:17
11/05/04	15:20	16:20	1:00	15:20	16:25	1:05	1:00	1:08
11/05/04	16:30	17:36	1:06	16:30	17:41	1:11	1:10	1:18
11/06/04	7:58	11:11	3:13	7:58	11:05	3:07	3:22	3:12
11/08/04	11:14	11:41	0:27	11:14	11:35	0:21	0:45	0:35
11/08/04	12:26	12:38	0:12	12:26	12:58	0:32	0:20	0:53
11/08/04	12:42	13:01	0:19	14:56	15:52	0:56	0:32	0:93
11/08/04	14:56	15:07	0:11	0:06	6:00	5:54	0:18	5:90
11/08/04	0:11	6:00	5:49	0:00	0:00	0:00	5:82	0:00
11/08/04	6:00	8:56	2:56	6:00	8:49	2:49	2:93	2:82
11/09/04	11:41	12:16	0:35	11:37	12:39	1:02	0:58	1:03
11/09/04	14:38	14:57	0:19	14:38	15:06	0:28	0:32	0:47
11/09/04	20:16	20:56	0:40	20:16	20:49	0:33	0:67	0:55
11/10/04	11:56	12:47	0:51	11:58	12:43	0:45	0:85	0:75
11/10/04	0:56	1:35	0:39	0:56	3:11	2:15	0:65	2:25
11/10/04	2:20	3:02	0:42	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:70	0:00
11/11/04	13:22	15:46	2:24	13:22	15:46	2:24	2:40	2:40
11/12/04	15:32	16:07	0:35	15:32	16:07	0:35	0:58	0:58
11/13/04	20:43	21:06	0:23	20:43	21:06	0:23	0:38	0:38
11/14/04	4:20	5:11	0:51	4:20	5:52	1:32	0:85	1:53

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TABLE - No. 4d - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's) 4Q2004								
Date	AVT - Actual Time							
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)	
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh.h)	
11/15/04	6:00	6:44	0:44	6:00	6:38	0:38	0.73	0.83
	16:20	16:56	0:36	16:20	16:49	0:29	0.60	0.46
	21:24	23:11	1:47	21:24	23:18	1:54	1.78	1.90
11/16/04	12:01	12:41	0:40	10:04	10:11	0:07	0.67	0.12
	13:50	14:29	0:39	12:02	12:53	0:51	0.65	0.85
	0:00	0:00	0:00	13:50	14:23	0:33	0.00	0.55
11/17/04	14:11	15:49	1:38	14:12	15:01	0:49	1.83	0.82
	0:00	0:00	0:00	15:12	15:54	0:42	0.00	0.70
	10:06	10:33	0:27	10:06	23:58	13:52	0.45	13.87
11/18/04	11:09	11:39	0:30	0:56	1:50	0:54	0.50	0.90
	12:15	12:54	0:39	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.65	0.00
	13:58	14:42	0:44	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.73	0.00
	15:43	18:20	2:37	0:00	0:00	0:00	2.62	0.00
	20:42	23:44	3:02	0:00	0:00	0:00	3.03	0.00
	0:56	1:59	1:03	0:00	0:00	0:00	1.05	0.00
	#REF!	0:00	0:00	0:00	5:36	5:42	0:06	0.00
11/26/04	12:38	13:14	0:36	6:00	6:13	0:13	0.60	0.22
	0:00	6:00	6:00	12:40	13:07	0:27	6.00	0.45
	0:00	0:00	0:00	23:58	6:00	6:02	0.00	6.03
11/27/04	6:00	8:50	2:50	6:00	8:43	2:43	2.83	2.72
	10:56	11:20	0:24	10:56	11:12	0:16	0.40	0.27
	13:11	13:32	0:21	13:11	13:25	0:14	0.35	0.23
11/28/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	2:58	3:13	0:15	0.00	0.25
Total Nov. =							57.67	67.75
12/07/04	5:27	5:32	0:05	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.08	0.00
12/08/04	8:49	6:00	21:11	9:08	6:00	20:52	21.18	20.87
12/09/04	6:01	6:00	23:59	6:01	6:00	23:59	24.00	24.00
12/11/04	0:00	0:00	0:00	5:44	6:01	0:17	0.00	0.26
12/12/04	5:58	7:05	1:07	22:24	22:58	0:34	1.12	0.57
	7:44	8:36	0:52	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.87	0.00
	8:52	9:23	0:31	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.52	0.00
	11:50	12:13	0:23	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.38	0.00
	16:32	16:46	0:14	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.23	0.00
	17:32	17:38	0:06	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.10	0.00
	18:44	18:50	0:06	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.10	0.00
	20:08	20:16	0:08	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.13	0.00
	21:46	22:02	0:16	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.27	0.00
	22:20	22:51	0:31	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.52	0.00
	23:32	23:38	0:06	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.10	0.00
	0:36	1:18	0:42	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.70	0.00
	1:38	2:33	0:55	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.92	0.00
12/13/04	7:57	4:02	20:05	7:53	7:55	0:02	20.08	0.03
	0:00	0:00	0:00	14:59	15:08	0:09	0.00	0.15
	0:00	0:00	0:00	15:25	4:01	12:36	0.00	12.60
12/14/04	6:45	8:43	1:58	6:44	9:26	2:42	1.97	2.70
	8:57	9:35	0:38	10:39	11:31	0:52	0.63	0.87
	10:42	11:38	0:56	12:02	0:36	12:34	0.93	12.57
	12:30	13:44	1:14	0:00	0:00	0:00	1.23	0.00
	15:00	16:20	1:20	0:00	0:00	0:00	1.33	0.00
	19:05	21:20	2:15	0:00	0:00	0:00	2.25	0.00
	22:32	2:30	3:58	0:00	0:00	0:00	2.50	0.00
12/15/04	7:21	23:12	15:51	7:18	23:12	15:54	15.85	15.90
12/17/04	7:00	21:32	14:32	6:58	21:43	14:45	14.53	14.75
12/18/04	7:32	8:26	0:54	7:32	8:21	0:49	0.90	0.82
12/20/04	12:58	19:29	6:31	11:52	19:24	7:32	6.52	7.53
12/22/04	21:54	23:29	1:35	21:54	22:52	0:58	1.58	0.97
	0:00	0:00	0:00	23:23	23:41	0:18	0.00	0.30
	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:07	0:36	0:29	0.00	0.48
12/23/04	7:57	14:45	6:48	7:55	14:37	6:42	6.80	6.70
	3:47	4:21	0:34	3:47	4:21	0:34	0.57	0.57
12/29/04	10:29	11:07	0:38	14:00	14:22	0:22	0.83	0.37
	14:00	14:29	0:29	0:00	0:00	0:00	0.48	0.00
12/30/04	9:16	12:16	3:00	9:18	9:49	0:31	3.00	0.52
	12:19	12:43	0:24	12:19	12:33	0:14	0.40	0.23
				Dec - total			133.42	123.77
				4Q-04 total			226.12	228.62

end of 4th quarter 2004

TABLE No. 3 - SUMMARY							
HOURS NCG's & SOG's FIRED IN COMBINATION BOILER (NOTE 1)							
Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's) - To Backup Combustion Device							
January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003							
	NCG	NCG Hours	SOG	SOG Hours	TOTAL	Hours	
	Hours (1)	per	Hours (1)	per	Hours (1)	per	
	per Month	Quarter	per Month	Quarter	NCG + SOG	Quarter	
JAN. -03	158		166		324		Note that actual AVT hours for the 1Q03 were 282
FEB. 03	21		23		44		
MARCH- 03	60		62		122		
1Q03-total =		239		251		490	
APRIL 03	25		33		58		Note that actual AVT hours for the 2Q03 were 243
MAY 03	143		88		231		
JUNE 03	99		96		195		
2Q03-total =		267		217		484	
JULY 03	42		48		90		Note that actual AVT hours for the 3Q03 were 315
AUGUST 03	65		71		136		
SEPT. - 03	128		130		258		
3Q03-total =		235		249		484	
OCT.- 03	43		44		87		Note that actual AVT hours for the 4Q03 were 446
NOV. - 03	104		116		220		
DEC. - 03	75		173		248		
4Q03-total =		222		333		555	
NOTE 1 -"REGULATORY" HOURS AS DEFINED IN PERMIT NO. 1070005-023-AV - Section C.9.							
Combustion time in the #4 Combination Boiler for NCG's and SOG's =						1286	Actual Hours (*)
Combustion time in the #4 Combination Boiler for NCG's and SOG's =						2013	Regulatory Hours (*)
(*) In 2003, there were over 320 hours when NCG's and SOG's were being burned simultaneously in the CB.							

1Q2003																	
TABLE - No. 4a - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's) 1Q2003																	
Date	Actual Time								Regulatory Time								
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)		NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)		
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh:m)		Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh)		
01/30/03	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	0	
01/31/03	na	na	na	18:26	19:15	0:49	na	0.8	na	na	na	18:00	20:00	2:00	0	2	
Total Hours for January ===						Actual =		103	121	Regulatory =						158	166
02/03/03	N/A	N/A	N/A	0:10	0:15	0:05	N/A	0.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	0:00	1:00	1:00	0	1	
02/05/03	20:16	20:56	0:40	20:16	20:56	0:40	0.7	0.7	20:00	21:00	1:00	20:00	21:00	1:00	1	1	
	21:07	21:37	0:30	21:07	21:37	0:30	0.5	0.5	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1	1	
	2:41	2:51	0:10	2:41	2:51	0:10	0.2	0.2	2:00	3:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	1:00	1	1	
02/07/03	2:50	6:19	3:29	5:02	6:29	1:27	3.5	1.5	2:00	7:00	5:00	5:00	7:00	2:00	5	2	
02/08/03	21:11	2:21	5:10	21:11	2:38	5:27	5.2	5.45	21:00	3:00	6:00	21:00	3:00	6:00	6	6	
	15:57	16:37	0:03	15:57	16:37	0:03	0.7	0.7	16:00	17:00	1:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1	1	
	21:06	21:22	0:01	21:06	21:22	0:01	0.3	0.3	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1	1	
02/09/03	23:54	0:44	0:03	23:54	0:44	0:03	0.8	0.8	23:00	1:00	2:00	23:00	1:00	2:00	2	2	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	21:13	23:09	0:08	N/A	1.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	21:00	0:00	3:00	0	3	
	N/A	N/A	N/A	8:47	10:33	0:07	N/A	1.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	8:00	11:00	3:00	0	3	
02/14/03	N/A	N/A	N/A	8:47	10:33	0:07	N/A	1.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	8:00	11:00	3:00	0	3	
	10:49	11:15	0:26	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.4	N/A	10:00	12:00	2:00	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	0	
02/27/03	6:18	6:42	0:24	6:18	6:43	0:25	0.4	0.4	6:00	7:00	1:00	6:00	7:00	1:00	1	1	
	Total Hours for February ===						Actual =		13	14	Regulatory =						21
03/02/03	6:19	7:07	0:48	6:19	7:09	0:50	0.8	0.8	6:00	8:00	2:00	6:00	8:00	2:00	2	2	
03/03/03	6:34	6:58	0:24	6:34	7:05	0:31	0.4	0.5	6:00	7:00	1:00	6:00	8:00	2:00	1	2	
	12:42	12:57	0:15	12:42	13:03	0:21	0.2	0.3	12:00	13:00	1:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	1	2	
	17:06	17:25	0:19	16:44	16:53	0:09	0.3	0.1	17:00	18:00	1:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1	1	
	NA	NA	NA	17:06	17:20	0:14	NA	0.2	NA	NA	NA	17:00	18:00	1:00	0	1	
03/04/03	0:48	1:08	0:20	0:48	1:04	0:16	0.3	0.3	0:00	2:00	2:00	0:00	2:00	2:00	2	2	
	1:45	2:14	0:29	1:45	2:08	0:23	0.5	0.4	1:00	3:00	2:00	1:00	3:00	2:00	2	2	
	4:49	5:08	0:19	5:55	6:12	0:17	0.3	0.3	4:00	6:00	2:00	5:00	7:00	2:00	2	2	
	5:55	6:04	0:09	6:42	7:08	0:26	0.1	0.4	5:00	7:00	2:00	6:00	8:00	2:00	2	2	
	6:42	7:02	0:20	NA	NA	NA	0.3	NA	6:00	8:00	2:00	NA	NA	NA	2	0	
03/05/03	11:11	11:43	0:32	11:11	11:44	0:33	0.5	0.6	11:00	12:00	1:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	1	1	
	15:10	15:29	0:19	15:10	15:36	0:26	0.3	0.4	15:00	16:00	1:00	15:00	16:00	1:00	1	1	
	15:48	16:04	0:16	15:48	16:04	0:16	0.3	0.3	15:00	17:00	2:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	2	2	
03/12/03	3:26	3:45	0:19	3:26	3:47	0:21	0.3	0.3	3:00	4:00	1:00	3:00	4:00	1:00	1	1	
03/14/03	9:47	10:18	0:31	9:47	10:24	0:37	0.5	0.6	9:00	11:00	2:00	9:00	11:00	2:00	2	2	
03/15/03	22:46	23:20	0:34	22:46	23:20	0:34	0.6	0.6	22:00	0:00	2:00	22:00	0:00	2:00	2	2	
	17:38	18:17	0:39	17:38	18:17	0:39	0.7	0.7	17:00	19:00	2:00	17:00	19:00	2:00	2	2	
	22:31	23:28	0:57	22:31	23:28	0:57	0.9	0.9	22:00	0:00	2:00	22:00	0:00	2:00	2	2	
03/19/03	1:03	1:29	0:26	1:03	1:32	0:29	0.4	0.5	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	2:00	1:00	1	1	
	13:52	14:05	0:13	13:52	14:05	0:13	0.2	0.2	13:00	15:00	2:00	13:00	15:00	2:00	2	2	
	16:18	16:37	0:19	16:18	16:37	0:19	0.3	0.3	16:00	17:00	1:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1	1	
	10:41	10:59	0:18	10:41	11:05	0:24	0.3	0.4	10:00	11:00	1:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	1	2	
	11:18	11:37	0:19	11:17	11:45	0:28	0.3	0.5	11:00	12:00	1:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	1	1	
03/23/03	14:55	15:16	0:21	14:55	15:16	0:21	0.3	0.3	14:00	16:00	2:00	14:00	16:00	2:00	2	2	
	17:10	17:25	0:15	17:10	17:25	0:15	0.2	0.2	17:00	18:00	1:00	17:00	18:00	1:00	1	1	
	20:40	21:16	0:36	20:40	21:34	0:54	0.6	0.9	20:00	22:00	2:00	20:00	22:00	2:00	2	2	
	21:56	22:14	0:18	21:56	22:20	0:24	0.3	0.4	21:00	23:00	2:00	21:00	23:00	2:00	2	2	
	16:44	17:00	0:16	16:44	17:00	0:16	0.3	0.3	16:00	17:00	1:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1	1	
03/24/03	17:32	17:48	0:16	17:32	17:48	0:16	0.3	0.3	17:00	18:00	1:00	17:00	18:00	1:00	1	1	
	1:14	1:26	0:12	1:14	1:26	0:12	0.2	0.2	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	2:00	1:00	1	1	
	1:36	1:43	0:07	1:36	1:43	0:07	0.1	0.1	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	2:00	1:00	1	1	
	4:57	5:36	0:39	4:57	5:36	0:39	0.6	0.6	4:00	6:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	2:00	2	2	
	7:42	8:08	0:26	7:42	8:14	0:32	0.4	0.5	7:00	9:00	2:00	7:00	9:00	2:00	2	2	
03/25/03	13:08	13:17	0:09	13:08	13:17	0:09	0.1	0.1	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1	1	
	13:34	13:47	0:13	13:34	13:47	0:13	0.2	0.2	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1	1	
	15:35	16:03	0:28	15:40	16:02	0:22	0.5	0.4	15:00	17:00	2:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	2	2	
03/29/03	2:26	2:51	0:25	2:25	2:57	0:32	0.4	0.5	2:00	3:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	1:00	1	1	
	8:13	8:25	0:12	8:13	8:25	0:12	0.2	0.2	8:00	9:00	1:00	8:00	9:00	1:00	1	1	
03/31/03	13:12	13:18	0:06	13:12	13:18	0:06	0.1	0.1	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1	1	
	13:58	14:20	0:22	13:58	14:24	0:26	0.4	0.4	13:00	15:00	2:00	13:00	15:00	2:00	2	2	
	14:48	15:04	0:16	14:48	15:10	0:22	0.3	0.4	14:00	16:00	2:00	14:00	16:00	2:00	2	2	
Total Hours for March ===						Actual =		15	16	Regulatory =						60	62
Total Hours for 1Q2003 ===						Actual =		131	151	Regulatory =						239	251

2Q2003	TABLE - No. 4b - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's)																	
Date	AVT - Actual Time								AVT - Regulatory Time									
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)		NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)			
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh:m)		Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh:m)			
06/04/03	23:08	23:43	0:35	-	-	-	0:58	0:00	23:00	0:00	1:00	-	-	-	1:0	0:0		
	6:21	6:46	0:25	8:24	8:38	0:14	0:42	0:23	6:00	7:00	1:00	6:00	7:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	7:02	16:16	9:14	7:05	16:00	8:55	9:23	8:92	7:00	17:00	10:00	7:00	17:00	10:00	10:0	10:0		
	0:53	1:12	0:19	0:59	1:23	0:24	0:32	0:40	0:00	2:00	2:00	0:00	2:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
	3:08	3:59	0:51	3:10	3:29	0:19	0:85	0:32	3:00	4:00	1:00	3:00	4:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	4:20	4:46	0:26	4:20	4:25	0:05	0:43	0:08	4:00	5:00	1:00	4:00	5:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
06/05/03	0:46	1:14	0:28	0:56	1:25	0:29	0:47	0:48	0:00	2:00	2:00	0:00	2:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
06/06/03	13:35	13:51	0:16	13:35	14:26	0:51	0:27	0:85	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	15:00	2:00	1:0	2:0		
06/07/03	0:30	0:52	0:22	14:00	14:20	0:20	0:37	0:33	0:00	1:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	1:17	1:35	0:18	0:30	1:03	0:33	0:30	0:55	1:00	2:00	1:00	0:00	2:00	2:00	1:0	2:0		
	1:43	2:21	0:38	1:17	2:04	0:47	0:63	0:78	1:00	3:00	2:00	1:00	3:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
	8:07	8:32	0:25	8:12	8:23	0:11	0:42	0:18	8:00	9:00	1:00	8:00	9:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	19:02	19:25	0:23	19:02	19:18	0:16	0:38	0:27	19:00	20:00	1:00	19:00	20:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	22:23	22:49	0:26	22:20	22:39	0:19	0:43	0:32	22:00	23:00	1:00	22:00	23:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	23:41	0:19	0:38	23:44	0:08	0:24	0:63	0:40	23:00	1:00	2:00	23:00	1:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
	1:06	1:30	0:24	1:12	1:20	0:08	0:40	0:13	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
06/09/03	9:22	10:07	0:45	9:21	10:01	0:40	0:75	0:87	9:00	11:00	2:00	9:00	11:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
	2:29	2:50	0:21	2:32	2:43	0:11	0:35	0:18	2:00	3:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
06/10/03	10:23	10:45	0:22	10:30	10:37	0:07	0:37	0:12	10:00	11:00	1:00	10:00	11:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	13:51	14:36	0:45	13:49	14:34	0:45	0:75	0:75	13:00	15:00	2:00	13:00	15:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
06/13/03	12:39	13:04	0:25	12:40	13:00	0:20	0:42	0:33	12:00	14:00	2:00	12:00	13:00	1:00	2:0	1:0		
	19:53	20:17	0:24	19:51	20:14	0:23	0:40	0:38	19:00	21:00	2:00	19:00	21:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
06/15/03	21:32	22:10	0:38	21:33	22:03	0:30	0:63	0:50	21:00	23:00	2:00	21:00	23:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
	22:41	1:55	3:14	22:43	23:05	0:22	3:23	0:37	22:00	2:00	4:00	22:00	0:00	2:00	4:0	2:0		
06/18/03	12:58	13:23	0:25	12:57	20:35	7:38	0:25	7:38	12:00	14:00	4:00	12:00	21:00	9:00	4:0	9:0		
	13:44	20:21	6:37	1:46	2:04	0:18	6:37	0:18	13:00	21:00	8:00	1:00	3:00	2:00	8:0	2:0		
	1:46	2:04	0:18				0:18	n/a	1:00	3:00	2:00	n/a	n/a	n/a	2:0	0:0		
06/19/03	14:15	14:38	0:23	14:16	14:33	0:17	0:38	0:01	14:00	15:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	21:16	21:38	0:22	21:15	21:34	0:19	0:37	0:01	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	22:40	23:06	0:26	22:41	22:59	0:18	0:43	0:01	22:00	0:00	2:00	22:00	23:00	1:00	2:0	1:0		
	23:52	0:17	0:24	23:52	0:10	0:18	0:40	0:01	23:00	1:00	2:00	23:00	1:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
06/20/03	14:02	14:25	0:23	14:02	14:25	0:23	0:38	0:38	14:00	15:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	15:50	16:25	0:35	15:50	16:29	0:39	0:58	0:65	15:00	17:00	2:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
	18:04	18:21	0:17	18:04	18:26	0:22	0:28	0:37	18:00	19:00	1:00	18:00	19:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
06/23/03	7:09	7:23	0:14	7:07	7:29	0:22	0:23	n/a	7:00	8:00	1:00	7:00	8:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	16:06	16:27	0:21	16:06	16:27	0:21	0:35	0:35	16:00	17:00	1:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
	17:21	18:04	0:43	17:21	18:07	0:46	0:72	0:77	17:00	19:00	2:00	17:00	19:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
	19:55	20:15	0:20	19:55	20:15	0:20	0:33	0:33	19:00	21:00	2:00	19:00	21:00	2:00	2:0	2:0		
	1:16	1:32	0:16	1:16	1:36	0:20	0:27	0:33	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
06/24/03	12:25	12:44	0:19	12:25	13:01	0:36	0:32	0:60	12:00	13:00	1:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	1:0	2:0		
06/26/03	12:31	12:51	0:20	12:31	13:10	0:39	0:33	0:65	12:00	13:00	1:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	1:0	2:0		
	12:53	13:15	0:22	n/a	n/a	n/a	0:37	n/a	13:00	14:00	1:00	n/a	n/a	n/a	1:0	0:0		
06/28/03	13:34	13:57	0:23	13:34	13:57	0:23	0:38	0:38	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1:0	1:0		
06/30/03	11:15	11:43	0:28	11:15	11:35	0:20	0:47	0:33	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0:0	0:0		
Total Hours for June ===							Actual =	47.3	41.0							Regulatory =	99.0	96.0
							Actual hours for 2Q03==	132	111								267	217

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TABLE - No. 4c - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's)

Date	AVT - Actual Time											AVT - Regulatory Time					
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)		NCG		SOG		Total Time (NCG/SOG)				
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh:h)		Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	(hh:h)		
07/01/03			0:00			0:00	0:00	0:00							0:0	0:0	
07/02/03	8:42	9:01	0:19	8:42	9:01	0:19	0:32	0:32	8:00	10:00	2:00	8:00	10:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	16:02	16:45	0:43	16:02	16:50	0:48	0:72	0:80	16:00	17:00	1:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	19:10	19:35	0:25	19:10	19:43	0:33	0:42	0:55	19:00	20:00	1:00	19:00	20:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
07/03/03	8:04	17:26	9:22	8:04	18:30	10:26	9:37	10:43	8:00	18:00	10:00	8:00	19:00	11:00	10:0	11:0	
07/04/03	23:53	0:39	0:46	23:53	0:44	0:51	0:77	0:80	23:00	1:00	2:00	23:00	1:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
07/05/03	15:55	16:20	0:25	15:55	16:20	0:25	0:42	0:42	15:00	17:00	2:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	18:04	18:23	0:19	18:04	18:23	0:19	0:32	0:32	18:00	19:00	1:00	18:00	19:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
07/07/03	8:15	8:33	0:18	8:15	8:29	0:14	0:30	0:23	8:00	9:00	1:00	8:00	9:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	20:28	20:56	0:28	20:28	20:56	0:28	0:47	0:47	20:00	21:00	1:00	20:00	21:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	23:17	23:38	0:21	23:17	23:28	0:11	0:35	0:18	23:00	0:00	1:00	23:00	0:00	2:00	1:0	2:0	
07/08/03	2:25	2:46	0:21	2:25	2:41	0:16	0:35	0:27	2:00	3:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
07/11/03	10:56	11:13	0:17	10:56	11:13	0:17	0:28	0:28	10:00	12:00	2:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	12:54	13:26	0:32	12:54	13:26	0:32	0:53	0:53	12:00	14:00	2:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	3:52	4:07	0:15	3:55	4:32	0:37	0:25	0:62	3:00	4:00	1:00	3:00	5:00	2:00	1:0	2:0	
	4:12	4:27	0:15				0:25	0:00	4:00	5:00	1:00				1:0	0:0	
07/12/03	14:14	14:32	0:18	14:14	14:32	0:18	0:30	0:30	14:00	15:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	17:15	17:39	0:24	17:15	17:34	0:19	0:40	0:32	17:00	18:00	1:00	17:00	18:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	17:56	18:11	0:15	17:56	18:10	0:14	0:25	0:23	18:00	19:00	1:00	18:00	19:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
07/13/03	15:17	15:35	0:18	15:17	15:35	0:18	0:30	0:30	15:00	16:00	1:00	15:00	16:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
07/17/03	20:41	20:59	0:18	20:42	20:53	0:11	0:30	0:18	20:00	21:00	1:00	20:00	21:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	22:05	22:22	0:17	22:05	22:16	0:11	0:28	0:18	22:00	23:00	1:00	22:00	23:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
07/20/03	10:05	10:24	0:19	10:05	10:24	0:19	0:32	0:32	10:00	11:00	1:00	10:00	11:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
07/21/03	12:09	12:34	0:25	12:09	12:34	0:25	0:42	0:42	12:00	13:00	1:00	12:00	13:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	1:05	2:13	1:08	0:12	2:14	2:02	1:13	2:03	13:00	15:00	2:00	0:00	3:00	3:00	2:0	3:0	
07/22/03	14:05	14:25	0:20	14:05	14:20	0:15	0:33	0:25	14:00	15:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
07/28/03	7:33	8:15	0:42	7:33	8:15	0:42	0:70	0:70	7:00	9:00	2:00	7:00	9:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
Total for July 2003							19.83	21.46							42.0	48.0	
08/01/03	18:44	19:05	0:21	18:44	19:05	0:21	0:35	0:35	18:00	19:00	1:00	18:00	19:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	21:43	22:05	0:22	21:43	22:05	0:22	0:37	0:37	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
08/07/03	2:47	3:13	0:26	2:47	3:13	0:26	0:43	0:43	2:00	4:00	2:00	2:00	4:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	6:36	7:06	0:30			0:00	0:50	0:00	6:00	8:00	2:00			0:00	2:0	0:0	
08/08/03	7:14	7:36	0:22	7:37	8:14	0:37	0:37	0:62	7:00	8:00	1:00	7:00	9:00	2:00	1:0	2:0	
			0:00	9:25	13:25	4:00	0:00	4:00			0:00	9:00	14:00	5:00	0:0	5:0	
	14:32	15:48	1:16	14:32	14:53	0:21	1:27	0:35	14:00	16:00	2:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	2:0	1:0	
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	17:49	19:25	1:36	17:49	18:57	1:08	1:60	1:13	17:00	20:00	3:00	17:00	19:00	2:00	3:0	2:0	
	19:44	20:10	0:26	19:44	20:16	0:32	0:43	0:53	19:00	21:00	2:00	19:00	21:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	22:04	1:22	3:18	22:04	1:22	3:18	3:30	3:30	22:00	2:00	4:00	22:00	2:00	4:00	4:0	4:0	
08/09/03	7:52	8:12	0:20	7:52	8:12	0:20	0:33	0:33	7:00	9:00	2:00	7:00	9:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	9:12	9:36	0:24	9:12	9:36	0:24	0:40	0:40	9:00	10:00	1:00	9:00	10:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	11:00	11:26	0:26	11:00	11:26	0:26	0:43	0:43	11:00	12:00	1:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
08/10/03	13:00	13:27	0:27	13:00	13:27	0:27	0:45	0:45	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:0	0:0	
	16:05	16:23	0:18	16:05	16:23	0:18	0:30	0:30	16:00	17:00	1:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	4:13	4:43	0:30	4:13	4:43	0:30	0:50	0:50	4:00	5:00	1:00	4:00	5:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	13:41	14:19	0:38	13:41	14:19	0:38	0:63	0:63	13:00	15:00	2:00	13:00	15:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	14:55	15:17	0:22	14:54	16:52	1:58	0:37	1:97	15:00	16:00	1:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	1:0	2:0	
	16:23	16:53	0:30	17:14	0:42	7:28	0:50	7:47	16:00	17:00	1:00	17:00	1:00	6:00	1:0	6:0	
	17:11	17:31	0:20				0:33		17:00	18:00	1:00				1:0	0:0	
	08/17/03	8:01	8:41	0:40	8:06	8:38	0:32	0:67	0:53	8:00	9:00	1:00	8:00	9:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
	08/18/03	17:28	17:46	0:18	17:27	17:53	0:26	0:30	0:43	17:00	18:00	1:00	17:00	18:00	1:00	1:0	1:0
		18:14	21:40	3:26	18:14	21:40	3:26	3:43	3:43	18:00	22:00	4:00	18:00	22:00	4:00	4:0	4:0
	08/19/03	N/A			N/A												
08/20/03	6:50	7:28	0:38	6:50	7:28	0:38	0:63	0:63	6:00	8:00	2:00	6:00	8:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	12:43	13:06	0:23	12:43	13:06	0:23	0:38	0:38	12:00	14:00	2:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	9:54	10:07	0:13				0:22		9:00	11:00	2:00				2:0	0:0	
08/21/03	11:20	12:22	1:02	9:09	16:22	7:13	1:03	7:22	11:00	13:00	2:00	9:00	17:00	8:00	2:0	8:0	
	13:17	14:13	0:56				0:93		13:00	15:00	2:00				2:0	0:0	
	15:23	16:15	0:52				0:87		15:00	17:00	2:00				2:0	0:0	
08/24/03	17:04	17:40	0:36	17:04	17:40	0:36	0:60	0:60	17:00	18:00	1:00	17:00	18:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	15:10	16:48	1:38				1:63		15:00	17:00	2:00				2:0	0:0	
	16:58	17:34	0:36	20:44	21:16	0:32	0:60	0:53	17:00	18:00	1:00	20:00	22:00	2:00	1:0	2:0	
08/25/03	20:41	22:16	1:35	23:08	23:26	0:18	1:56	0:30	20:00	23:00	3:00	23:00	0:00	1:00	3:0	1:0	
	23:06	23:26	0:20				0:33		23:00	0:00	1:00				1:0	0:0	
08/29/03	15:29	15:50	0:21	15:29	15:55	0:26	0:35	0:43	15:00	16:00	1:00	15:00	16:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	16:51	17:18	0:27	16:53	17:24	0:31	0:45	0:52	16:00	18:00	2:00	16:00	18:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
08/30/03	18:16	18:34	0:18	18:16	18:39	0:23	0:30	0:38	18:00	19:00	1:00	18:00	19:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	20:58	21:13	0:15	21:00	21:19	0:19	0:25	0:32	20:00	22:00	2:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	2:0	1:0	
	21:22	21:36	0:14	21:24	22:05	0:41	0:23	0:68				22:00	23:00	1:00	0:0	1:0	
	21:44	22:00	0:16				0:00	0:27	0:00								
08/31/03	20:52	21:16	0:24	20:52	21:31	0:39	0:40	0:65	20:00	22:00	2:00	20:00	22:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
Total for August 2003							28.68	41.92							65.00	71.00	
09/01/03	12:30	14:14	1:44	12:31	13:06	0:35	1:73	0:58	12:00	15:00	3:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	3:0	2:0	
	14:28	14:59	0:31	13:37	14:03	0:26	0:52	0:43			0:00				0:0	0:0	
	15:09	15:47	0:38	14:28	14:59	0:31	0:63	0:52	15:00	16:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	

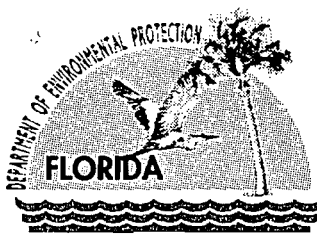
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TABLE - No. 4c - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's)

Date	AVT - Actual Time									AVT - Regulatory Time										
	NCG			SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)			NCG		SOG			Total Time (NCG/SOG)					
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)		
							(hh.h)								(hh.h)					
09/04/03	12:27	13:07	0:40	15:09	15:47	0:38	0:00	0:63					12:00	14:00	2:00	15:00	16:00	1:00	0:00	4:00
	21:01	21:51	0:50	21:03	21:19	0:16	0:83	0:27	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	2:00
			0:00	21:27	21:44	0:17	0:00	0:28				0:00			0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
09/05/03	9:09	9:28	0:19	9:08	9:30	0:22	0:32	0:37	9:00	10:00	1:00	9:00	10:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
09/12/03	15:12	15:31	0:19	15:12	16:17	1:05	0:32	1:08	15:00	16:00	1:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	15:00	17:00	2:00	1:00	1:00	2:00
	16:40	17:06	0:26	16:42	16:57	0:15	0:43	0:25	16:00	18:00	2:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	2:00
	20:27	20:50	0:23	20:31	22:50	2:19	0:38	2:32	20:00	21:00	1:00	20:00	23:00	3:00	20:00	23:00	3:00	1:00	1:00	3:00
09/16/03	12:23	13:42	1:19	12:23	13:42	1:19	1:32	1:32	12:00	14:00	2:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
	14:09	15:57	1:48	14:12	14:28	0:16	1:80	0:27	14:00	16:00	2:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
	16:04	16:24	0:20	15:00	15:13	0:13	0:33	0:22	16:00	17:00	1:00	15:00	16:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
				15:28	15:46	0:18	0:00	0:30							0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
				16:04	16:19	0:15	0:00	0:25					16:00	17:00	1:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
09/17/03	21:01	21:28	0:27	21:01	21:25	0:24	0:45	0:40	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
09/20/03	17:39	18:05	0:26	17:40	18:25	0:45	0:43	0:75	17:00	19:00	2:00	17:00	19:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
	5:32	5:48	0:16	5:37	6:00	0:23	0:27	0:38	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
09/21/03	8:03	9:21	1:18	8:02	9:12	1:10	1:30	1:17	8:00	10:00	2:00	8:00	10:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
	9:32	9:57	0:25	9:34	9:53	0:19	0:42	0:32			0:00			0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00
	23:24	3:24	4:00	23:24	3:17	3:53	4:00	3:88	23:00	4:00	5:00	23:00	4:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00
	3:41	6:00	2:19	3:40	6:00	2:20	2:32	2:33	4:00	6:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
09/22/03	6:00	19:33	13:33	6:00	19:33	13:33	13:55	13:55	6:00	20:00	14:00	6:00	20:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00
09/23/03	21:27	21:47	0:20	21:25	21:41	0:16	0:33	0:27	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
09/24/03	8:25	8:45	0:20	8:25	8:45	0:20	0:33	0:33	8:00	9:00	1:00	8:00	9:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
	17:50	18:13	0:23	17:49	18:06	0:17	0:36	0:28	17:00	19:00	2:00	17:00	19:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
09/25/03	10:10	11:02	0:52	10:13	11:12	0:59	0:87	0:98	10:00	12:00	2:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
	12:46	13:49	1:03	12:46	13:43	0:57	1:05	0:95	12:00	14:00	2:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
	14:05	21:15	7:10	14:08	21:06	6:58	7:17	6:97	14:00	22:00	8:00	14:00	22:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
	23:47	1:02	1:15	23:49	1:06	1:17	1:25	1:28	23:00	2:00	3:00	23:00	2:00	3:00	2:00	3:00	2:00	3:00	2:00	3:00
	4:11	4:34	0:23	4:11	4:33	0:22	0:38	0:37	4:00	5:00	1:00	4:00	5:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
09/26/03	9:27	10:05	0:38	9:27	9:55	0:28	0:63	0:47	9:00	11:00	2:00	9:00	11:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
	13:43	13:55	0:12	13:43	14:05	0:22	0:20	0:37	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
	14:05	14:15	0:10	14:05	14:20	0:15	0:17	0:25	14:00	15:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
	19:05	19:40	0:35	19:05	19:33	0:28	0:58	0:47	19:00	20:00	1:00	19:00	20:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
	21:49	22:00	0:11	21:49	22:00	0:11	0:18	0:18	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
09/27/03	1:55	2:51	0:56	1:55	2:51	0:56	0:93	0:93	1:00	3:00	2:00	1:00	3:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
09/28/03	10:30	10:50	0:20	10:30	10:50	0:20	0:33	0:33	10:00	11:00	1:00	10:00	11:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
	13:24	13:48	0:24	13:26	13:38	0:12	0:40	0:20	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
	23:44	6:00	6:16	23:44	6:00	6:16	6:27	6:27	23:00	6:00	7:00	23:00	6:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00	7:00
09/29/03	6:01	5:59	23:59	6:01	5:59	23:58	24:00	24:00	6:00	5:59	23:59	6:00	5:59	23:59	24:00	24:00	24:00	24:00	24:00	24:00
09/30/03	6:01	5:59	23:58	6:01	5:59	23:58	24:00	24:00	6:00	5:59	23:59	6:00	5:59	23:59	24:00	24:00	24:00	24:00	24:00	24:00
Total for September 2003			TOTAL ACTUAL (HRS)						101.49	101.36	TOTAL REGULATORY (HRS)						128.00	130.00		
			TOTAL FOR 3Q2003 ===						150.00	164.73							235.00	249.00		

