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I. INTRODUCTION

Network Environmental, Inc. was retained by the Michigan Sugar Company to perform a Relative Accuracy Test Audit (RATA) on the Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS) that services Boiler #8 (EUBOILER #8) at their Bay City, Michigan facility (SRN: B1493 - Bay County). The CEMS on the boiler is for oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and oxygen (O₂) as required by ROP No. MI-ROP-1493-2021. In addition to the RATA, a relative accuracy test (RAT) was conducted on the new oxygen (O₂) analyzer.

The RATA and RAT were performed on April 6, 2023. Richard D. Eerdmans and David D. Engelhardt of Network Environmental, Inc. conducted the RATA and RAT in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60 Appendix B Performance Specifications 2 for NO_x and 3 for O₂.

Assisting with the RATA were Ms. Angel Pichla and Mr. Eric Rupprecht of the Michigan Sugar Company and the operating staff of the facility.

II. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

**II.1 TABLE 1
NO_x (LBS/MMBTU) RELATIVE ACCURACY TEST RESULTS
BOILER #8
MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
APRIL 6, 2023**

Run #	Time	REFERENCE METHOD			CEM	DIFF
		NO _x ⁽¹⁾	O ₂ ⁽²⁾	Lbs/MMBtu	Lbs/MMBtu	
1	08:40-09:05	34.2	3.9	0.044	0.042	0.002
2	09:16-09:41	34.1	3.9	0.044	0.042	0.002
3	09:51-10:16	34.1	3.9	0.044	0.042	0.002
4	10:26-10:51	34.0	3.9	0.043	0.042	0.001
5	11:00-11:25	33.7	3.9	0.043	0.042	0.001
6	11:35-12:00	33.7	3.9	0.043	0.042	0.001
7	12:10-12:35	34.0	4.0	0.044	0.042	0.002
8	12:45-13:10	34.2	3.9	0.044	0.042	0.002
9	13:19-13:44	34.2	3.9	0.044	0.043	0.001

Mean Reference Value 0.04367

Absolute Value of the Mean of the Difference 0.00156

Standard Deviation 0.00053

Confidence Co-efficient 0.00041

Relative Accuracy = 4.49% of the mean of the reference method

(1) = Concentration in term of PPM by volume on a dry basis

(2) = Concentration in terms of %

II.2 TABLE 2
O₂ (%) RELATIVE ACCURACY TEST RESULTS
BOILER #8
MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
APRIL 6, 2023

Run #	Time	REFERENCE METHOD	CEM	DIFF
		O ₂ ⁽¹⁾	O ₂ ⁽¹⁾	
1	08:40-09:05	3.9	3.9	0.0
2	09:16-09:41	3.9	3.8	0.1
3	09:51-10:16	3.9	3.8	0.1
4	10:26-10:51	3.9	3.8	0.1
5	11:00-11:25	3.9	3.8	0.1
6	11:35-12:00	3.9	3.8	0.1
7	12:10-12:35	4.0	3.8	0.2
8	12:45-13:10	3.9	3.8	0.1
9	13:19-13:44	3.9	3.8	0.1

Mean Reference Value 3.91111

Absolute Value of the Mean of the Difference 0.10000

Standard Deviation 0.05000

Confidence Co-efficient 0.03843

Relative Accuracy = 3.54% of mean of reference method

(1) = Concentration in terms of %

III. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

III.1 Boiler #8 NO_x (LBS/MMBTU) RATA – The results of the NO_x Lbs/MMBTU RATA can be found in Table 1 (Section II.1). The relative accuracy calculations were performed in terms of Lbs/MMBTU in accordance with U.S. EPA Reference Method 19. The Lbs/MMBTU results were calculated using the formula found in Section 2.1 of Method 19 for O₂ on a dry basis. The F factor used was 8,710. Nine (9) twenty-five (25) minute samples were collected from the boiler exhaust. Raw DAS output results were corrected per Equation 7E-5.

