## No. 1 and No. 3 Biofilter Air Emissions Test Report at

## Decorative Panels International, Inc. Alpena, Michigan

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## **Executive Summary**

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Bureau Veritas measured total hydrocarbons (THC), methanol, and formaldehyde at the inlet and outlet of the No. 1 Biofilter and No. 3 Biofilter control devices.

Three 60-minute compliance test runs were performed at each source under normal operating conditions following United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Methods 1 through 4, 25A, and 320.

Detailed results are presented in Tables 1 through 2 after the Tables Tab of this report. The following table summarizes the results of the testing conducted on September 17 and 18, 2015.



#### **Executive Summary**

## No. 1 Biofilter Formaldehyde, Methanol, and THC Results

Parameter	Units	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Average
Formaldehyde inlet concentration	ppmvd	34.3	28.9	34.5	32.5
Formaldehyde inlet emission rate	lb/hr	8.3	7.0	8.3	7.8
Formaldehyde outlet concentration	ppmvd	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
Formaldehyde outlet emission rate	lb/hr	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Formaldehyde removal efficiency	%	96.4	95.8	96.3	96.2
Methanol inlet concentration	ppmvd	44.2	36.5	45.6	42.1
Methanol inlet emission rate	lb/hr	11.4	9.4	11.7	10.8
Methanol outlet concentration	ppmvd	10	6.3	8.6	8.3
Methanol outlet concentration	lb/hr	3.0	1.9	2.5	2.5
Methanol removal efficiency	%	73.9	79.7	78.2	77.3
THC inlet concentration as carbon	ppmvd	384	286	354	341
THC inlet emission rate as carbon	lb/hr	37.2	27.6	34.0	32.9
THC outlet concentration as carbon	ppmvd	48.3	38.7	43.6	43.5
THC outlet emission rate as carbon	lb/hr	5.4	4.4	4.8	4.9
THC removal efficiency	%	85.6	84.2	85.8	80.7

Note: The average biofilter bed temperature during the three test runs was 79°F.

The results of the September 17, 2015 emissions testing established the following:

• The No. 1 Biofilter source complies with the formaldehyde destruction efficiency limit of 90% or greater at a biofilter bed temperature within the previously established compliance range of 73 to 87°F.



#### **Executive Summary**

## No. 3 Biofilter Formaldehyde, Methanol, and THC Results

Parameter	Units	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Average
Formaldehyde inlet concentration	ppmvd	15.5	14.5	15.5	15.2
Formaldehyde inlet emission rate	lb/hr	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.9
Formaldehyde outlet concentration	ppmvd	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.7
Formaldehyde outlet emission rate	lb/hr	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Formaldehyde removal efficiency	%	93.3	93.2	95.9	94.1
Methanol inlet concentration	ppmvd	22.3	23.9	24.2	23.5
Methanol inlet emission rate	lb/hr	4.4	4.9	5.0	4.8
Methanol outlet concentration	ppmvd	5.6	6.2	4.5	5.4
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Methanol removal efficiency	%	68.9	69.9	77.7	72.2
THC inlet concentration as carbon	ppmvd	228	242	256	242
THC inlet emission rate as carbon	lb/hr	17	19	20	18.4
THC outlet concentration as carbon	ppmvd	44.6	44.3	31.9	40.2
THC outlet emission rate as carbon	lb/hr	4.1	4.0	3.0	3.7
THC removal efficiency as carbon	%	76.0	78.7	84.9	79.9

Note: The average biofilter bed temperature during the three test runs was 91°F.

The results of the September 18, 2015 emissions testing established the following:

• The No. 3 Biofilter source complies with the formaldehyde destruction efficiency limit of (1) 90% or greater and (2) formaldehyde concentration limit of <1 part per million by volume, dry (ppmvd) when a formaldehyde concentration greater than 10 ppmvd is entering the control devices at a biofilter bed temperature within the compliance range of 73 to 92°F. The minimum biofilter bed temperature limit was established during a previous performance test; the maximum biofilter bed temperature of 92°F was established during Run 2 of the testing.



## **1.0 Introduction**

## 1.1 Summary of Test Program

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Three 60-minute compliance test runs were performed at each source under normal operating conditions following United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Methods 1 through 4, 25A, and 320.

### 1.2 Key Personnel

The key personnel involved in this test program are listed in Table 1-1 on the following page. Mr. Thomas Schmelter, Senior Project Manager with Bureau Veritas, led the emission testing. Mr. Dennis Werblow, Director of Environmental and Quality with Decorative Panels International, Inc., provided process coordination and recorded operating parameters. Mr. William Rogers Jr. and Mr. Jeremy Howe, Environmental Quality Analysts with MDEQ, witnessed portions of the testing. In addition, Ms. Natalie Topinka, Environmental Scientist, and Mr. Kenneth Ruffato, Environmental Engineer, with USEPA Region V, witnessed portions of the testing.