TABLE - No. 4d - NCG/SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's) 4Q2003																	
Date	AVT																
	AVT - Actual Time								AVT - Regulatory Time								
	NCG		SOG		NCG		SOG		NCG		SOG		NCG		SOG		
	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Total Time (NCG/SOG) (hh:h)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)	Total Time (NCG/SOG) (hh:h)	Start	Stop	Time (hh:mm)
10/01/03	6:00	5:59	23:59	6:00	5:59	23:59	24.00 24.00	6:00	5:59	23:59	6:00	5:59	23:59	24.00	24.00		
10/02/03	6:00	16:59	10:59	6:00	17:32	11:32	10.98 11.53	6:00	17:00	11:00	6:00	18:00	12:00	11.00	12.00		
	21:06	21:30	0:24	21:05	21:38	0:33	0.40 0.55	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	23:45	0:03	0:18	23:51	23:56	0:05	0.30 0.08	23:00	1:00	2:00	23:00	0:00	1:00	2.00	1.00		
10/03/03	12:44	13:02	0:18	12:44	13:08	0:24	0.30 0.40	12:00	14:00	2:00	12:00	14:00	2:00	2.00	2.00		
10/04/03	10:10	10:52	0:42	10:10	11:07	0:57	0.70 0.95	10:00	11:00	1:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	1.00	2.00		
10/29/03	9:51	10:15	0:24	9:51	10:15	0:24	0.40 0.40	9:00	11:00	2:00	9:00	11:00	2:00	2.00	2.00		
Total for October 2003							37.08 37.92							43.00	44.00		
11/02/03	4:22	6:00	1:38	4:22	6:00	1:38	1.63 1.63	4:00	6:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	2:00	2.00	2.00		
11/03/03	6:00	10:53	4:53	6:00	10:53	4:53	4.88 4.88	6:00	11:00	5:00	6:00	11:00	5:00	5.00	5.00		
	16:28	18:50	2:22	16:30	5:59	13:29	2.37 13.50	16:00	19:00	3:00	16:00	6:00	14.00	3.00	14.00		
11/04/03	1:27	2:22	0:55				0.52 0.00	1:00	3:00	2:00				2.00	0.00		
	9:48	10:08	0:20				0.33 0.00	9:00	11:00	2:00				2.00	0.00		
	11:06	11:26	0:20				0.33 0.00	11:00	12:00	1:00				1.00	0.00		
	11:54	12:15	0:21	6:00	14:46	8:46	0.35 8.77	12:00	13:00	1:00	6:00	15:00	9:00	1.00	9.00		
	12:36	12:59	0:23				0.38 0.00								0.00		
	13:36	13:56	0:20				0.33 0.00	13:00	14:00	1:00				1.00	0.00		
	14:31	15:02	0:31				0.52 0.00	14:00	16:00	2:00				2.00	0.00		
11/06/03	17:51	19:24	1:33	17:51	19:24	1:33	1.55 1.55	17:00	20:00	3:00	17:00	20:00	3:00	3.00	3.00		
11/07/03	7:17	23:17	16:00	7:17	23:17	16:00	16.00 16.00	7:00	0:00	17:00	7:00	0:00	17:00	17.00	17.00		
	23:27	23:50	0:23	23:27	23:50	0:23	0.38 0.38							0.38	0.38		
11/08/03	12:07	12:46	0:39	12:07	12:33	0:26	0.65 0.43	12:00	13:00	1:00	12:00	13:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
11/10/03	8:37	14:21	5:44	8:37	14:08	5:31	5.73 5.52	8:00	15:00	7:00	8:00	15:00	7:00	7.00	7.00		
	20:17	6:00	9:43	20:17	6:00	9:43	9.72 9.72	20:00	6:00	10:00	20:00	6:00	10:00	10.00	10.00		
11/11/03	6:00	14:27	8:27	6:00	14:27	8:27	8.72 8.72	6:00	15:00	9:00	6:00	15:00	9:00	9.00	9.00		
11/13/03	8:20	12:16	3:56	8:20	12:16	3:56	3.93 3.93	8:00	13:00	5:00	8:00	13:00	5:00	5.00	5.00		
11/14/03	6:22	6:54	0:32	6:22	6:54	0:32	0.53 0.53	6:00	7:00	1:00	6:00	7:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	13:11	13:47	0:36	13:11	13:53	0:42	0.60 0.70	13:00	14:00	1:00	13:00	14:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
11/15/03	11:36	11:56	0:20	11:36	11:56	0:20	0.33 0.33	11:00	12:00	1:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
11/20/03	5:50	6:00	0:10	5:50	6:00	0:10	0.17 0.17	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	12:45	12:57	0:12	12:45	12:57	0:12	0.20 0.20	12:00	13:00	1:00	12:00	13:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
11/21/03	1:18	2:07	0:49	1:18	2:07	0:49	0.82 0.82	13:00	15:00	2:00	13:00	15:00	2:00	2.00	2.00		
	3:48	3:56	0:08	3:48	3:56	0:08	0.13 0.13	15:00	16:00	1:00	15:00	16:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	4:04	4:40	0:36	4:04	4:40	0:36	0.60 0.60	16:00	17:00	1:00	16:00	17:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	4:56	5:26	0:30	4:56	5:26	0:30	0.50 0.50	17:00	18:00	1:00	17:00	18:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
11/22/03	6:39	12:57	6:18	6:39	12:57	6:18	6.30 6.30	6:00	13:00	7:00	6:00	13:00	7:00	7.00	7.00		
11/24/03	7:58	8:20	0:22	7:58	8:20	0:22	0.37 0.37	7:00	9:00	2:00	7:00	9:00	2:00	2.00	2.00		
11/25/03	10:55	15:21	4:26	10:55	15:21	4:26	4.43 4.43	10:00	16:00	6:00	10:00	16:00	6:00	6.00	6.00		
11/26/03	9:15	13:57	4:42	9:15	13:57	4:42	4.70 5.37	9:00	14:00	5:00	8:00	14:00	6:00	5.00	6.00		
11/30/03	7:40	7:55	0:15	7:38	7:57	0:19	0.25 0.32	7:00	8:00	1:00	7:00	8:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	0:57	1:21	0:24	0:57	1:29	0:32	0.40 0.53	0:00	2:00	2:00	0:00	2:00	2:00	2.00	2.00		
Total for November 2003							80.07 97.34							104.00	116.00		
12/03/03	10:08	13:24	3:16	10:08	13:24	3:16	3.27 3.27	10:00	14:00	4:00	10:00	14:00	4:00	4.00	4.00		
	13:34	14:08	0:34	13:34	14:08	0:34	0.57 0.57	14:00	15:00	1:00	14:00	15:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	20:07	20:27	0:20	20:07	20:27	0:20	0.33 0.33	20:00	21:00	1:00	20:00	21:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
12/05/03	11:25	13:26	2:01	11:25	14:10	2:45	2.02 2.75	11:00	14:00	3:00	11:00	15:00	4:00	3.00	4.00		
	5:50	6:00	0:10	5:50	6:00	0:10	0.17 0.17	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
12/06/03	6:00	6:27	0:27	6:00	6:24	0:24	0.45 0.40	6:00	7:00	1:00	6:00	7:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
				15:48	22:44	6:56	6.93 6.93				15:00	23:00	8:00	8.00	8.00		
	0:01	0:13	0:12	0:01	0:19	0:18	0.20 0.30	0:00	1:00	1:00	0:00	1:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
12/07/03				6:00	5:59	24:00	24.00 24.00	na			6:00	5:59	24:00	24.00	24.00		
12/08/03				6:00	5:59	24:00	24.00 24.00	na			6:00	5:59	24:00	24.00	24.00		
12/09/03				6:00	5:59	24:00	24.00 24.00	na			6:00	5:59	24:00	24.00	24.00		
12/10/03				6:00	5:59	24:00	24.00 24.00	na			6:00	5:59	24:00	24.00	24.00		
12/11/03	6:00	6:44	0:44	6:00	6:44	0:44	0.73 0.73	6:00	7:00	1:00	6:00	7:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
12/12/03	11:40	19:10	7:30	11:40	19:22	7:42	7.50 7.70	11:00	20:00	9:00	11:00	20:00	9:00	9.00	9.00		
12/13/03																	
12/14/03	5:00	5:22	0:22	5:00	5:22	0:22	0.37 0.37	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	6:09	6:12	0:03				0.00 0.05	6:00	7:00	1:00				1.00	0.00		
12/15/03	7:31	8:00	0:29	7:31	8:00	0:29	0.48 0.48	7:00	8:00	1:00	7:00	8:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
	9:01	15:18	6:17	12:39	14:05	1:26	6.28 1.43	9:00	16:00	7:00	12:00	15:00	3:00	7.00	3.00		
12/17/03	0:12	1:07	0:55	0:14	0:51	0:37	0.92 0.62	0:00	2:00	2:00	0:00	1:00	1:00	2.00	1.00		
	15:13	15:22	0:09	15:13	15:22	0:09	0.15 0.15	15:00	16:00	1:00	15:00	16:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
12/18/03	5:17	6:00	0:43	5:17	6:00	0:43	0.72 0.72	5:00	6:00	1:00	5:00	6:00	1:00	1.00	1.00		
12/19/03	6:00	11:27	5:27	6:00	11:27	5:27	5.45 5.45	6:00	12:00	6:00	6:00	12:00	6:00	6.00	6.00		
12/20/03	16:26	17:28	1:02	16:18	17:29	1:11	1.03 1.16	16:00	18:00	2:00	16:00	18:00	2:00	2.00	2.00		
	18:17	18:38	0:21	18:19	18:41	0:22	0.35 0.37	18:00	19:00	1:00	18:00						

4Q2003																	
TABLE - No. 4d - NCG / SOG firing in Combination Boiler - Automatic Vent Transfers (AVT's) 4Q2003																	
Date	AVT																
	AVT - Actual Time								AVT - Regulatory Time								
	NCG		SOG		Time		Total Time (NCG/SOG)		NCG		SOG		Time		Total Time (NCG/SOG)		
	Start	Stop	Start	Stop	(hh:mm)	(hh:mm)	(hh:mm)	(hh:h)	Start	Stop	Start	Stop	(hh:mm)	(hh:mm)	(hh:h)	(hh:h)	
12/25/03	14:24	15:20	0:56	14:25	15:20	0:55	0:93	0:92	15:00	16:00	1:00	15:00	16:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	15:52	18:07	2:15	15:49	18:09	2:20	2:25	2:33	16:00	19:00	3:00	16:00	19:00	3:00	3:0	3:0	
	23:36	0:46	1:10	18:20	18:47	0:27	1:17	0:45	23:00	1:00	2:00			0:00	2:0	0:0	
		0:00	23:36	0:45	1:09	0:00	1:15			0:00	23:00	1:00	2:00	0:0	2:0	2:0	
12/30/03	11:18	15:30	4:12	11:19	15:28	4:09	4:20	4:15	11:00	16:00	5:00	11:00	16:00	5:00	5:0	5:0	
12/31/03	6:03	6:23	0:20	6:03	6:23	0:20	0:33	0:33	6:00	7:00	1:00	6:00	7:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	18:35	18:51	0:16	18:35	18:51	0:16	0:27	0:27	18:00	19:00	1:00	18:00	19:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	21:17	21:34	0:17	21:17	21:34	0:17	0:28	0:28	21:00	22:00	1:00	21:00	22:00	1:00	1:0	1:0	
	0:57	1:22	0:25	0:57	1:22	0:25	0:42	0:42	0:00	2:00	2:00	0:00	2:00	2:00	2:0	2:0	
	2:34	6:00	3:26	2:34	6:00	3:26	3:43	3:43	2:00	6:00	4:00	2:00	6:00	4:00	4:0	4:0	
Total for December 2003				TOTAL ACTUAL (HRS)				47.30	146.10	TOTAL REGULATORY (HRS)				75.00	173.00		
TOTAL FOR 4Q2003 ===							164.46	281.36								222.00	333.00



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RE: Modification to the No. 4 Recovery Boiler
Project No.: 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

On January 13, 2006, the Department received your response to the incompleteness letter dated December 16, 2005, regarding the application for an air construction permit to modify the No. 4 Recovery Boiler at the Palatka mill. The application remains incomplete. In order to continue processing your application, the Department will need the additional information requested below. Should your response to any of the items below require new calculations, please submit the new calculations, assumptions, reference material and appropriate revised pages of the application form.

1. The netting analysis shown in Table 5-1 indicates that the project will net out of PSD NSR review for SO₂ emissions. This is based on contemporaneous emissions increases/decreases as well as the following affected combustion units under review within the same time frame: No. 4 Recovery Boiler, No. 4 Combination Boiler and No. 4 Lime Kiln. The Department will require an SO₂ emissions cap of 1207.2 tons per 12-months, rolling total, for these affected emissions units. In addition, the No. 4 Combination Boiler and the No. 4 Lime Kiln will be limited to fuel oil containing no more than 2.1% sulfur content, by weight; and, the No. 4 Combination Boiler will also be limited to no more than 5.3 million gallons during any consecutive 12-months. Please comment.

2. In Table 5-1, the future NO_x emissions value used for the #4 Recovery Boiler is 553.5 TPY, yet the application pages, including calculations, reflect 738.1 TPY; and, the modeling analyses use the values of 738.1 TPY and 168.5 lbs/hr (it appears that the calculations used 60 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ vs. 80 ppmvd @ 8% O₂). Please correct this discrepancy and resubmit.

3. For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the application reports actual emissions for PM and PM10 as follows:

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| a. CY 2003: PM - 63.7 TPY | PM10 – 47.8 TPY |
| b. CY 2004: PM – 213.0 TPY | PM10 – 159.75 TPY |

For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the mill reported AOR actual emissions for PM and PM10 as follows:

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| a. CY 2003: PM – 59.27 TPY | PM10 – 50.97 TPY |
| b. CY 2004: PM – 57.87 TPY | PM10 – 49.77 TPY |

For both PM and PM10 and the year 2004, why is there such a large discrepancy between the application's actual emissions and the AOR's reported actual emissions? Also and for the years 2003 and 2004, why is there such a large discrepancy between the actual emissions?

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4. For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the application reports actual emissions for SO₂ as follows:
- CY 2003: SO₂ – 6.2 TPY
 - CY 2004: SO₂ – 17.4 TPY

Why is there such a very large discrepancy between the 2003 and 2004 actual emissions, which classifies the emissions data as coming from a stack test? Please provide the actual test value for each run for these years.

5. For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the application reports actual emissions for VOC as follows:
- CY 2003: VOC – 15.3 TPY
 - CY 2004: VOC – 1.2 TPY

For the #4 Recovery Boiler and the years 2003 and 2004, the mill reported AOR actual emissions for VOC as follows:

- CY 2003: VOC – 15.3 TPY
- CY 2004: VOC – 14.95 TPY

For the year 2004, why is there such a very large discrepancy between the application's actual emissions and the AOR's reported actual emissions? Also and for the years 2003 and 2004, why is there such a discrepancy between the actual emissions?

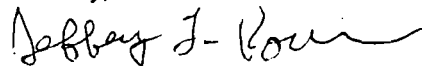
6. The Department requires reasonable assurance that the SO₂ ambient air quality standards and PSD Class I and II increments will not be exceeded (Rule 62-212.300(1), F.A.C.). Based on the application, SO₂ modeling analysis is not required for this project because the net emissions will be below the PSD significant emissions rate. The most recent SO₂ modeling analysis for this facility is based on a maximum SO₂ emission rate of 109.9 lbs/hr (3-hour average) for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler. However, the application indicates a maximum 3-hour average of 439.4 lbs/hr for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler. The Department does not believe such a rate is justified and is not part of this project. Please comment.

7. Please identify the number of times and hours that the thermal oxidizer was down and the No. 4 Combination Boiler burned SOGs and NCGs as the back-up unit.

8. If any response to the above issues affect the application and/or supplementary material submittals (i.e., Table 5-1), please correct and resubmit.

The Department will resume processing your application after receipt of the requested information. Rule 62-4.050(3), F.A.C., requires that all applications for a Department permit must be certified by a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida. This requirement also applies to responses to Department requests for additional information of an engineering nature. For any material changes to the application, please include a new certification statement by the authorized representative or responsible official. You are reminded that Rule 62-4.055(1), F.A.C., requires applicants to respond to requests for information within 90 days or provide a written request for an additional period of time to submit the information. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Bruce Mitchell at (850)413-9198.

Sincerely,



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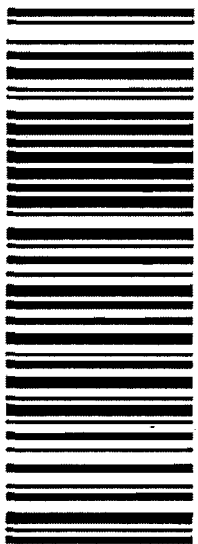

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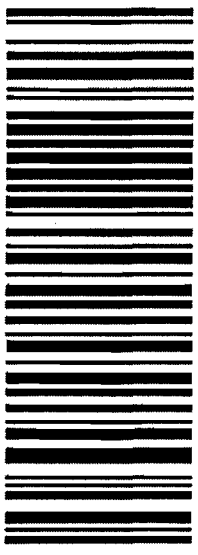
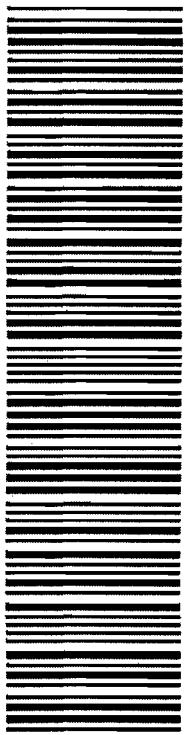
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Dear Mr. Koerner:

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Myra Carpenter at (386) 329-0918.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wayne J. Galler'.

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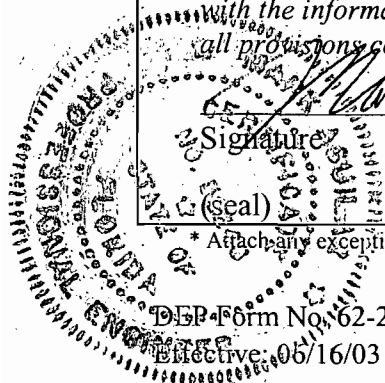
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5. Professional Engineer Statement: <i>I, the undersigned, hereby certify, except as particularly noted herein*, that:</i> <i>(1) To the best of my knowledge, there is reasonable assurance that the air pollutant emissions unit(s) and the air pollution control equipment described in this application for air permit, when properly operated and maintained, will comply with all applicable standards for control of air pollutant emissions found in the Florida Statutes and rules of the Department of Environmental Protection; and</i> <i>(2) To the best of my knowledge, any emission estimates reported or relied on in this application are true, accurate, and complete and are either based upon reasonable techniques available for calculating emissions or, for emission estimates of hazardous air pollutants not regulated for an emissions unit addressed in this application, based solely upon the materials, information and calculations submitted with this application.</i> <i>(3) If the purpose of this application is to obtain a Title V air operation permit (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that each emissions unit described in this application for air permit, when properly operated and maintained, will comply with the applicable requirements identified in this application to which the unit is subject, except those emissions units for which a compliance plan and schedule is submitted with this application.</i> <i>(4) If the purpose of this application is to obtain an air construction permit (check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>, if so) or concurrently process and obtain an air construction permit and a Title V air operation permit revision or renewal for one or more proposed new or modified emissions units (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that the engineering features of each such emissions unit described in this application have been designed or examined by me or individuals under my direct supervision and found to be in conformity with sound engineering principles applicable to the control of emissions of the air pollutants characterized in this application.</i> <i>(5) If the purpose of this application is to obtain an initial air operation permit or operation permit revision or renewal for one or more newly constructed or modified emissions units (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that, with the exception of any changes detailed as part of this application, each such emissions unit has been constructed or modified in substantial accordance with the information given in the corresponding application for air construction permit and with all provisions contained in such permit.</i>  Signature: _____ Date: <u>1/12/06</u>

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B. BOILER QUESTIONS:

Q.B.1. The project will overhaul the recovery boiler with extensive replacement of superheater, economizer, generating bank, and floor tubes as well as replace and/or modify components in the combustion air system. The project will also add a crystallizer and make miscellaneous changes to the concentrators (i.e., baffles, heat exchanger, piping, etc.). The application indicates that construction is planned to commence in April of 2006 and be completed over a variety of outages through 2008. Please identify the various stages of construction and the items that are scheduled for completion during each stage.

Answer: As of this date, the schedule should be as follows:

April/May 2006 – 25% of Wall tubes to be replaced

April/May 2006 – Air system upgrades installed

June 2006 to May 2008 – Construct Crystallizer and upgrades to concentrator / evaporator

April / May 2007 – Superheater / Economizer tubes to be replaced

25% of Wall tubes to be replaced

May 2008 -- Start up new crystallizer and upgraded concentrator / evaporator

Q.B.2 The current permitted capacity of the recovery boiler is 1346 MMBtu/hour of heat input and 210,000 lb BLS/hour (24-hour average). What is the corresponding maximum continuous steam production rate for the boiler? What are the design steam conditions (temperature and pressure)? Will the project increase the boiler capacity?

Answer: The RB can achieve a rate of 789,000 lbs/hr steam at 850-900 °F and 1250 psi. As stated on Page 1-2 of the application, the projects will not increase the boiler capacity over the permitted capacity of 5.04 million lbs of black liquor solids per day.

Q.B.3 The pulp mill capacity is specified as 118 ADTUP/hour and 1850 ADTUP/day, maximum monthly average. Will the project increase the pulp mill capacity?

Answer: No, pulp mill capacity will not change.

Q.B.4 On page B-40, the application identifies the maximum flow rate at permitted capacity as 210,000 dscfm @ “2.8%” oxygen (dry). Identify the basis for this rate. Actual test data provided in the application does not indicate typical operation at an oxygen level of 2.8%. Does the unit have an oxygen meter? Is the oxygen level continuously recorded? What is the optimum oxygen operating range for the recovery boiler?

Answer: The flow rate is the “design” flow rate and is documented in PSD applications in 1991 and in 1995. This flow rate at this oxygen level is representative of air flow entering the precipitator. This value is used as the design basis when GP requests quotes from vendors regarding operation of the Recovery Boiler. When the air flow measured in the stack is adjusted to 8% oxygen, the resulting calculated flows are similar at 294,000 dsfm.

Oxygen meters are located in the economizer outlet going to the precipitator and in the stack. These oxygen levels are continuously recorded. The current / typical range of oxygen in the RB is 1 to 4%.

Q.B.5 Please provide an ultimate and proximate fuel analysis for the BLS fired in this recovery boiler.

Answer: The ultimate and proximate fuel analysis for the BLS fired in this recovery boiler is attached in Attachment A.

Q.B.6 The recovery boiler has been identified as a unit subject to the recently promulgated Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) provisions. How does the facility propose to comply with the BART requirements for NO_x, SO₂, and PM/PM₁₀?

Answer: The State of Florida is in the early stages of determining what the BART requirements might be State wide and which sources will be required to install BART. Extensive modeling studies will be required as part of this evaluation. While the Palatka Mill has sources that have been preliminarily identified as being “BART-eligible”, we believe it is premature to speculate on any BART alternatives at this time. BART applications will be submitted later this year according to the schedule in the final BART rules promulgated by the Department.

C. CO & VOC EMISSIONS QUESTIONS:

Q.C.1 The current standards for CO emissions in the Title V permit are 800 ppmvd @ 8% oxygen (3-hour average) and 400 ppmvd @ 8% oxygen (24-hour average). These limits were established in Air Permit No. PSD-FL-226 based on “combustion controls”. The application indicates that there is an optimum operating level for BLS-to-air ratio, which will minimize CO emissions. Identify the range of operation for this parameter and correlate the range to actual test data.

Answer: Reviewing BLS to air ratio data during stack testing conducted in September 2005 shows that BLS/Air Ratio ranged from 0.213 to 0.224. This data was analyzed along with precipitator oxygen data in order to assess any correlations that might exist with stack Carbon Monoxide concentrations. The correlation analysis results did not indicate that there is a good correlation (i.e. R² values were very low) between the BLS/air ratio and CO. The results of the correlation analyses are summarized in the table in Attachment B.

It is important to understand that the existing Recovery Boiler has three levels at which air is added. This project will install a new air system that includes a fourth level of air and this represents an improvement to combustion controls that will help to minimize CO levels.

Attachment D –“BACT Review for #4RB” in the PSD application was updated to reflect the response to this question. The revised section is included in Attachment I.

Q.C.2 Identify the boiler combustion parameters monitored and the operating levels that ensure good operation. Does the current system include any automated combustion controls? Will a new control system be added?

Answer: The RB operators currently set air flows at three air levels (four locations) based on Black Liquor quality and firing rates. These air flows are set and adjusted manually and the system automatically controls air flows to these set points. The operator makes the air flow set point changes manually based upon changes in steam generation needs, fuel oil rates, Black Liquor firing rate (dependent on BL heat values) and changes in emissions levels of oxygen, TRS, SO₂ and opacity. These changes are made manually because Black Liquor fuel is variable, depending on the operation of the evaporator and recovery systems.

Since parts of this project are both evaporator improvements and the addition of a Crystallizer, the properties of Black Liquor being burned will change. As the new projects are installed and started up, the control strategy and control systems for burning fuels in the RB will have to be optimized.

N. NO_x EMISSIONS QUESTIONS:

Q.N.1 The current NO_x standard in the Title V permit is 80 ppmvd @ 8% oxygen based on an annual stack test. This standard was established in Air Permit No. PSD-FL-226. Will the installation of a 4th level of combustion air be able to achieve lower NO_x emissions or more steady NO_x emissions? The application indicates that NO_x emissions from a recovery boiler will range from 75 to 150 ppmvd depending on the levels of combustion air provided. Estimate the fraction of NO_x emissions that are fuel NO_x compared to thermal NO_x. Are the combustion air

requirements manually set for fixed operating levels or is there an automated control system? Describe the parameters that are monitored to ensure effective staged combustion with low NO_x levels.

Answer: (Q.N.1) One of the upgrades to the No. 4 Recovery Boiler that was described in the PSD permit application was the installation of a new Crystallizer. The Crystallizer will increase the solids content of the black liquor from approximately 65% (wt.) to 75% (wt.). The combustion of black liquor with higher solids content will result in higher temperatures in the combustion chamber that will lead to slightly higher NO_x levels in the Recovery Boiler. The addition of the 4th level of combustion air will help to maintain NO_x levels at their present concentration. The predominant quantity of NO_x emissions generated in a Recovery Boiler is due to the fuel nitrogen content of black liquor with a small fraction of NO_x emissions attributed to thermal effects. This is based on information contained in a NCASI Special Report (No. 03-06), dated October 2003, entitled "Effect of Kraft Recovery Furnace Operations on NO_x Emissions: Literature Review and Summary of Industry Experience". **(Copy attached in Attachment C).**

The combustion air requirements are manually set for fixed operating levels. As stated in the response to Q.C.2 the parameters that are monitored to ensure effective staged combustion are air flows, oxygen, TRS, SO₂, opacity, steam generation needs, and Black Liquor flow rate. An annual stack test is conducted to confirm that NO_x levels are within the permitted limits.

Q.N.2. Please identify the source of the cost estimate for a cold-side SCR system and provide the supporting information. *{The BACT analysis in...}(sic)* The application assumes that an SCR system would be installed after the ESP and therefore the exhaust would have to be reheated to provide the proper operating window. Would it be possible to locate an SCR system prior to the ESP to avoid costly reheat? What existing circumstances at the plant would prevent this? Otherwise, please provide a cost estimate for a hot-side SCR system.

Answer: The source of information regarding the cost estimate for a cold-side SCR system comes from Page 2-3, Section 4.2 of EPA's Cost Control Manual (Sixth Edition, January 2002). It appears that we inadvertently omitted Appendix D-1 from the Permit Application which will provide more details of how the SCR costs were derived. Appendix D-1 is attached with this submittal. (See Attachment D). GP does not believe it is possible to locate an SCR system prior to the ESP because the particulate loading would quickly clog and contaminate the SCR catalyst bed. Ammonia salts, fly ash, and other particulate matter in the flue gas can cause binding, plugging, and/or fouling of the catalyst. The particulate matter deposits in the active pore sites of the catalyst resulting in a decrease in the number of sites available for NO_x reduction and an increase in flue gas pressure loss across the catalyst bed. Additionally, certain fuel constituents released during the combustion process can act as catalyst poisons. Catalyst poisons include calcium and magnesium oxides, potassium, sodium, arsenic, chlorine, fluorine, and lead. These constituents deactivate the catalyst by diffusing into active pore sites and occupying them irreversibly so it is not technically possible to locate the SCR prior to the ESP. Since we do not believe the installation of a "hot-side" SCR system is technically feasible, a cost analysis for this activity has not been provided.

Q.N.3 The application rejects SNCR as a technically infeasible control option. To be effective, SNCR requires the a proper operating temperature window in which to inject ammonia or urea, sufficient residence time for the reaction to take place, and turbulence for mixing. Please provide supporting information based on the actual boiler design and operating condition to support GP's belief that SNCR is not technically feasible. Please provide a cost estimate on installing an SNCR system for the recovery boiler.

Answer: GP has discussed the issue of applying an SNCR system to a recovery boiler with two of the leading suppliers of SNCR systems in the United States, Fuel-Tech, Inc. and Aker Kvaerner Power, Inc. According to both of these companies, SNCR systems for recovery boilers are not commercially available from any vendor. While the use of SNCR technology may be theoretically applied to a recovery boiler, there is not currently a sufficient amount of information available to assure that it is a viable technology. Both of these companies are working together on studies in Sweden to determine if SNCR can be applied for use on recovery boilers. GP has been told that the studies will not be completed for a number of years, and for this reason, SNCR systems are not being made commercially available to the Pulp & Paper Industry at this time. Some of the issues that are causes for concern with the use of an SNCR system in a recovery boiler are boiler tube corrosion and increased boiler pluggage rates caused by ammonia gases (from ammonia injection).

For the reasons explained above, a cost estimate for an SNCR system for a recovery boiler cannot be provided at this time. In the future, if the studies Fuel-Tech, Inc. and Aker Kvaerner Power, Inc. in Sweden are successful, SNCR systems may become a viable technology for recovery boilers.

P. PM/PM10 Emissions

Q.P.1 The application indicates that the PM10 emissions are approximately 75% of the total PM emissions. Please provide emissions data for this recovery boiler to support this statement. Other information suggests that approximately 90% of total PM emissions are PM10 emissions and of the PM10 emissions, approximately 50% is actually about 1 micron in diameter or less (Davis, 2000). Describe the difficulties in controlling particles in this size range with a 2-field ESP. Please identify any improvements to the existing ESP that would result in better performance. Can the existing unit be modified to add a 3rd field?

Answer: GP has no actual PM10 data for this Recovery Boiler. GP used data contained in Table 10.2-3 of AP-42, "Cumulative Particle Size Distribution and Size-Specific Emission Factors for a Recovery Boiler without a Direct-Contact Evaporator but with an ESP" to estimate the quantity of PM₁₀ emissions emitted from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler. Based on the data in Table 10.2-3, 74.8% of the cumulative mass percent of particulate matter emissions emitted from recovery boilers without direct-contact evaporators are 10 µm in size or smaller. GP rounded off this value to 75% for purposes of determining the baseline and potential emission rates. This information is in close agreement with particle size data contained in Table 4.12 of NCASI Technical Bulletin No. 884, August 2004, which estimates that 67.2% (average of stack test results from 14 recovery boilers) of the particulate matter emitted from recovery boilers with non-direct contact evaporators is 10 µm in size or smaller. Table 4.12 also indicates that 51% of the particulate matter emitted from recovery boilers with non-direct contact evaporators is 2.5 µm in size or smaller.

It is important to point out that the Recovery Boiler has two precipitator chambers each of which houses 6-fields. The chambers are operated in parallel with each side treating approximately 50% of the air flow from the unit.

Q.P.2 As suggested by the application, 25% of the total PM emissions are greater than PM10 in size. Identify control devices (i.e., settling chambers, cyclones, wet cyclones, etc.) that could be installed prior to the ESP to reduce loading so that the ESP could be tuned to remove additional PM emissions. Provide a cost analysis for feasible add-on controls.

Answer: As gases exit the RB economizer, there is a hopper there to “drop out” the heaviest particles prior to the gases entering the 2-chamber, 12-field precipitator.

GP contacted GE Energy, a vendor that provides ESP support and consulting services, regarding retrofits to an existing ESP to reduce PM load going to an ESP. Their experience is that ESP's are generally added after existing control devices when additional PM removal is needed. Adding a treatment system in between a process and an existing ESP is technically very difficult and not very cost effective.