The relative accuracy for the NO_x CEMS using Lbs/MMBTU was **4.49%** of the mean of the reference method samples.

According to Performance Specification 2 in 40 CFR Part 60 Appendix B, "The relative accuracy (RA) of the CEMS shall be no greater than 20 percent of the mean value of the reference method test data in terms of the units of the emission standard or 10 percent of the applicable standard, whichever is greater."

III.2 Boiler #8 O₂ (%) RAT – The results of the O₂ RAT can be found in Table 2 (Section II.2). The relative accuracy calculations were performed in terms of %. Nine (9) samples were collected from the boiler exhaust. Raw DAS output results were corrected per Equation 7E-5.

The relative accuracy for the O₂ CEMS using % was **3.54%** of the mean of the reference method samples.

According to Performance Specification 3 in 40 CFR Part 60 Appendix B, "The relative accuracy (RA) of the CEMS shall be no greater than 20 percent of the mean value of the reference method test data or a difference of 1 percent oxygen, whichever is greater."

III.3 Calibration Drift Test – The highest percent calibration drift (CD) for the new O₂ monitor on Boiler #8 was 0.26% for the high level and 0.03% for the low level during the seven day drift test. The drift test was conducted by Michigan Sugar staff over the period of February 20-26, 2023 and can be found in Appendix B.

IV. SOURCE DESCRIPTION

Boiler #8 is a Cleaver-Brooks natural gas-fired high pressure boiler with a rated capacity of 243 MMBTU/Hr and a steam output of 200,000 pounds per hour. The boiler is equipped with a low NO_x burner and flue gas recirculation. Boiler 8 is used to provide process steam and heat to the facility. Boiler #8 was operated during the testing period at approximately 54.1% of rated capacity.

Steam Flow and Gas Flow data during the sampling for the boiler can be found in Appendix B.

V. CONTINUOUS MONITORING SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) servicing the boiler are comprised of NO_x and O₂ monitors as follows:

Boiler #8 – The NO_x monitor is a Thermo Fisher, Model 42iHL, Serial No. 609716090, with a span of 0-80 PPM full scale. The O₂ monitor is a Brand-Gaus, Model 4710, Serial No. 11857, with a span of 0-25% full scale. All analyzers measure concentrations on a dry basis.

The data produced by the CEMS is collected on a computer system that converts one minute analog averages to the appropriate hourly average in terms of the emission limits for the boiler (Lbs/MMBTU). The system also produces a thirty-day average for daily NO_x emissions.

VI. SAMPLING AND ANALYTICAL PROTOCOL

The RATA's were performed in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60 Appendix B Performance Specifications 2 for NO_x and 3 for O₂. The sampling methods used for the reference method determinations were as follows:

VI.1 Oxides of Nitrogen – The NO_x sampling was conducted in accordance with U.S. EPA Reference Method 7E. A Thermo Environmental Model 42H gas analyzer was used to monitor the boiler exhaust. A heated probe was used to extract the sample gases from the exhaust stack. A heated Teflon sample line was used to transport the exhaust gases to a gas conditioner to remove moisture and reduce the temperature. From the gas conditioner stack gases were passed to the analyzer. The analyzer produces

instantaneous readouts of the NO_x concentrations (PPM).

The analyzer was calibrated by direct injection prior to the testing. A span gas of 54.6 PPM was used to establish the initial instrument calibration. A calibration gas of 25.1 PPM was used to determine the calibration error of the analyzer. A direct injection of 50.9 PPM nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) was performed to show the conversion efficiency of the monitor. The conversion efficiency data can be found in Appendix A. The sampling system (from the back of the stack probe to the analyzer) was injected using the 25.1 PPM gas to determine the system bias. After each sample, a system zero and system injection of 25.1 PPM were performed to establish system drift and system bias during the test period. All calibration gases were EPA Protocol 1 Certified.

The analyzer was calibrated to the output of the data acquisition system (DAS) used to collect the data from the boiler. A diagram of the NO_x sampling train is shown in Figure 1.