### Table 1-1 Key Personnel

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## 2.0 Source and Sampling Locations

## 2.1 Process Description

Decorative Panels International, Inc. produces a variety of hardboard products including wall paneling, pegboard, and marker board. Hardwood chips, such as aspen, ash, maple, and beech chips, are purchased and stored in an outdoor raw material storage area and reclaimed into silos. The wood chips are cooked and softened in one of four digesters using steam injection and ground into wood pulp fibers.

The pulp fibers are conveyed to a forming machine, which forms a mat of un-pressed hardboard. The mats are processed through a Coe dryer and cut using a trimmer and panel brush. The mats are conveyed to one of two hardboard lines, Line 1 or 3. Line 2 was historically operated but has since been decommissioned.

On the hardboard lines, the mats enter a predryer, a press, cooler, and tempering area. The predryer ensures the mat has the desired moisture content before the mat enters presses that heat and form hardboard. The hardboard is coated with linseed or Oxi-Cure® oil in the tempering area. The oil tempers the board thereby increasing its strength and "paintability." Once the board has been tempered, it is superheated to cure the binding resins in the bake ovens (No. 3 Press line only). The hardboard is humidified to approximate atmospheric conditions to limit warping. The boards are inspected, graded, cut, and packed for shipping.

The No. 1 Biofilter controls emissions from the No. 1 Board Press and cooler.

The No. 3 Biofilter controls emissions from the No. 3 Board Press and cooler.

### 2.2 **Process Operating Parameters**

The process was operated under normal operating conditions during testing. The facility was manufacturing <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch thick board at the No. 1 and No. 3 Board Presses. For a standard production schedule under normal operating conditions, the rated capacity of the EUPRESS2S and EU3PRESS-AREA are as follows:

- EUPRESS2S 580 to 620 thousand square feet per day
- EU3-PRESS-AREA 290 to 310 thousand square feet per day



Tables 2-1 and 2-2 summarize the number of press loads, boards, and production based on the number of THC concentration peaks that were measured during the test periods.

Refer to Appendix E for process data recorded during testing.

Table 2-1Summary of EUPRESS2S Production Data

<b>T</b> (D	Durated	D	Production Rate	
Test Run	Press Loads	Boards Pressed	msf/hour	
1	18	360	23.04	
2	16	320	20.48	
3	21	420	26.88	
Average	18	367	23.47	

msf: thousand square feet

<b>T</b> ( <b>D</b>	D. J. J.		Production Rate	
Test Run	Press Loads	Boards Pressed	msf/hour	
1	18	360	11.50	
2	17	340	10.88	
3	19	380	12.16	
Average	18	360	11.52	

## Table 2-2Summary of EU3-PRESS-AREA Production Data

msf: thousand square feet

## 2.3 Control Equipment

#### EUPRESS2S – No. 1 Biofilter

Gaseous emissions from the No. 1 Board Press are controlled by a DynaWave Engineering water scrubber and the No. 1 Biofilter. Emissions from the No. 1 Board Press are captured by a permanent total enclosure that surrounds the press area. The air from the enclosure continuously exhausts through a duct that exits the roof of the building and flows towards the pollution control equipment. The captured air (flue gas) enters the top of the scrubber and flows downwards in the vessel. Inside the vessel, water (containing sodium hydroxide to maintain a neutral pH) is



sprayed into the air to remove particulates and humidify the air before the air enters the biofilter. The water is sprayed onto a series of chevrons to increase the air-to-water contact surface area.

As the flue gas mixes with the water, particulates and other pollutants are removed. The water drains to the bottom of the vessel and a portion is recirculated into the system with the remaining portion discharged to the onsite water treatment system. The flue gas exits the top of the scrubber and flows into the No. 1 Biofilter.

The No. 1 Biofilter, manufactured by Monsanto Enviro-Chem., consists of six compartments. The air from the scrubber can be heated by a heat exchanger before being directed into the sixbiobed compartments. The compartments contain water sprayers to maintain a moist environment, and layers of Douglas-fir bark from the western United States. The Douglas-fir bark provides an environment where biologically active microbes can oxidize and remove the contaminants.

After passing through the bark the flue gas is drawn into fans that discharge the gas through stack, SVS2COOLR-STK28.

#### EU3-PRESS-AREA – No. 3 Biofilter

Gaseous emissions from the No. 3 Board Press are controlled by a humidifier and Envirogen manufactured biofilter (No. 3 Biofilter). Emissions from the No. 3 Board Press enters the top of the scrubber and flows downwards in the vessel, where water treated with sodium hydroxide to maintain a neutral pH, is sprayed to humidify the inlet air to the biofilter.