Other comments received include the fact that settling chambers are not technically feasible because PM exiting a recovery boiler do not settle well. Wet systems prior to an ESP are not recommended because any added moisture in the ESP can inhibit its effectiveness. Furthermore, systems prior to the ESP are inconsistent with the way that GP handles salt cake and this would add additional costs to any pre-ESP system.

Q.P.3 The application states that an ESP can achieve greater than 99.9% control and identifies the ESP as the top control. What is the control efficiency of the existing ESP? Have there been any major improvements or overhauls to the ESP within the last 5 years? If so, when did this occur, what work was performed and how much did it cost? Are any future major improvements or overhauls planned?

Answer: In general an ESP can achieve greater than 99.9% PM control depending upon a myriad of factors. GP has no recent data on the inlet PM to the ESP and therefore does not have an actual efficiency value for the ESP. However, based on information generated for the projects to upgrade the Recovery Boiler, it is believed that after the air system upgrades, the inlet to the ESP will contain 8 grains/dscf (at 10% O₂). Using this value and assuming a 20% reduction in PM due to the projects, it is estimated that the current ESP inlet contains about 10 grains/dscf (at 10% O₂). This equates to a 99.7% efficiency for the ESP at the current ESP outlet limit of 0.03 grains/dscf (at 10% O₂). If the PM reduction from the economizer hopper was included in this estimate, the total PM reduction would exceed 99.9%.

From a physical facility perspective only routine maintenance projects (*i.e.* drag chain and tubes replacements) have been done on the unit during regular spring outages. In 2004 an Automatic Voltage Control system was installed on the precipitator to monitor the performance of each TR to minimize opacity while maximizing energy efficiency.

Other than routine maintenance items, there are currently no plans for major improvements or overhauls to the Recovery Boiler ESP.

Q.P.4 The application indicates that GP operates two recovery boilers in another state (St. James River Corp.), each with a combination of an ESP and wet scrubber. The application states that the wet scrubbers were installed to recover heat and supply hot water to the plant and not reduce PM emissions. Nevertheless, identify the control efficiency of the wet scrubbers for reducing PM emissions. What are the PM emissions standards for these units? What are the actual tested PM emissions from these units? Provide test data for the units operating only with the ESP and with the ESP/wet scrubber combination. What is the calculated PM removal efficiency of these wet scrubbers? Does the wet scrubber also remove SO₂, TRS and HCl emissions? Provide a cost analysis for a similar wet scrubber.

Answer: GP does not have any data to document the particulate matter control efficiency of the wet scrubbers for the recovery boilers at the Camas, WA Mill because PM emissions have never been tested from only the wet scrubbers. Since the scrubbers are located downstream of the ESPs, the particulate loading exiting the ESPs and entering the scrubbers is very low. The reason for this is because the ESPs were designed to meet the state PM/PM₁₀ emission limit of 0.033 grain/dscf @ 8% oxygen, from each of the recovery boilers. The scrubbers were not part of the design to control particulate matter emissions; rather, they were specifically installed to recover heat. The ESPs are always in service when the recovery boilers are in operation. Test results from the combination of the ESP followed by the wet scrubbers' exhausts indicate compliance with the State permit limits. Based on stack testing conducted over the past two years, the average PM emission rate emitted from the combination of ESPs and wet scrubbers is well below 0.02 grain/dscf.

The wet scrubbers, which are designed as "Packed Bed" units, do remove SO₂ emissions. GP does not have any stack testing data on the scrubber's ability to remove TRS or HCl emissions from the recovery boilers. GP does not believe TRS emissions are affected by the wet scrubbers since the scrubbing solution is maintained at a pH level of approximately 7.0. To reduce TRS emissions from the recovery boilers, the pH level of the scrubbing solution would need to be raised to 11.0 or higher. There is no practical reason to use the wet scrubbers to further reduce TRS emissions from the recovery boilers since the TRS emission rates from recovery boilers are routinely less than 5.0 ppmvd @ 8% oxygen. As stated above, GP has never tested the recovery boilers' exhaust gases downstream of the scrubbers to determine what the HCl emission rates are, however, based on our knowledge of how the scrubbers operate, any HCl in the recovery boiler exhaust gases should be readily adsorbed in the caustic scrubbing solution and HCl emissions to the atmosphere should be very low.

GP does not believe it is necessary to provide a cost effective analysis for wet scrubbers regarding the PSD Permit Application for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler, as SO₂ and TRS emissions were not triggered under the PSD applicability analysis. Therefore, a BACT analysis, which would include cost effective analyses for control equipment, is not required for these pollutants.

Q.P.5 The RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse shows several recovery boilers with PM BACT limits of 0.021 grains/dscf. Much of the recent test data shows that the existing ESP could also achieve this level of control. However, test data collected during 2000/2001 shows much higher emission levels. Identify the cause of the elevated PM emissions. Was the unit undergoing maintenance or about to undergo maintenance? Were both fields of the ESP operating during the tests? Were repairs or corrective actions taken after the tests were conducted? When the existing ESP is properly tuned and operating both fields of the ESP, can the unit achieve a PM emission rate of 0.021 grains/dscf or less?

Answer: Stack test reports for April 11, 2000, July 11, 2001, and March 2, 2004 were reviewed. These are the same reports that were submitted to the DEP Air office in Jacksonville. During these stack tests, the RB experienced individual runs where the PM results ranged from 0.023 gr/dscf to 0.034 gr/dscf. Operating personnel also checked available records to determine if the ESP was under going maintenance or was about to undergo maintenance around the time of the stack tests. This check did not result in any findings.

It was determined that during the April 2000 tests, the 5th effect on the South precipitator chamber (note that there are 6 effects per chamber) was off-line during all three test runs. During the July 2001 test runs, the 6th effect on the north chamber was on-line but it was showing no secondary current. However, during the March 2004 tests, all effects in both chambers were operating. Method 9 opacity tests were conducted on the three stack test dates and the test results showed mostly zero opacity on all three dates.

It is not surprising that the precipitator could meet the permit limit despite a field being down. It is good engineering practice to over design ESP's so that they can operate so as to comply with emission limits even if all fields are not operating.

Based on a review of July 2001 to September 2005 stack testing results, it appears that the ESP can achieve individual tests runs with an average PM emission rate of 0.021 gr/dscf. However, several test runs have been above this level and to account for this anticipated variation, GP concludes that the 0.03 gr/dscf standard ought to remain.

Q.P.6 Has any PM10 emissions testing ever been conducted on this RB? If so, please provide the date(s) and a synopsis of the test(s) results.

Answer: GP could locate no records or knowledge of PM10 testing on the Recovery Boiler.

S. SAM EMISSIONS:

Q.S.1 The application indicates that SAM emissions are completely in a gaseous form when exiting the stack at 425° F. Stack test data provided indicates that the actual stack exhaust temperature is about 400° F. At what temperature will SAM condense out of the exhaust?

Answer: SAM will condense from a boiler exhaust gas stream at a temperature in the range of 140-170 degrees Celcius (284-338 degrees Fahrenheit), depending on the SAM concentration and pressure of the gas stream (Reference: Page 12 of “Guidance for Reporting Sulfuric Acid (acid aerosols including mists, vapors, gas, fog, and other airborne forms of any particle size)”, EPA-745-R-97-007, November 1997). A copy of the reference for this information is included as part of this submittal. (See Attachment E)

Q.S.2 Is it possible to reduce the exhaust temperature with a heat exchanger to form SAM droplets that can be removed with mist eliminators? Is this technique used on other recovery boilers? Are mist eliminators installed on other recovery boilers within the pulp and paper industry?

Answer: The best way to remove SAM emissions from a boiler exhaust gas stream would be to use a wet scrubber or wet ESP. While a heat exchanger can reduce the temperature of an exhaust gas, this alone does not guarantee that SAM emissions will be removed from the gas stream. Due to the very small, sub-micron particle size of SAM emissions (as an aerosol), only some of the SAM emissions would be captured and condensed from the use of a heat exchanger.

The use of mist eliminators is not used to reduce SAM emissions from recovery boilers. The reason for this is because recovery boilers that employ the use of non-direct contact evaporator (NDCE) systems generate very small quantities of SAM emissions. Typical SAM emission rates from NDCE recovery boilers are usually less than 3.0 ppmv, corrected to 8% oxygen (NCASI Technical Bulletin # 701, Table 12C, Volume No. 1, October 1995). SAM emission rates from recovery boilers are low because the SAM emissions are adsorbed as part of the smelt that is formed in the bottom of the furnace during the combustion process. SAM emissions from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler at the Palatka Mill have been tested and found to be in agreement with the NCASI data reported in Technical Bulletin # 701.

Based on the low SAM emissions found during stack testing in 2004/2005 (less than 0.5 lbs/hr – 2.2.tons/yr) and the high cost for a mist eliminator to treat over 400,000 acfm of gas; it is estimated that the “cost effectiveness” for SAM removal would be in the low \$100,000’s per ton. Therefore, it would not be economically feasible to install mist eliminators, or any other SAM control device, such as a wet scrubber or wet ESP given the small quantity of SAM emissions generated in NDCE recovery boilers.

M. MISCELLANEOUS:

Q.M. 1. On page A-39 (Section F1) of the application, potential benzene emissions were listed as “296.1 TPY”. Please correct and submit the revised pages.

Answer: The revised page is included in Attachment F. Please replace the page in the permit application booklet in your possession with this new page.

Q.M.2 We are still reviewing the modeling and will ask any questions that arise by December 21 of next week.

Answer: On December 28, 2005 GP received Cleve Holladay’s December 20, 2005 letter regarding the Federal Land Manager’s (FLM) comments on the modeling for haze in Class 1 areas. Based on those comments and other input from DEP and the FLM office, GP’s consultant, Golder Associates, conducted revised modeling studies. A response to the December 20th letter and the results of the revised modeling are included in Attachment G.

Please replace Table C-38 in the permit application booklet in your possession with the revised table that is also included in Attachment G.

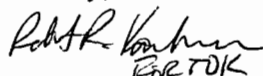
Q.M.3 If any response to the above issues affect the application submittal, please correct and/or change the application to reflect the additional analyses and submit.

Answer: Changes to the Permit Application are included as follows:

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
F	Revised page A-39 - Benzene
G	Haze modeling results and table.
H	Revised TRS related pages to reflect 5ppm as an annual average limit and 11.2 ppm as 12-hr average limit.
I	PSD Application revised “Attachment D” – updated to reflect GP’s response to Question C.1.
J	Professional Engineer signature page for this response (Copy).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Myra Carpenter at (386)329-0918.

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ATTACHMENT A**Response to Question B.5.****Ultimate and proximate fuel analysis BLS fired in Recovery Boiler.****Liquor Analysis (as fired)**

Sodium	18.70
Hydrogen	4.00
Carbon	34.60
Oxygen	36.78
Sulphur	3.99
Potassium	1.09
Chlorine	0.56
Nitrogen	0.10
Inerts	0.18
TOTAL	100.00%
% Solids	66.57 (1)
HHV virgin (BTU/lb)	6,390
HHV as fired (BTU/lb)	5,890

(1) – This a current value. The work under this PSD application will increase this value.

ATTACHMENT B**Response to Question C.1****SUMMARY TABLE – FOR STACK TESTS 9/6-7/2005****CORRELATIONS BETWEEN STACK CARBON MONOXIDE LEVELS****VERSUS PRECIPITATOR INLET AVERAGE OXYGEN AND****VERSUS BLS TO AIR RATIO**

			Column A	Column B	Column C	Corr. Coeff. – R ²	Corr. Coeff. – R ²
DATE	RUN #	TIME	PPT INLET Average O2 -%	BLS TO AIR Average Ratio	STACK CO Average PPM	“A” vs “C”	“B” vs “C”
9/6/05	1	1254-1355	2.20	0.214	338	0.0068	0.238
9/6/05	2	1706-1807	2.25	0.222	100	0.0126	0.018
9/7/05	3	0850-0951	2.61	0.220	208	0.180	0.0002

NOTE – Correlation coefficients are based on comparing 60 minutes of data for the entire run.

ATTACHMENT C

Response to Question N.1

NCASI Special Report (No. 03-06), dated October 2003, entitled

“Effect of Kraft Recovery Furnace Operations on NO_x Emissions: Literature Review and Summary of Industry Experience”.

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**EFFECT OF KRAFT RECOVERY FURNACE
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Regulatory pressure for NO_x emission reductions has increased because of the role NO_x emissions play in ground-level ozone formation and the more stringent 8-hour average ambient air quality standard of 0.08 ppm for ozone. NO_x emissions also contribute to acidic deposition, formation of fine particulates, and reduced visibility. Additional attention on NO_x emissions has resulted from new EPA efforts related to achieving the PM_{2.5} ambient air quality standards and reducing regional haze events in national parks and other Class I areas. While utility and larger industrial boilers using fossil fuels have been the primary stationary source targets for NO_x emission reductions, sources with lower NO_x emissions are coming under scrutiny as candidates for controls. As a result, NCASI has investigated NO_x emissions from several sources unique to the forest products industry in order to quantify emission levels and identify factors that affect the emissions. This report deals with kraft recovery furnaces.

Relating furnace design parameters and operating conditions to NO_x emissions has been attempted by many investigators. It is a complicated subject with many apparently conflicting results. The last NCASI review on this subject was published in 1992. Since then, a significant amount of research in this area has been carried out and reported in the literature. Thus, there was a need to summarize the more recent literature on NO_x formation in kraft recovery furnaces. It was found that liquor nitrogen content continues to be the main determinant of a furnace's NO_x emissions. New studies suggest the temperature profile within a furnace may have a marked effect on the amount of NO_x formation by the fuel NO_x pathway.

In addition, with the growing regulatory interest in NO_x emission reductions, a need existed for a compilation of current information and industry experience with techniques for minimizing recovery furnace NO_x emissions. One of the most promising means for in-furnace NO_x reductions appears to be modification of the combustion air distribution, including the installation and use of quaternary air ports. This review also examines the technical feasibility of employing add-on NO_x controls such as selective non-catalytic reduction.

This report is meant to serve as a resource document to assist member companies in responding to NO_x emission limitations or control technology requirements that might be proposed by regulatory agencies as a result of mill-specific permitting reviews or more general State Implementation Plan (SIP) requirements.

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MOT DU PRESIDENT

Aux États-Unis, les exigences réglementaires visant la réduction des émissions de NO_x se font de plus en plus pressantes car ces émissions jouent un rôle important dans la formation de l'ozone troposphérique. On a vu également apparaître une norme plus sévère pour l'ozone dans l'air ambiant (moyenne de 0,08 ppm calculée sur huit heures). Les émissions de NO_x contribuent également aux dépôts acides, à la formation de particules fines et à la réduction de la visibilité. Cette attention accrue envers les émissions de NO_x a encouragé l'EPA à déployer de nouveaux efforts pour faire en sorte que les normes de qualité de l'air ambiant pour les PM_{2,5} soient atteintes de même que pour réduire les épisodes de brume sèche en régions (*regional haze*) dans les parcs nationaux et autres zones appartenant à la classe I. Les chaudières de centrales thermiques de même que les chaudières industrielles de grande capacité qui utilisent des combustibles fossiles ont été ciblées comme étant la principale source fixe d'émissions de NO_x pour laquelle une réduction s'imposait. Toutefois, les sources comportant des émissions de NO_x moindres sont actuellement examinées afin d'évaluer si un meilleur contrôle s'avère nécessaire. Par conséquent, NCASI a effectué des recherches sur les émissions de NO_x de plusieurs sources que l'on retrouve uniquement dans l'industrie forestière afin de quantifier les niveaux d'émissions et d'identifier les facteurs qui affectent ces émissions. Ce rapport traite des fournaies de récupération kraft.

Plusieurs chercheurs ont tenté de relier les paramètres de conception ainsi que les conditions d'opération des fournaies de récupération aux émissions de NO_x. Il s'agit là d'un sujet compliqué qui présente des résultats plutôt conflictuels, du moins en apparence. La dernière revue de NCASI à ce sujet a été publiée en 1992. Depuis, de nombreux travaux de recherches ont été réalisés à ce sujet et publiés dans la littérature. Conséquemment, il était nécessaire d'effectuer une synthèse de la littérature récente traitant de la formation des NO_x dans les fournaies de récupération kraft. On a trouvé que la quantité d'azote présente dans les liqueurs demeure le principal facteur déterminant les émissions de NO_x d'une fournaie de récupération. De récentes études indiquent que le profil de température dans la fournaie peut avoir un effet marqué sur la quantité de NO_x générée par le mécanisme de formation des NO_x-du-combustible (*Fuel-NOx*).

De plus, étant donné l'intérêt grandissant des autorités réglementaires face à la réduction des émissions de NO_x, il était nécessaire de compiler l'information actuelle et l'expérience de l'industrie en ce qui a trait aux techniques de minimisation des émissions de NO_x des fournaies de récupération. Il semble qu'un des moyens prometteurs pour réduire les NO_x à la source soit la modification de la distribution de l'air de combustion, incluant l'installation et l'utilisation de ports d'air quaternaire. Cette revue examine également la faisabilité technique associée à l'utilisation d'options de contrôle de NO_x telles que la réduction sélective non-catalytique.

Ce rapport se veut un document ressource afin d'aider les compagnies membres à répondre aux limitations des émissions de NO_x ou aux demandes d'installation d'équipements de contrôle qui peuvent être exigées par les autorités réglementaires dans le cadre des revues de permis et des exigences plus générales contenues dans le Plan de mise en oeuvre de l'état (*State Implementation Plan, SIP*).



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EFFECT OF KRAFT RECOVERY FURNACE OPERATIONS ON NO_x EMISSIONS: LITERATURE REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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ABSTRACT

Literature published over the last decade on kraft black liquor combustion NO_x emissions and their control is reviewed. The review encompasses results from both laboratory-scale liquor burning experiments and full-scale kraft recovery furnaces. The impact on NO_x emissions from varying furnace operational parameters, such as liquor load, liquor solids content, and combustion air distribution, is examined. The potential applicability of add-on control systems, such as selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR), is discussed. The limited experience of kraft mills that burn stripper off-gases in recovery furnaces is summarized with respect to the potential impact on NO_x emissions. The experience of selected U.S. mills operating continuous NO_x monitoring systems with reducing NO_x emissions is also described.

Kraft recovery furnaces typically have low NO_x emissions due to a) the low N concentrations in most "as-fired" black liquor solids (around 0.1%), b) low overall conversions of liquor N to NO_x (around 10 to 25%) via the fuel NO_x formation pathway, c) insufficient temperatures for thermal NO_x formation, and perhaps, d) the existence of sodium fumes that might participate in "in-furnace" NO_x reduction or removal. Studies suggest nearly three-fourths of the liquor N is released during pyrolysis or devolatilization, partly as NH₃ and partly as N₂. The remainder stays with the smelt product, most likely as a reduced N species. NH₃ released during black liquor pyrolysis partly oxidizes to NO and partly reduces to N₂. A review of the NH₃-NO-O₂ chemistry at various temperatures and residence times suggests that temperatures within a furnace can have a significant effect on the extent of oxidation of this NH₃ to NO. Laboratory and limited field measurement data also suggest that, where feasible, "staged combustion" using quaternary air ports can minimize conversion of this released NH₃ to NO. Most of the NO is formed by oxidation of the NH₃ volatilized during pyrolysis of the liquor droplets. Very little NO_x originates from char burning or from the char or smelt bed.

With respect to post-combustion controls, no operating kraft recovery furnace utilizes SNCR at the present time. Short-term test trials with SNCR have been conducted on furnaces in Japan and Sweden. There are a number of critical unresolved issues around the use of urea or ammonia injection for NO_x control in a recovery furnace, especially over the long term. The use of selective catalytic reduction on a kraft recovery furnace has never been demonstrated. Optimization of the staged combustion principle within a large, existing kraft recovery furnace to obtain from 20% to 30% reduction in prevailing NO_x emissions is perhaps the only technologically feasible option at the present time. However, the effects of such air staging on emissions of other pollutants, mainly total reduced sulfur (TRS), SO₂, and CO, and on other furnace operational characteristics, including fouling, plugging, and chloride buildup, need to be examined with longer term data. The impact of burning ammonia-rich stripper off-gases (SOGs) in furnaces on NO_x emissions is unclear, but introducing the SOGs below the liquor guns is expected to result in no additional NO_x.

KEYWORDS

ammonia, black liquor, fuel NO_x, mechanism, NO_x CEMS, pyrolysis, quarternary air, SNCR, SOG burning, staged combustion, thermal NO_x

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RESUME

Dans ce rapport, on a fait la revue de la littérature publiée depuis la dernière décennie traitant des émissions de NO_x générées lors de la combustion de la liqueur noire kraft et du contrôle de ces émissions. Cette revue comprend des résultats d'expérience de combustion de liqueur à l'échelle du laboratoire de même qu'à l'échelle des fournaises de récupération en usine. On examine l'impact des émissions de NO_x associé à différents paramètres d'opération de fournaise, tels que la charge de liqueur, le contenu en solides de la liqueur et la distribution de l'air de combustion. Le rapport contient une discussion sur l'application potentielle d'options de contrôle telles que la réduction sélective non-catalytique (SNCR). L'expérience limitée en matière de combustion des gaz de systèmes de rectification à la vapeur dans les fournaises de récupération est résumée ici, en tenant compte de l'impact potentiel sur les émissions de NO_x. On décrit également l'expérience de certaines fabriques américaines (opérant des systèmes de surveillance en continu des NO_x) en matière de réduction de leurs émissions de NO_x.

Les fournaises de récupération kraft produisent habituellement de faibles émissions de NO_x étant donné a) les faibles concentrations d'azote (N) dans la majorité des solides de liqueur noire (environ 0,1%), b) les faibles taux de conversions de l'azote dans la liqueur en NO_x (environ 10 à 25%) selon le mécanisme de formation de NO_x du combustible, c) les températures trop faibles pour permettre la formation thermique de NO_x et peut-être, d) la présence de vapeurs de sodium qui sont susceptibles de participer à la réduction ou l'enlèvement des NO_x à l'intérieur même de la fournaise. Les études suggèrent qu'environ les trois quarts de N contenu dans la liqueur soient rejetés lors de la pyrolyse ou lors du dégagement des matières volatiles, en partie sous forme de NH₃ et en partie sous forme de N₂. Le reste demeure avec le produit salin, probablement sous forme d'espèces de N réduits. Le NH₃ généré lors de la pyrolyse de la liqueur noire est oxydé en partie sous forme de NO et est réduit en partie sous forme de N₂. Une revue de la réaction entre NH₃-NO-O₂ pour différentes températures et temps de résidence laisse supposer que les températures dans la fournaise peuvent avoir un effet significatif sur la capacité d'oxydation de ce NH₃ en NO. Des données de laboratoire et des données limitées obtenues sur le terrain laissent également supposer que, lorsque c'est faisable, une « combustion étagée » utilisant des apports d'air quaternaire peut minimiser la conversion du NH₃ en NO. La majeure partie du NO est formée lors de l'oxydation du NH₃ volatilisé à l'étape de la pyrolyse des gouttes de liqueur. La combustion du produit de carbonisation ou le produit de carbonisation en tant que tel de même que le lit de salin produisent très peu de NO_x.

En ce qui concerne les contrôles post-combustion, aucune fournaise de récupération kraft utilise la SNCR actuellement. Des essais à court terme impliquant la SNCR ont été réalisés sur des fournaises au Japon et en Suède. Il existe des enjeux critiques qui demeurent sans solution pour ce qui est de l'utilisation d'urée ou l'injection d'ammoniac pour le contrôle des NO_x dans une fournaise de récupération, principalement à long terme. La démonstration qu'il est possible d'utiliser la réduction catalytique sélective dans une fournaise de récupération kraft n'a jamais été faite. L'optimisation du principe de combustion étagée dans une fournaise de récupération kraft de grande capacité afin d'obtenir 20% à 30% de réduction des émissions de NO_x constitue probablement la seule option

technologique faisable actuellement. Toutefois, les effets de cette combustion étagée sur les émissions des autres polluants, principalement les soufres réduits totaux (SRT), le CO et les autres caractéristiques opérationnelles de la fournaise (colmatage, obstruction, accumulation de dépôts chlorés) doivent faire l'objet d'un examen à partir de données à long terme. L'impact de la combustion des gaz riches en ammoniac du système de rectification à la vapeur (*SOG*) dans les fournaies sur les émissions de NO_x n'est pas certain. Cependant, on anticipe que l'introduction des *SOG* sous les buses d'injection de liqueur ne devrait pas créer d'émissions de NO_x additionnelles.

MOTS CLÉS

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EFFECT OF KRAFT RECOVERY FURNACE OPERATIONS ON NO_x EMISSIONS: LITERATURE REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Compared to both biomass and fossil fuel-fired boilers, black liquor combustion in kraft recovery furnaces results in fairly low emissions of the oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), typically in the range of 60 to 120 ppm. Nevertheless, it is often the largest source for NO_x emissions at kraft pulp mills. Thus, the causes of NO_x formation and emission from a furnace, the factors responsible for the range in NO_x emissions observed among similar furnaces, and the potential ways NO_x formation can be minimized and/or NO_x emissions controlled, are of continuing interest to the forest products industry. Past literature provided conflicting information on whether NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces could indeed be controlled, considering that NO_x generated from black liquor combustion is predominantly of the "fuel NO_x" type and most furnaces already function, by virtue of their design, with a high degree of "air staging." It is not clear, for example, to what extent additional staging of combustion air could help in reducing existing NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces. Neither is it clear whether or not the application of post-combustion NO_x control technologies such as selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) with ammonia or urea injection would be economically or technologically effective in reducing NO_x. Other emerging issues with recovery furnace operations that need to be reviewed and resolved, relative to their impact on furnace NO_x emissions, include the firing of increasingly high solids liquor, burning low volume high concentration (LVHC) gases and stripper off-gases (SOGs) in the furnace, and co-firing of fossil fuels.

Over a decade ago, NCASI carried out a detailed investigation of kraft recovery furnace NO_x emissions and the role of several furnace operating and design parameters on NO_x emissions (NCASI 1992). This earlier technical bulletin reviewed long- and short-term NO_x emission data for several furnaces and contained a comprehensive review of literature through 1991. In 1999, NCASI published Special Report No. 99-01, which while mainly focusing on NO_x emissions from boilers, also briefly reviewed more recent literature on mechanisms and causes for kraft recovery furnace NO_x emissions (NCASI 1999).

This report provides a review of the literature on black liquor combustion NO_x emissions published during the past decade, including both laboratory-scale liquor burning experiments and tests in full-scale kraft recovery furnaces. It examines the impact of making changes in certain furnace operational parameters, such as load, liquor solids content and combustion air distribution, on furnace NO_x emissions. A theoretical review of the kinetics between ammonia, NO and O₂ is also provided in order to better understand the impact of temperature and residence time on NO_x formation in kraft recovery furnaces. The report summarizes the limited information available on the experiences of mills that have attempted to install SNCR systems in their furnaces in an attempt to control post-combustion NO_x emissions. Experience of mills that burn LVHC or high volume low concentration (HVLC) non-condensable gases (NCGs) and/or SOGs in their recovery furnaces is also summarized with respect to the potential impact on furnace NO_x emissions. Finally, the report summarizes the experience of U.S. mills that have installed continuous monitors for NO_x measurement on their furnaces and have had to deal with tight NO_x limits or permitting issues related to NO_x control.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Prior to reviewing the effect of various operating factors on NO_x emissions from black liquor combustion and how such factors may be varied in an attempt to minimize NO_x emissions, it is perhaps instructive to benchmark the levels of NO_x emitted by such furnaces. Table 2.1 provides estimates of range and mean for NO_x emissions from 11 NDCE (non-direct contact evaporator) and 16 DCE (direct contact evaporator) kraft recovery furnaces summarized from test reports during the first NCASI study (NCASI 1993). A 1995 NCASI survey of the industry's kraft recovery furnaces yielded average NO_x emission factors of 1.81 lb/ADTP (air-dried tons of pulp) for 16 direct contact furnaces and 2.40 lb/ADTP for 49 non-direct contact kraft recovery furnaces (NCASI 1997). Using a nominal conversion factor of about 1.6 t BLS/ADTP, these averages translate to about 1.13 lb/t BLS for DCE furnaces and 1.50 lb/t BLS for NDCE furnaces, similar to the averages of 1.20 and 1.45 lb/t BLS (black liquor solids), respectively, obtained during the earlier study.

Table 2.1 NO_x Emissions from Kraft Recovery Furnaces (NCASI 1993)

11 NDCE Kraft Recovery Furnaces		16 DCE Kraft Recovery Furnaces	
Range, lb/ton BLS	Mean, lb/ton BLS	Range, lb/ton BLS	Mean, lb/ton BLS
0.73 to 2.44	1.45	0.63 to 2.30	1.20
lb/10 ⁶ Btu	lb/10 ⁶ Btu	lb/10 ⁶ Btu	lb/10 ⁶ Btu
0.08 to 0.20	0.13	0.05 to 0.19	0.10
ppm @ 8% O ₂	ppm @ 8% O ₂	ppm @ 8% O ₂	ppm @ 8% O ₂
53 to 92	73.3	30 to 110	57.4

In NCASI Technical Bulletin No. 636 (NCASI 1992), the theoretical principles underlying NO_x formation during black liquor combustion in kraft recovery furnaces were briefly reviewed, especially with respect to the role of "fuel NO_x" and "thermal NO_x" formation mechanisms. This report also reviewed the literature for the impact of furnace operating variables (e.g., liquor nitrogen content, liquor solids content, liquor heating value, furnace excess air or oxygen, furnace load, and combustion air distribution) on NO_x formation. Full-scale NO_x emissions data for four furnaces were also examined to see whether furnace NO_x emissions correlated in any fashion with other routinely recorded furnace operating variables such as percent black liquor solids (BLS), furnace load, furnace (or stack) O₂, and concentrations of SO₂ and CO in the stack. This study concluded that "temperatures in the lower furnace under normal operating conditions are likely not high enough to result in NO_x formation by the thermal NO_x mechanism pathway. NO_x formation by the fuel NO_x mechanism pathway is thus perhaps the most dominant mechanism for black liquor combustion, just as for biomass or wood combustion." Among factors that could potentially influence furnace NO_x emissions, liquor N content was deemed the most important, with hardwood liquors exhibiting on average somewhat higher N contents than softwood liquors. Excess O₂ in the combustion zone was deemed the second most important factor in determining kraft recovery furnace NO_x emissions. The role played by black liquor solids content in determining furnace NO_x emissions was determined to be unclear, with the firing of higher solids liquors resulting in both unchanged and increased furnace NO_x emissions in different furnaces. Long-term continuous emission monitoring (CEM) NO_x emissions data showed the level of excess air used had the greatest impact on furnace NO_x emissions, with higher NO_x emissions occurring at higher levels of excess air. All other parameters such as stack

CO and SO₂ emissions, liquor solids content (limited range) and furnace load exhibited poor correlations with observed NO_x emissions.

NCASI Special Report No. 99-04 (NCASI 1999) provided a review of the literature on the fundamentals of NO_x formation and their control in wood-fired boilers and combination wood-fired boilers. It also provided a brief review of the literature on the fundamentals of NO_x formation during black liquor combustion and on potential control techniques for NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces. A more detailed review of the literature on the causes for NO_x emissions from black liquor burning in kraft recovery furnaces and the potential for kraft recovery furnace in-furnace and post-combustion NO_x emissions control is provided in this report.

3.0 MECHANISMS FOR NO_x FORMATION IN KRAFT RECOVERY FURNACES: A LITERATURE REVIEW

Since it was first concluded in NCASI Technical Bulletin No. 636 (NCASI 1992) that fuel NO_x and not thermal NO_x was likely the dominant NO_x formation pathway in kraft recovery furnaces, several other researchers (Nichols, Thompson, and Empie 1993; Nichols and Lien 1993; Veverka et al. 1993; Adams, Stewart, and Jones 1993) have confirmed this finding. Current research focuses primarily on understanding how black liquor fuel nitrogen is converted to NO_x emissions. Nichols, Thompson, and Empie (1993) reviewed the chemistry and formation of NO_x and the applicability of the two principal mechanisms (i.e., thermal NO_x and fuel NO_x) for NO formation in kraft recovery furnaces. They concluded that based on theory it appears unlikely that recovery furnace temperatures are high enough to produce significant thermal NO_x. Fuel NO_x is much less temperature-dependent, and thus fuel NO_x in recovery furnaces will not be affected by increasing solids concentrations to the same degree as will thermal NO. Black liquor solids nitrogen contents measured in 13 liquors ranged from 0.05 to 0.24% (average 0.11%), and a conversion of just 20% of the liquor N to NO would have resulted in NO_x emission levels ranging from 60 to 120 ppm, which is similar to the range of reported recovery furnace NO_x emissions.

The observation that NO_x formation by the fuel NO_x pathway is much less temperature-dependent is generally true for fossil fuel burning where the bulk of the nitrogen volatilized from the fuel during the initial stages of combustion may be expected to oxidize to NO because of the extremely high combustion zone temperatures. However, as shall be seen later in Section 4.0, fuel NO_x in the context of black liquor combustion could indeed be significantly affected by temperature. The temperatures in the lower furnace could markedly affect the degree of oxidation of the nitrogen initially volatilized as ammonia to NO.

Nichols and Lien (1993) further went on to confirm that fuel NO_x was the dominant pathway in recovery furnaces by conducting a laboratory study to measure the fuel NO_x and thermal NO_x contributions in gases resulting from combusting black liquors in two laboratory furnaces. Combustion at 950°C in air (8% O₂) produced NO_x concentrations between 40 and 80 ppm. Combustion at 950°C in synthetic air containing no nitrogen (21% O₂ in Ar) produced the same result. This clearly demonstrated that all of the NO_x produced at 950°C was fuel NO_x. From the data gathered, they made the following conclusions: a) nitrogen in the black liquor is partially converted to fuel NO_x during combustion and is a major source of NO_x emissions from recovery furnaces; b) the formation of fuel NO_x is moderately sensitive to temperature in the range of 800 to 1000°C; c) higher levels of N in the black liquor are expected to yield higher levels of fuel NO_x for the same combustion conditions; d) nitrogen evolves from the liquor solids during both devolatilization and char burning; and e) fuel NO_x is formed during both in-flight and char burning.

Jones and Anderson (1993) described high-solids firing test results on a CE kraft recovery furnace in which liquor with solids content ranging from 65 to 79% was fired. NO_x emissions rose in an almost linear fashion from about 50 to 90 ppm as the percent liquor solids increased from 65 to 80%. In a follow-up paper, Jones and Stewart (1993) examined the relationship between NO_x emissions and percent liquor solids for this CE furnace. They explained that as the solids level increases, the lower furnace temperature also increases, roughly 10°F per percent solids increase, which promotes the formation of thermal NO_x . By assuming a) a 35% conversion of fuel nitrogen to NO_x , b) thermal NO_x formed equals the NO_x generated at equilibrium according to a simplified Zeldovich reaction scheme (Hanson and Salimian 1984), and c) a best fit of the observed NO_x emissions data from the CE furnace, they predicted that as the percent solids in fired liquor rose from 65 to 80%, fuel NO_x rose modestly from about 41 ppm to 43 ppm, while thermal NO_x rose more dramatically from about 15 ppm to 46 ppm. They concluded that “ NO_x formation increases above 75% solids liquor firing due primarily to additional thermal NO_x formation.” However, in a subsequent paper published the same year, Adams, Stewart, and Jones (1993) retracted this observation by presenting the results of a detailed computational fluid dynamic (CFD) study of thermal NO formation in recovery furnaces for two cases of black liquor solids concentration, 67% and 80%. The CFD study results showed the contribution to thermal NO_x rose from a negligible 0.09 ppm at 67% solids firing to about 8.3 ppm at 80% solids firing. They concluded that thermal NO_x was probably not a major contributor to NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces.