VI.2 Oxygen – The O₂ sampling was conducted in accordance with U.S. EPA Reference Method 3A. A Servomex Model 1400M portable stack gas analyzer was used to monitor the boiler exhaust. A heated probe was used to extract the sample gases from the stack. A heated Teflon sample line was used to transport the exhaust gases to a gas conditioner to remove moisture and reduce the temperature. From the gas conditioner stack gases were passed to the analyzer. The analyzer produces instantaneous readouts of the O₂ concentrations (%).

The analyzer was calibrated by direct injection prior to the testing. A span gas of 20.85% was used to establish the initial instrument calibration. Calibration gases of 12.0% and 6.03% were used to determine the calibration error of the analyzer. The sampling system (from the back of the stack probe to the analyzer) was injected using the 6.03% gas to determine the system bias. After each sample, a system zero and system injection of 6.03% were performed to establish system drift and system bias during the test period. All calibration gases were EPA Protocol 1 Certified.

The analyzer was calibrated to the output of the data acquisition system (DAS) used to collect the data from the boiler. A diagram of the O₂ sampling train is shown in Figure 1.

VI.3 Sampling Location – The sampling location met the minimum requirement of Performance

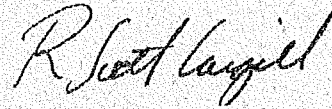
Specification 2 (2 duct diameters downstream and 0.5 duct diameter upstream from the nearest disturbances).

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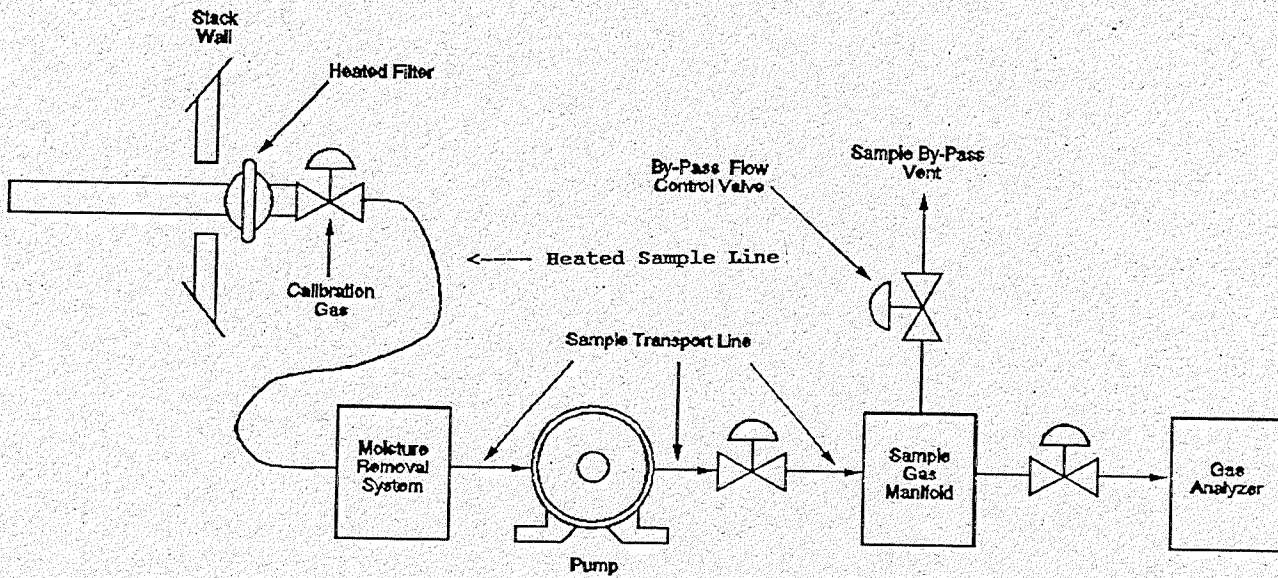


Figure 1

NO_x & O₂
Sampling Train

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