As the gas mixes with the water, particulates and other pollutants are removed. The water drains to the bottom of the vessel and a portion is recirculated into the system with the remaining portion discharged to the onsite water treatment system. The flue gas exits the top of the scrubber and flows into the No. 3 Biofilter.

The No. 3 Biofilter consists of four compartments. The air exiting the humidifier can be further humidified and heated by adding steam into the ductwork upstream of the biobed compartments. The compartments contain water sprayers to maintain a moist environment, and layers of Douglas-fir bark from the western United States. The Douglas-fir bark provides an environment where biologically active microbes can oxidize and remove contaminants.

After passing through the bark the flue gas is drawn into fans that discharge the gas through stack, SV#3PRESS-STK68.

The biofilter bed temperatures are continuously monitored by multiple thermocouples in each chamber. These temperatures are reduced to 15-minute averages and recorded by the facility. The minimum and maximum 15-minute biofilter bed temperature operating requirements have been established based on previous performance tests. The established No. 1 Biofilter bed temperature range is 73 to 87°F and 73 to 92°F for the No. 3 Biofilter. The new maximum biofilter bed temperature limit of 92°F was established at the No. 3 Biofilter during Run 2 of the testing.



The No. 1 Biofilter and No. 3 Biofilter average bed temperatures during testing are presented in Tables 2-3 and 2-4. Refer to Appendix E for facility operating data.

<b>No.</b> 1	No. 1 Biofilter Bed Average Temperature During Testing					
Test Run	Minimum 15-minute Temperature ( <sup>°</sup> F)	Maximum 15-minute Temperature (°F)	Average Temperature (°F)			
1	79	79	79			
2	79	80	80			
3	79	79	79			
Average	79	79	79			

Table 2-3No. 1 Biofilter Bed Average Temperature During Testing

#### Table 2-4

No. 3 Biofilter Bed Average Temperature During Testing

Test Run	Minimum 15-minute Temperature ( <sup>°</sup> F)	Maximum 15-minute Temperature ( <sup>°</sup> F)	Average Temperature ( <sup>°</sup> F)
1	91	91	91
2	91	92	92
3	90	90	90
Average	91	91	91

### 2.4 Flue Gas Sampling Locations

The figures on the following pages provide photographs that show the sampling ports for the No. 1 Biofilter and No. 3 Biofilter sampling locations. Appendix Figures 1 through 4 present the No. 1 Biofilter and No. 3 Biofilter inlet and outlet sampling ports and traverse point locations.







Figure 2-2. No. 1 Biofilter Outlet Sampling Location





Figure 2-3. No. 3 Biofilter Inlet and Outlet Sampling Locations



## 2.5 **Process Sampling Locations**

Process sampling was not required during this test program. A process sample is a sample that is analyzed for operational parameters, such as calorific value of a fuel (e.g., natural gas, coal), organic compound content (e.g., paint coatings), or composition (e.g., polymers).



## **3.0 Summary and Discussion of Results**

## 3.1 Objectives and Test Matrix

The objective of the testing was to satisfy testing requirements and evaluate compliance of the No. 1 Biofilter and No. 3 Biofilter sources with emission limits and requirements in:

- MDEQ ROP: MI-ROP-B1476-2009a (currently being renewed) for the FGMACTDDDD sources.
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Compliance with the FGMACTDDDD total hazardous air pollutant (HAP) permit limits, based on the use of an add-on control device, can be demonstrated by any one of the following criteria:

- 1. 90% reduction of total HAP mass emission rate, measured as THC, as carbon.
- 2. Total HAP concentration less than 20 part per million by volume, dry (ppmvd), measured as THC (as carbon).
- 3. Total HAP reduction so that methanol mass emission rate is reduced by 90%.
- 4. Total HAP reduction so that methanol concentration is less than 1 ppmvd, if the uncontrolled methanol concentration entering the control device is greater than 10 ppmvd.
- 5. Total HAP reduction so that formaldehyde mass emission rate is reduced by 90%.
- 6. Total HAP reduction so that formaldehyde concentration is less than 1 ppmvd, if the uncontrolled formaldehyde entering the control device is greater than 10 ppmvd.

Bureau Veritas measured THC, methanol, and formaldehyde at the:

- Inlet and outlet stack of No.1 Biofilter
- Inlet and outlet stack of No.3 Biofilter

Table 3-1 summarizes the sampling and analytical test matrix.