Clement and Barna (1993) studied the effect of black liquor fuel-bound nitrogen on NO_x emissions from full-scale kraft recovery furnaces. A linear regression analysis of 17 sets of data from short duration NO_x emission tests, during which the nitrogen content in the black liquor fired had been simultaneously determined, yielded the following preliminary correlation of NO_x emissions as a function of liquor nitrogen content ($r^2 = 0.611$)

$$\text{NO}_x = 138.6 \text{ N} + 55.2 \quad (1)$$

where NO_x = ppm at 8% O_2 , and N = percent nitrogen in as-fired liquor (dry solids basis).

Several tests for NO_x emissions were also conducted at one furnace where the nitrogen content of the black liquor fired was fortified with urea. The following linear fit relating the percentage of fuel-bound nitrogen in the black liquor that is emitted from the furnace after conversion to NO_x to the nitrogen in the liquor was determined ($r^2 = 0.748$)

$$\text{NC} = -40.0 \text{ N} + 21.7 \quad (2)$$

where NC = percent of nitrogen in the liquor converted to NO_x , and N = percent nitrogen in as-fired liquor (dry solids basis).

Data analysis determined that 10 to 20% of the nitrogen in the black liquor was emitted as NO_x , and that the fraction of the N converted to NO_x decreased with increasing nitrogen content.

The capture of SO_2 by alkali fume particles within a kraft recovery furnace is a well known phenomenon. Thus, similar capture mechanisms could be instrumental in partial NO removal within a furnace. Thompson and Empie (1993) examined NO_x destruction mechanisms and their impact on NO_x emissions from a kraft recovery furnace. They looked at several reactions of NO_x with fume

[Na(g), Na₂O (s), Na₂CO₃ (s,l)], similar to reactions postulated in the literature for SO_x with fume, and found these reactions to be thermodynamically feasible at temperatures in the upper furnace. They also reported the measurement of between 1,590 to 10,780 ppm nitrate (NO₃⁻) in three industrial smelt samples, purportedly providing evidence of the reaction between NO_x and sodium in the recovery furnace.

Veverka et al. (1993) looked at N-containing additives such as brownstock defoamers and evaporator anti-scale agents and found these additives to have a negligible contribution to the black liquor N content. They also conducted experiments to test the efficiency of transfer of wood-nitrogen to black liquor during pulping. Three samples of chips, one of loblolly pine and two of Western hemlock were pulped using a synthetic white liquor under conditions of 30% sulfidity and 25% active alkali. One of the Western hemlock samples was doped with egg albumin to increase its nitrogen content. Egg albumin was used because of the similarity of the nitrogen compounds in albumin to those found in wood, which are primarily proteins and amino acids. Kjeldahl nitrogen was measured for the chips, the pulp, and the black liquor. Results showed that between 70 and 90% of the wood-nitrogen passes directly to the black liquor.

Aho, Hupa, and Vakkilainen (1994) studied the behavior of fuel nitrogen during black liquor pyrolysis in laboratory-scale tests on two laboratory cooked liquors: a pine liquor with about 0.12% N, and a birch liquor with about 0.17% N. They determined that most of the fuel N release occurred during pyrolysis or devolatilization of the liquor droplets and very little during drying. Further, ammonia was the main fixed N species (N_{fix}) formed (besides N₂), along with small amounts of NO. No formation of HCN was detected, HCN being the common nitrogen intermediate in fossil fuel pyrolysis. From 15 to 20% of the fuel N was released as N_{fix} compounds NH₃ and NO, with the rate of N_{fix} release increasing with temperature. The level of N_{fix} released by birch liquor was about twice that for pine liquor, both releases being large enough to account for typical recovery furnace emission levels of NO_x. The maximum amount of N_{fix} release occurred between the temperatures of 600 and 800°C.

In a second part of the study, Aho, Hupa, and Nikkanen (1994) looked at the variation between different liquors in their fuel N release behavior during laboratory tests and in their tendency to form NO_x in full-scale recovery furnaces. From the lab-scale tests, they concluded that a large portion (20 to 60%) of the fuel N is released during pyrolysis, roughly half as NH₃, the rest as N₂. The total amount of N_{fix} released was almost linearly proportional to the liquor N content. They also concluded from full-scale test data for five mills that the one main variable in determining NO_x levels in a furnace is the liquor type. Combustion of birch liquors, which had the highest N content of four different liquors burned (the other three being pine, eucalyptus, and redwood), gave the highest levels of NO_x. Heat-treated liquors appeared to result in slightly lower NO_x emissions than the burning of the same liquors without heat treatment.

Iisa et al. (1995) conducted black liquor pyrolysis experiments in a laminar entrained flow reactor. Their results confirmed that a significant amount of N was released during pyrolysis of the black liquor in a very short residence time (<0.1 sec), and up to 20% of the fuel N converted to NO. They also observed a maximum in the NO formation which indicated the importance of reactions that reduce NO in the furnace. They developed a simple model to describe both formation and destruction of NO observed in the pyrolysis experiments. The results indicated that black liquor char was important in the reduction of NO whereas fume particles were not. They suggested that improving the contact between black liquor char and NO at suitable temperatures may abate NO emissions from a kraft recovery furnace.

Forssén et al. (1997) studied the fate of char nitrogen during char oxidation by burning or gasifying single liquor droplets in the laboratory furnace at well defined conditions (700-1000°C, 1-10% O₂, 0-

30% CO₂) and by analyzing the NO formed. They concluded their findings by presenting a novel overall schematic of the key reaction routes for NO formation in black liquor combustion. This overall schematic is reproduced below in Figure 3.1. The upper part of the figure ($N_{\text{pyrolysis}}$) was based upon the work of Aho, Hupa, and Vakkilainen (1994) and Aho, Hupa, and Nikkanen (1994). The authors conclude that a) 70 to 80% of the black liquor N is released during pyrolysis or devolatilization as gaseous nitrogen species, mainly ammonia and N₂, and the oxidation of NH₃ is perhaps the main contributor to the overall NO in normal black liquor combustion, and b) the remaining liquor nitrogen (20 to 30%) will be bound in the char residue, much of which will remain as a reduced nitrogen species in the salt residue or smelt. Some of the char N may be converted to NO if the liquor droplets are burned out completely in the combustion air before reaching the char bed. They also speculated that the majority of the char N which leaves the furnace along with the smelt is probably the source of the ammonia reported to be present in the green liquor and in the exhaust gases from the smelt dissolving tank (Tarpey, Tran, and Mao 1996).

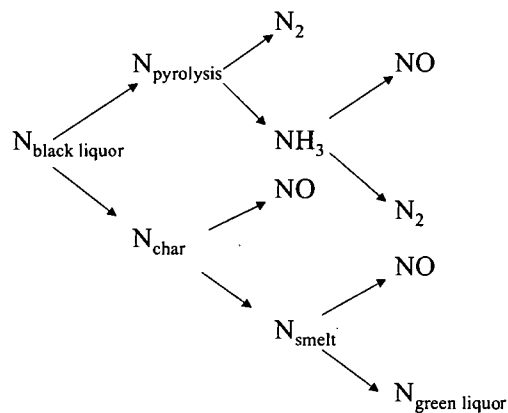


Figure 3.1 Suggested Fuel Nitrogen Pathways in Black Liquor Combustion

Tao, Blasiak, and Fakhrai (1998) used a three-dimensional computer model to simulate the flow, heat transfer, combustion, and NO_x emissions from a kraft recovery furnace. They stated that the key controlling parameter for NO_x emissions from a recovery furnace is the quaternary to tertiary air flow ratio. Using a computational fluid dynamics (CFD) package STAR-CD they presented the results for two cases: Case 1 in which the ratio of quaternary to tertiary air flow was set at 0.25, and Case 2 in which all the overfire air was injected through the tertiary air ports. The predicted average NO_x concentration at the bull-nose level rose from 48 ppm in Case 1 to 57 ppm in Case 2 as the overfire air to the quaternary air ports was shut off.

For Case 1, the authors also estimated that of the 48 ppm NO_x predicted, 29 ppm was from the fuel NO_x and 19 ppm was from the thermal NO_x mechanism pathway. Such a large fraction of thermal NO_x in kraft recovery furnaces contradicts the now well known conclusion that thermal NO_x is of little significance (NCASI 1992 Nichols, Thompson, and Empie 1993), since recovery furnace temperatures are typically well below 2800°F. These authors used the following equation to predict the maximum thermal-NO formation rate (Bowman 1992)

$$R_{t-NO} \text{ (gmol/cm}^3\text{sec)} = d[\text{NO}]/dt = 1.45 \times 10^{17} T^{-1/2} \exp[-69,460/T] \cdot [\text{O}_2]^{1/2} [\text{N}_2] \quad (3)$$

where gas concentrations are in gmol/cm³; reaction time t is in seconds; and gas temperature T is in °K.

This equation was first provided as equation 22 in a review chapter by Bowman in *Fossil Fuel Combustion – A Source Book* (Bowman 1991). In 1992, while preparing the report *Analysis of Kraft Recovery Furnace NO_x Emissions and Related Parameters* (NCASI 1992), NCASI alerted Dr. Bowman to two mathematical errors leading up to this final equation for maximum thermal NO generation rate, and Dr. Bowman agreed the errors had occurred in transmission. The corrected equation was presented as equation (vi) in the NCASI report (NCASI 1992) as follows:

$$d[\text{NO}]/dt = (1.198 \times 10^{22}/T) \times \exp(-68,750/T) \times [\text{O}_2]^{1/2} \times [\text{N}_2] \quad (4)$$

where [NO] is in ppm; [O₂] and [N₂] are mole fractions; t is in seconds; and temperature T is in °K.

The review paper by Nichols, Thompson, and Empie (1993) on kraft recovery furnace NO_x mechanisms also used this corrected equation, but in units similar to those employed by Tao, Blasiak, and Fakhrai (1998). Their equation was as follows:

$$d[\text{NO}]/dt = 3.79 \times 10^{15} T^{-1/2} \exp[-68,700/T] \cdot [\text{O}_2]^{1/2} [\text{N}_2] \quad (5)$$

where gas concentrations are in kgmol/m³; reaction time t is in seconds; and gas temperature T is in °K.

The erroneous equation used by Tao, Blasiak, and Fakhrai (1998) likely resulted in an overprediction of NO concentrations formed by the thermal NO_x mechanism by several orders of magnitude. A similar error in the equations used for thermal NO_x generation was most likely responsible for the conclusion arrived at earlier by Jones and Stewart (1993) that thermal NO_x played a major role in black liquor combustion in a CE recovery furnace in which liquor with solids content ranging from 65 to 79% was fired (Jones and Anderson 1993). However, as previously mentioned, calculations carried out later by the same authors using a CFD model showed thermal NO_x contributions to be fairly negligible (Adams, Stewart, and Jones 1993).

Jones and Nagel (1998) compared the results of a performance test on a SAPPI-Warren kraft recovery furnace at three black liquor solids levels (71%, 76%, and 81%) on four consecutive days with previously published test results. They derived conclusions on the impact of solids concentration on several boiler operating parameters such as thermal efficiency, superheater absorption, temperatures entering the generating bank, smelt reduction efficiency, and deposit chemistry, as well as on emissions of SO₂, TRS, carryover, NO_x, and dust emissions out of the economizer. Relative to impact on NO_x emissions, as in the earlier tests with a CE recovery furnace (Arkansas Kraft) (Jones and Anderson 1993), they found once again that NO_x emissions increased with increasing percent solids content in the fired liquor, almost in identical fashion (near linear relationship). NO_x emissions increased about 2 ppm for each 1% increase in dry solids. However, in light of the now widely accepted view that thermal NO_x played a minor role in black liquor combustion NO_x formation in recovery furnaces, they make an important observation that both the Arkansas Kraft and SAPPI-Warren furnaces (both CE) were short and required relatively high excess air (~25%) in order to

reach low CO levels. In contrast, the furnaces that are reported to have NO_x emissions insensitive to percent dry solids content in the liquor are generally newer, larger furnaces with significantly greater furnace volumes per pound of dry solids fired, requiring lower excess air levels (10-15%). They cite the work of Iisa et al. (1995) described earlier which stated that NO_x reduction within a furnace could occur when fume reacts with NO_x to reduce the NO_x to N₂. Hence, the high excess air used in the SAPPi-Warren and Arkansas Kraft furnaces could have suppressed bed temperatures and thus fume formation; also, the short height would reduce residence time. Both of these factors, reduced fume formation and reduced residence time, would thus seem to work against NO_x destruction mechanisms by reaction with fume. It should be noted, however, that the work of Iisa et al. (1995) showed that black liquor char was important in the reduction of NO while fume particles were not.

Malte and Nichols (1998) examined the emissions of NO_x from black liquor gasifiers integrated with combustion turbines by estimating the release of NH₃ from the gasifier based upon black liquor pyrolysis and based upon chemical equilibrium calculations. Ammonia concentrations in the gasifier product were estimated to range from 30 to 300 ppmv, depending on gasifier type. Assuming the combustor technology prevalent at that time, the emission of NO_x from the black liquor gasifier/combustion turbine engine system was indicated to range from 20 to 40 ppmv at 15% O₂ dry, which is essentially the same as for ppmv NO_x emissions from recovery furnaces when corrected to 8% O₂. However, if significant removal of NH₃ in the gas cleanup train between the gasifier and the gas turbine engine is practiced, or if combustors are engineered to efficiently convert small concentrations of NH₃ to N₂, significant NO_x emissions reductions can be realized over conventional recovery furnaces.

Forssén, Hupa, and Hellström (1999) studied the behavior of single liquor droplets or small liquor samples corresponding to 17 spent chemical liquors (14 kraft, two soda, and one sulfite) with regard to the split between volatile N and char N. They also studied the tendency of the liquors to form NO during char combustion and the total NO formation tendency of the liquors. The results showed differences among the liquors in their tendency to form NO in char combustion and black liquor droplet combustion. Total NO formation tendency test results also showed good agreement with measured recovery furnace NO emission field data.

Iisa et al. (2000) presented a detailed model for NO formation and destruction in recovery furnaces. According to this model, nitrogen is released from black liquor droplets during pyrolysis as NH₃ and N₂. The intermediate NH₃ may be oxidized to NO or reduced to N₂. The reactions may be gas phase or they may be affected by Na₂CO₃ fume particles. During char burning, nitrogen may also be released as NO or N₂, depending on whether or not O₂ can reach the char surface. In addition, the NO released in the furnace may be reduced to N₂ by several different reactions: gas-phase reactions, char-catalyzed reactions, or fume-NO reactions.

Using a laminar entrained-flow reactor to study NO formation during black liquor pyrolysis and combustion, Iisa et al. (2000) also observed a small increase in NO when the combustion was carried out in pure nitrogen vs. an argon/helium inert gas mixture. Further experiments to assess NO formation from combustion air during the char burning stage alone in both nitrogen and in an argon/helium inert mixture showed no change in NO formation, indicating that the increase in NO formation observed during black liquor combustion stemmed from pyrolysis and volatiles burning, consistent with the "prompt" NO_x mechanism (in which N₂ is attacked by hydrocarbon radicals). For perhaps the first time, these authors showed that while N in the liquor remains the main source of NO during black liquor combustion (fuel NO_x), a small amount of NO may also be formed from the nitrogen in the combustion air by the so-called "prompt" NO_x mechanism. They concluded this may have importance in particular for liquors with low nitrogen contents.

Forssén, Kilpinen, and Hupa (2000) provided a summary of recent research findings concerning the behavior of black liquor nitrogen and NO formation pathways in recovery furnaces. They demonstrated how key operating parameters can influence furnace NO emissions using four different furnace operating modes: a) base case with coarse liquor spray and no explicit air staging, b) fine liquor droplet spray and no explicit air staging, c) coarse liquor spray with efficient air staging, and d) strong air staging with very fine liquor spray. Compared to the base case, furnace NO_x emissions increase in Mode B due to increased NO from droplet char burning in flight, decrease from base case in Mode C due to benefits of air staging on oxidation of volatilized NH₃ to NO, and both decrease and increase in Mode D due to benefits of air staging and drawbacks of fine droplet char burning in flight, respectively.

The authors concluded that a major portion of recovery furnace NO is formed from oxidation of the ammonia formed during devolatilization of the liquor droplets. Kinetic modeling showed the efficiency of this oxidation is strongly dependent on the temperature and on the number of stages by which air is mixed with the devolatilized gases. Formation of NO can be minimized by allowing the oxidation to take place in several stages and at a relatively low temperature, preferably 850-900°C. In practice, this can be achieved by suitable adjustment of the air distribution and by introducing additional air feed levels in the upper furnace. A second significant source for the final NO emission is the oxidation of nitrogen remaining in the char residue after the devolatilization stage. The authors mentioned that laboratory tests with single black liquor droplets have shown that this char N is readily oxidized to NO if the droplets are allowed to burn out completely in flight. In a recovery furnace, this usually happens only with the smallest of droplets. Consequently, NO formation and release from char nitrogen can be minimized if the droplet size is large enough and/or the spraying of the liquor is carried out such that most of the droplets reach the smelt surface before being fully burned out. In such a case, the nitrogen in the char will be converted into an inorganic nitrogen compound that leaves the furnace with the smelt.

Tamminen et al. (2002a and 2002b) and Tamminen, Forssén, and Hupa (2002) conducted full-scale studies on two Finnish kraft recovery furnaces in order to shed new light on the formation mechanism of fume and gaseous emissions (NO_x) measured during dynamic changes in furnace load. They presented their results in three parts. In part 1 (Tamminen et al. 2002a), the test procedures and results of dust formation were described. An on-line dust analyzer, located in the flue gas duct just before the ESP, was used to measure the amount and composition of flue gas dust from the furnaces. Furnace load was reduced by removing liquor guns while keeping liquor spraying pressure and droplet size constant. In a special test, the liquor spraying was totally interrupted for a short time (15 to 30 minutes) in both furnaces so that the relative contribution to fume and NO_x formation from sprayed liquor droplets vs. from the char bed could be estimated. The amount of dust measured showed clear dependency on the furnace load. The amount of fume formed was 6 to 8 wt% of the BLS load during full load operation in both furnaces. The tests conducted when liquor firing was completely interrupted showed that the major fraction of dust (90 to 95%) in flue gases originated from black liquor droplets, and only 5 to 10% of the dust originated from the surface of the char bed in these two furnaces.

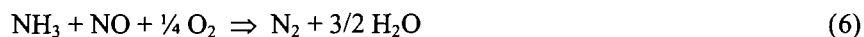
In part 2 (Tamminen et al. 2002b), the authors studied the results of changes in liquor firing on fume composition, especially the behavior of potassium and chloride. Both the furnaces tested burned softwood liquors, although the dry solids contents of the two liquors were different (boiler A 71 to 74%, boiler B 78 to 80%). The results showed the dust composition (Na, K, Cl) behaved similarly in both furnaces. About 6 to 9% of input sodium was released in fume, while some 11 to 15% of input potassium and 25 to 35% of input chloride were found in fume. Just as for dust, the tests with turning off liquor firing showed that the majority of Na and K in the fume originated in the liquor droplets. The SO₄ and CO₃ contents of the dust also indicated that in-flight release may be the main source of sulfur release.

In part 3 (Tamminen, Forssén, and Hupa 2002), the authors presented results of formation of gaseous emissions, especially NO_x , during rapid changes in furnace dynamics. When the liquor guns were taken off, oil burners were operating. The contribution to furnace NO_x at such times from oil burning alone was subtracted in order to arrive at the NO_x generated from the char bed. The black liquor interruption tests in both furnaces indicated that all or an absolute majority of the NO_x emissions from a recovery furnace originate in black liquor droplets during in-flight burning, and the surface reactions of the char bed play little or no role in NO formation. Also, NO_x emissions increase linearly as the amount of nitrogen in black liquor dry solids increases. The nitrogen conversion to NO_x in flue gases was about 25 to 30% of the total nitrogen in the BLS, consistent with earlier laboratory studies with single droplet combustion systems used by these same authors. Their results were also in agreement with earlier findings that the liquor nitrogen content mostly determines NO_x emission levels from recovery furnaces.

4.0 NO_x FORMATION AND KINETICS OF THE GAS PHASE NH_3 - NO - O_2 SYSTEM

The previous section reviewed mechanisms presented in the literature for NO_x formation in kraft recovery furnaces. In general, this review suggested that 70 to 80% of the nitrogen present in black liquor solids is released within the furnace during pyrolysis, roughly half as NH_3 and the rest as N_2 , and that the formation of NO resulted from oxidation of this volatilized NH_3 . The efficiency of oxidation of this NH_3 to NO is governed by the localized temperatures and other factors such as the availability of oxygen in the zone where the NH_3 could be oxidized. The latter is, of course, related to the level of air staging practiced within the furnace. For a furnace firing black liquor with about 0.1% N on a solids basis and a heat content of about 6,200 Btu/lb BLS, a 100% conversion of the liquor N to NO would result in about 304 ppm NO at 8% O_2 (assuming an F factor of 9,000 scf/10⁶ Btu for black liquor). Thus, if one-half of 70 to 80% of the liquor N is expected to volatilize as NH_3 within a furnace, the initial NH_3 concentration in such a furnace would be on the order of 106 to 122 ppm ($\frac{1}{2} \times (0.3 \text{ or } 0.4) \times 304$). Average NO_x emissions for DCE and NDCE furnaces were given in Table 2.1 to be about 57 and 73 ppm at 8% O_2 , respectively. Thus, only about one-half to two-thirds of the NH_3 volatilized within a furnace is expected to oxidize to NO, the rest presumed to go to N_2 .

This section reviews the generalized kinetics between NH_3 , NO, and O_2 in gas mixtures to better understand why only a fraction of the NH_3 volatilized from liquor droplets in a furnace oxidizes to NO, and also to understand what happens to the remaining unoxidized ammonia. The theoretical kinetics governing the reactions of ammonia, nitric oxide, and oxygen in homogeneous mixtures have already been described in NCASI Technical Bulletin No. 802 (NCASI 2000). This report investigated the relationship between NH_3 , NO, and O_2 at various temperatures and residence times to shed light on the fate of NH_3 present in stripper off-gases (SOGs) when these gases are burned in various pulp mill combustion devices. The kinetics were originally developed by Duo, Dam-Johansen, and Ostergaard (1992) using laboratory experiments. The ammonia in gas mixtures may either be oxidized to NO via reaction with O_2 , or it may be reduced to N_2 via reaction with NO and O_2 , or it may remain unreacted. Several investigators have described the overall reactions by two competitive (for NH_3) or successive (for NO), essentially irreversible reactions (Lyon and Benn 1978), as shown below:



The factors that affect the overall outcome of these reactions are: the initial concentrations of ammonia and nitric oxide, the concentration of oxygen, temperature, residence time, and the presence of other compounds such as hydrocarbons. The simplified kinetic scheme developed by Duo, Dam-Johansen, and Ostergaard (1992) assumed oxygen to always be in excess and the gas-phase reactions between NH_3 , NO , and O_2 to occur in a plug flow, isothermal reactor.

The NCASI report also provided results of numerical simulations of the fate of NH_3 in gas mixtures containing an excess of O_2 at temperatures ranging from 1340 to 2960°F and for cases with initial NH_3 concentrations of 500, 100, and 20 ppm and an initial NO concentration of 100 ppm. In the current context, since typical initial NH_3 concentrations within a kraft recovery furnace are expected to be on the order of 100 ppm (as shown above), and initial NO concentrations are expected to be non-existent (0 ppm), these simulations are repeated for the case with $\text{NH}_{3i} = 100$ ppm and $\text{NO}_i = 0$ ppm.

Figures 4.1 to 4.3 present the results of these simulations on the fate of NH_3 at various temperatures and residence times. Figure 4.1 shows the formation of NO from oxidation of NH_3 at temperatures ranging from 1340 to 2960°F. It shows that for typical temperatures found in kraft recovery furnaces that range from about 1600 to 2300°F, an initial NH_3 concentration of 100 ppm results in NO concentrations ranging from about 30 to 75 ppm, or an average conversion of NH_3 to NO closer to about one-half as predicted by several researchers. The figure also provides an important observation, namely, that although NO_x formed in kraft recovery furnaces has been shown to be predominantly via the "fuel NO_x " pathway (and not the thermal NO_x pathway where temperature plays a very critical role), the fuel NO_x pathway involves oxidation of the volatilized NH_3 to NO which, however, appears to be strongly dependent on the furnace temperature profile.

Kinetics from Duo, Dam-Johansen & Ostergard (1992)
 initial concentrations: $\text{NH}_3 = 100 \text{ ppm}$, $\text{NO} = 0 \text{ ppm}$

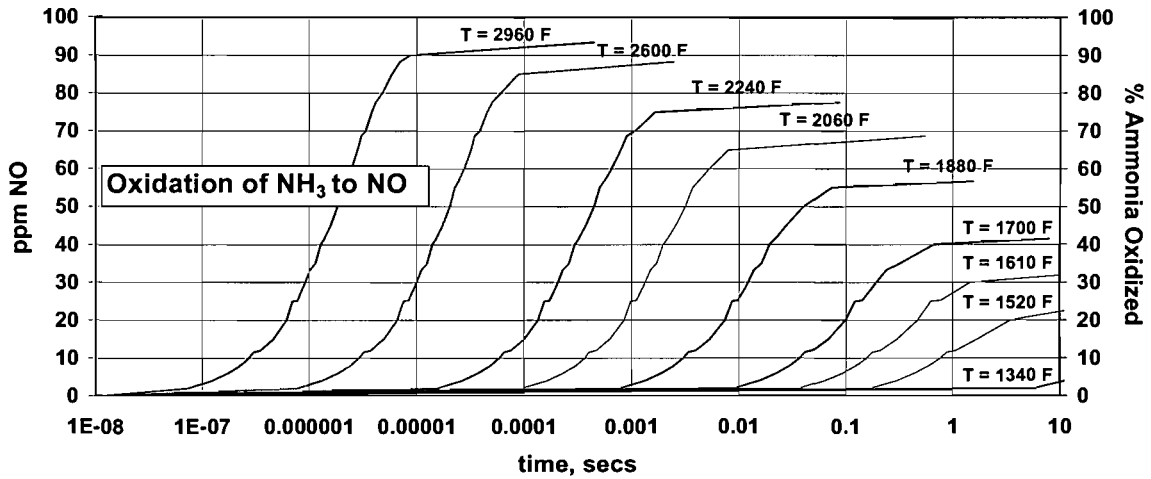


Figure 4.1 Oxidation of Ammonia to NO in Ammonia-NO-O₂ Gas Mixtures

Figure 4.2 shows the fate of NH₃ in this gas mixture, again at temperatures ranging from 1340 to 2960°F. The ammonia is almost completely destroyed, either oxidized to NO or reduced to N₂, at temperatures greater than about 1700°F and in relatively short time periods (residence times less than about 1 sec). These conditions of temperature and gas residence times are consistent with those in the lower section of a kraft recovery furnace.

Kinetics from Duo, Dam-Johansen & Ostergard (1992)
 initial concentrations: $\text{NH}_3 = 100 \text{ ppm}$, $\text{NO} = 0 \text{ ppm}$

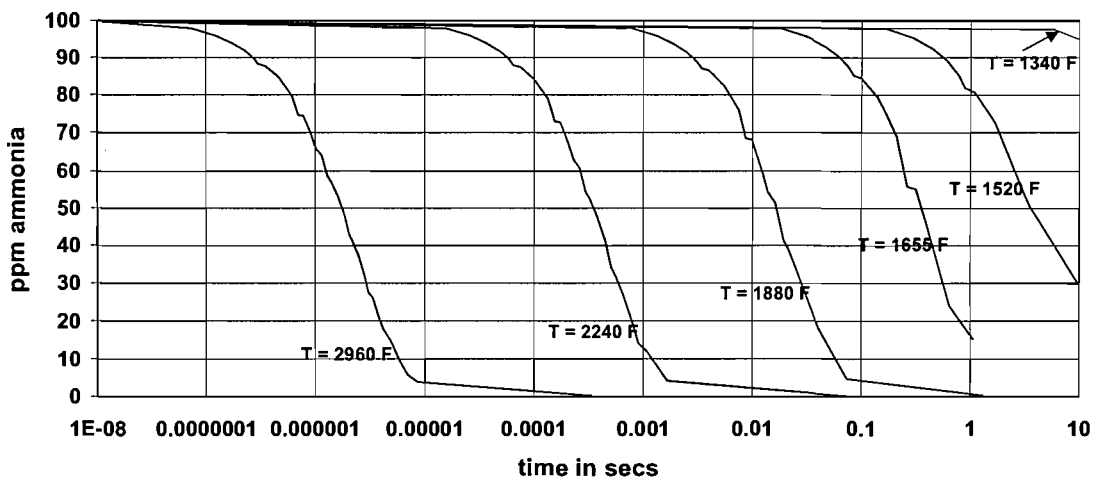


Figure 4.2 Removal of Ammonia in Ammonia-NO-O₂ Gas Mixtures

Figure 4.3 combines Figures 4.1 and 4.2 and shows the simultaneous removal of NH_3 and generation of NO for temperatures ranging from 1340 to 2960°F in this gas mixture. The simplified kinetics between NH_3 , NO , and O_2 shown in Figures 4.1 to 4.3 support the earlier observation that about one-half of the ammonia volatilized from the liquor droplets during pyrolysis oxidizes to NO , the rest being presumed to reduce to N_2 . However, this fraction is dependent on the temperature profile existing in the region where the NH_3 -to- NO oxidation takes place within the furnace.

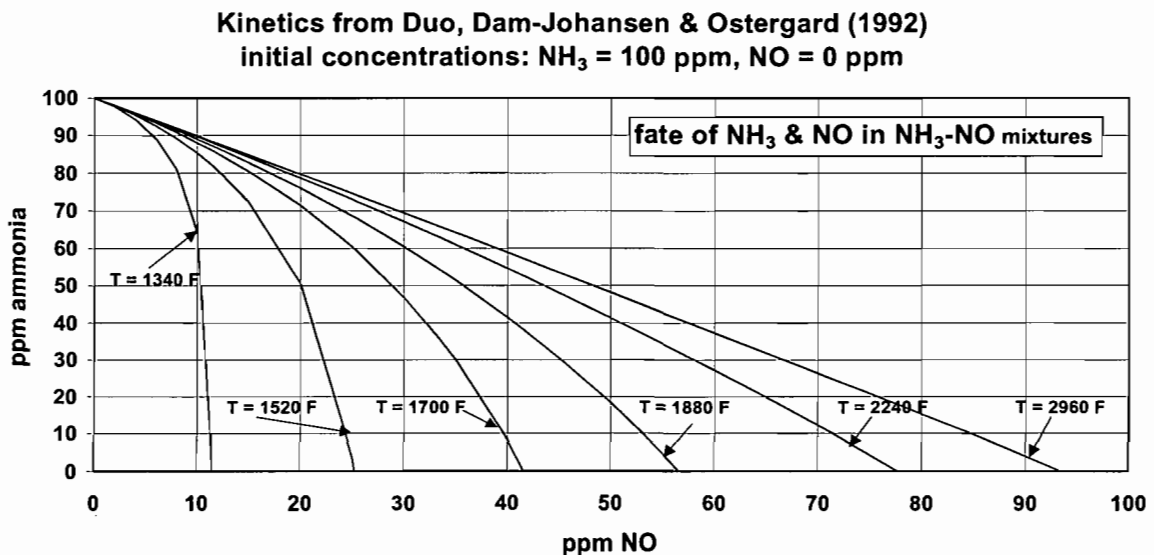


Figure 4.3 Removal of Ammonia and Generation of Nitric Oxide in NH_3 - NO - O_2 Gas Mixtures

5.0 CONTROL OF NO_x EMISSIONS FROM KRAFT RECOVERY FURNACES

The highest temperatures measured in the recovery furnace, usually in the lower furnace region, typically range from about 2,100 to 2,500°F. Acoustic temperature measurements in a recovery furnace showed peak temperatures in the range of 2,191 to 2,398°F (Whitten et al. 1989). The rate of formation of thermal NO_x is significant only at temperatures exceeding about 2,800°F. Hence, factors that generally aid in reducing peak gas temperatures in the lower furnace, such as the firing of lower solids content liquors, reducing combustion air temperature and pressure, instituting changes in burner design and position, and reducing liquor feed temperature, are all expected to play a role in controlling NO_x formation only by the fuel NO_x pathway. The contributions to total NO_x by prompt NO_x , which is most prevalent in rich flames, have been shown by many investigators to be small for stationary combustors (Yuan 1999). Thus, fuel NO_x is expected to make the greatest contribution to the total NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces, especially when the nitrogen content in the fuel is high.

In 1992, NCASI conducted a detailed investigation into the origins of kraft recovery furnace NO_x emissions and related parameters and concluded that black liquor N content was perhaps the most important factor affecting NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces (NCASI 1992). Excess oxygen in the zone where the bulk of liquor combustion takes place was considered the second most important factor for NO_x formation. The report concluded that while very little can be done to affect

the liquor nitrogen content, maximizing staged air combustion, a concept that is already integral to the operation of most existing recovery furnaces, is perhaps the best strategy for minimizing NO_x formation. The precise distribution of combustion air between primary, secondary and, if relevant, tertiary or quaternary air levels, is most likely quite furnace-specific (NCASI 1992). However, this investigation did not look into the effect of reducing lower furnace temperatures on fuel NO_x formation. The currently proposed mechanisms of liquor N volatilizing as NH₃ and the NH₃ subsequently oxidizing to NO were not developed at that time.

The 1992 NCASI report on recovery furnace NO_x emissions also contained long-term continuous emissions monitoring data for NO_x emissions from several kraft recovery furnaces. These data showed that NO_x emissions fell within a fairly narrow band for each furnace, in spite of apparent, significant day-to-day fluctuations in furnace operating behavior as indicated by the widely fluctuating emissions simultaneously measured for SO₂ and CO. This lack of significant variability in the NO_x emission pattern of a given recovery furnace was further evidence of the absence of NO_x formation by the thermal NO_x pathway and also suggested that most furnaces already utilize the concept of staged combustion quite efficiently. The differences observed between one furnace's NO_x emissions and another's is mainly a result of the differences between the N contents of the black liquors fired. Another factor that must be considered when effecting a change in operating conditions in a given kraft recovery furnace is the resulting impact this could have on emissions of other compounds such as reduced sulfur compounds, CO, SO₂, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These latter emissions often respond more readily when, for example, reconfiguring the distribution of the furnace combustion air.