Sampling Location	Sample/ Type of Pollutant	Sample Method	Date (2015)	Run	Start Time	End Time	Analytical Method	Analytical Laboratory	Comment			
Inlet and Outlet of	Flowrate,	EPA 1, Ser	EPA 1,	EPA 1,	Sept. 17	1	9:00	10:00	Pitot tube,	Pitot tube,	Bureau Complia	Compliance
No. 1 Biofilter	moisture content,	25A,		2	11:45	12:45	absorption		1000			
Diotinici	methanol, total hydrocarbons	520		3	13:15	14:15	analyzer, name ionization analyzer, Fourier transform infrared analyzer					
Inlet and	Flowrate,	EPA 1,	Sept. 18	1	8:45	9:45	Pitot tube, chemical absorption analyzer flame	Bureau	Compliance			
No. 3 Biofilter	moisture content,	2, 3, 4, 25A, 320		2	10:05	11:05		Veritas	tests			
	methanol, total hydrocarbons			3	18:00 19:00 ar tr au		analyzer, flame ionization analyzer, Fourier transform infrared analyzer					

Table 3-1Sampling and Analytical Matrix

## 3.2 Field Test Changes and Issues

The testing was performed in accordance with USEPA procedures, during normal operating conditions, as outlined in the original Intent-to-Test Plan submitted to MDEQ on August 14, 2015, and approved on September 4, 2015.

No field test changes or issues were encountered during the test program, with the exception that Run 3 of the No. 3 Biofilter testing was delayed due to a malfunction and subsequent repair of the press from approximately 11:30 to 17:30. Run 3 was conducted after the facility verified the press was operating at normal operating conditions.

### 3.3 Summary of Results

Detailed results are presented in Tables 1 through 4 after the Tables Tab of this report. The results of the testing and a comparison to permit limits are presented in Tables 3-2 through 3-5.



## No. 1 Biofilter Formaldehyde, Methanol, and THC Results

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Formaldehyde inlet concentration	ppmvd	34,3	28.9	34.5	32.5	
Formaldehyde inlet emission rate	lb/hr	8.3	7.0	8.3	7.8	
Formaldehyde outlet concentration	ppmvd	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	
Formaldehyde outlet emission rate	lb/hr	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Formaldehyde removal efficiency	%	96.4	95.8	96.3	96.2	
Methanol inlet concentration	ppmvd	44.2	36.5	45.6	42.1	
Methanol inlet emission rate	lb/hr	11.4	9.4	11.7	10.8	
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THC removal efficiency	%	85.6	84.2	85.8	80.7	

Table 3-2No. 1 Biofilter Formaldehyde, Methanol, and THC Results

Note: The average biofilter bed temperature during the three test runs was 79°F.

The results of the September 17, 2015 emissions testing established the following:

• The No. 1 Biofilter source complies with the formaldehyde destruction efficiency limit of 90% or greater at a biofilter bed temperature within the previously established compliance range of 73 to 87°F.



## No. 3 Biofilter Formaldehyde, Methanol, and THC Results

Parameter	Units	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Average	
Formaldehyde inlet concentration	ppmvd	15.5	14.5	15.5	15.2	
Formaldehyde inlet emission rate	lb/hr	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.9	
Formaldehyde outlet concentration	ppmvd	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	
Formaldehyde outlet emission rate	lb/hr	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	
Formaldehyde removal efficiency	%	93.3	93.2	95.9	94.1	
Methanol inlet concentration	ppmvd	22.3	23.9	24.2	23.5	
Methanol inlet emission rate	lb/hr	4.4	4.9	5.0	- 4.8	
Methanol outlet concentration	ppmvd	5.6	6.2	4.5	5.4	
Methanol outlet concentration	lb/hr	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.3	
Methanol removal efficiency	%	68.9	69.9	77.7	72.2	
THC inlet concentration as carbon	ppmvd	228	242	256	242	
THC inlet emission rate as carbon	lb/hr	17	19	20	18.4	
THC outlet concentration as carbon	ppmvd	44.6	44.3	31.9	40.2	
THC outlet emission rate as carbon	lb/hr	4.1	4.0	3.0	3.7	
THC removal efficiency as carbon	%	76.0	78.7	84.9	79.9	

Table 3-3No. 3 Biofilter Formaldehyde, Methanol, and THC Results

Note: The average biofilter bed temperature during the three test runs was 91°F.

The results of the September 18, 2015 emissions testing established the following:

• The No. 3 Biofilter source complies with the formaldehyde destruction efficiency limit of (1) 90% or greater and (2) formaldehyde concentration limit of <1 ppmvd when a formaldehyde concentration greater than 10 ppmvd is entering the control devices at a biofilter bed temperature within the compliance range of 73 to 92°F. The minimum biofilter bed temperature limit was established during a previous performance test; the maximum biofilter bed temperature of 92°F was established during Run 2 of the testing.



## 4.0 Sampling and Analytical Procedures

Bureau Veritas measured emissions following the guidelines and procedures specified in 40 CFR 51, Appendix M, "Recommended Test Methods for State Implementation Plans," 40 CFR 60, Appendix A, "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources," 40 CFR 63, Appendix A, "Test Methods Pollutant Measurement Methods from Various Waste Media," and State of Michigan Part 10 Rules, "Intermittent Testing and Sampling." The sampling and analytical methods used are presented in Table 4-1.

Method	Parameter	Analysis
EPA 1 and 2	Gas stream volumetric flowrate	Field measurement, S-type Pitot tube
EPA 3	molecular weight	Fyrite <sup>®</sup> chemical absorption
EPA 4	Moisture content	Gravimetric
EPA 25A	Total hydrocarbons	Flame ionization detector
EPA 205	Gas dilution calibration	Field verification
EPA 320	Formaldehyde and methanol	Extractive Fourier transform infrared
		spectroscopy (FTIR)

Table 4-1Emission Test Methods

### 4.1 Emission Test Methods

The table below outlines the test methods for the test parameters, including ancillary measurements required by the USEPA methods (i.e., traverse point selection, velocity, molecular weight, and moisture content).



	Sou	irce	USEPA Reference		
Parameter	Inlet of No. 1 and No. 3 Biofilter	Outlet of No. 1 and No. 3 Biofilter	Method	Title	
Sampling ports and traverse points	•	•	1	Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources	
Velocity and flowrate	•	•	2	Determination of Stack Gas Velocity and Volumetric Flow Rate (Type S Pitot Tube)	
Molecular weight	•	•	3	Gas Analysis for the Determination of Dry Molecular Weight	
Moisture content	•	•	4	Determination of Moisture Content in Stack Gases	
Total hydrocarbons	•	•	25A	Determination of Total Gaseous Organic Concentration using a Flame Ionization Analyzer	
Gas dilution calibration	•	•	205	Verification of Gas Dilution Systems for Field Instrument Calibrations	
Formaldehyde and methanol	•	•	320	Measurement of Vapor Phase Organic and Inorganic Emissions by Extractive Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy	

Table 4-2Emission Test Parameters

#### 4.1.1 Volumetric Flowrate (USEPA Methods 1 and 2)

Method 1, "Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources," from the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 60 (40 CFR 60), Appendix A, was used to evaluate the sampling location, the number of traverse points for sampling, and the measurement of velocity profiles. Details of the sampling location and number of velocity traverse points are presented in Table 4-3.



Source	Sampling Location	Duct Diameter (inches)	Distance from Ports to Upstream Flow Disturbance (diameters)	Distance from Ports to Downstream Flow Disturbance (diameters)	Number of Ports Used	Traverse Points per Port	Total Traverse Points	Cyclonic Flow Null Angle (°)
No. 1 Biofilter	Inlet	59.75	8.8	8.0	2	12	24	2
No. 1 Biofilter	Outlet	59.25	7.6	3.4	2	12	24	2
No. 3 Biofilter	Inlet	51	2.6	1.5	2	12	24	2
No. 3 Biofilter	Outlet	51.25	5.9	3.5	2	12	24	3

## Table 4-3Sampling Location and Number of Traverse Points

Figures 2-1 through 2-3 are photographs depicting the sampling locations at the No. 1 and No. 3 Biofilter sources. Appendix Figures 1 through 4 present the No. 1 and No. 3 Biofilter's inlet and outlet sampling ports and traverse point locations.

Method 2, "Determination of Stack Gas Velocity and Volumetric Flow Rate (Type S Pitot Tube)," was used to measure flue gas velocity and calculate volumetric flowrate. S-type Pitot tubes and thermocouple assemblies, calibrated in accordance with Method 2, Section 10.0, were used during testing. Because the dimensions of the Pitot tubes met the requirements outlined in Method 2, Section 10.1, and were within the specified limits, the baseline Pitot tube coefficient of 0.84 (dimensionless) was assigned. Refer to Appendix A for the Pitot tube inspection sheets.

**Cyclonic Flow Check.** Bureau Veritas evaluated whether cyclonic flow was present at the sampling locations. Cyclonic flow is defined as a flow condition with an average null angle greater than 20°. The direction of flow can be determined by aligning the Pitot tube to obtain zero (null) velocity head reading—the direction would be parallel to the Pitot tube face openings or perpendicular to the null position. By measuring the angle of the Pitot tube face openings in relation to the stack walls when a null angle is obtained, the direction of flow is measured. If the absolute average of the flow direction angles is greater than 20 degrees, the flue gas is considered cyclonic at that sampling location and an alternative location should be found.

The averages of the measured traverse point flue gas velocity null angles were:

- 2° from the direction of flow for the No. 1 Biofilter inlet
- 2° from the direction of flow for the No. 1 Biofilter outlet



- 2° from the direction of flow for the No. 3 Biofilter inlet
- 3° from the direction of flow for the No. 3 Biofilter outlet

The measurements indicate the absence of cyclonic flow at the biofilter sampling locations. Field data sheets are included in Appendix C. Computer-generated field data sheets are included in Appendix D.