5.1 In-Furnace Control of NO_x Formation by Staged Air Combustion

Early trials with two techniques for minimizing NO_x emissions at a full-scale recovery furnace, viz., staged combustion and firing with low excess air, were reported to have limited effectiveness (Prouty, Stuart, and Caron 1993). However, this furnace was equipped with only three stages of combustion air (normal configuration in most furnaces). NO_x emissions increased from about 0.64 lb/tBLS to about 0.95 lb/tBLS as secondary air was decreased and the percent of air fed through the tertiary ports increased from 16 to 31%. Corresponding temperatures measured using a radiometer (E²Technology) at the liquor gun level also surprisingly increased from about 1820°F to about 2650°F. This increase in temperature was explained by an increase in the destruction of organics at the gun level. In Section 4.0, it was seen that the fraction of ammonia oxidized to NO increased with increasing temperatures. Thus, considering that the current mechanisms of black liquor fuel NO_x formation involve the volatilization of liquor N as NH₃ which then oxidizes to NO, these results appear to be explained by a temperature effect on fuel NO_x rather than on thermal NO_x. A second set of trials, which consisted of reducing the total amount of combustion air while maintaining the same proportion of air to each of the three air levels, showed NO_x emissions dropped by almost 30% as the excess O₂ in the combustion gas was reduced from 1.7 to 1.0%. However, emissions of CO increased almost fivefold from 20 to 100 ppm. TRS emissions also increased marginally from about 4 to 5 ppm.

As previously described, using both laboratory experiments and kinetic modeling studies, Forssén, Kilpinen, and Hupa (2000) examined the influence of various operating conditions on NO formation in the recovery furnace. They concluded that NO is formed from the oxidation of ammonia produced during liquor droplet devolatilization, and this oxidation is strongly dependent on the temperature and number of stages in which the air is mixed with the devolatilized gases. The authors implied that additional air feed levels in the upper furnace could aid in minimizing NO_x formation, although no full-scale test results were presented to support this conclusion.

Janka et al. (1998) compared field experiments with three NO_x reduction methods: air staging, the SNCR method, and a recently developed scrubber method. The SNCR method and scrubber

technology are discussed later in Section 5.2. The authors provide limited field evidence of NO_x reduction by “air staging” in a large Scandinavian furnace. In this furnace, the final air was fed to the upper part of the furnace using an additional air register (quaternary air). As a result, the conditions in the furnace remained reducing up to the upper furnace. Furthermore, the temperature was somewhat lower in the upper furnace. The efficiency of this method is affected by a) the elevation of the fourth register (the amount of additional volume in a reducing atmosphere) and b) the portion of the air fed through the fourth register (the air ratio in the reducing zone). Quaternary air ports were installed at 12 m and 20 m above the liquor guns, and tests were performed to determine the efficiency of the quaternary air, with different air splits between the tertiary and quaternary air registers. The boiler load was also varied between 70 and 100% of its nominal maximum. The relative air distribution between the primary, secondary, and upper (tertiary and quaternary) air registers was kept constant except at the lowest loads, when the portion of upper air was decreased in order to maintain stable operating conditions. Based upon the tests results, the following relationship was developed:

$$C_{\text{NO}_x} = C_0 + Bq + Al \quad (8)$$

where C_{NO_x} = NO_x concentration in ppm; q = relative quaternary air feed (compared to total air feed); l = relative boiler load (compared to nominal maximum); C_0 , B , and A are constants obtained from best fits ($C_0 = 23.7$ ppm, $B = -143.8$ ppm, $A = 85.5$ ppm).

The authors concluded that while the results were based on runs with just one furnace operated with one liquor and run according to one philosophy, nevertheless, 20% quaternary air yields nearly 30% NO_x reduction, and a load decrease from 100 to 75% leads to a 20% reduction in NO_x. The dependence of NO_x emissions on load has two plausible reasons: a) the lower furnace is cooler at low loads, and the release of nitrogen compounds from the black liquor droplets fed to the furnace is slower under cooler conditions, and also the cooler furnace tends to convert the released N compounds to N₂ rather than NO; and b) a lower load provides longer residence times in the reducing lower furnace atmosphere.

Arakawa et al. (2003) conducted laboratory and field tests to study the impact of using quaternary air for maximizing “in-furnace” NO_x reduction. In the laboratory tests, black liquor was continuously fed from the top onto a ceramic crucible within an electric tube furnace (first stage) with combustion air introduced from below (primary air) and above (secondary air) the ceramic crucible and in the upper part (tertiary air) of the vertical ceramic reaction tube. The combustion gas from the first stage furnace was then introduced to a second-stage horizontal combustion furnace where the combustion was completed by introducing quaternary air. The laboratory results showed that a) NO_x levels were reduced with decreasing air-to-fuel ratios in the first stage combustion furnace even as the furnace temperature increased, b) there existed an optimum ratio for this reduction in the first-stage combustion, and c) NO_x levels were reduced up to 30% as the fraction of total air flow directed to the quaternary air was increased (up to 16%). The field tests were conducted on a large Mitsubishi single-drum recovery furnace (1,775 t BLS/d) with primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary air ports. Up to 8% of total air was used as quaternary air, resulting in up to a 30% NO_x reduction from baseline (about 100 ppm). The location of the quaternary air ports was also varied to evaluate the impact of residence time of combustion gas on NO_x reduction. NO_x emissions decreased as the gas residence time up to the quaternary air port level was increased. This furnace was also equipped with urea injection for post combustion NO_x reduction, but only as a backup for peak reduction of NO_x emissions. Test results using this SNCR method are discussed in Section 5.2. Arakawa et al. (2003) also reported that a new furnace (1,900 t BLS/d) with quaternary air was designed and successfully

operated. Quaternary air was injected through five nozzles on both the front and rear walls in this furnace. A 30% NO_x reduction from baseline was obtained with a 16% quaternary air ratio (baseline NO_x level unknown).

Recently, in 2003, two kraft pulp mills in the U.S. informed NCASI they had installed a fourth stage air system in a large recovery furnace at each mill. In the first case, short-term test data for NO_x emissions were developed using an NO_x continuous emissions monitor (CEM). NO_x emissions historically close to 100 ppm dropped to almost 60 ppm due to the fourth stage air, resulting in about a 40% reduction in NO_x. In the second case, NO_x emissions as measured by the mill's CEM dropped from about 1.75 lb/ton BLS (roughly 95 ppm) to about 1.38 lb/ton BLS, or about a 20% drop. It should be noted that both of these mills have only limited experience with the installation of quaternary air ports, and the long-term impacts of such a modification on emissions of other pollutants (such as SO₂, CO, and total reduced sulfur), and on other furnace operational characteristics, are unknown. For example, it is commonly understood that operating the lower furnace colder results in higher emissions of SO₂, and one way to cool the lower furnace is by shifting the primary air to higher levels of air introduction. Section 6.0 deals with responses to a few brief questions posed by NCASI to several U.S. mills that have continuous emission monitors for NO_x installed on their kraft recovery furnaces in order to gain further insights into potential factors affecting NO_x emissions. One mill indicated that they routinely shift air from primary to secondary ports, which results in a colder bed and thus lower NO_x emissions (Mill C in Appendix A). Although the SO₂ emissions rise as a result, this furnace is always operated with residual SO₂ in the stack to assist in purging chlorides. Another mill indicated that NO_x is typically controlled in its furnace by having CO "spike" occasionally (Mill E in Appendix A). CO spikes are typically brought about by decreasing the lower furnace temperatures. Another mill (Mill F in Appendix A) stated "One day we would be at the top on NO_x and the next day we would have high SO₂. We found that for us it was better to control the bed temperature on the high side. The higher bed temperature does result in higher NO_x, but we are able to control that well within our permit limit. We run basically zero on SO₂ emissions."

5.2 Post-Combustion Control of NO_x Emissions

Over a decade ago, a two-week test run using the SNCR technology (NO_xOUT process with urea injection) was conducted on a Swedish furnace and the results reported by Lovblad et al. (1991). Nearly 60% NO_x reduction was reported to be observed during this short duration run. Small amounts of ammonia were detected in the economizer and ESP ashes. The ammonia concentrations in the stack gas increased from about 3 mg/m³n during baseline tests to about 8 mg/m³n when urea was injected (or from 4.2 ppm to 11.3 ppm). However, another source of information (NCASI File Information) which could not be confirmed, suggested the furnace may have been equipped with an ESP followed by a flue gas scrubber. Thus, ammonia slip for furnaces without scrubbers (normal situation) could potentially be higher. The authors stated that no negative effects were observed in the chemical recovery cycle during the two-week short duration test runs. NCASI has learned the furnace on which these tests were conducted was decommissioned shortly thereafter. A new furnace built at the same mill does not currently incorporate the SNCR technology for NO_x control.

As mentioned in Section 5.1, Janka et al. (1998) compared field experiments with three NO_x reduction methods: air staging, the SNCR method, and an oxidation-reduction (O-R) scrubber. The only experience they quote for the use of the SNCR method is that provided earlier by Lovblad et al. (1991). Janka et al. (1998) concluded that although the SNCR method offered an efficient solution achieving about a 60% reduction, the storing, feeding, and control systems for the SNCR agent required an investment of several million dollars. In addition, the use of urea may lead to unwanted emissions of ammonia and also increase the potential for fouling and corrosion from ammonia salts. Relative to removal of NO_x by scrubbing, the authors stated that pilot- and full-scale tests had

demonstrated the effectiveness of an NO_x scrubber, although no details were provided. They claimed a 66% NO_x removal efficiency was obtained in a full-scale recovery furnace scrubber that used a ClO₂ feed. Estimated costs would depend greatly on a) whether a flue gas scrubber made from corrosion-resistant material already exists and b) whether an NCG treatment system, which produces Na₂SO₃, is available. The operating costs are dependent upon the manufacturing costs of the ClO₂ solution in the mill.

Two other kraft mills in Sweden have reportedly conducted tests with NH₃ injection (De-NO_x process) in their recovery furnaces, although details are lacking (NCASI File Information). Ammonia was injected into the furnaces at a location near the superheater entrance. While positive results were obtained in terms of NO_x reduction during the tests, the mills did not continue practicing this technology because of high capital and maintenance costs. As mentioned earlier in section 5.1, Arakawa et al. (2003) reported on the installation of the SNCR technology with urea injection at two kraft recovery furnaces in Japan. However, both these systems were designed for “emergency peak cut use” only. Information made available to NCASI indicates both of these furnaces could generally meet their respective NO_x limits (110 ppm at 4% O₂ for Mill 1 and 100 ppm for Mill 2) by either improving the combustion air distribution in the lower furnace (Mill 1) or by optimizing the use of a quaternary air system (Mill 2). Only a three-week trial was conducted to examine the performance of the SNCR system at Mill 1. Thus, long-term effects of the urea injection SNCR process are not known. Arakawa et al. (2003) report that around 30% NO_x reduction was observed in the Mill 1 trials at an NH₃ to NO molar ratio of 1.0, with corresponding ammonia slip of less than 5 ppm at the stack. They also report that a maximum NO_x reduction of about 70% could be achieved with NH₃ to NO molar ratios of 2.5 to 3.0. However, although not reported by them, this would no doubt result in much higher levels of NH₃ slip, and the impact of excess ammonia on fouling and corrosion by ammonia salts is of concern.

5.3 Summary of NO_x Emissions Control in Kraft Recovery Furnaces

Staged combustion appears to be the only viable “in-furnace” NO_x reduction technique applicable to kraft recovery furnaces. Other techniques that result in reduced temperatures in the lower furnace could perhaps also lead to lower NO_x emissions. However, the concomitant effect on other furnace emissions (such as SO₂ and CO) and furnace operational characteristics are unknown. The staged combustion principle is optimally exploited within an existing furnace by using “quaternary air ports” to perhaps obtain up to 30% reduction in prevailing NO_x emissions. However, the furnace has to be large and capable of accommodating a fourth stage of combustion air feed. Marginal NO_x reduction by installing quaternary air ports appears to be a technologically feasible alternative in full-scale furnaces at the present time. However, in each case, the impact on emissions of other compounds such as CO and TRS needs to be investigated on a longer time scale than the short-term experience currently available. In a summary assessment of control technologies for reducing nitrogen oxide emissions from non-utility point sources and major area sources, EPA stated “NO_x emissions from recovery boilers do not generally result from thermal oxidation of nitrogen in the air. Oxidation of fuel nitrogen, which appears to be the dominant mechanism for recovery boiler NO_x formation, can be sensitive to furnace temperature, however. Changes in the process, such as low excess air and air staging, may reduce NO_x emissions in some cases. SNCR may be applicable as a post-process reduction technique. It should be noted, though, that most recovery furnaces already operate with relatively low excess air with little room for significant improvement. While some gains can be achieved in the newer (larger) furnaces, the use of these techniques may also result in increases in SO₂ and CO emissions and can foul and plug the convection passes, increase acid deposition, and result in production losses” (USEPA 1998).

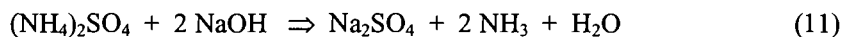
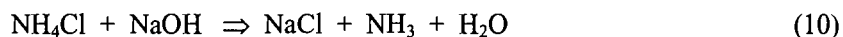
In principle, the efficacy of the SNCR technology in reducing NO_x emissions from a kraft recovery furnace will be lesser than, for example, in a fossil fuel-fired utility boiler. This is mainly because of

the large variation in flue gas temperature at the superheater entrance, this being the most suitable location for injecting ammonia or urea into the furnace. Besides repeatedly fluctuating loads by virtue of the furnace being interconnected with pulp mill and evaporation area operations, as-fired black liquor is not as uniform as fossil fuels; its composition, heating value, and combustion behavior are affected greatly by mill operations, and these properties change considerably with time. Once an SNCR system is installed, the locations for NH₃/urea injection are fixed. Targeted NO_x reductions require a narrow optimum temperature window, and it would be difficult to obtain this window in a furnace at all times. At locations near the superheater entrance, it is not uncommon to have a flue gas temperature of 1750 ± 250°F. The gas temperature change is particularly large when there is a load change in the lower furnace, or when a nearby soot blower is activated, blowing high pressure steam to remove deposits from superheater tube surfaces. Such large temperature ranges may exceed the optimum temperature range required for effective SNCR, resulting in a low NO_x reduction efficiency.

The injected ammonia/urea also needs to have sufficient residence time in order to react with the NO_x within the optimum temperature window. In this regard, a small furnace has less residence time than a large one; thus, efficiency of NO_x removal by the SNCR system is expected to decrease with furnace size. The long-term use of NH₃ or urea in a recovery furnace has not been studied. The indirect effect of NH₃ on fireside deposit buildup on heat exchanger tube surfaces in the upper furnace needs to be evaluated. It is known that the rate of deposit accumulation increases with an increase in chloride content in the as-fired black liquor (Tran 1997). The presence of NH₃ in the gas would prevent Cl from being purged from the furnace through the stack. Chlorides accumulate in the chemical recovery system if they are not purged. The majority of the chloride is purged from the mill system through hydrogen chloride emissions from the recovery furnace stack. HCl is formed as a reaction between NaCl, sulfur oxides, and water:



If NH₃ is present in the flue gas, it will react with HCl and SO₃ when the gas temperature is cooled below 660°F to form ammonium chloride (NH₄Cl) and ammonium sulfate [(NH₄)₂SO₄] particulate, which will mix with the precipitator dust. In the black liquor mix tank, where the pH is high, the acidic NH₄Cl and (NH₄)₂SO₄ in the recycled dust will be neutralized to form alkali chloride and sulfate and gaseous ammonia according to the following reactions:



As a result of the particulate formation and neutralization reactions, Cl will remain within the kraft liquor cycle and will gradually be enriched in the as-fired black liquor and deposits with time. Most of the unreacted ammonia injected during the SNCR process will not be lost through the recovery furnace stack, but rather will be lost as NH₃ emissions around the black liquor mix tank and dissolving tank. A small amount may ultimately end up in the liquor cycle, gradually increasing the nitrogen content of the liquor.

Thus, a long-term SNCR operation has the potential to increase the chloride and nitrogen content of kraft liquors, leading to higher NO_x emissions with time and aggravated fouling and plugging conditions in the furnace due to high chloride deposits. These effects are expected to be more pronounced for furnaces that burn high sulfidity liquors and/or for furnaces which operate at low bed temperatures. In such furnaces, the concentration of SO₂/SO₃ in the flue gas is high. A large amount of ammonium bisulfate (NH₄HSO₄) may form based upon the following reactions:



NH₄HSO₄ is acidic and melts at 297°F. Consequently, it is likely to be present as a molten phase at temperatures prevailing in the precipitator. This may lead to severe corrosion and/or massive deposit in the precipitator.

Relative to flue gas treatment by selective catalytic reduction or SCR, this option has never been demonstrated to be applicable to kraft recovery furnaces. Kravett and Hanson (1994) concluded that SCR is not technologically feasible for kraft recovery furnaces. The technological limitations include a) the potential for plugging and fouling of the SCR catalyst, b) the potential for fouling of the ESP, c) the handling of ammonia and ammonia slip, d) the potential for increased particulate emissions, e) the creation of a new hazardous waste (spent catalyst), and f) the potential for significant energy penalty.

The SCR catalyst may be sensitive to fine dust particles prevalent in kraft recovery furnace emissions. Since the optimum temperature for most catalysts is between 450 and 750°F, an SCR system will need to be installed in the economizer region of a recovery furnace. However, in this region, the flue gas is laden with a massive amount of dust particles (typically about 5 wt% of the total black liquor solids burned in the furnace), which would quickly cover the catalyst surface, making the catalyst inactive. SCR catalyst poisoning by soluble alkali metals is also a well known phenomenon.

SCR may be installed after the ESP to minimize the effect of dust on catalysts. However, in such a case, a flue gas reheating system would be required to bring the gas temperature within the optimum range. This would be very expensive and perhaps impractical.

6.0 MILL-PROVIDED INFORMATION ON FACTORS AFFECTING NO_x EMISSIONS

CEMSs for NO_x have been installed on numerous kraft recovery furnaces. NCASI contacted approximately 25 mills with NO_x CEMS on non-direct contact evaporator (NDCE) type furnaces to see if the monitoring data provided any useful insights into factors affecting NO_x emissions. Three specific questions were posed to each mill. These were:

Q#1. Have you had to deal with issues of NO_x control (quaternary air, SNCR, etc.) on this furnace in the past and if so, in what way?

- Q#2. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?
- Q#3. Have you noticed that NO_x emissions change with liquor quality (type of wood pulped, percent liquor solids, etc.) or other furnace operational parameter?

Mill personnel were also asked to identify other factors that, in their opinion, could influence NO_x emissions from their furnace.

Information provided by nine of the 25 mills has been summarized in Table 6.1. Detailed responses are given in Appendix A.

Table 6.1 Summary of Mill-Provided Information on Factors Affecting Kraft Recovery Furnace NO_x Emissions

Mill Code	NO _x lb/tBLS ^a	Q #1	Q #2	Q #3	Additional Information
A	1.28	Switching black liquor nozzles reduced NO _x , CO and PM carryover. Meeting CO limit as well as NO _x limit requires careful balancing.	Tertiary air	Primary factor seems to be Btu content of BLS; higher Btu liquors results in more NO _x .	Furnace rebuilt in 2001; NO _x emissions now higher than in 2000, currently averaging 1.70 lb/ton BLS.
B	0.64	Not had to deal with NO _x limits on the furnace until recently; Furnace rebuilt in 2003.	Possibly secondary air ratio - not sure	Too early to tell.	New superheater, economizer and tri level air in May 2003.
C	1.35	80 ppm 30 d limit; also have a 24 hr avg lb/hr limit; furnace approaches NO _x limit often, especially lb/hr limit.	Routinely shift air from primary to secondary - results in colder bed which lowers NO _x - mill operates furnace with residual SO ₂ to purge chlorides.	When % solids creeps up (72 to 73%), it is brought down (if NO _x is a problem); not sure if it is the % slds or the changed air flow that affects NO _x at such times.	Load burners above tertiary air ports sometimes used as "quasi" quaternary air ports - believe this helps polish NO _x emissions.
D	1.50	Went through PSD permitting during furnace rebuild - current limit is 140 ppm at 8% O ₂ .		80 to 90 ppm on softwood liquor, 100 to 110 ppm on hardwood liquor	NCG incinerator feeds to same stack, biasing NO _x levels upwards.
E	1.71	Recently installed a quaternary air system - learning to operate the furnace based on this change - NO _x levels are falling - anticipated to drop to 1.38 lb/ton BLS	Not sure why NO _x varies at similar firing rates - more issues with NO _x than CO - control of NO _x is to spike CO occasionally	Use primary, secondary and/or tertiary air system to control NO _x .	Tampella, high solids furnace (80 to 82% slds) - current limit is 110 ppm and 100.7 lb/hr; typically operating in the mid 90s - have to take a few gpm off at times to meet #/hr limit.

Table 6.1 Continued

Mill Code	NO _x lb/tBLS ^a	Q #1	Q #2	Q #3	Additional Information
F	1.85	Initial work done with air flows (when monitors were installed) suggested bed temperature was the biggest factor – temperature controlled by adjusting primary & secondary air flows.	Not sure about impact of liquor quality or solids		Run bed temperature hot to get essentially zero SO ₂ emissions – NO _x levels could be high as a result, but within permit limit.
G	1.16	Conducted BACT-type reviews for furnace, including evaluation of SNCR – required to maintain good combustion practices/controls.	Mass emissions (lb/hr) directly proportional to boiler load; other factors appear insignificant.	Bulk of operation is with mixed liquors – thus, impact of type of liquor unknown.	Error in reporting in 2000 ^a ; actual emissions in 2001 and 2002 were 1.5 & 1.86 lb/ton BLS.
H	1.45	Have not had to deal with NO _x control other than “proper combustion”; typically constant level of NO _x , usually 60-65 ppm at 8% O ₂ .	Higher NO _x emissions with higher bed temperatures, which result from liquor with higher Btu value and fired at higher rates	Proper distribution of P & S air to control bed temperature; large liquor droplets that dry, swell & burn as they hit the bed.	NO _x can range from 45 to about 80 ppm, depending on liquor HHV, bed temperature and furnace firing rate.
I	1.89	After measuring high NO _x levels during tests in 1999, mill considered installing a quaternary air system (but did not); SNCR was never considered feasible.	Hdwd to sftwd liquor ratio; more hardwood ⇒ higher NO _x ; also, NO _x related to the BLS firing rate and amount and placement of combustion air ^b .	Besides the hdwd to sftwd ratio, % solids, liquor T, droplet size and liquor droplet distribution in furnace can impact NO _x .	CEM gave reliable data only after 11/17/00; 2002 emission estimates - 1.58 lb NO _x /ton BLS, more in line with industry averages.

^a average emission rate reported in 2000 – rate obtained from NCASI survey for calendar year 2000 SO₂ and NO_x emissions; survey yielded an average NO_x emission of 1.5 lb/ton BLS for NDCE furnaces

^b e.g. excess air must be kept to an absolute minimum; just enough primary air needs to be applied to keep the smelt bed in control and the balance of the air should be moved to secondary and tertiary levels; primary air ports must be able to supply a strong directional jet of air toward the smelt bed; a “lazy” jet of air will not work; short term spikes occur when reducing the black liquor firing rate and not reducing air flow rates; NO_x emissions are higher at reduced firing rate

7.0 IMPACT OF BURNING SOGS IN FURNACES ON NOX EMISSIONS

In the U. S., low volume high concentration (LVHC) non-condensable gases (NCGs) from kraft pulping and recovery operations (also called concentrated NCGs or CNCGs) and stripper off-gases (SOGs) from foul condensate stripping operations are typically burned in lime kilns, boilers, or thermal oxidizers. The safety concerns associated with burning these moisture-laden gases in kraft recovery furnaces precluded most mills from burning them in such furnaces. More recently, these concerns have begun to be successfully dealt with, and the burning of CNCGs and SOGs in kraft recovery furnaces is gaining increasing acceptance. In a recent report *Recommended Good Practice Thermal Oxidation of Waste Streams in Black Liquor Recovery Boilers* (BLRBAC 2002), the Black Liquor Recovery Boiler Advisory Committee states the following:

“The burning of dilute and/or concentrated non-condensable gases or other waste streams in the kraft black liquor recovery boiler adds complexity and potential hazards to the operation. Recognizing this, BLRBAC does not encourage the practice. However, if non-condensable gases or any waste stream are burned in the recovery boiler this *Recommended Good Practice* should be followed to assist in minimizing the potential for accidents.”

Relative to introducing the CNCGs and SOGs into the recovery furnace the report states

“A dedicated burner should be used for thermal oxidation of CNCG and SOG in the recovery boiler. The burner should be equipped with a continuous igniter and igniter flame scanner. This arrangement will provide more stable and safer firing of the gases than arrangements that depend on the heat from black liquor combustion to sustain the thermal oxidation of the NCG. This arrangement further considers that there is not a reliable means of detecting a loss of black liquor flame to shut off the NCG flows to the recovery boiler.

It is possible that the dedicated burner would also be used to thermally oxidize methanol and turpentine in the recovery furnace. A future activity of the Waste Streams Subcommittee is to consider the guidelines for introducing these into the recovery furnace.”

The ability of kraft recovery furnaces to capture and recover sulfur compounds present in CNCGs and SOGs, recover their heat content, and act as a buffer to temper the load fluctuations typical of these gases are described as some of the main advantages over burning them in kilns, boilers, or thermal oxidizers. However, the impact of burning SOGs in kraft recovery furnaces on the resulting NO_x emissions could potentially be of concern because SOGs can contain high levels of ammonia (up to 9 vol %) which could potentially oxidize to NO. The burning of CNCGs in recovery furnaces is not expected to have an impact on NO_x emissions since they typically contain negligible levels of ammonia.

7.1 Published Literature

Janka and Tamminen (1999) reported on measurements for NO_x from burning SOGs containing ammonia in kraft recovery furnaces. At one furnace, NO_x levels which typically ranged from about 400 to 600 mg NO_x/m³n should have increased by 100 to 200 mg NO_x/m³n when the SOGs were burned if all the ammonia in the SOGs were converted to NO_x. However, the measurements indicated no increase in NO_x emissions when the burner was located at the secondary air level. The authors mention that similar results had been obtained in other furnaces where the SOG burner was installed below the liquor guns. The authors explain this result by a so-called “reburning effect,” caused by reactions between the nitrogen species originated from liquor and SOG. The nitrogen released from the liquor in the lower furnace is mainly as NH₃. Consequently, even though the SOG burner oxidizes most of the NH₃ in SOGs to NO, the ammonia released from the liquor reacts with this NO to yield molecular N₂ and water. At a second furnace, the SOG burner was installed above

the liquor guns, and NO_x emissions increased. The authors explain that in this case, the majority of the ammonia that originated from the black liquor would have been oxidized above the liquor guns and thus unavailable to reduce NO_x resulting from oxidation of the NH_3 in the SOG burner. However, when the burner air ratio was kept low (-0.5), this increase in NO_x was mostly compensated for by the reduction effect of unburned gases from the burner. The authors concluded that feeding the SOG directly (without a burner) into the furnace or operating the burner at sub-stoichiometric air ratios nearly compensated for the additional NO_x from SOG ammonia.

In a follow-up paper, Janka et al. (2001) discussed ways of minimizing NO_x emissions during the burning of SOGs in recovery furnaces by comparing the experimental results obtained in their earlier field work (Janka and Tamminen 1999) to results from two kinds of theoretical calculations, a detailed kinetic NO_x chemistry model and a global reaction mechanism implemented to a 3-D CFD model. However, they concluded that the simplified NO_x models did not give satisfactory results in estimating NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces because a) the NO_x reaction concept itself was too simplified, and b) the mixing models did not give satisfactory realistic mixing rates for the reacting compounds. In a practical furnace, all the relevant circumstances (temperature, flow, concentrations, etc.) are highly inhomogeneous, and for that reason, the detailed chemistry concept is difficult to utilize reliably.

7.2 Mill Experience

Although the BLRBAC recommendation gave guarded approval for the burning of CNCGs and SOGs in kraft recovery furnaces (BLRBAC 2002), very few mills in the U.S. burn CNCGs and even fewer burn SOGs in their furnaces. NCASI's Year 2000 NO_x/SO_x summary (NCASI 2002) indicated that seven mills burned CNCGs in the kraft recovery furnace and four burned SOGs (three of the four also burned CNCGs). These mills were contacted to learn about their experience with the NO_x emission impact of burning CNCGs and/or SOGs in the furnace. Of the seven that burned CNCGs, one mill (which also burned SOGs) is no longer in operation and one indicated that due to the Cluster Rule the CNCGs were presently being burned in the lime kiln instead. Four of the five remaining mills that burned CNCGs in the furnace did not know its impact on NO_x emissions since their furnaces were not equipped with an NO_x monitor. Of the three remaining mills that indicated they burned SOGs in the furnace, one reported that the SOGs were condensed without a rectifier and the condensate (with $< 40\%$ methanol concentration) was blended with the black liquor just before it was fired in the furnace. The NO_x emission impact of such a practice was not known since the furnace did not have an NO_x CEM. CEM NO_x data for a three-month period in 2002 for one of the remaining two kraft recovery furnaces in the U.S. that indicated they burned SOGs and CNCGs in the furnace were obtained by NCASI for analysis of the impact of burning SOGs on NO_x emissions from this furnace. At the time the data were obtained (2001), the furnace had just recently been installed (in 2001) and was firing a substantial amount of natural gas (nearly 20% of heat input). The SOGs were injected through dedicated burners with continuous igniters in accordance with the BLRBAC recommendation. The burners were located at the secondary air level. Three periods of SOG burning were identified in these data with adjacent periods when the SOGs were removed from the furnace and the NO_x emissions from the two situations compared. The data presented in Figures 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 appear to indicate that SOG burning increased NO_x emissions from this furnace, at least during the time periods for which the data were analyzed.

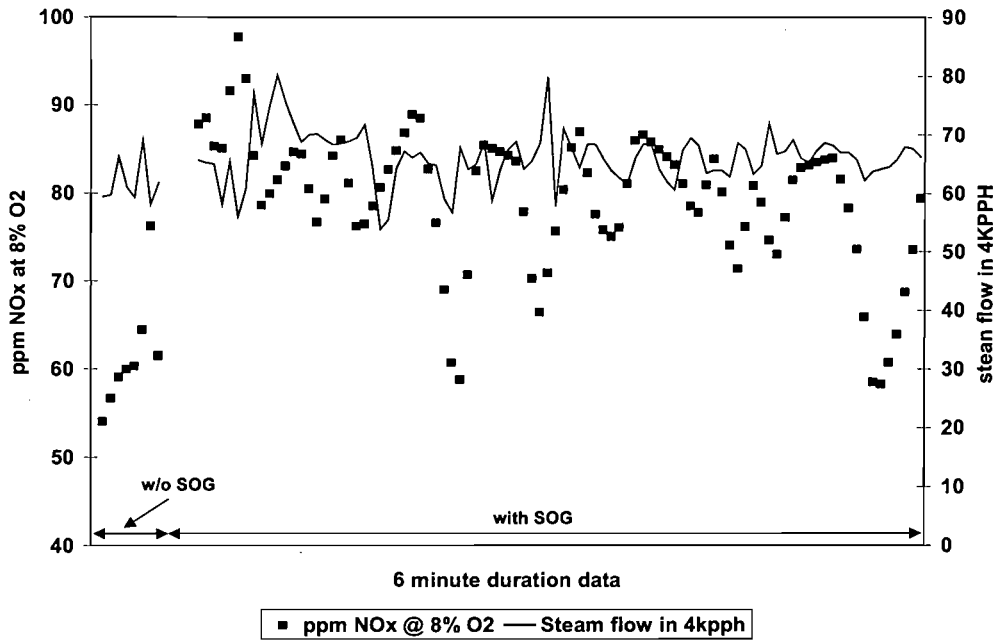


Figure 7.1 Kraft Recovery Furnace NO_x – Impact of SOG Burning – Period I
 Average ppm NO_x = 61.5 (w/o SOG); 79.4 (w/SOG)

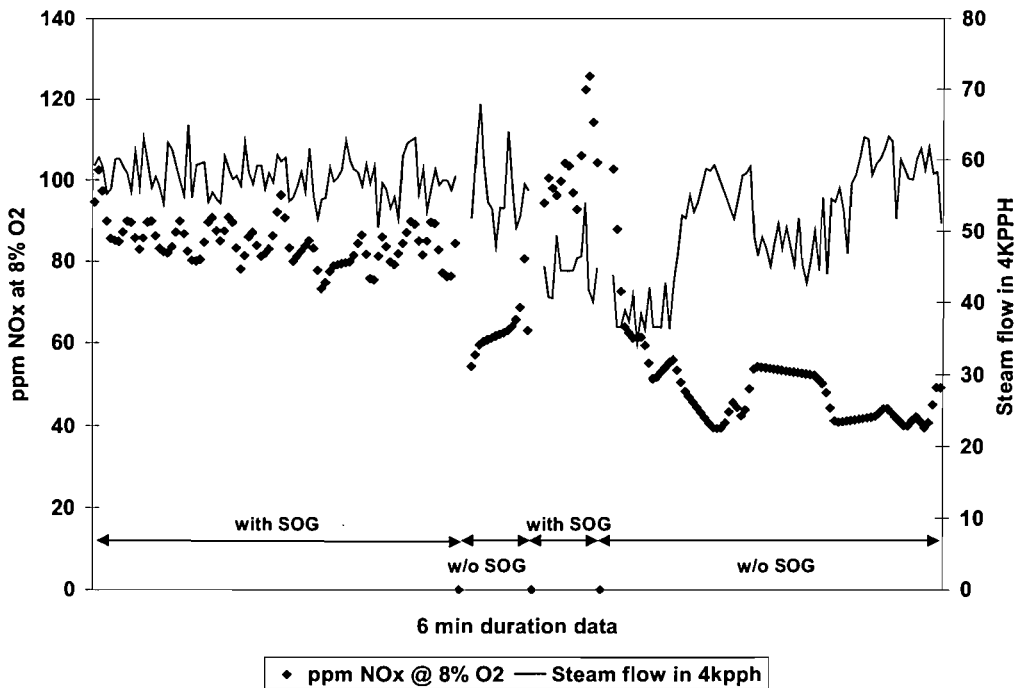


Figure 7.2 Kraft Recovery Furnace NO_x – Impact of SOG Burning – Period II
 Average ppm NO_x = 84.4 (w/SOG); 62.9 (w/o SOG); 104.3 (w/SOG); 49.3 (w/o SOG)

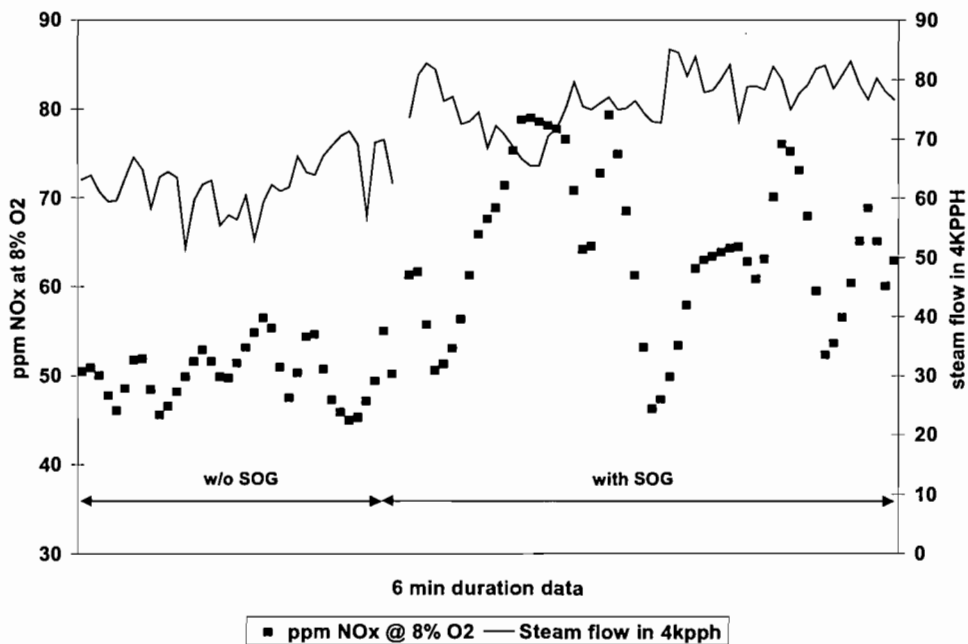


Figure 7.3 Kraft Recovery Furnace NO_x – Impact of SOG Burning – Period III
Average ppm NO_x = 50.1 (w/o SOG); 64.4 (w/SOG)

8.0 NOX EMISSIONS FROM KRAFT SMELT DISSOLVING TANKS

NCASI's first compilation of emission factors for NO_x, SO₂, and VOCs for boilers, kraft pulp mills, and bleach plants (NCASI 1993) summarized selective NO_x emission data for ten smelt dissolving tank (SDT) vents from available test reports. NO_x emissions from SDTs are not expected since no combustion takes place in such operations and the smelt-water explosion that occurs is not expected to generate any oxides of nitrogen. Nevertheless, while the bulk of the NO_x emissions recorded in the ten SDT vents were quite low (less than 12 ppm), there were two cases with rather high NO_x concentrations, ranging from ND to 95 ppm (0.23 lb NO_x/ton BLS). The NCASI report (NCASI 1993) suggested two possible reasons for these values: a) in-leakage of combustion gases from the lower portions of the kraft recovery furnace; or b) thermal NO_x formation from air oxidation in the smelt tank. Other flue gas characteristics (moisture content, CO, SO₂, and VOC) measured concurrently suggest in-leakage may not have been occurring. NO_x formation by the thermal NO_x pathway would require a substantial amount of the gases in the SDT to be subjected to a temperature exceeding 2800°F, which appears highly improbable.