#### 4.1.2 Molecular Weight (USEPA Method 3)

Molecular weight at the No. 1 and No. 3 Biofilter locations was measured using USEPA Method 3, "Gas Analysis for the Determination of Dry Molecular Weight." Flue gas was extracted from the stack through a probe positioned near the centroid of the duct and directed into a Fyrite® gas analyzer. The concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) were measured by chemical absorption to within  $\pm 0.5\%$ . The average CO<sub>2</sub> results of the grab samples were used to calculate molecular weight.

#### 4.1.3 Moisture Content (USEPA Method 4)

The moisture content of the flue gas was measured using the reference methods outlined in USEPA Method 4, "Determination of Moisture Content in Stack Gases," and USEPA Method 320, "Measurement of Vapor Phase Organic and Inorganic Emissions by Extractive Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy."

#### 4.1.4 Total Hydrocarbons (USEPA Method 25A)

The THC sampling followed USEPA Method 25A, "Determination of Total Gaseous Organic Concentration Using a Flame Ionization Analyzer" procedures. Samples were collected through a stainless steel probe and heated sample line into the analyzer. Bureau Veritas used J.U.M. manufactured flame ionization detector based hydrocarbon analyzers. Figure 5 in the Appendix depicts the USEPA Method 25A sampling train.



A flame ionization detector (FID) determines the average hydrocarbon concentration in part per million by volume (ppmy) of THC as the calibration gas (i.e., propane). The FID is fueled by 100% hydrogen, which generates a flame with a negligible number of ions. Flue gas is introduced into the FID and enters the flame chamber. The combustion of flue gas generates electrically charged ions. The analyzer applies a polarizing voltage between two electrodes around the flame, producing an electrostatic field. Negatively charged ions, anions, migrate to a collector electrode, while positive charged ions, cations, migrate to a high-voltage electrode. The current between the electrodes is directly proportional to the hydrocarbon concentration in the sample. The flame chamber is depicted at right.

Using the voltage analog signal, measured by the FID, the concentration of total hydrocarbons is recorded by a data acquisition



#### Figure 4-1. FID Flame Chamber

system (DAS). The average concentration of total hydrocarbons is reported as the calibration gas (i.e., propane) in equivalent units.

Before testing, the FID analyzers were calibrated by introducing a zero-calibration range gas (<1% of span value) and high-calibration range gas (80-90% span value) to the tip of the sampling probe. The span values were set to 1.5 to 2.5 times the expected concentration (e.g., 0-100 ppmv). Next, a low-calibration range gas (25-35% of span value) and mid-calibration range gas (45-55% of span value) were introduced. The analyzers were considered to be calibrated when the analyzer response was  $\pm 5\%$  of the calibration gas value.

At the conclusion of a test run a calibration drift test was performed by introducing the zero- and mid-calibration gases to the tip of the sampling probe. The test run data were considered valid if the calibration drift test demonstrated the analyzers responded within  $\pm 3\%$  of calibration span from pre-test to post-test calibrations.

#### 4.1.5 Formaldehyde and Methanol (USEPA Method 320)

Formaldehyde and methanol emissions were measured in accordance with USEPA Method 320, "Measurements of Vapor Phase Organic and Inorganic Emissions by Extractive Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy." Gaseous samples were withdrawn from the stack and transferred to MKS Instruments MultiGas 2030 FTIR spectrometers for formaldehyde and



methanol measurements. Figure 6 in the Appendix depicts the USEPA Method 320 sampling train.

The samples were directed through a heated probe, heated filter and heated transfer line connected to the FTIR. The probes, filters, transfer lines, and FTIRs were maintained at 191° C (375° F) during testing. The formaldehyde and methanol concentrations were measured based on their infrared absorbance compared to reference spectra. The FTIR analyzer scans the sample approximately once per second. A data point consists of the co-addition of 64 scans, with a data point generated every minute.

FTIR quality assurance procedures followed USEPA Method 320. A calibration transfer standard (CTS) was analyzed before and after testing. Acetaldehyde and methanol analyte spiking was performed before the tests. Section 3.29 of USEPA Method 320 allows the use of a surrogate analyte for the purposes of analyte spiking. Acetaldehyde was chosen as surrogate to formaldehyde for the following reasons:

- The highest obtainable formaldehyde cylinder is 30 ppm: therefore, the spiked concentration would be 3 ppm (analyte spiking consists of sampling 1 part calibration gas in the presence of 9 parts effluent gas). The formaldehyde concentrations of the sources tested were much higher than 3 ppm.
- Acetaldehyde's physical and chemical properties are similar to those of formaldehyde. Formaldehyde is the  $C_1$  aldehyde (CH<sub>2</sub>O); acetaldehyde is the  $C_2$  aldehyde (CH<sub>3</sub>CHO).

The analyte spikes were set to a target dilution ratio of 1:10 or less. Valid tests required acetaldehyde and methanol spike recoveries to be within the Method 320 allowance of  $\pm 30\%$ .

#### 4.1.6 Gas Dilution (USEPA Method 205)

A gas dilution system was used to introduce known values of calibration gases into the THC analyzers. The gas dilution system consisted of calibrated mass flow controllers. The system diluted a high-level calibration gas to within  $\pm 2\%$  of predicted values. This gas divider was capable of diluting gases at various increments.

Before the start of testing, the gas divider dilutions were verified to be within  $\pm 2\%$  of predicted values. Two sets of dilutions of the high-level (851.1 ppmv propane) calibration gas were performed. Subsequently, a certified mid-level calibration gas (478 ppmv propane) was introduced into the analyzer; the calibration gas concentration was within  $\pm 10\%$  of a dilution. Table 4-4 presents the USEPA Method 205 gas dilution field verification measurements.



Expected/Actual	Acceptable Ranget		Actual	Actual	Actual	Pass?
Concentration	Low	High	Concentration 1	Concentration 2	Concentration 3	
 (ppmv)	(ppmv)	(ppmv)	(ppmv)	(ppmv)	(ppmv)	
300	294	306	300	299	299	Yes
500	490	510	500	494	495	Yes
478	468	488	470	469	469	Yes

# Table 4-4Gas Dilution Field Verification

 $\dagger$  Acceptable range is  $\pm 2\%$  of the expected concentration

The field calibrations verified the accuracy of the gas dilution system. Refer to Appendix A for the calibration gas certifications and gas dilution field calibrations.

### 4.2 **Procedures for Obtaining Process Data**

Process data was recorded by Decorative Panels International, Inc. personnel during testing. The number of press loads was obtained from the number of THC concentration peaks recorded during testing. Refer to Section 2.1 and 2.2 for discussions of process and control device data and Appendix E for the operating parameters recorded during testing.



## 5.0 QA/QC Activities

### 5.1 Pretest QA/QC Activities

Before testing, the sampling equipment was cleaned, inspected, and calibrated according to procedures outlined in the applicable USEPA sampling method and USEPA's "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume and Principles" and, Volume III, "Stationary Source Specific Methods." Refer to Appendix A for inspection and calibration sheets.

## 5.2 QA/QC Audits

The results of select sampling and equipment QA/QC audits and the acceptable USEPA tolerance are presented in the following sections.

#### 5.2.1 Instrument Analyzer QA/QC Audits

The FID and FTIR analyzers met the QA/QC requirements of USEPA Methods 25A and 320. The analyzers were calibrated using USEPA Traceability Protocol or Certified Standard calibration gases with an uncertainty  $\pm 2\%$  of certified value. FID calibration error tests indicated the analyzers were responding to  $\pm 5.0\%$  of the cylinder concentration and did not drift more than  $\pm 3\%$  after each test run. The FTIR analyzers passed all QA/QC procedures included acetaldehyde and methanol spike recoveries within the  $\pm 30\%$  allowance.

Refer to Appendix A for the calibration gas certificates and analyzer calibration data and Appendix F for the FTIR calibration data.

## 5.3 QA/QC Problems

QA/QC problems were not encountered during this test program.