An alternative explanation for the varying levels of NO_x detected in SDT vent gases may lie in the measurement methods. Ammonia is known to be present in SDT vent gases. The chemiluminescent analyzer typically used to measure NO_x in source vent gases contains a catalytic converter which reduces all the NO₂ in the sample gas to NO at elevated temperatures. The NO in the gas (including the NO from reduced NO₂) is then made to react with ozone, generating NO₂ in an excited state, and the analyzer then measures the intensity of the chemiluminescence resulting when this NO₂ returns to the ground state. The catalytic converter may also oxidize any NH₃ present to NO.

There are two types of converters, one a thermal reaction converter that decomposes NO_2 at 600-800°C and the second a chemical reaction converter that uses graphite carbon, molybdenum, tungsten, metal-impregnated carbon or some similar carbon to reduce NO_2 at 100-400°C (http://nett21.unep.or.jp/CTT_DATA/index_amon.html). When the temperature rises to 400°C or more, ammonia is oxidized. This generates NO, which causes an interference effect. For this reason, the chemical reaction converters, which use a carbonaceous substance at 300°C or less, are predominantly used today for NO_x measurements.

Thermal decomposition of NO_2 to NO is complete at about 540°C (1100°F). Older models of NO_x analyzers used a stainless steel converter, usually a length of coiled stainless steel tubing heated to about 700°C (1300°F), providing sufficient residence time at a sample flow rate of 10 scfh for essentially complete conversion of NO_2 to NO. Gordana and Miroljub (1997) studied the influence of the stainless steel converter temperature on the conversion of NO_2 and NH_3 to NO in a Scott Model 125 chemiluminescent NO/NO_x analyzer. They found that the conversion level of NH_3 to NO ranged from 20 to 40% for gas streams with 22 to 110 ppm NH_3 between the temperatures of 550 and 700°C. They concluded that ammonia is partially oxidized to NO and must be eliminated from the air sample before measurement for NO.

A study was conducted by the University of California, Riverside to quantify sources of error in NO_x measurement methods applied to low- NO_x and new-technology emission sources (Fitz and Welch 2001). This study states “a problem with the chemiluminescent method is that the converters used to reduce NO_2 to NO can also oxidize ammonia (NH_3) to NO. The extent of ammonia conversion depends on many factors such as converter age, water content and matrix composition. With molybdenum-based converters, for example, the ammonia bias is typically a few percent of concentration, although the formation of molybdenum trioxide as the converter ages raises this conversion rate. NH_3 , therefore, causes a positive interference. Evaluating this interference is particularly important when the sampled stream uses ammonia injection to reduce NO_x emissions.” Working with three types of converters (stainless steel converter, molybdenum, and molybdate carbon), the authors concluded that “only the NO_x analyzer with the stainless steel converter responded significantly to ammonia and the ammonia response from the stainless steel converter increased with increasing water input.”

Ammonia has been found in kraft SDT, slaker and causticizer vents and reported in NCASI Technical Bulletin No. 789 (NCASI 1999). NH_3 emissions from 14 SDT vents ranged from 0.02 to 3.80 lb/ton BLS, with a mean of 0.51 and median of 0.04 lb/ton BLS. Thus, even if only 10% of the NH_3 in a SDT vent gas with about 0.51 lb NH_3 /ton BLS converts to NO due to the oxidizing effect of the high-temperature stainless steel converter in an NO_x analyzer, this would result in about 0.14 lb/ton BLS being erroneously reported as NO_x emissions from the SDT [$0.50 \times 0.10 \times (46/17)$].

9.0 SUMMARY

Compared to coal- or residual oil-fired boilers of similar capacity, NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces are generally quite low, typically in the 60 to 100 ppm range. Further, these emissions, on average, are lower from DCE as compared to NDCE furnaces (1.1 vs. 1.6 lb/ton BLS). The reasons for this latter observation are unclear, beyond the fact that generally less robust combustion is expected in the older DCE furnaces. The lower NO_x emissions from kraft recovery furnaces are due to several factors which include a) low nitrogen concentrations in most “as-fired” black liquor solids (around 0.1%), b) recovery furnace NO_x formation resulting predominantly from fuel NO_x mechanisms (insufficient temperatures for thermal NO_x formation), c) low overall conversions of

liquor N to NO_x (around 20 to 35%), and d) existence of sodium fumes that might participate in “in-furnace” NO_x reduction or removal.

Researchers have concluded that nearly three-fourths of the liquor N is released during pyrolysis or devolatilization, partly as NH_3 and partly as N_2 , the rest remaining with the smelt product most likely as a reduced N species. The latter is believed to be the origin of the ammonia released from smelt dissolving tank vents, slaker vents and other causticizing area operations that use fresh water or clean condensates. The ammonia released from the black liquor during pyrolysis partly oxidizes to NO and partly reduces to N_2 . An NCASI review of the theoretical kinetics governing the reactions between NH_3 , NO, and O_2 suggests that in the presence of excess O_2 , a decrease in temperature decreases the degree of oxidation of NH_3 to NO, thus implying that fuel NO_x generation during black liquor combustion is more temperature-dependent than originally thought. Researchers have also concluded that to the extent that “staged combustion” is allowed to take place during the oxidation of NH_3 to NO, the conversion of the ammonia to NO can be minimized. Limited short-term experience after installing quaternary air ports on two U.S. furnaces has shown that a 20 to 40% reduction in baseline NO_x levels is feasible using such air staging.

Most of the NO is formed by oxidation of the NH_3 volatilized during pyrolysis of the liquor droplets. Very little NO is formed by the char bed. In certain instances, where the liquor droplet dries completely before reaching the char bed, additional NO can be formed during “in-flight” char combustion of the liquor droplet. The use of liquor sprays resulting in larger droplet sizes avoids the problem of additional NO contribution from char burning. The anomalous results observed by Prouty, Stuart, and Caron (1993), viz., NO_x emissions rising as a result of increasing tertiary air while reducing secondary air, may be explained partly by the fact that such a change in combustion air feed patterns resulted in increased temperatures at the liquor gun levels, which in turn increased conversion of NH_3 to NO, and partly from potential “in-flight” char burning of liquor droplets. The observations during field tests by Jones and Anderson (1993) that NO_x emissions increased when firing liquors with increasing liquor solids contents and later similar observations by Jones and Nagel (1998) may have had less to do with thermal NO_x or an “in-furnace” capability of alkali fume to capture NO_x as suggested by these respective authors, but more to do with a possible effect on increased conversion of ammonia to NO within the furnace due to an increase in lower furnace temperatures resulting from firing higher solids liquors.

At the current time, there is no published information on the extended use of SNCR on an operating kraft recovery furnace. Short-term tests with the SNCR technology have been reported on furnaces in Japan and Sweden. There are a number of unresolved critical issues surrounding the use of urea or ammonia injection in a kraft recovery furnace for NO_x control over a long-term basis. Kraft recovery furnaces are designed to effectively recover chemicals from spent pulping liquors in a safe and reliable operation. Although steam is generated from liquor combustion, certain chemical reactions have to be accomplished inside the furnace. It is not known whether the long-term injection of NO_x -reducing chemicals into the furnace would have deleterious effects on the kraft liquor chemical cycle. Long-term tests would be needed to address this important issue. In addition, factors such as the impact of large variations in flue gas temperatures at the superheater entrance due to fluctuating load and liquor quality, limited residence times for the NO_x - NH_3 reactions available in smaller furnaces, impact on fireside deposit buildup due to reduced chloride purging from long-term NH_3 /urea use and resulting impact on tube corrosion and fouling, potential for significant NH_3 slip and plume opacity problems due to NH_4Cl emissions, etc., need to be investigated thoroughly.

The use of SCR on a kraft recovery furnace has never been demonstrated, even on a short-term basis. The impact of high particulate matter concentrations in the economizer region and fine dust particles on catalyst effectiveness is a major concern. Catalyst poisoning by soluble alkali metals in the gas

stream is also a concern. In the case of SCRs installed after the ESP, additional energy use for reheating the flue gas would be a major drawback.

Optimization of the staged combustion principle within a large, existing kraft recovery furnace to obtain perhaps 20 to 30% reduction in prevailing NO_x emissions might be the only technologically feasible option at the present time for NO_x reduction. However, the effect of such air staging on emissions of other pollutants, chiefly SO₂, CO, and TRS, and other furnace operational characteristics needs to be examined with longer-term data on U.S. furnaces. Ultimately, the liquor nitrogen content, which is dependent on the types of wood pulped, is the dominant factor affecting the level of NO_x emissions from black liquor combustion in a recovery furnace.

The NO_x emission impact of burning ammonia-rich stripper off-gases in kraft recovery furnaces is currently unclear. Some researchers have suggested that the impact is minimal if the SOGs are introduced into the furnace below the liquor guns, whereas introduction above the liquor guns could result in increased NO_x levels. A “reburning effect” is believed responsible in the case of the former.

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APPENDIX A

RESPONSE TO NCASI SURVEY ON FACTORS AFFECTING KRAFT RECOVERY FURNACE NO_x EMISSIONS – MILLS WITH NO_x CEMSS

From the data provided to generate the 2000 NO_x/SO_x summary for pulp and paper mills (NCASI 2002), mills that operated kraft recovery furnaces equipped with continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMSs) for NO_x were identified. A preliminary email questionnaire was sent out by NCASI to about 25 such mills (all of which had NDCE furnaces equipped with NO_x CEMSSs) in order to summarize the mill environmental personnel's views and experience on what governed NO_x emissions from their furnace and what issues relative to NO_x control the mill may have had to deal with in recent times. Mill personnel were provided with the estimated year 2000 average NO_x emissions rate obtained earlier by NCASI from the mill for the furnace equipped with a NO_x CEMS. A NO_x/SO_x survey similar to the one conducted in 2000 was conducted in 1995 (NCASI 1997) and this survey yielded an average NO_x emission rate for NDCE furnaces of about 1.50 lb/ton BLS. When a significant difference between this estimate and the mill's estimate was indicated, the mill was asked to explain this if possible. The questionnaire also asked three specific questions relative to kraft recovery furnace NO_x emissions in order to gather the collective experience of U.S. mills in this regard. Nearly one-third of the mills (nine out of 25) responded, and these responses are summarized below.

Mill A - NDCE Furnace (Mid-West)

249 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 389,000 tons of BLS fired - 1.28 lb NO_x/ton BLS

General Comments by Mill – The recovery furnace was rebuilt in 2001. The current average emission rate is 1.69 lb/ton BLS.

Answers to Specific Questions

1. Have you had to deal with issues of NO_x control (quaternary air, SNCR, etc.) on this furnace in the past and if so, in what way?

Yes. We have had to balance the NO_x & CO limits, for both of which we have CEMs. We have recently switched black liquor nozzles to the Andritz Can nozzle type that has helped with CO, NO_x and carryover.

2. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?

Tertiary air

3. Have you noticed NO_x emissions to change with liquor quality (type of wood pulped, percent liquor solids, etc.) or other furnace operational parameters?

Yes, primarily associated with Btu content of the fuel, i.e. soap burning.

Mill B - NDCE Furnace (Northwest)

302 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 939,000 tons of BLS fired – 0.64 lb NO_x/ton BLS.

General Comments by Mill - The current No. 3 furnace has been rebuilt - new superheater, economizer and tri-level air have just been installed. The current limit for NO_x is 115 ppm. Up until the rebuild, we were meeting it.

Answers to Specific Questions

1. Have you had to deal with issues of NO_x control (quaternary air, SNCR, etc.) on this furnace in the past and if so, in what way?

We have not had NO_x limits on the No. 3 recovery furnace until recently.

2. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?

It is still too early to tell. My guess would be secondary air ratio, but I will check with the superintendent before I send you the official reply.

3. Have you noticed NO_x emissions to change with liquor quality (type of wood pulped, percent liquor solids, etc.) or other furnace operational parameters?

It is still too early to tell, but I will get a good idea by the end of next month.

Mill C - NDCE Furnace (Northeast)

546 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 809,000 tons of BLS fired - 1.35 lb NO_x/ton BLS.

General Comments by Mill – The furnace has an 80 ppm 30 d avg limit; it also has a 24 hr avg lb/hr limit; the furnace NO_x approaches the lb/hr limit quite often.

Answers to Specific Questions

1. Have you had to deal with issues of NO_x control (quaternary air, SNCR, etc.) on this furnace in the past and if so, in what way?

Yes, bed temperature is controlled to control NO_x (see below) – also, load burners on this furnace situated above the tertiary air ports are sometimes used as “quasi” quaternary air ports to help polish NO_x emissions.

2. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?

To control the lb/hr NO_x emission rate, we routinely shift air from primary to secondary ports which results in a colder bed and thus lower NO_x emission – also, this furnace is always operated with residual SO₂ in the stack to assist in purging chlorides – excess SO₂ causes problems with sticky ash.

3. Have you noticed NO_x emissions to change with liquor quality (type of wood pulped, % liquor solids, etc.) or other furnace operational parameters?

At times, when the percent solids in the liquor creeps up to about 72 to 73%, the percent solids is brought down if NO_x is a problem – do not know if percent solids or changed air flow patterns lead to the lower NO_x emissions at such times.

Mill D - NDCE Furnace (Northwest)

559 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 785,600 tons of BLS fired - 1.50 lb NO_x/ton BLS.

General Comments by Mill – We had the benefit of going through PSD permitting for a furnace rebuild after another mill in the region had gotten stuck with an impossibly tight NO_x limit. Our limit is 140 ppm @ 8% O₂. We typically run very steadily and consistently at about 80-90 ppm when our Kamyr has been on softwood, and about 100-110 ppm after hardwood runs in the digester. Our NCG incinerator goes to the same stack and biases the value upwards, especially during boiler startup and shutdown.

Mill E - NDCE Furnace (Northeast)

323 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 430,300 tons of BLS fired - 1.71 lb NO_x/ton BLS.

General Comments by Mill – Our 2001/2002 recovery NO_x average emission estimate was 1.73 and 1.75 lbs/ton BLS, respectively. We have a Tampella high solids furnace (80 to 82% solids). We have been operating the furnace fairly close to the edge of its steaming capacity for the last several years. We have a 30-day rolling average for NO_x in terms of ppm and lbs/hr (110 ppm & 100.7 lbs/hr). We operate typically in the mid 90s for both concentration and mass emissions and use our EMS to operate accordingly. There are times we have to take a few GPM of liquor off to reduce our daily and rolling average for NO_x.

Answers to Specific Questions

1. Have you had to deal with issues of NO_x control (quaternary air, SNCR, etc.) on this furnace in the past and if so, in what way?

We recently installed a quaternary air system (during the May 03 shutdown). We are learning to operate the furnace now based on this change. We have seen a NO_x drop and anticipate it dropping down to a 1.38 lb/ton of BLS – we are already approaching that.

2. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?

I am not sure why NO_x increases slightly from one time to another at similar firing rates, but perhaps fuel NO_x is responsible. We typically have more emission management issues with NO_x than CO. CO spikes around typically 300 ppm limit, daily avg., but the control for NO_x is to have CO spike occasionally. The furnace operates best in that way. We use the primary/secondary/tertiary air system to accomplish this control.

Mill F - NDCE Furnace (Southeast)

338 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 335,600 tons of BLS fired - 1.85 lb NO_x/ton BLS.

General Comments by Mill – I am not surprised that our NO_x is a little higher than the average. We also have an SO₂ monitor on our recovery furnace. When we installed the monitors several years ago, we initially had compliance issues as we were learning to operate the furnace with the new monitors. One day we would be at the top on NO_x and the next day we would have high SO₂. We found that for us it was better to control the bed temperature on the high side. The higher bed temperature does result in higher NO_x, but we are able to control that well within our permit limit. We run basically zero on SO₂ emissions.

Answers to Specific Questions

1. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?

There was a lot of work done with air flows when we first installed the monitors, but from what we were able to tell, bed temperature was the big factor. From what I could find, we controlled the bed temperature by adjusting boiler primary and secondary air flows. There are statements that increasing the bed temperature increased NO_x and decreased SO₂, but no data.

2. Have you noticed NO_x emissions to change with liquor quality (type of wood pulped, percent liquor solids, etc.) or other furnace operational parameters?

As far as whether NO_x emissions change due to liquor quality or solids, it is hard to be sure about that. We have been receiving some outside black liquor for the past several months and have at the same time increased our liquor solids. NO_x emissions are a little lower than average for this time period, but I do not have enough information to answer that question with any level of confidence.

Mill G - NDCE Furnace (Northeast)

356.8 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 613,700 tons of BLS fired - 1.16 lb NO_x/ton BLS.

General Comments by Mill – In 2001, we discovered an error in our calculation of NO_x lb/hr emissions from the recovery furnace, which has been corrected. Prior to 2001, we were understating our NO_x emissions. NO_x emissions reported for years 2001 and 2002 are higher than previous years. NO_x emissions for 2001 were approximately 452.3 tons, firing 616,391 tons of "as-fired" black liquor solids, for an emission rate of approximately 1.5 lb/ton. In 2002, NO_x emissions were 520.2 tons, firing 558,251 tons of "as-fired" black liquor solids, for an emission rate of 1.86 lb/ton. This puts us at or above the industry average for NDCE recovery furnaces.

Answers to Specific Questions

1. Have you had to deal with issues of NO_x control (quaternary air, SNCR, etc.) on this furnace in the past and if so, in what way?

We have conducted BACT type reviews for the recovery furnace, including the evaluation of SNCR. We currently do not have any NO_x pollution control equipment on the furnace. We are required to maintain good combustion practices/controls.

2. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?

Mass emissions of NO_x (lb/hr) are directly proportional to boiler load. NO_x emissions increase with increased liquor firing. Other operating factors seem to be insignificant. I do not have any information regarding variations in boiler combustion temperatures, combustion air, or other operating parameters. We have not had reason to further study NO_x emissions relative to boiler operating conditions or other parameters, since emissions are relatively consistent.

3. Have you noticed NO_x emissions to change with liquor quality (type of wood pulped, percent liquor solids, etc.) or other furnace operational parameters?

Due to the mill configuration, I do not have any extended data that would allow us to evaluate the effect of the different species on NO_x emissions. We do not operate for extended periods of time with only one side of the pulping operating on-line. Since there is a common weak liquor tank, there is rarely a time when only the liquor from one species would be fired.

Mill H – NDCE Furnace (Northwest)

361 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 498,000 tons of BLS fired - 1.45 lb NO_x/ton BLS.

General Comments by Mill – In 2001, we fired 496,046 tons of BLS and emitted 308 tons of NO_x for a ratio of 1.24 lb NO_x per ton BLS. In 2002, we fired 553,694 tons BLS and emitted 393 tons NO_x for a ratio of 1.42 lb NO_x per ton BLS. This unit runs very consistent in terms of NO_x emissions, usually around 60-65 ppm, corrected to 8% oxygen. It is, of course, very dependent upon bed temperature and will run lower NO_x at low firing rates or during those times when the black liquor HHV drops due to increases in the inorganic to organic ratio. We have seen NO_x 3 hour averages as low as 45 ppm and as high as 80 ppm, corrected to 8% oxygen. Yield increases in the pulp mill due to use of pulping additives like AQ are one example of this. Another aspect of bed temperature decreasing is that sodium fuming also decreases and we see increases in SO₂ emissions.

Answers to Specific Questions

1. Have you had to deal with issues of NO_x control (quaternary air, SNCR, etc.) on this furnace in the past and if so, in what way?

We have not had to deal with NO_x control, other than "proper combustion."

2. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?

I believe that we have higher NO_x emissions when we have higher bed temperatures, which occurs when the unit fires liquor with good fuel value and at higher rates.

3. Have you noticed NO_x emissions to change with liquor quality (type of wood pulped, percent liquor solids, etc.) or other furnace operational parameters?

Proper distribution of primary and secondary air is critical for bed shaping and bed temperature. Also influencing this is the size of the spray droplets. They need to be large enough so that they just dry, swell and start burning as they hit the bed. A good bed is also important for maximizing the reduction efficiency to reduce the sodium sulfate dead-load throughout the digesting and recovery process.

Mill I – NDCE Furnace (Southeast)

593 tons NO_x emitted in year 2000 based upon 627,000 tons of BLS fired - 1.89 lb NO_x/ton BLS.

The mill did a round of emissions testing on all emitting units in September of 1999 in preparation for Title V. The only problem we discovered was the NO_x emissions from the recovery furnace. The three run test indicated emissions were slightly above the permitted NO_x limit (mass and concentration). NO_x emissions for 2000 were estimated based on the mass limit of 139.5 lb/hr x operating hours = 593 tons. This estimate is very close to actual emissions for that year. The CEM was installed and began generating reliable data on 11/17/00.

Emission estimates for 2002 are based on CEM data - 489 ton NO_x/yr x 2000 lb/ton/619,141 ton BLS/yr = 1.58 lb NO_x/ton BLS. This is more in line with the average you quoted.

Answers to Specific Questions

1. Have you had to deal with issues of NO_x control (quaternary air, SNCR, etc.) on this furnace in the past and if so, in what way?

After discovering we had a problem, we seriously considered installing a quaternary air system. However, it was not installed. SNCR was never considered to be feasible.

2. In your (or the mill's) opinion, what governs the level of NO_x emissions from this furnace the most (if you know)?

According to the pulp mill superintendent, it is mostly controlled by the hardwood to softwood liquor ratio. More hardwood equals higher NO_x. In 2000, unbleached hardwood pulp was 76.5% and in 2002 it was 74.2% of production, with the balance being softwood. However, I would say it is related more to the black liquor firing rate and the amount and placement of combustion air, e.g., excess air must be kept to an absolute minimum, just enough primary air needs to be applied to keep the smelt bed in control, and the balance of the air should be moved to secondary and tertiary levels. Primary air ports must be able to supply a strong directional jet of air toward the smelt bed. A "lazy" jet of air will not work. Short term spikes occur when reducing the black liquor firing rate and not reducing air flow rates. We have experienced instances when NO_x emissions are higher at reduced firing rates.

3. Have you noticed NO_x emissions to change with liquor quality (type of wood pulped, percent liquor solids, etc.) or other furnace operational parameters?

Yes, it is very possible that our higher than average NO_x emissions are caused by our higher than average hardwood content in our liquor. I believe that percent solids, liquor temperature, droplet size and liquor distribution into the furnace can all impact NO_x emissions. Many factors contribute to NO_x emissions from a recovery furnace. There is not a single one that absolutely controls.

ATTACHMENT D Response to Question N.2

APPENDIX D-1 SELECTIVE CATALYTIC REDUCTION (SCR) COSTS FOR NO. 4 RECOVERY BOILER

The following calculations have been used to estimate the costs to install and operate an SCR system for the Palatka Mill's No. 4 Recovery Boiler. The average flue gas temperature exiting the No. 4 Recovery Furnace is about 425 °F. Since an SCR system has an optimum temperature window of 700 °F, the temperature of the furnace exhaust must be raised from 425 °F to 700 °F in order for the SCR catalyst to work effectively. The actual average volumetric flow rate from the furnace is about 447,000 acfm. The energy required to heat the flue gas from 425 °F to 700 °F can be calculated as shown below:

$$H = m C_p (t_2 - t_1)$$

Where: H = heat input, Btu/hr

m = mass flow rate of flue gas, lbs/hr

C_p = specific heat of flue gas, Btu/lb-°F

t₂-t₁ = 700-425 = 275 °F

Assume: From Figure 3-12 of Perry's Chemical Engineers Handbook, 5th Edition,
C_p = 0.25 Btu/lb-°F

Mass flow rate of flue gas can be calculated using the Ideal Gas Law equation:

$$PV = nRT$$

where P = pressure, atm = 1.0 (assumed)

V = volumetric flue gas flow rate, ft³/min = 447,000

Assume that mol. wt. of flue gas ~ 29.0 lb/lb-m for any combustion device

n = moles of flue gas = mass flue gas/molecular weight flue gas
= mass of flue gas (lb/hr) / 29.0 lb/lb-mole = mass/29.0

R = ideal gas law constant, atm-ft³/lb-°R = 0.7302

T = temperature, °F + 460 = °R = 425 + 460 = 885 °R

Solving for mass rate lbs/hr: lbs/hr = 1 atm x 447,000 ft³/min x
60 min/hr x 29 lbs/lb-m / (0.7302 atm-ft³/lb-°R) x 885 =
1,203,570 lbs/hr

$$H = 1,203,570 \text{ lb/hr} \times 0.25 \text{ Btu/lb-}^\circ\text{F} \times 275 \text{ }^\circ\text{F} = 82,745,438 \text{ Btu/hr}$$

Assuming a cost for natural gas (average for 2004) of \$6.44/MM Btu, the annual cost for heating the flue gas to 700 °F = \$6.44/MM Btu x 82.745 MM Btu/hr = \$532.88/hr x 8,760 hr/yr = \$4,668,009/yr.

ATTACHMENT D-2 SELECTIVE CATALYTIC REDUCTION (SCR) COSTS (CON'T)

The capital, operating, and maintenance (O & M) costs of adding an SCR system to the Recovery Furnace are estimated based on the costs in EPA's Cost Control Manual, January 2002. The capital costs for retrofitting a SCR system are given as \$10,000/MM Btu/hr or higher for a large coal-fired boiler. Assuming that the cost estimates for a coal-fired boiler can be applied for a recovery furnace, the following calculations can be made to conservatively estimate the SCR costs:

Capital Costs:

$$1,346 \text{ MM Btu/hr heat input for No. 1 Recovery Furnace} \times \$10,000/\text{MM Btu} = \$13,460,000$$

The O & M cost for the SCR system components is equal to \$0.001/Kw-hr which equates to \$3,454,751 per year. The annual cost for heating the flue gas from 425 °F to 700 °F equals \$4,668,009. The annualized cost estimate at 7% interest over 20 years is \$8,283,990 per year as shown in Table D-2.

The average (based on 2003-2004 calendar years) NO_x emission rate for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler was 425.4 tons/yr (see Attachment B). Assuming a 90% reduction in emissions, the controlled option emissions rate will be 10% of 425.4 ton/yr or 42.5 ton/yr.

The average cost effectiveness in dollars per ton of NO_x removed is equal to:

$$\frac{\text{Control option annualized cost}}{\text{Average emissions rate} - \text{Control option emissions rate}} = \frac{\$8,283,990}{425.4 - 42.5 = 382.9 \text{ tons/yr}} = \$8,283,990/382.9 = \$21,635/\text{ton}$$

ATTACHMENT E

Response to Question S.1

(Reference: Page 12 of “Guidance for Reporting Sulfuric Acid (acid aerosols including mists, vapors, gas, fog, and other airborne forms of any particle size)”, EPA-745-R-97-007, November 1997).

A copy of the reference for this information is included as part of this submittal.
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gas are separated by special filters and determined by measurement of the acid content.

Regeneration of Spent Sulfuric Acid

The regeneration of spent sulfuric acid normally comprises two major steps, concentration to the highest feasible level and decomposition of the spent acid (1). Water is essentially the only substance evaporated (other than volatile organic impurities) in concentrating the acid to <75% H₂SO₄. Vapors evolved during the concentration of spent sulfuric acid to a more highly concentrated state (93-98% H₂SO₄) contain significant quantities of gaseous sulfuric acid (1). The formation of this gaseous sulfuric acid contributes to the manufacturing threshold of sulfuric acid aerosols for reporting under section 313 of EPCRA. Spent sulfuric acid may be concentrated in either vacuum or drum concentrators. While vacuum concentrators yield negligible emissions, those from drum concentrators contain acid mist. Exit gas is passed through scrubbers before being vented to the atmosphere. Emissions from acid drum concentrators operating at 55, 73, and 100% of capacity are reported to be 7034, 2401, and 2334 metric ton/day (12).

Acid Aerosol Emissions

Nearly all the sulfuric acid aerosols emitted from sulfuric acid manufacturing plants come from the absorber exit gases. The exit gas contains small amounts of SO₂, even smaller amounts of SO₃, and sulfuric acid vapor and mist. Even with efficient gas drying, mist formation is impossible to eliminate completely. Once formed, these aerosols are of such a fine particle size and so stable that only a small amount can be removed in the absorber. Sulfuric acid is normally combined with SO₃ in determining an emission factor because SO₃ reacts so rapidly with water vapor. The emission factor for SO₃ is calculated as 100% H₂SO₄ and added to the H₂SO₄ value.

Sulfuric acid mists are always formed when sulfur trioxide combines with water vapor at temperatures below the dew point of sulfur trioxide. The dew point is a function of gas composition and pressure and is generally around 140-170°C. Equations are available that predict the dewpoint for different concentrations of H₂O and H₂SO₄ (4). Examples are given in Section 3.1.5 in Tables 6 and 8 for coal and fuel oil combustion.

Use of Sulfuric Acid Emission Monitoring Data

Some sulfuric acid manufacturing facilities may have sulfuric acid emission monitoring data available that can be used to estimate emissions for sulfuric acid mist under the Clean Air Act New Source Performance Standards (NSPS). Sulfuric acid plants constructed or modified after August 17, 1971, are subject to a sulfuric acid mist emissions limit of 0.15 pounds of sulfuric acid per ton of 100% sulfuric acid produced (see Part 60 Subpart H of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations). If such information is available, it is preferable to use such data for estimating uncontrolled emissions of sulfuric acid, rather than published emission factors since monitoring data should be the best available data. If the measured data available is for controlled emissions, then the amount of sulfuric acid generated prior to emission controls should be calculated based on the average actual

ATTACHMENT F

Response to Question M.1

Q.M. 1. On page A-39 (Section F1) of the application, potential benzene emissions were listed as "296.1 TPY". Please correct and submit the revised pages.

Answer: The Revised page is included in Attachment "F".

Please replace the page in the permit application booklet in your possession with this new page.

SEE NEXT PAGE.

PSD Permit Application for
 No. 4 Recovery Boiler
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I. APPLICATION INFORMATION

EMISSIONS UNIT INFORMATION

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POLLUTANT DETAIL INFORMATION

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**F1. EMISSIONS UNIT POLLUTANT DETAIL INFORMATION –
 POTENTIAL/ESTIMATED FUGITIVE EMISSIONS**

(Optional for unregulated emissions units.)

Potential/Estimated Fugitive Emissions

Complete for each pollutant identified in Subsection E if applying for an air construction permit or concurrent processing of an air construction permit and a revised or renewal Title V permit. Complete for each emissions-limited pollutant identified in Subsection E if applying for an air operation permit.

1. Pollutant Emitted: H017		2. Total Percent Efficiency of Control: 0.0	
3. Potential Emissions: 2.6 lb/hour 11.5 tons/year		4. Synthetically Limited? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
5. Range of Estimated Fugitive Emissions (as applicable): to tons/year			
6. Emission Factor: 0.025 lb/ton BLS Reference: NCASI TB No. 858, Table 14A		7. Emissions Method Code: 5	
8. Calculation of Emissions: <i>(hourly) = 0.025 lb/ton BLS x 105 ton BLS/hr = 2.6 lb/hr</i> <i>(annual) = 2.6 lb/hr x 8,760 hr/yr / 2,000 lb/ton = 11.5 ton/yr</i>			
9. Pollutant Potential/Estimated Fugitive Emissions Comment:			

ATTACHMENT G Response to Question M.2

Q.M. 2 We are still reviewing the modeling and will ask any questions that arise by December 21 of next week.

Answer: On December 28, 2005 GP received Cleve Holladay's December 20th letter regarding the Federal Land Manager's (FLM) comments on the modeling for haze in Class 1 areas. Based on those comments and other input from DEP and the FLM office; GP's consultant, Golder Associates, conducted revised modeling studies. A response to the December 20th letter and the results of the revised modeling are attached in Attachment "G".

Please replace **Table C-38** in the permit application booklet in your possession with this new page.

Responses to Comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(PDF Memorandum, attached, dated 12/19/2005)

from Meredith Bond, FWS, to Cleve Holladay and Bruce Mitchell, FDEP)

RE: GP Palatka – Modification to No.4 Recovery Boiler Application

1. All PSD Class I air modeling files will be provided to the FWS.
2. The regional haze analysis submitted with the application was performed Method 2 (i.e., MVISBK = 2) and RHMAX = 95 percent. The results for that analysis were provided in Table C-38 and indicated that 11 days were predicted to exceed the Federal Land Manager's recommended visibility criteria of 5 percent. Per the FWS' request, a second air modeling analysis was performed using Method 2 and the FLAG RHMAX default value of 98 percent. The results for that analysis are included in a revised Table C-38 (attached) and indicate that 23 days are predicted to exceed the visibility criteria. The additional CALPOST air modeling files for this analysis are being provided to Cleve Holladay of the FDEP.
3. Because the application analysis was performed using Method 2 with RHMAX = 95 percent, an additional analysis was performed using Method 6. Monthly relative humidity factors (f(RH)) were obtained from the document "Guidance for Estimating Natural Visibility Conditions Under the Regional Haze Rule (EPA, September, 2003)". In this document, monthly f(RH) values are presented for each mandatory federal Class I area in Tables A-2 and A-3. The f(RH) values in Table A-3 were based on centroid locations for each area, while the f(RH) values presented in Table A-2 are based on IMPROVE locations. Presently, it is not certain which set of f(RH) values will be used for the BART modeling. For this reason, the higher f(RH) factors in Table A-3 were used to provide conservative estimates of visibility impairment.

The results for the Method 6 analysis are included in revised Table C-38 and indicate that no days are predicted to exceed the 5 percent visibility impairment criteria at any of the PSD Class I areas. The additional CALPOST air modeling files for the Method 6 analysis are being provided to the FDEP.

TABLE C-38 (revised 1/5/06)

**MAXIMUM 24-HOUR AVERAGE VISIBILITY IMPAIRMENT PREDICTED
FOR THE PROPOSED GP AND CONTEMPORANEOUS PROJECTS
EMISSIONS AT THE OKEFENOKEE, WOLF ISLAND AND
CHASSAHOWITZKA NWA PSD CLASS I AREAS**

Area	Visibility Impairment (%) ^a			Visibility Impairment Criteria (%)
	1990	1992	1996	
<u>BACKGROUND EXTINCTION CALCULATIONS: METHOD 6 WITH MONTHLY F(RH) FACTORS</u>				
Okefenokee NWA	4.67	4.70	4.02	5.0
Wolf Island NWA	2.77	2.68	1.78	5.0
Chassahowitzka NWA	3.36	4.35	4.87	5.0
<u>BACKGROUND EXTINCTION CALCULATIONS: METHOD 2 WITH RHMAX = 95 PERCENT</u>				
Okefenokee NWA	5.89 (1)	5.92 (4)	8.21 (2)	5.0
Wolf Island NWA	3.22	5.41 (1)	3.08	5.0
Chassahowitzka NWA	4.01	7.92 (2)	8.49 (1)	5.0
<u>BACKGROUND EXTINCTION CALCULATIONS: METHOD 2 WITH RHMAX = 98 PERCENT</u>				
Okefenokee NWA	7.23 (2)	8.84 (5)	12.41 (10)	5.0
Wolf Island NWA	5.04 (1)	8.81 (1)	4.07	5.0
Chassahowitzka NWA	5.65 (1)	10.80 (2)	12.28 (1)	5.0

^a Concentrations are highest predicted using CALPUFF model and CALMET wind fields for N. FL-S. GA, 1990, 1992 and 1996.

Background extinctions calculated using FLAG Document (December 2000) and stated method

NWA = National Wilderness Area

() = Number of Predicted Days > 5 %

ATTACHMENT H

Revisions to PSD Application Pages

Attached are revised pages: Introduction – P. 3-3, A-35, A-36, B-40, B-43, and Table 4-3 of the PSD Permit Application. They were revised to correct an oversight regarding the RB TRS limits.

GP is voluntarily agreeing to an annual average TRS limit of 5ppm at 8% O₂ for TRS. The current 12-hour average limit of 11.2 ppm was not intended to be changed.

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vendor quotations for this work, including suggested scope. As such, the exact scope of this work is not available at this time. The current cost estimate is less than \$2 million.

Crystallizer

A third project involves a modification to the black liquor evaporation system (No. 4 Evaporator Set). This change will increase the solids concentration of the black liquor to the Recovery Boiler from 65 percent solids to approximately 75 percent solids. When the new system is operational, the liquor from the concentrator will pass through a Crystallizer vessel to raise the temperature of the liquor. The liquor will then enter a storage/flash tank at lower pressure where the moisture will “flash off”. The “flash” vapors will then be routed to the existing evaporator system and collected as part of the existing non-condensable gas (NCG) collection system. The purpose of the project is to increase Boiler efficiency by reducing the amount of water entering the Boiler with the liquor solids. By reducing the amount of water vaporization being performed by the Boiler, less supplemental fuel will be required to process the same amount of black liquor solids (BLS). Furthermore, the increase in solids will improve the efficiency of the Boiler for steam production per pound of BLS, thus reducing the amount of steam produced from oil firing in the other boilers. The estimated cost of this work is in the range of \$5 to \$6 million.

Concentrators

Finally, the Mill is considering the removal of some internal baffles and resizing some downcomer piping in the existing concentrators. The unit currently has scaling problems, leading to frequent “boil outs”. The proposed changes will improve liquor circulation and increase velocity through the tubes, which should reduce scaling and fouling. This will increase the time between “boil outs”. In addition, an external heat exchanger will be added to the existing concentrators to preheat the liquor with steam prior to entry into the concentrators. This will allow for increased evaporation surface, providing for a capability that more closely matches the capacity of the Recovery Boiler.

3.3 Requested Emission Limits

The Mill is not proposing to increase the throughput that has been established in past permitting actions for the Recovery Boiler. In fact, in order to avoid PSD review for sulfur dioxide, the Mill is requesting an annual limit of 12 parts per million by volume (ppmv) (at 8% oxygen). This is a significant reduction over the current limit that is based on 37.5 ppmv. The Mill is also proposing to reduce the maximum sulfur content of fuel oil from 2.35% to 2.1%. As discussed further in Section 5.2, there is a possibility that the addition of the crystallizer will lead to an increase in the maximum hourly throughput level for the Recovery Boiler, causing the unit to become subject to federal New Source Performance Standards. As such, an annual average of 5 ppmv (at 8% oxygen) is proposed for total reduced sulfur (TRS) compounds.

For sulfur dioxide, a request was submitted to the FDEP in April 2004 to modify the short-term (3-hour and 24-hour average) emission rates for the Recovery Boiler. As explained in that submittal, the Mill’s Recovery Boiler has been subject to a number of permitting activities in the past and the history can be traced back to permits that were issued in the early- and mid-1980s. Varying sulfur dioxide emission limits have been imposed over time.

Air Operating Permit AO54-54072, dated June 1982, specified allowable sulfur dioxide emission rates for the Recovery Boiler of 277.5 lbs/hour and 1,189 tpy. Subsequently, Air Operating Permit AO54-131787, dated May 1987, specified allowable sulfur dioxide emission limits of

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F1. EMISSIONS UNIT POLLUTANT DETAIL INFORMATION –
 POTENTIAL/ESTIMATED FUGITIVE EMISSIONS

(Optional for unregulated emissions units.)

Potential/Estimated Fugitive Emissions

Complete for each pollutant identified in Subsection E if applying for an air construction permit or concurrent processing of an air construction permit and a revised or renewal Title V permit. Complete for each emissions-limited pollutant identified in Subsection E if applying for an air operation permit.

1. Pollutant Emitted: TRS		2. Total Percent Efficiency of Control: 0.0	
3. Potential Emissions: 7.8 lb/hr and 34.2 tons/year		4. Synthetically Limited? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
5. Range of Estimated Fugitive Emissions (as applicable): to tons/year			
6. Emission Factor: 5.0 ppmv @ 8 % oxygen annual average Reference: Voluntary limit to avoid PSD		7. Emissions Method Code: 5	
10. Calculation of Emissions: See Attachment B of PSD Application $TRS \text{ (annual average)} = (5 \text{ ft}^3/10^6 \text{ ft}^3) \times 294,000 \text{ dscf/min} \times 2,116.8 \text{ lb/ft}^2 \times 1 \text{ lb-n-}^\circ\text{R}/1,545.6 \text{ ft-lb} \times 1/528 \text{ }^\circ\text{R} \times 34 \text{ lb-lb-n} \times 60 \text{ min/hr} = 7.8 \text{ lb/hr}$ $TRS \text{ (annual)} = 7.8 \text{ lb/hr} \times 8,760 \text{ hr/yr} / 2,000 \text{ lb/ton} = 34.2 \text{ ton/yr}$			
9. Pollutant Potential/Estimated Fugitive Emissions Comment:			

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F2. EMISSIONS UNIT POLLUTANT DETAIL INFORMATION -
 ALLOWABLE EMISSIONS

Complete if the pollutant identified in Subsection F1 is or would be subject to a numerical emissions limitation.

Allowable Emissions Allowable Emissions 1 of 1

1. Basis for Allowable Emissions Code: RULE	2. Future Effective Date of Allowable Emissions:
3. Allowable Emissions and Units: 7.8 lb/hr (annual avg.) and 34.2 tons/year	4. Equivalent Allowable Emissions: lb/hour
5. Method of Compliance: Stack testing must be performed once per fiscal year	
6. Allowable Emissions Comment (Description of Operating Method): Based on taking voluntary restriction of TRS emissions to avoid PSD	

Allowable Emissions Allowable Emissions ____ of ____

1. Basis for Allowable Emissions Code:	2. Future Effective Date of Allowable Emissions:
3. Allowable Emissions and Units:	4. Equivalent Allowable Emissions: lb/hour tons/year
5. Method of Compliance:	
6. Allowable Emissions Comment (Description of Operating Method):	

Allowable Emissions Allowable Emissions ____ of ____

1. Basis for Allowable Emissions Code:	2. Future Effective Date of Allowable Emissions:
3. Allowable Emissions and Units:	4. Equivalent Allowable Emissions: lb/hour tons/year
5. Method of Compliance:	
6. Allowable Emissions Comment (Description of Operating Method):	

No. 4 Recovery Boiler- Emissions Unit ID # 018 - Rated capacity of 210,000 lb/hr of BLS or 5.04 MM lb BLS/day. Maximum dry standard cubic feet per minute (dscfm) at 2.8% oxygen = 210,000 dscfm = 294,000 dscfm @ 8% oxygen. Maximum CaO = 38,889 lb/hr or 170,334 ton CaO/yr.

Pollutant	Current Title V Limits 1070005-029-AV		Proposed Title V Limits	
	lb/hr	TPY	lb/hr	TPY
PM	75.6	331.1	75.6	331.1
PM ₁₀	-	-	56.7	248.3
VOC	31.5	138.0		
SO ₂	109.9	481.4	439.4 (3-hr) 109.9 (24-hr) 35.1 (annual)	153.9
SAM	3.2	14.2	3.6	15.9
CO	1,025.4 (3-hr) 512.7 (24-hr)	2,245.6 (24-hr)	1,025.4 (3-hr) 512.7 (24-hr)	2,245.6 (24-hr)
TRS	10.9 (12-mo) 17.5 (12-hr)	47.7 (12-mo)	7.8 (annual average)	34.2
Lead	-	-	0.0033	0.014
Be	6x10 ⁻⁴	2.8x10 ⁻³	6x10 ⁻⁴	2.8x10 ⁻³

Oxygen correction from 210,000 dscfm at 2.8% oxygen to 8% oxygen is shown in the calculations below.

$$\text{Correction Factor} = \text{Actual} \left[\frac{(21-8)}{(21-2.8)} \right] = \text{Actual}(1.4)$$

$$\text{Corrected Oxygen} = 210,000 \text{ dscfm}(1.4) = 294,000 \text{ dscfm at 8\% oxygen}$$

Particulate Matter Emissions - 75.6 lb/hr and 331.1 TPY - Current Title V Permit Limits (Section III Subsection E.4).

$$\text{PM(hourly)} = \left(\frac{0.03 \text{ grains}}{\text{dscf}} \right) \left(\frac{294,000 \text{ dscf}}{\text{min}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ lb}}{7,000 \text{ grains}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{\text{hr}} \right) = 75.6 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$\text{PM(annual)} = \left(75.6 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{8,760 \text{ hr}}{\text{yr}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{ton}}{2,000 \text{ lb}} \right) = 331.1 \text{ TPY}$$

Proposed PM₁₀ limits of 56.7 lb/hr and 248.3 TPY based on PM₁₀ as 75% of PM from AP-42, Table 10.2-3 (9/90).

$$\text{PM}_{10} \text{ (hourly)} = 0.75 \left(75.6 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} \right) = 56.7 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$$

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Hourly average:

$$\text{TRS (hourly)} = \left(\frac{5 \text{ ft}^3}{10^6 \text{ ft}^3} (\text{ppmvd}) \right) \left(\frac{294,000 \text{ dscf}}{\text{min}} \right) \left(\frac{2,116.8 \text{ lb}}{\text{ft}^2} \right) \left(\frac{\text{lb - mole - R}}{1,545.6 \text{ ft - lb}_f} \right) \left(\frac{1}{528 \text{ R}} \right) \left(\frac{34 \text{ lb}}{\text{lb - mole}} \right) \left(\frac{60 \text{ min}}{\text{hr}} \right) = 7.8 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$$

Annual average:

$$\text{TRS(annual)} = \left(7.8 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{8,760 \text{ hr}}{\text{yr}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{ton}}{2,000 \text{ lb}} \right) = 34.2 \text{ TPY}$$

Lead Emissions – Proposed Title V permit limits of 0.0033 lb/hr and 0.014 TPY based on emission factor for BLS firing of 31.3 lb/MM ton BLS from NCASI TB # 701, Tables 12 C & 12 D.

$$\text{Pb(hourly)} = \left(31.3 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{MMton}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{MMton}}{10^6 \text{ ton}} \right) \left(\frac{210,000 \text{ lb BLS}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{ton}}{2,000 \text{ lb}} \right) = 0.0033 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$\text{Pb(annual)} = \left(0.0033 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{8,760 \text{ hr}}{\text{yr}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{ton}}{2,000 \text{ lb}} \right) = 0.014 \text{ TPY}$$

Beryllium Emissions - 0.5 lb/10¹² Btu or 6.4x10⁻⁴ lb/hr and 2.8x10⁻³ TPY - Current Title V Permit Limits (Section III Subsection E.12).

$$\text{Be(hourly)} = \left(\frac{0.5 \text{ lb}}{10^{12} \text{ Btu}} \right) \left(\frac{210,000 \text{ lb BLS}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{6,084 \text{ Btu}}{\text{lb}} \right) = 6.4 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$\text{Be(annual)} = \left(6.4 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{8,760 \text{ hr}}{\text{yr}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{ton}}{2,000 \text{ lb}} \right) = 2.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ TPY}$$

Mercury Emissions: Emission factor of 1.8x10⁻⁷ lb/ton BLS from NCASI TB 858, Table 14B.

$$\text{Hg(hourly)} = 1.8 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ton}} \left(\frac{210,000 \text{ lb}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{ton}}{2,000 \text{ lb}} \right) = 1.9 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}}$$

$$\text{Hg(annual)} = \left(1.9 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{hr}} \right) \left(\frac{8,760 \text{ hr}}{\text{yr}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{ton}}{2,000 \text{ lb}} \right) = 8.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ TPY}$$

Other HAP emission estimates are contained in Attachment A of this application.

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**TABLE 4-3
POTENTIAL EMISSION RATES-LB/HR**

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EMISSIONS UNIT ID	EMISSIONS UNIT DESCRIPTION	POTENTIAL POLLUTANT EMISSION RATES-LB/HR								
		PM	PM ₁₀	SO ₂	NO _x	CO	VOCs	Pb	TRS	SAM
018	# 4 Recovery Boiler-Annual	75.6	56.7	35.1	126.4	512.7	31.5	3.30E-03	7.8	3.6
018	# 4 Recovery Boiler-24-hr	---	---	219.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
018	# 4 Recovery Boiler-3-hr	---	---	439.4	---	1,025.4	---	---	---	---
019	# 4 Smelt Dissolving Tanks	12.6	11.3	7.7	15.9	2.6	26.3	2.90E-03	3.4	0
017	# 4 Lime Kiln	29.70	29.70	34.50	97.50	16.3	9.4	5.60E-02	3.7	1.5
	Lime (White Liquor) Slakers	0.60	0.60	---	---	---	0.8	---	0.875	---
	White Liquor Storage Tanks	---	---	---	---	---	0.1	---	---	---
	White Liquor Clarifiers (East and West)	---	---	---	---	---	0.1	---	---	---
	Lime Mud Washer Tanks	---	---	---	---	---	1.7	---	0.04	---
	Lime Mud Splitter Box Tank	---	---	---	---	---	1.7	---	0.04	---
	Causticizer Tanks (Nos. 1A, 1B, 2, 3)	---	---	---	---	---	0.016	---	0.4	---
	North & South Precipitator Tanks	---	---	---	---	---	0.3	---	0.4	---
	Salt Cake Mix Tank	---	---	---	---	---	0.3	---	0.4	---
	Green Liquor Clarifier	---	---	---	---	---	1.3	---	0.012	---
	Green Liquor Tanks (North, South, & 280,000 gal Units)	---	---	---	---	---	1.3	---	0.0016	---
	TOTALS (worst-case operation)	119	98	736	240	1,557	75	6.22E-02	17	5

Note: all boilers and the lime kiln will be limited to a sulfur content of 2.1% (wt.) when burning No. 6 fuel oil

ATTACHMENT I

Revisions to PSD Application – Attachment D

This section of the PSD application was updated to reflect GP's response to RAI Question C.1.

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ATTACHMENT D
BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (BACT) REVIEW
FOR NO. 4 RECOVERY BOILER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Recovery Boiler is at the heart of the Kraft chemical recovery process. It fulfills the following essential functions:

- (1) Evaporates residual moisture from the black liquor solids.
- (2) Burns the organic constituents.
- (3) Supplies heat for steam generation.
- (4) Reduces oxidized sulfur compounds to sulfide.
- (5) Recovers inorganic chemicals in molten form.
- (6) Conditions the products of combustion to minimize chemical carryover.

Heavy black liquor from the pulping process is sprayed directly into the Boiler. The liquor droplets dry and partially paralyze before falling onto the char bed. Incomplete combustion in the porous char bed causes carbon and carbon monoxide to act as reducing agents, thus converting sulfate and thiosulfate to sulfide. The heat is sufficient to melt the sodium salts, which filter through the char bed to the floor of the Boiler. The "smelt" then flows by gravity through water-cooled spouts to the No. 4 Smelt Dissolving Tanks.

The No. 4 Recovery Boiler (Emission Unit 018) was originally constructed in the mid-1970s. The current, permitted capacity of the Boiler is 210,000 pounds per hour (lbs/hour) of black liquor solids (BLS) and 5.04 million pounds (MM lbs) of BLS per day. The Boiler is also permitted to combust natural gas, No. 6 fuel oil with a sulfur content not to exceed 2.35% by weight and on-spec used oil as start-up fuels. As part of this permitting action, the Mill is requesting that the allowable sulfur content of the fuel oil be lowered from the current 2.35% to 2.1%. The Recovery Boiler is equipped with an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) for particulate matter control.

This PSD application is being submitted to implement several projects for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler and associated evaporators. First, the Mill plans to replace a large percentage of the tubes in the Recovery Boiler. This includes tubes in the superheater, economizer, and generating banks of the Boiler. This major tube work is estimated to commence in May 2006 and conclude in 2008. The total cost of this work is estimated to be in the range of \$24 million.

Although still in the preliminary engineering phase, the Mill is also considering replacement of, or changes to, the combustion air system for the Boiler. The objective of this part of the project is to lower peak furnace exit gas temperature and velocity into the superheater in an effort to reduce the potential for corrosion and pluggage of the superheater in the future. The new air system is also expected to reduce carry over and fouling in the Boiler convection banks. Through the staging of air, it is anticipated that emissions of some pollutants (*e.g.*, total reduced sulfur (TRS) compounds and carbon monoxide (CO)) will be more consistently controlled and/or reduced. At the same time, by reducing TRS and CO and increasing boiler efficiency, nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions are expected to increase slightly. The Mill is in the process of receiving vendor quotations for this work, including suggested scope. As such, the exact scope of this work is not available at this time.

A third project involves a modification to the black liquor evaporation system (No. 4 Evaporator Set). This change would increase the solids concentration of the black liquor to the Recovery Boiler from 65 percent solids to approximately 75 percent solids. When the new system is operational, the liquor from the concentrator will pass through a Crystallizer vessel to raise the temperature of the liquor. The liquor will then enter a storage/flash tank at lower pressure where the moisture will "flash off". The "flash" vapors will then be routed to the existing evaporator system and collected as part of the existing non-condensable gas (NCG)

collection system. The purpose of the project is to increase Boiler efficiency by reducing the amount of water entering the Boiler with the liquor solids. By reducing the amount of water vaporization being performed by the Boiler, less supplemental fuel will be required to process the same amount of BLS. Furthermore, the increase in solids will improve the efficiency of the Boiler for steam production per pound of BLS, thus reducing the amount of steam produced from oil in the other boilers.

Finally, the Mill is considering the removal of some internal baffles and resizing some downcomer piping in the existing concentrators. The unit currently has scaling problems, leading to frequent "boil outs". The proposed changes will improve liquor circulation and increase velocity through the tubes, which should reduce scaling and fouling. This will increase the time between "boil outs". In addition, an external heat exchanger will be added to the existing concentrators to preheat the liquor with steam prior to entry into the concentrators. This will allow for increased evaporation surface, providing for a capability that more closely matches the capacity of the Recovery Boiler.

APPLICABILITY

The following pollutants are subject to PSD review as shown in Table 5-1 of the main text of this application package and are therefore subject to the BACT review for this project:

- Particulate matter (PM), including particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in aerodynamic diameter (PM₁₀)
- Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
- Carbon monoxide (CO)
- Sulfuric acid mist (SAM)
- Ozone (based on a significant increase in volatile organic compounds (VOCs))

Each of these pollutants is addressed in turn in the following section.

BACT ANALYSIS FOR THE NO. 4 RECOVERY BOILER

Particulate Matter (PM/PM₁₀)

Step 1a-Identification of Control Technologies-Typical Technologies in Use in the United States

Emission control equipment that may be selected to control particulate matter emissions from recovery boilers includes ESPs, baghouses, and high efficiency wet scrubbers. Each of these types of control equipment, described more fully below, is capable of significantly reducing particulate matter emissions.

Electrostatic Precipitators(ESPs)

ESPs use electrical energy to charge and collect particles with very high removal efficiencies. The classification of ESPs may be as wet or dry systems and/or single-stage or two-stage systems. Dry systems are the predominant type used in industrial applications. Wet systems are gaining in use today since they eliminate the possibility of fires, which can sometimes occur in dry systems.

The principal components of an ESP include the housing, discharge and collection electrodes, power source, cleaning mechanism, and solids handling systems. The housing is gas-tight, weatherproof, and grounded for safety. Dust particles entering the housing are charged by ions from the discharge electrodes. Dust is collected on the collection electrodes. The collection electrodes are also referred to as plates. The system voltage and the distance between the discharge and collection electrodes govern the electric field strength and the amount of charge on the particles. ESPs are most effective at collecting coarse, larger particles above the 1 micron (µm) size. Particles smaller than this are difficult to remove because they can inhibit the generation of the charging corona in the inlet field,

thereby reducing collection efficiency. Rappers and liquid washdown serve as the cleaning mechanisms for dry and wet ESPs, respectively. Dust hoppers collect the precipitated particles from a dry ESP. Wet sluicing is used to remove wet particles. Dry dust is removed continuously or periodically from the hopper and stored in a container until final disposition. Wet solids must be continuously removed and sent to a holding pond or to a wastewater treatment system.

ESPs are the predominant type of particulate matter control device used on recovery boilers in the U.S. today. ESPs can achieve particulate matter removal efficiencies as high as 99.9%. Some of their advantages over other types of particulate matter control devices are listed below:

- Low power requirements and associated electrical energy costs
- Capable of removing very small particles, even those not removable by other treatment technologies
- Dry dust collection often used, which may be useful for byproduct recovery
- Temperature changes very small with dry systems
- Small pressure drops (in the range of 1-2 inches water column (w.c.) pressure)
- Low maintenance due to few moving parts
- System tolerant of high temperatures
- System capacity can easily be expanded with the addition of partitions

Some of the disadvantages of using an ESP over other particulate matter control devices are listed below:

- High capital cost
- Space requirements large
- Gaseous wastes are not controlled
- Safety is a concern due to high voltage
- Wet systems produce sludges that may require dewatering before disposal

Baghouses

A baghouse, or fabric filter, is one of the most efficient devices for removing particulate matter. Baghouses have the capability of maintaining collection efficiencies above 99% for particles down to 0.3 μm in size. The basic components of a fabric filter unit consist of woven or felted fabric, usually in the form of bags that are suspended in a housing structure (baghouse), an induced draft or forced draft fan, a blow-back or reverse air fan for cleaning the bags, or a pulse-jet fan or a mechanical shaking mechanism for cleaning the bags. The emission stream is distributed by means of specially designed entry and exit plenum chambers, providing equal gas flow through the filtration medium. The particle collection mechanism for fabric filters includes inertial impaction, Brownian diffusion, gravity settling, and electrostatic attraction. The particles are collected in dry form on a cake of dust supported by the fabric or on the fabric itself. The process occurs with a relatively low-pressure drop requirement (usually within the range of 2-6 inches w.c.). Periodically, most of the cake dust is removed for disposal. Cake dust is removed by the use of a mechanical shaking or "rapping" system, with the use of reverse air, or with the use of a pulse-jet of air. Dust is collected in a hopper at the bottom of the baghouse and is removed through a valve and dumped into a storage container. Usually, the dust is disposed of at an industrial landfill.

Some of the advantages of using baghouses over other types of particulate matter control devices are listed below:

- High collection efficiency down to small particle sizes (99% control down to 0.3 μm)
- Relatively low capital cost
- Dry dust collection may be useful for byproduct recovery

- Low pressure drop

Some of the disadvantages of using baghouses compared to other types of particulate matter control devices are listed below:

- High maintenance costs due to the presence of many moving parts
- Maximum operating temperatures of about 550 degrees Fahrenheit (°F)
- Gaseous wastes are not controlled
- Space requirements large
- Cannot operate with saturated (wet) gas streams

Wet Scrubbers

Wet scrubbers are collection devices that trap wet particles in order to remove them from a gas stream. They utilize inertial impaction and/or Brownian diffusion as the particle collection mechanism. Wet scrubbers generally use water as the cleaning liquid. Water usage and wastewater disposal requirements are important factors in the evaluation of a scrubber alternative. Types of scrubbers include spray scrubbers, cyclone scrubbers, packed-bed scrubbers, plate scrubbers, and venturi scrubbers. The most common particulate matter removal scrubber is the venturi scrubber because of its simplicity (*e.g.*, no moving parts) and high collection efficiency. In this type of scrubber, a gas stream is passed through a venturi section, before which, a low-pressure liquid (usually water) is added to the throat. The liquid is atomized by the turbulence in the throat and begins to collect particles impacting the liquid as a result of differing velocities for the gas stream and atomized droplets. A separator is used to remove the particles or liquid from the gas stream. The most important design consideration is the pressure drop across the venturi. Generally, the higher the pressure drop, the higher the removal efficiency.

Advantages of using a wet scrubber compared to other particulate matter control devices are listed below:

- Adsorbs gas phase emissions, as well as particulate matter as long as proper scrubbing media is used
- Compact size
- Efficient through wide loading range
- Insensitive to moisture content
- Venturi – no moving parts

Disadvantages of using a wet scrubber compared to other particulate matter control devices are listed below:

- Inefficient with high-temperature gases
- Requires high power input to create large pressure drop and high collection efficiency
- Waste scrubber liquid handling required

Step 1b-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse (RBLC)

Searches of the RBLC were conducted to identify control technologies for the control of PM/PM₁₀ emissions from recovery boilers.

The specific categories searched are listed below:

- External Combustion-Other-11.999
- Kraft Pulp Mills-30.002

- Pulp & Paper Production Other than Kraft-30.004
- Other Wood Products Industry Sources-30.999

The results of the search are listed in Table D-1a. As can be seen in Table D-1a, all of the entries, with just a few exceptions, indicate the use of ESPs to control PM/PM₁₀ emissions from recovery boilers.

Step 1c-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of Technologies in Use at Georgia-Pacific Corporation Facilities

Georgia-Pacific operates numerous pulp and paper mills in the United States, with many of these employing Kraft recovery boilers. All of the recovery boilers at these facilities use ESPs to control PM/PM₁₀ emissions. One facility, located in Camas, Washington (listed in the RBLC as James River Corporation, but now owned by GP), has two recovery boilers equipped with both ESPs and wet scrubbers. The wet scrubbers were installed to recover heat and make hot process water for use in the Mill. The wet scrubbers were not installed to control particulate matter emissions, which is accomplished by the ESPs.

Step 2-Technical Feasibility Analysis-Eliminate Technically Infeasible Options

While baghouses can achieve high levels of particulate matter control, the exhaust gas streams from the recovery boilers have relatively high moisture contents (25 to 30%) that cause the particulate matter to be hygroscopic in nature. These characteristics will cause the bag filters in the baghouse to “blind-up” and plug. These problems indicate that a baghouse is not an appropriate technology for recovery boilers. Therefore, baghouses are not considered further as part of this BACT analysis.

ESPs and wet scrubbers are feasible technologies for reducing particulate matter emissions from recovery boilers.

Step 3-Ranking the Technically Feasible Control Alternatives to Establish a Control Hierarchy

ESPs are most effective in controlling fine particulate matter emissions from recovery boilers. As discussed above, ESPs are the predominant particulate matter control device listed in EPA’s RBLC for Kraft recovery boilers. ESPs control particulate matter from recovery boilers at levels that exceed 99+%.

Wet scrubbers will not have any problem with the high moisture content in recovery boiler exhaust gas streams. However, the particulate matter control efficiency for a scrubber will be approximately 98% versus a control efficiency of 99+% attained by an ESP.

Step 4-Control Effectiveness Evaluation

This step of the BACT analysis is only necessary when the top control technology from Step 3 is not selected as BACT. Since the Mill already uses an ESP to collect particulate matter emissions, which is the top control technology, a control effectiveness evaluation is not necessary.

Nearly all recovery boilers in the United States employ ESPs as the particulate matter control technology. This is validated by the RBLC listings in Table D-1a, which indicate the predominant use of ESPs as BACT.

Since an ESP is the most effective technology for removing particulate matter from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler, and since the unit already utilizes an ESP to control particulate matter emissions, no additional controls are proposed.

Step 5-Select BACT

The NSPS (40 CFR 60, Subpart BB) for particulate matter from Kraft recovery boilers is 0.044 grain per dry standard cubic foot (grain/dscf) at 8% oxygen (O₂). The Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) rule, promulgated in January 2001, also specifies a particulate matter emission limit of 0.044 grain/dscf at 8% oxygen. However, the No. 4 Recovery Boiler already has a Title V Permit limit of 0.03 grain/dscf at 8% O₂, which is more stringent than either the NSPS or MACT standards.

The limits listed for other recovery boilers in Table D-1a range from 0.021 grain/dscf to 0.15 grain/dscf. Therefore, BACT for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler should be the use of an ESP with a limit set equal to the current Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Title V Permit limit of 0.03 grain/dscf at 8% O₂. This is at the low end of the limits contained in Table D-1a.

Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x)

Step 1a-Identification of Control Technologies-Typical Technologies in Use in the United States

NO_x is formed during combustion processes by the thermal oxidation of nitrogen in the combustion air (*i.e.*, thermal NO_x) and the oxidation of nitrogen in the fuel (*i.e.*, fuel-bound NO_x). In a recovery boiler, black liquor nitrogen content, or fuel NO_x, is the most important factor affecting NO_x formation. Fuel properties, temperature, and the stoichiometric conditions present during combustion are additional variables that affect NO_x formation. Excess oxygen in the zone where the bulk of black liquor combustion takes place is also an important factor for NO_x formation.

There are two main approaches that can be used to reduce nitrogen oxides emissions from boilers. The first is combustion modification and the second is post-combustion controls.

Combustion Modification Techniques

There are a number of combustion modification techniques available for reducing NO_x emissions. These include:

- Staged combustion using overfire air in burners (20-50% reduction)
- Addition of levels of staged air combustion (percent reduction dependent upon the number of existing levels and number of levels added)
- Low-NO_x burners (20-50% reduction)
- Flue gas recirculation (15-20% reduction)
- Low excess air (0-30% reduction)

The combustion modification techniques listed above all reduce NO_x by minimizing its formation in the combustion chamber of the Boiler by using less oxygen than is stoichiometrically required for complete combustion of the fuel. This lowers the temperature in the combustion chamber, thus reducing the amount of thermal NO_x that is formed. To complete the combustion process, excess air is added later in the combustion process. Each of these modifications requires additional equipment, such as new fans or burners, as well as controls, to operate properly.

Post-Combustion Controls

The technologies for post-combustion control include:

- Selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) (25-70% reduction)
- Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) (up to 90% reduction)

Post-combustion technologies work by several different methods as explained in the following sections.

SNCR systems work by injecting ammonia or urea into the combustion chamber of the boiler, thereby converting NO_x to elemental nitrogen, carbon dioxide, and water vapor. The reaction must take place between specific temperature ranges or more NO_x will be formed instead of less NO_x . The optimum temperature range for a system that uses ammonia is 1,600 to 2,000 °F and for a system that uses urea, the optimum temperature range is 1,650 to 2,100 °F. Increasing the residence time available for mass transfer and chemical reactions generally increases NO_x removal. Variations in boiler steam load or flue gas temperature make the design and operation of an SNCR system more difficult.

SCR systems work by passing the contaminated exhaust gas stream through a catalyst bed and injecting aqueous or anhydrous ammonia just in front of the catalyst bed. This system also converts NO_x to elemental nitrogen, carbon dioxide, and water vapor, similar to an SNCR system. This reaction also has an optimum temperature range to work efficiently. The optimum temperature range for the catalyst to work efficiently is 550 to 1,000 °F (best temperature window is between 700 and 750 °F). Since the optimum temperature window for the SCR process is less than that for the SNCR process, reaction of NO_x is designed to take place downstream of the combustion chamber, as opposed to inside the combustion chamber as is the case for an SNCR system. Most designs install the reaction chamber downstream of the economizer, but upstream of the air pre-heater, where the metal oxide-based catalyst works best. Reheating of the flue gas is required for reaction chambers located downstream of the air pre-heater.

Most of the operating parameters discussed above for an SNCR system are valid for an SCR system as well, except for catalyst management. Catalysts can lose their activity over time for a number of reasons as discussed below:

Poisoning-certain fuel constituents released during the combustion process can act as catalyst poisons. Catalyst poisons include calcium and magnesium oxides, potassium, sodium, arsenic, chlorine, fluorine, and lead. These constituents deactivate the catalyst by diffusing into active pore sites and occupying them irreversibly.

Thermal Sintering-high flue gas temperatures cause sintering (*i.e.*, a permanent loss of catalyst activity due to a change in pore structure of the catalyst). Thermal sintering can occur at temperatures as low as 450 °F. The amount of sintering that occurs is dependent upon the composition and structure of the catalyst.

Binding/Plugging/Fouling-ammonia salts, fly ash, and other particulate matter in the flue gas can cause binding, plugging, and/or fouling of the catalyst. The particulate matter deposits in the active pore sites of the catalyst, which results in a decrease in the number of sites available for NO_x reduction and an increase in flue gas pressure loss across the catalyst bed.

Erosion and Aging-catalysts with hardened leading edges or increased structural strength are less susceptible to erosion. Increasing catalyst strength by hardening reduces the number of active pore sites. Catalyst aging occurs over a period of time, which changes the physical and chemical properties of the catalyst.

There are methods available to minimize the possibility of the catalyst from deactivating over time (because of the reasons listed above). These include the use of soot blowers to dislodge deposits of particulate matter on the catalyst, turning vanes and rectifier grids to remove some of the particulate matter from the flue gas before it reaches the catalyst, and replacing the catalyst on a routine basis before it becomes poisoned or deactivated. Catalyst replacement can be a significant part of the operating costs for an SCR system

Similar to an SNCR system, an SCR system requires an aqueous or anhydrous ammonia or urea storage, feed, and control system, to operate properly.

Step 1b-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse

Searches of the RBLC were conducted to identify control technologies for the control of NO_x emissions from recovery boilers.