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#### Table 1

#### No. 1 Biofilter Evaluation Results Decorative Panels International, Inc. Alpena, Michigan

Bureau Veritas Project No. 11015-000211.00 Sampling Date: September 17, 2015

Parameter		Units	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Average	
			0.00.10.00		10.15.14.15		
Sampling Time			9:00 - 10:00	11:45 - 12:45	13:15 -14:15		
Duration		inch	00	00	60 0.25	60 0.25	
			0.25	0.23	0.25	0,23	
THICK	Augreen Can Stream Volumetric Eleverate	a fin	52 000	52 020	52 642 4	50 804	
	Average Gas Stream volumente Flowrate	schn	32,900	32,930	52,042.4	52,824	
	Gas Stream Percent Moisture Confent	%	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.4	
	Formaldehyde Concentration	ppmv, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	33.5	28.2	33.6	31.8	
	Formaldehyde Concentration	ppmvd, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	34.3	28.9	34.5	32.5	
	Formaldehyde Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	8.3	7.0	8.3	7.8	
	Methanol Concentration	ppmv, CH₃OH	43.1	35.6	44.4	41.1	
	Methanol Concentration	ppmvd, CH <sub>3</sub> OH	44.2	36.5	45.6	42.1	
	Methanol Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as CH₃OH	11.4	9.4	11.7	10.8	
			105			111	
	THC Concentration	ppmv, as propane	125	- 93.0	115	111	
[	THC Concentration	ppmv, as carbon	373	2/9	343	333	
	THC Mass Emission Rate	b/hr as propana		200	334 41 5	J41 40.2	
	THC Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr as carbon	37.2	27.6	34.0	32.0	
Outlet			51.0		51.0		
	Gas Stream Volumetric Flowrate	scfm	62,420	63,626	62,289	62,778	
	Gas Stream Percent Moisture Content	%	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.0	
	Formaldehyde Concentration	ppmv, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	
	Formaldehyde Concentration	ppmyd, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	
	Formaldehyde Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	0.3	0,3	0.3	0.3	
		011 011				7.0	
}	Methanol Concentration	ppmv, CH <sub>3</sub> OH	9.5	6.0	8.2	7.9	
	Methanol Concentration	ppmvd, CH <sub>3</sub> OH	10	6.3	8.6	8.3	
	Methanol Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as CH <sub>3</sub> OH	3.0	1.9	2.5	2.5	
	THC Concentration	ppmv, as propane	15.3	12.2	13.8	13.8	
	THC Concentration	ppmv, as carbon	46.0	36.7	41.4	41.4	
	THC Concentration	ppmvd, as carbon	48.3	38.7	43.6	43.5	
Í	THC Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as propane	6.6	5.3	5.9	5.9	
	THC Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as carbon	5.4	4.4	4.8	4.9	
Formaldel	hyde Removal Efficiency Results	%	96.4	95.8	96.3	96.2	
Methanol	Removal Efficiency Results	%	73.9	79.7	78.2	77,3	
No. 1 Biofi	ilter THC Removal Efficiency Results	%	85.6	84.2	85.8	80.7	
	Standard conditions	68°F and 29.92 in Hg					
lb/hr		pound per hour					
sefin		standard cubic feet per min	ute				
ppniv		part per million by volume					
	ppmvd	part per million by volume	dry basis				



#### Table 2 No. 3 Biofilter Evaluation Results **Decorative Panels International, Inc.** Alpena, Michigan

Bureau Veritas Project No. 11015-000211.00 Sampling Date: September 18, 2015

Parameter		Units	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Average	
Sampling	Time	,	8.45 - 9.45	10:05 - 11:05	18.00 - 19.00		
Duration		minutes	60	60	10.00 - 17.00 60	60	
Board thickness		inch	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	
Inlet			0.20	0.20	0.40	0.25	
	Average Gas Stream Volumetric Flowrate	sefm	40.617	42 490	12 113	41 740	
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	Gas Stream Percent Moisture Content	70	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	
	Formaldehyde Concentration	ppmv, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	15.0	14.1	15.1	14.7	
	Formaldehyde Concentration	ppmvd, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	15.5	14.5	15.5	15.2	
	Formaldehyde Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as CH2O	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.9	
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	Methanol Concentration	ppmv, CH <sub>3</sub> OH	21.7	23.2	23.6	22.8	
	Methanol Concentration	ppmvd, CH <sub>3</sub> OH	22.3	23.9	24.2	23.5	
	Methanol Mass Emission Rate	lh/br_as CH_OH	44	49	5.0	4.8	
					0.0	1.0	
	THC Concentration	ppmy, as propane	74.0	78.2	83.1	78.5	
1	THC Concentration	ppmy, as carbon	222	235	249	235	
	THC Concentration	ppmvd, as carbon	228	242	256	242	
	THC Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as propane	21	23	24	22.5	
	THC Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as carbon	17	19	20	18.4	
Outlet							
	Gas Stream Volumetric Flowrate	scfm	51,058	50,467	51,936	51,153.5	
	Gas Stream Percent Moisture Content	%	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.6	
	Formaldehyde Concentration	ppmv, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.7	
	Formaldehyde Concentration	ppmvd, as CH <sub>2</sub> O	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	
	Formaldehyde Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr. as CH <sub>2</sub> O	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	
					•	0.2	
	Methanol Concentration	ppmv, CH <sub>3</sub> OH	5.4	5.9	4.3	5.2	
	Methanol Concentration	ppmvd, CH <sub>3</sub> OH	5.6	6.2	4.5	5.4	
	Methanol Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as CH <sub>3</sub> OH	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.3	
	THC Concentration	nomy as nronane	14.2	14 1	10.1	12.8	
	THC Concentration	ppmv, as cathon	42.5	42.2	30.4	38.4	
	THC Concentration	ppmvd. as carbon	44.6	44.3	31.9	40.2	
1	THC Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as propane	5.0	4.9	3.6	4.5	
	THC Mass Emission Rate	lb/hr, as carbon	4.1	4.0	3.0	3.7	
Formaldehyde Removal Efficiency Results		%	93.3	93.2	95.9	94.1	
Methanol	Removal Efficiency Results	%	68.9	69.9	77.7	72.2	
No. 1 Bio	filter THC Removal Efficiency Results	%	76.0	78.7	84.9	79.9	
	Standard conditions	68°F and 29.92 in Hg					
	łb/h	pound per hour					
	sefn	standard cubic feet per minute					
J	ppmv	part per million by volume					
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