The specific categories searched are listed below:

- External Combustion-Other-11.999
- Kraft Pulp Mills-30.002
- Pulp & Paper Production Other than Kraft-30.004
- Other Wood Products Industry Sources-30.999

The results of the searches are listed in Table D-1b and are summarized below:

- No controls feasible
- Boiler design and good combustion practices
- Low-NO_x burner for natural gas combustion
- Proper combustion techniques and operating practices
- Staged combustion
- Boiler design and operation
- Combustion control
- Addition of 4th level of air

Step 1c-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of Technologies in Use at Georgia-Pacific Corporation Facilities

Some of the recovery boilers located at GP mills utilize four levels of staged combustion control, some of the boilers utilize three levels of staged combustion control, and some of the boilers utilize only two levels of staged combustion control. None of the boilers use any type of add-on control, such as SCR, to control NO_x emissions. Average NO_x emission rates during normal operations from GP's recovery boilers range from 70-150 parts per million by volume (ppmv).

Step 2-Technical Feasibility Analysis-Eliminate Technically Infeasible Options

Combustion modification techniques as a control option are technically feasible for recovery boilers and most recovery boilers employ one type of combustion technique or another. Probably the most widely used combustion technique is staged combustion where there are two to four different stages of combustion air supplied to the boiler at successively higher points in the body of the boiler.

Relative to flue gas treatment as a control option, SNCR is not considered technically feasible for Kraft recovery boilers based on the fact that a recovery boiler is a complete, chemical reaction system and any disruption of the delicate chemistry could potentially damage the boiler, impact the quality of the product, or otherwise unacceptably affect the system. The injection of a urea solution or ammonia gas would have a detrimental effect upon the chemistry inside of a recovery boiler. For these reasons, SNCR is considered technically infeasible for a recovery boiler and it is not considered further in this BACT analysis.

It is questionable if an SCR system is technically feasible for the treatment of flue gases generated by a recovery boiler. The toxic metals present in the flue gas exhaust, even after passing through the ESP, are of sufficient quantity to build-up on the surface of the catalyst bed and poison the catalyst within relatively short periods of time. Additionally, the flue gas exhaust would need to be heated from a temperature of about 425

°F to at least 700 °F in order for the catalyst to work efficiently. This will add significant cost for a duct burner combusting natural gas, as well as add NO_x emissions back into the environment.

To verify that an SCR system is not economically feasible for a recovery boiler, a cost estimate for the installation and operation of an SCR system is presented under Step 4 of this section (see below), even though an SCR system is probably not suitable because of the likelihood of catalyst poisoning.

Low-NO_x burners represent a method for lowering NO_x emissions for the combustion of fossil fuels in a recovery boiler, however, the Mill only burns No. 6 fuel oil in the No. 4 Recovery Boiler for periods of start-up and shut-down, and not during normal operations. Natural gas is only burned to fuel a pilot light which in turn is used to light the No. 6 fuel oil. It would not be practical to use low-NO_x burners for short periods of time that are not representative of normal operation for the boiler.

Step 3-Ranking the Technically Feasible Control Alternatives to Establish a Control Hierarchy

SNCR was eliminated due to technical infeasibility. SCR and combustion modification techniques are the only remaining control technologies to be evaluated. As stated earlier, SCR control systems can reduce NO_x emissions by as much as 90%. Combustion modification techniques can reduce NO_x emissions by varying amounts, depending upon the technology selected and the baseline emission rate. Each of these technologies is discussed under Step 4 below.

Step 4-Control Effectiveness Evaluation

A cost effectiveness evaluation for installation of an SCR system for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler is presented in Table D-2. The cost data presented in Table D-2 were used with EPA's cost factors contained in EPA's Cost Control Manual to develop the cost effectiveness for an SCR system. Based on the data contained in Table D-2, the overall costs for an SCR system are estimated to be greater than \$19,575 per ton of NO_x reduced. This is based on the average 2003-2004 NO_x emission rate of 425.4 tons per year from the Recovery Boiler and an assumed 90% reduction of NO_x emissions with the SCR system. This cost effectiveness value is economically infeasible and cannot be justified for a recovery boiler.

While very little, if anything, can be done to affect black liquor nitrogen content, staged air combustion, which is integral to the operation of most recovery boilers, is the most effective strategy for minimizing NO_x formation in a recovery boiler. The No. 4 Recovery Boiler at the Palatka Mill currently employs staged combustion with primary, secondary, and tertiary combustion air. As part of the project to increase boiler efficiency, the Mill is planning to install a fourth level of combustion air. Since the Mill is installing this technology, a cost effectiveness analysis is not necessary.

Step 5-Select BACT

There is no NSPS limit for NO_x emissions from recovery boilers. As stated earlier, typical NO_x emissions from recovery boilers range from 75 to 150 ppmv, depending upon how many levels of combustion air (and the configuration of the air system in general) are used to control NO_x emissions. Table D-1b provides a listing of the NO_x BACT determinations for recovery boilers, which indicate NO_x permit limits that range from 70 to 210 ppmv. The BACT control technologies listed in Table D-1b include combustion control, staged combustion, boiler design and operation, and process controls. One entry lists low-NO_x burners, but this technology applies to a supplemental burner that fires natural gas. One entry lists the addition of a fourth level of combustion air with a NO_x emission limit of 100 ppmv.

The current Title V and PSD NO_x permit limit for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler is 80 ppmvd @ 8% O₂ and 168.5 pounds per hour

To determine what the NO_x emission rate would be by installing a fourth level of staged air combustion, the Mill obtained proposals from a number of vendors. The guaranteed NO_x emission estimates from the vendors

for the addition of a fourth level of air in the No. 4 Recovery Boiler ranged from 78 to 90 ppmv, corrected to 8% oxygen. These emission estimates are based on a black liquor solids content of 75%, which is the expected level after the crystallizer project is implemented. As the result of the project to increase boiler efficiency, TRS and CO emission rates will be reduced. However, this will result in a slight increase in NO_x emissions. To keep the NO_x emission rate from increasing beyond its current level (with only three levels of combustion air), a fourth level of combustion air is necessary.

Based on the emission guarantees from the vendors, the Mill believes that BACT should be equal to a fourth level of combustion air with the same NO_x emission rate 168.1 lbs/hr (equivalent to 80 ppmvd, corrected to 8% oxygen) as contained in the current Title V Permit. The 80 ppmvd value is at the low end of the emission estimates obtained from the vendors.

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Step 1a-Identification of Control Technologies-Typical Technologies in Use in the United States

CO is generated in a recovery boiler when there is insufficient oxygen present to achieve complete combustion of the black liquor solids in the combustion chamber of the boiler. CO generation is inversely proportional to the generation of NO_x emissions. In other words, if NO_x emissions are minimized through the use of internal combustion modification techniques, it is likely that CO emissions will be increased and vice-versa. Therefore, efforts to minimize CO emissions in a recovery boiler must be balanced so that NO_x emissions are not significantly increased.

There are two approaches that can be used to reduce CO emissions from recovery boilers. The first is combustion modification and the second is post-combustion controls (*e.g.*, oxidation catalysts).

Combustion Control

Minimizing the formation of CO emissions is usually performed by ensuring efficient combustion in the combustion chamber of a boiler. This is achieved by providing sufficient air to the material being combusted, in this case carbon, and providing the air in a manner where it mixes effectively with this material. Providing sufficient air is accomplished by providing excess air in the unit to ensure there is adequate air to complete combustion. The additional air for complete combustion is measured by the oxygen analyzers on the boiler outlet and on the stack. Proper mixing is accomplished by manually adjusting the air to the air zone which is deficient in oxygen. Depending on other operating parameters (TRS, NO_x, Bed Height, Liquor Temperature, etc.) the air can be adjusted in either one or multiple zones (primary, secondary, tertiary, or quaternary) to reduce CO without adversely affecting other operating parameters.

Oxidation Catalysts

Oxidation catalysts can be used as a post-combustion technique to reduce CO emissions by as much as 90% from the uncontrolled emission rate. The catalysts work best when the temperature of the gas stream being oxidized is between 600 and 1,100 °F, with an optimum temperature of 800 °F. If the exhaust gas stream temperature of the boiler in question is lower than the optimum temperature range, then additional heat must be used in order to raise the temperature to the desired level (the Palatka Mill's No. 4 Recovery Boiler exhaust temperature is approximately 425 °F). This may add significant operating costs to the control system since fuel must be combusted in a duct burner in order to supply the additional heat.

Oxidation catalysts are typically only used in combustion applications that use natural gas or light grade fuel oils (*i.e.*, No. 1 and No. 2 fuel oils). This is because oxidation catalysts are sensitive to heavy metals that are contained in higher-grade fuel oils or black liquor. Heavy metals, such as zinc, lead, mercury, copper, potassium, magnesium, arsenic and vanadium, will poison the catalyst once a

build up of 0.2% (by weight) accumulates on the surface of the catalyst. Most of the referenced heavy metal contaminants are present in black liquor. When the No. 4 Recovery Boiler is burning black liquor, these contaminants will build-up on the surface of the catalyst, thereby poisoning the catalyst and rendering it useless for reducing CO emissions.

Even after consideration of pollution control equipment to remove particulate matter emissions from the flue gas exhaust from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler, a sufficient quantity of heavy metals will still be present to degrade or even poison the catalyst. For these reasons, it is not technically feasible to use an oxidation catalyst for reducing CO emissions from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler.

Step 1b-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse

Searches of the RBLC were conducted to identify control technologies for the control of CO emissions from recovery boilers.

The specific categories searched are listed below:

- External Combustion-Other-11.999
- Kraft Pulp Mills-30.002
- Pulp & Paper Production Other than Kraft-30.004
- Other Wood Products Industry Sources-30.999

The results of the searches are listed in Table D-1c and are summarized below:

- No controls feasible
- Boiler design and good combustion practices
- Proper combustion techniques and operating practices
- Boiler design and good combustion practices
- Combustion control
- Good combustion control of flame temperature and excess air
- Boiler design and operation
- Efficient operation

Step 1c-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of Technologies in Use at Georgia-Pacific Corporation Facilities

All of the recovery boilers at GP's mills utilize varying degrees of staged combustion controls to balance CO and NO_x emissions. The recovery boilers at GP's mills emit varying quantities of CO emissions during normal operations that range from 60 to 450 ppmv, with the higher values coming from older boilers and/or boilers with fewer than three levels of combustion air, and the lower values coming from newer boilers and/or boilers with three or more levels of combustion air.

Step 2-Technical Feasibility Analysis-Eliminate Technically Infeasible Options

As stated earlier, it is not technically feasible to use an oxidation catalyst to reduce CO emissions due to catalyst poisoning from heavy metal contamination. Combustion control is technically feasible for minimizing CO emissions and is inherent in the design of recovery boilers due to the use of staged combustion techniques.

Step 3-Ranking the Technically Feasible Control Alternatives to Establish a Control Hierarchy

The only remaining control technology is combustion control.

Step 4-Control Effectiveness Evaluation

The most effective control technology for minimizing carbon monoxide emissions from recovery boilers is combustion control through the use of staged combustion. As discussed previously, the Palatka No. 4 Recovery Boiler employs staged combustion with primary, secondary, and tertiary combustion air.

Step 5-Select BACT

There is no NSPS limit for CO emissions from recovery boilers. The existing Title V and PSD permits limit CO emissions to 800 ppmv @ 8% O₂ on a 3-hour average basis and 400 ppmv @ 8% O₂ on a 24-hour and annual average basis.

Based on the entries shown in Table D-1c from the RBLC, CO emission limits for recovery boilers range anywhere from 200 to 3,000 ppmv, depending upon the age of the boiler and the averaging time. As stated earlier, the CO emission rate from a recovery boiler is dependent upon the age of the boiler and its inherent design. The BACT control technologies listed in Table D-1c include combustion control, boiler design and operation, and process controls.

GP is not proposing any changes to the CO emission limits for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler as part of this BACT analysis. GP further proposes that BACT for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler be defined as “Boiler Design and Combustion Control”.

Sulfuric Acid Mist (SAM)

Step 1a-Identification of Control Technologies-Typical Technologies in Use in the United States

SAM forms as a byproduct of SO₂ emissions when condensation occurs in the gas stream. The quantity of SAM generated is small compared to the amount of SO₂ generated, usually no more than 2-4% of the SO₂ emissions.

There are three approaches that can be used to reduce SAM emissions from recovery boilers. These include mist eliminators, wet ESPs, and combustion control.

Mist Eliminators

The predominant method for controlling SAM emissions from industrial processes and sources of combustion, other than internal design, is mist eliminators. SAM particles are very small, usually in the submicron range. Mist eliminators are designed to remove fine particles, down to 0.5 micron in size. For example, one type of mesh pad manufactured by Enviro-Chem is advertised to remove 99.9% of all particles greater than 2 microns in size and 70% of particles less than 2 microns in size. This efficiency is achieved with a pressure drop of less than 3 inches w.c. pressure.

Wet ESPs

Wet ESPs may also be used to control SAM emissions from recovery boilers. Wet ESPs work similar to dry ESPs, except that the particles are washed off of the electrodes with water sprays, instead of the use of a rapping system for dry ESPs. Also, wet ESPs must be constructed of materials that are resistant to acids, otherwise, the structure of the ESP would corrode very quickly due to the acidic environment. Wet ESPs will remove 90 to 95% of the inlet SAM emissions.

Combustion Control

Combustion control to reduce SO₂ emissions is inherent in the design of a recovery boiler due to the chemical reactions that take place inside of the combustion chamber when black liquor is combusted. Since SAM emissions make up 2 to 4% of SO₂ emissions, minimizing the generation of SO₂ emissions means that SAM emissions will be minimized as well.

Step 1b-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse

Searches of the RBLC were conducted to identify control technologies for the control of SAM emissions from recovery boilers.

The specific categories searched are listed below:

- External Combustion-Other-11.999
- Kraft Pulp Mills-30.002
- Pulp & Paper Production Other than Kraft-30.004
- Other Wood Products Industry Sources-30.999

The results of the searches are listed in Table D-1d and are summarized below:

- No controls
- Boiler design
- Firing rate and pulp production limits

Step 1c-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of Technologies in Use at Georgia-Pacific Corporation Facilities

All of the recovery boilers in use at GP's mills utilize combustion control to minimize the formation of SO₂ and SAM emissions.

Step 2-Technical Feasibility Analysis-Eliminate Technically Infeasible Options

As stated earlier in this analysis, the average exhaust temperature for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler is about 425 °F. At this temperature, SAM emissions would be in a gaseous state. Mist eliminators are not designed to remove gases, rather, they are designed to remove very small liquid droplets. Therefore, the use of mist eliminators for a recovery boiler is not technically feasible unless the unit already had in place a wet scrubber or other means to condense the sulfuric acid gases into a liquid mist. The No. 4 Recovery Boiler at the Palatka Mill does not have a wet scrubber or other device installed to condense the gases into a liquid mist.

The use of a wet ESP and combustion control are technically feasible options for the control of SAM emissions.

Step 3-Ranking the Technically Feasible Control Alternatives to Establish a Control Hierarchy

Combustion control can reduce SO₂ emissions by 99% or more, which means that SAM emissions can be reduced by a similar amount. Wet ESPs will remove 90-95% of SAM emissions.

Step 4-Control Effectiveness Evaluation

The most effective control technology for reducing SAM emissions from recovery boilers is combustion control. Based on stack test data collected over the 5-year period, 1999 through 2003, SAM emissions are generally less than 1.5 lbs/hour and 0.5 ppmv.

GP is unaware of any recovery boilers in the United States that employ mist eliminators to control SAM emissions.

GP selects the only remaining control technology, combustion control, as BACT.

Step 5-Select BACT

There is no NSPS limit for SAM emissions from recovery boilers. Table D-1d provides a listing of the SAM BACT determinations for recovery boilers. These limits range from 2.2 to 20 pounds per hour. The BACT control technologies listed in Table D-1d include “boiler design” and “no controls”.

The current Title V Permit limit for SAM emissions is 0.81 ppmv. Based on recent stack test results (2003-2004), SAM emissions are less than the permit limit. GP proposes that BACT for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler be defined as “Boiler Design and Combustion Control” with an emissions limit of 3.6 lbs/hr, which is equivalent to the current Title V Permit limit of 0.81 ppmv.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

Step 1a-Identification of Control Technologies-Typical Technologies In Use in the United States

The VOC emission rate is an inverse function of combustion efficiency. In other words, maintaining high combustion efficiencies will lower the VOC emission rate. This holds true in most combustion-related processes, including recovery boilers.

The same two approaches that can be used to reduce CO emissions from recovery boilers can also be used for reducing VOC emissions. The first approach is combustion control and the second approach is post-combustion controls (*e.g.*, oxidation catalysts):

Combustion Control

Just as efficient combustion will minimize the formation of CO emissions, VOC emissions will also be minimized by ensuring efficient combustion in the combustion chamber of a recovery boiler. As explained in the CO section, this is achieved by having the correct controls in place to assure the proper black liquor solids to combustion air ratio in the combustion chamber of the boiler.

Oxidation Catalysts

Oxidation catalysts that are used as a post-combustion technique to reduce CO emissions will also reduce VOC emissions by as much as 90 to 95% from the uncontrolled emission rate. The catalysts work best when the temperature of the gas stream being oxidized is between 600 and 1,100 °F, with the optimum temperature of 800 °F. If the exhaust gas stream temperature of the boiler in question is lower than the optimum temperature range, then additional heat must be added in order to raise the temperature to the desired level. This may add significant operating costs to the control system since fuel must be combusted in a duct burner in order to supply the additional heat.

Oxidation catalysts are typically only used in combustion applications that use natural gas or light grade fuel oils (*i.e.*, No. 1 and No. 2 fuel oils). This is because oxidation catalysts are sensitive to heavy metals that are contained in higher-grade fuel oils or black liquor. Heavy metals, such as zinc, lead, mercury, copper, potassium, magnesium, arsenic and vanadium, will poison the catalyst once a build up of 0.2% (by weight) accumulates on the surface of the catalyst. Most of the referenced heavy metal contaminants are present in black liquor. When the No. 4 Recovery Boiler is burning black liquor, these contaminants will build-up on the surface of the catalyst, thereby poisoning the catalyst and rendering it useless for reducing VOC emissions.

Even after consideration of pollution control equipment to remove particulate matter emissions from the flue gas exhaust from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler, a sufficient quantity of heavy metals will still be present to degrade or even poison the catalyst. For these reasons, it is not technically feasible to use an oxidation catalyst for reducing VOC emissions from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler.

Step 1b-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse

Searches of the RBLC were conducted to identify control technologies for the control of VOC emissions from recovery boilers.

The specific categories searched are listed below:

- External Combustion-Other-11.999
- Kraft Pulp Mills-30.002
- Pulp & Paper Production Other than Kraft-30.004
- Other Wood Products Industry Sources-30.999

The results of the searches are listed in Table D-1e and are summarized below:

- No controls
- Combustion control
- Boiler design and good combustion practices
- Low odor design

Step 1c-Identification of Control Technologies-Review of Technologies in Use at Georgia-Pacific Corporation Facilities

As described above for CO, the recovery boilers in use at GP facilities utilize varying degrees, or stages, of combustion air to maintain adequate combustion efficiency and low CO emission rates. The same control technique also minimizes VOC emissions.

Step 2-Technical Feasibility Analysis-Eliminate Technically Infeasible Options

As stated earlier in this report, it is not technically feasible to use an oxidation catalyst to reduce VOC emissions due to catalyst poisoning from heavy metal contamination. Combustion control is technically feasible for minimizing VOC emissions and is inherent in the design of recovery boilers due to the use of staged combustion techniques.

Step 3-Ranking the Technically Feasible Control Alternatives to Establish a Control Hierarchy

The only remaining control technology is combustion control.

Step 4-Control Effectiveness Evaluation

The most cost effective control technology for minimizing VOCs from recovery boilers is combustion control through the use of staged combustion. As discussed previously, the No. 4 Recovery Boiler employs staged combustion with primary, secondary and tertiary combustion air.

Step 5-Select BACT

There is no NSPS limit for VOC emissions from recovery boilers. Table D-1e provides a listing of the VOC BACT determinations for recovery boilers. These limits range from 2.8 to 50 ppmv and 3.7 to 233 pounds per hour. The current Title V Permit limit for VOC emissions from the No. 4 Recovery Boiler is 31.5 lbs/hr, which is based on an emission factor of 0.3 lb/ton of black liquor solids. Based on recent stack test results (2003-2004), the No. 4 Recovery Boiler is in compliance with the current Title V Permit limits for VOCs.

GP proposes that BACT for the No. 4 Recovery Boiler be defined as Boiler Design and Combustion Control, with no changes in the current Title V Permit limit.

ATTACHMENT J

Revisions to PSD Application – PE Signature

Several pages of the original PSD Application were changed and the response to DEP's RAI contained various technical answers. Mr. Mark Aguilar, PE has reviewed these responses and a copy of the new signature and PE Stamp page is attached.

The original signature page is being sent to Mr. Koerner in a separate letter.

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**RE: Modification to the No. 4 Recovery Boiler
Project No.: 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367**

Dear Mr. Koerner:

This letter is in response to your Request for Additional Information (RAI-#1), dated December 16, 2005 regarding modification to the No. 4 Recovery Boiler Project No.: 1070005-035-AC/PSD-FL-367. Attached is a Professional Engineer Certification sheet (DEP Form No. 62-210.900(1)) that should be used for Georgia-Pacific Corporation's responses to your RAI. The RAI has been submitted to you under separate cover from the Palatka Mill directly.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Myra Carpenter at (386) 329-0918.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne J. Galler".

Wayne J. Galler

Senior Environmental Consultant – Air

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

PSD Permit Application for
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5. Professional Engineer Statement: <i>I, the undersigned, hereby certify, except as particularly noted herein*, that:</i> (1) <i>To the best of my knowledge, there is reasonable assurance that the air pollutant emissions unit(s) and the air pollution control equipment described in this application for air permit, when properly operated and maintained, will comply with all applicable standards for control of air pollutant emissions found in the Florida Statutes and rules of the Department of Environmental Protection; and</i> (2) <i>To the best of my knowledge, any emission estimates reported or relied on in this application are true, accurate, and complete and are either based upon reasonable techniques available for calculating emissions or, for emission estimates of hazardous air pollutants not regulated for an emissions unit addressed in this application, based solely upon the materials, information and calculations submitted with this application.</i> (3) <i>If the purpose of this application is to obtain a Title V air operation permit (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that each emissions unit described in this application for air permit, when properly operated and maintained, will comply with the applicable requirements identified in this application to which the unit is subject, except those emissions units for which a compliance plan and schedule is submitted with this application.</i> (4) <i>If the purpose of this application is to obtain an air construction permit (check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>, if so) or concurrently process and obtain an air construction permit and a Title V air operation permit revision or renewal for one or more proposed new or modified emissions units (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that the engineering features of each such emissions unit described in this application have been designed or examined by me or individuals under my direct supervision and found to be in conformity with sound engineering principles applicable to the control of emissions of the air pollutants characterized in this application.</i> (5) <i>If the purpose of this application is to obtain an initial air operation permit or operation permit revision or renewal for one or more newly constructed or modified emissions units (check here <input type="checkbox"/>, if so), I further certify that, with the exception of any changes detailed as part of this application, each such emissions unit has been constructed or modified in substantial accordance with the information given in the corresponding application for air construction permit and with all provisions contained in such permit.</i> Signature: <u><i>Mark J. Aguilar</i></u> Date: <u>1/12/06</u> (seal)

* Attach any exception to certification statement.



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Dear Mr. Kennedy:

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The Department is forwarding the attached e-mail from the federal land manager to you. The Department has verbally clarified and communicated further information to the federal land manager concerning Comments 1, 2 and the guidance in the next to last paragraph concerning the use of Method 2 and a maximum relative humidity of 95%. However, even with this clarification, the federal land manager does not accept the approach of eliminating potential weather events based upon an hour by hour review. Please provide an explanation of how to remove the problem of 11 days showing visibility impairment above the 5% threshold, and provide the CALPUFF results showing this removal, along with the new emission inputs.

The Department will resume processing this application after receipt of the requested information. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (850)921-8986.

Sincerely,

Cleve Holladay
Air Permitting North
Bureau of Air Regulation

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Enclosure

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Subject: Comments regarding Class I Air Quality Analysis - GP/Palatka - No. 4 Recovery Boiler Project

Cleve and Bruce,

The Fish and Wildlife Service - Branch of Air Quality has reviewed the November 2005 permit application for the Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Palatka Mill, No. 4 Recovery Boiler (Florida DEP project number 1070005-035-AC, PSD-FL-367). This facility is located in Palatka, Florida, approximately 108 km south of the Okefenokee National Wilderness Area, 137 km northeast of Chassahowitzka National Wilderness Area, and 186 km south of the Wolf Island National Wilderness Area. All three of these FWS managed lands were designated as Class I areas by Congress and are afforded special Clean Air Act protections.

These comments today address the Class I visibility analysis contained within Attachment C of the document. Consistent with the instructions provided to the applicant in a September 23, 2005, FDEP letter, it appears that the air quality impact analysis contained in this permit application assesses the combined effects of several recent permit actions at this facility. We concur with this approach because it more accurately represents the overall impacts of the group of modifications to the air quality and air quality related values at the FWS Class I areas.

1. The application package did not contain electronic copies of the CALPUFF computer model input and output files. These are needed for our review of the project.
2. Based upon the information provided in section 6.0 of Attachment C to the application, titled "6.0 ADDITIONAL IMPACT ANALYSIS - CLASS I AREAS," it is unclear what "Method" is being used for calculating background visibility; that is, we can not find any documentation of what setting for the "MVISBK" setting in CALPOST was used. For conducting a screening modeling exercise in accordance with the Federal Land Managers' guidelines (FLAG Report, December 2000), the analysis should use Method 2 with a maximum relative humidity of 98% (MVISBK = 2, RHMAX = 98). The applicant needs to list all the "switch" settings used in the modeling analysis, and explain those which are not regulatory defaults. (The listing may be done by means of the electronic files requested in comment 1, above.)
3. The modeling results discussed in the report indicated that, for the three years covered in the analysis, there were a total of 11 days showing visibility impairment above the 5% threshold - seven at Okefenokee NWA, three at Chassahowitzka NWA, and one at Wolf Island NWA. The largest impact was predicted at Chassahowitzka, with a predicted impairment of 8.49% (see table C-39 in application). The applicant then proceeds to look at each of these days and subjectively determine "if natural visibility impairment phenomena existed during [those] days...." The application indicates that weather codes from the Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) surface observations were used to assess Okefenokee and Wolf Island NWA's, and weather codes from the Tampa International Airport (TPA) to assess Chassahowitzka NWA. At this point, the application references information contained in "Appendix B, Tables APPB-1 to APPB-5" - it appears that these tables must be from another source, as they do not appear in the application. (Note that JAX is about 50 km from the nearest boundary of Okefenokee, and nearly 100 km from Wolf Island; TPA is about 75 km from Chassahowitzka.)

The Fish and Wildlife Service Branch of Air Quality does not accept this approach of eliminating potential weather event results based upon an hour by hour review. Should the applicant wish to provide alternative modeling analysis to address potential visibility impairing weather events, there are two approaches that the Federal Land Management agencies (National Park Service, USDA/Forest Service, and FWS) have considered

informative to our review. The first is to continue to use "Method 2" (MVISBK=2), but with a maximum relative humidity of 95% (RHMAX = 95). The second is similar to the methodology being utilized by the Regional Planning Organizations and states for modeling in support of the "BART analyses" for the regional haze rule plans, and uses Method 6 (MVISBK=6) with EPA-published monthly relative humidity factors appropriate to each of the specific Class I areas. If the applicant does choose to present an additional modeling analysis, the package also needs to present the standard FLAG screening analysis as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this application. If you have any questions, please contact either Catherine Collins (303-914-3807) or me.

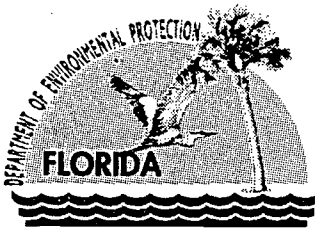
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-- Meredith

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Boiler

1. The project will overhaul the recovery boiler with extensive replacement of superheater, economizer, generating bank, and floor tubes as well as replace and/or modify components in the combustion air system. The project will also add a crystallizer and make miscellaneous changes to the concentrators (i.e., baffles, heat exchanger, piping, etc.). The application indicates that construction is planned to commence in April of 2006 and be completed over a variety of outages through 2008. Please identify the various stages of construction and the items that scheduled for completion during each stage.
2. The current permitted capacity of the recovery boiler is 1346 MMBtu/hour of heat input and 210,000 lb BLS/hour (24-hour average). What is the corresponding maximum continuous steam production rate for the boiler? What are the design steam conditions (temperature and pressure)? Will the project increase the boiler capacity?
3. The pulp mill capacity is specified as 118 ADTUP/hour and 1850 ADTUP/day, maximum monthly average. Will the project increase the pulp mill capacity?
4. On page B-40, the application identifies the maximum flow rate at permitted capacity as 210,000 dscfm @ "2.8%" oxygen (dry). Identify the basis for this rate. Actual test data provided in the application does not indicate typical operation at an oxygen level of 2.8%. Does the unit have an oxygen meter? Is the oxygen level continuously recorded? What is the optimum oxygen operating range for the recovery boiler?
5. Please provide an ultimate and proximate fuel analysis for the BLS fired in this recovery boiler.
6. The recovery boiler has been identified as a unit subject to the recently promulgated Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) provisions. How does the facility propose to comply with the BART requirements for NOx, SO2, and PM/PM10?

CO and VOC Emissions

1. The current standards for CO emissions in the Title V permit are 800 ppmvd @ 8% oxygen (3-hour average) and 400 ppmvd @ 8% oxygen (24-hour average). These limits were established in Air Permit No. PSD-FL-226 based on "combustion controls". The application indicates that there is an optimum operating level for BLS-to-air ratio, which will minimize CO emissions. Identify the range of operation for this parameter and correlate the range to actual test data.

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2. Identify the boiler combustion parameters monitored and the operating levels that ensure good operation. Does the current system include any automated combustion controls? Will a new control system be added?

NOx Emissions

1. The current NOx standard in the Title V permit is 80 ppmvd @ 8% oxygen based on an annual stack test. This standard was established in Air Permit No. PSD-FL-226. Will the installation of a 4th level of combustion air be able to achieve lower NOx emissions or more steady NOx emissions? The application indicates that NOx emissions from a recovery boiler will range from 75 to 150 ppmvd depending on the levels of combustion air provided. Estimate the fraction of NOx emissions that are fuel NOx compared to thermal NOx. Are the combustion air requirements manually set for fixed operating levels or is there an automated control system? Describe the parameters that are monitored to ensure effective staged combustion with low NOx levels.
2. Please identify the source of the cost estimate for a cold-side SCR system and provide the supporting information. The application assumes that an SCR system would be installed after the ESP and therefore the exhaust would have to be reheated to provide the proper operating window. Would it be possible to locate an SCR system prior to the ESP to avoid costly reheat? What existing circumstances at the plant would prevent this? Otherwise, please provide a cost estimate for a hot-side SCR system.
3. The application rejects SNCR as a technically infeasible control option. To be effective, SNCR requires the a proper operating temperature window in which to inject ammonia or urea, sufficient residence time for the reaction to take place, and turbulence for mixing. Please provide supporting information based on the actual boiler design and operating condition to support GP's belief that SNCR is not technically feasible. Please provide a cost estimate on installing an SNCR system for the recovery boiler.

PM/PM10 Emissions

1. The application indicates that the PM10 emissions are approximately 75% of the total PM emissions. Please provide emissions data for this recovery boiler to support this statement. Other information suggests that approximately 90% of total PM emissions are PM10 emissions and of the PM10 emissions, approximately 50% is actually about 1 micron in diameter or less (Davis, 2000). Describe the difficulties in controlling particles in this size range with a 2-field ESP. Please identify any improvements to the existing ESP that would result in better performance. Can the existing unit be modified to add a 3rd field?
2. As suggested by the application, 25% of the total PM emissions are greater than PM10 in size. Identify control devices (i.e., settling chambers, cyclones, wet cyclones, etc.) that could be installed prior to the ESP to reduce loading so that the ESP could be tuned to remove additional PM emissions. Provide a cost analysis for feasible add-on controls.
3. The application states that an ESP can achieve greater than 99.9% control and identifies the ESP as the top control. What is the control efficiency of the existing ESP? Have there been any major improvements or overhauls to the ESP within the last 5 years? If so, when did this occur, what work was performed and how much did it cost? Are any future major improvements or overhauls planned?
4. The application indicates that GP operates two recovery boilers in another state (St. James River Corp.), each with a combination of an ESP and wet scrubber. The application states that the wet scrubbers were installed to recover heat and supply hot water to the plant and not reduce PM emissions. Nevertheless, identify the control efficiency of the wet scrubbers for reducing PM emissions. What are the PM emissions standards for these units? What are the actual tested PM emissions from these units? Provide test data for the units operating only with the ESP and with the ESP/wet scrubber combination. What is the calculated PM removal efficiency of these wet scrubbers? Does the wet scrubber also remove SO₂, TRS and HCl emissions? Provide a cost analysis for a similar wet scrubber.
5. The RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse shows several recovery boilers with PM BACT limits of 0.021 grains/dscf. Much of the recent test data shows that the existing ESP could also achieve this level of control. However, test data collected during 2000/2001 shows much higher emission levels. Identify the cause of the elevated PM emissions. Was the unit undergoing maintenance or about to undergo maintenance? Were both fields of the ESP operating during the tests? Were repairs or corrective actions taken after the tests were conducted? When the existing ESP is properly tuned and operating both fields of the ESP, can the unit achieve a PM emission rate of 0.021 grains/dscf or less?
6. Has any PM10 emissions testing ever been conducted on this RB? If so, please provide the date(s) and a synopsis of the test(s) results.

SAM Emissions

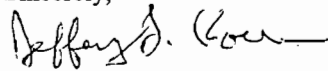
1. The application indicates that SAM emissions are completely in a gaseous form when exiting the stack at 425° F. Stack test data provided indicates that the actual stack exhaust temperature is about 400° F. At what temperature will SAM condense out of the exhaust?
2. Is it possible to reduce the exhaust temperature with a heat exchanger to form SAM droplets that can be removed with mist eliminators? Is this technique used on other recovery boilers? Are mist eliminators installed on other recovery boilers within the pulp and paper industry?

Miscellaneous

1. On page A-39 (Section F1) of the application, potential benzene emissions were listed as "296.1 TPY". Please correct and submit the revised pages.
2. We are still reviewing the modeling and will ask any questions that arise by December 21 of next week.
3. If any response to the above issues affect the application submittal, please correct and/or change the application to reflect the additional analyses and submit.

The Department will resume processing your application after receipt of the requested information. Rule 62-4.050(3), F.A.C., requires that all applications for a Department permit must be certified by a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida. This requirement also applies to responses to Department requests for additional information of an engineering nature. For any material changes to the application, please include a new certification statement by the authorized representative or responsible official. You are reminded that Rule 62-4.055(1), F.A.C. requires applicants to respond to requests for information within 90 days or provide a written request for an additional period of time to submit the information. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Bruce Mitchell at (850)413-9198.

Sincerely,



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