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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The testing consisted of triplicate 60-minute tests for NOx from EUBOILER2. As outlined in the PTI, the emissions are reported for NOx pounds per hour (lb/hr) and were determined using U.S. EPA Methods 7E and 19. Oxygen was measured during the testing following U.S. EPA Method 3A.

The following table represents a summary of the stack testing results:

**EUBOILER2 Average Emission Data Summary:**

Parameter	In-Stack Concentration & Emission Rates			
	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Average
NO <sub>x</sub> (ppmvd)	27.1	29.8	29.2	28.7
NO <sub>x</sub> (lb/hr)	0.68	0.78	0.75	0.74





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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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Testing was conducted on January 10<sup>th</sup> of 2023. Results from the sampling program are presented in the **Tables Section** of the report, with more detailed sampling results provided in the **Appendices**. Copies of the approval letter and related correspondence are provided in **Appendix A**.

This stack testing study consisted of the following parameters:

- Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>);
- Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>)

# 2 SOURCE DESCRIPTION

## 2.1 Process Description

Each of the three (3) emission units (EUBOILER1, EUBOILER2, and EUBOILER3) are dual fueled fired, able to combust natural gas or No. 2 fuel oil. Each boiler exhausts gases are discharged to atmosphere. Each boiler is rated for a maximum of 800 HP with a maximum heat input rating of 32.7 MMBTU/hr. Boilers are primarily fired using natural gas with No. 2 Fuel Oil as backup. The process is designed to operate continuously. The process is regulated through monitoring of combustion temperature and fuel flowrate.

# 3 SAMPLING LOCATION

## 3.1 Sample Location Description

Emissions were recorded at the outlet of the EUBOILER2. The exhaust location for EUBOILER2 was located above roof level. Exhaust was analyzed for O<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. Samples were extracted from sampling ports in the exhaust stack. The nearest upstream and downstream disturbances met the minimum distance criteria specified in EPA Method 1. The sampling point selection and stratification test was performed in accordance with EPA Reference Method 7E section 8.1.2. (applicable to instrumental analyzer methods).



## 4 SAMPLING METHODOLOGY

The following section provides an overview of the sampling methodologies used in this program.

### 4.1 Sampling for Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) and Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>)

Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) concentrations were determined utilizing RWDI's continuous emissions monitoring (CEM) system. Prior to testing, a 3-point analyzer calibration error check was conducted using USEPA protocol gases. The calibration error check was performed by introducing zero, mid, and high-level calibration gases directly into the analyzer. The calibration error check was performed to confirm that the analyzer response is within  $\pm 2\%$  of the certified calibration gas introduced. Prior to each test run, a system-bias test was performed where known concentrations of calibration gases were introduced at the probe tip to confirm that the analyzer's response is within  $\pm 5\%$  of the introduced calibration gas concentrations. At the conclusion of each test, a system-bias check was performed to evaluate the percent drift from pre and post-test system bias checks. The system bias checks were used to confirm that the analyzer did not drift greater than  $\pm 3\%$  throughout a test run.

Zero and upscale calibration checks were conducted both before and after each test run in order to quantify measurement system calibration drift and sampling system bias. Upscale was the mid-range gas, as it most closely approximated the flue gas level. During these checks, the calibration gases were introduced into the sampling system at the probe outlet so that the calibration gases were analyzed in the same manner as the flue gas samples.

A gas sample was continuously extracted from the stack and delivered to a series of gas analyzers, which measure the pollutant or diluent concentrations in the gas. The analyzers were calibrated on-site using EPA Protocol No. 1 certified calibration mixtures. The probe tip was equipped with a sintered stainless-steel filter for particulate removal. The end of the probe was connected to a heated Teflon sample line, which delivered the sample gases from the stack to the CEM system. The heated sample line maintained the gas temperature above 250°F in order to prevent condensation of stack gas moisture within the line.

Before entering the analyzers, the gas sample passed directly into a refrigerated condenser, which cooled the gas to approximately 35°F to remove the stack gas moisture. After passing through the condenser, the dry gas entered a Teflon-head diaphragm pump and a flow control panel, which delivered the gas in series to the O<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> analyzers. Each of these analyzers measured the respective gas concentrations on a dry volumetric basis.



## 4.2 Nitrogen Oxides Emission Rate Calculation (US EPA Methods 19)

USEPA Method 19, "Determination of Sulfur Dioxide Removal Efficiency and Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Oxide Emission Rates," was used to calculate a NO<sub>x</sub> emission factor based on Oxygen concentrations and appropriate F-factors. Equation 19-1 from the method was used. Table 19-1 was used to determine the conversion factor for concentration (1.194x10<sup>-7</sup>) was used for NO<sub>x</sub>. Table 19-2 was used for the F-Factor (natural gas 8,710 dscf/10<sup>6</sup> BTU).

$$E = (1.194 \times 10^{-7}) \times C_d \times F_d \times ((20.9 / (20.9 - \%O_{2d}))$$

Where:

- E = Pollutant Emission Rate (lb./10<sup>6</sup> BTU)
- C<sub>d</sub> = Pollutant Concentration, Dry Basis (ppm)
- F<sub>d</sub> = Fuel Factor, Dry Basis (dscf/10<sup>6</sup> BTU)
- %O<sub>2d</sub> = Oxygen Concentration, Dry Basis (%)

## 4.3 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Activities

Applicable quality assurance measures were implemented during the sampling program to ensure the integrity of the results. These measures included detailed documentation of field data, equipment calibrations for all measured parameters, completion of Chain of Custody forms when submitting laboratory samples, and submission of field blank samples to laboratories, where applicable.

Quality control procedures specific to the CEM monitoring equipment included linearity checks to determine the instrument performance and reproducibility checks prior to its use in the field. Regular performance checks on the analyser were also carried out during the testing program by performing hourly zero checks and span calibration checks using primary gas standards. Sample system bias checks were also done. These checks were used to verify the ongoing accuracy of the monitor and sampling system over time. Pollutant-free nitrogen was introduced to perform the zero checks, followed by a known calibration (span) gas into the monitor. The response of the monitor to pollutant-free air and the corresponding sensitivity to the span gas were recorded regularly during the tests.



## 5 RESULTS

The emissions data for this study are presented in the 'Tables' section of this report. Detailed information regarding each test run can be found in the corresponding appendix. Below is a summary of the applicable Table ID for each corresponding test parameter.

Parameter	Table	Appendix
Nitrogen Oxides	1	B

Field notes are presented in **Appendix C**. All calibration information for the equipment used for the program is included in **Appendix D**. Detailed example calculations for each measured pollutant is provided in within the report sections and **Appendix B** and **E**.

### 5.1 Discussion of Results

The measured concentrations for all contaminants were less than the maximum limits outlined in Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) covered under Flexible Group Conditions FGBOILERS in Permit to Install PTI-18-21.

## 6 OPERATING CONDITIONS

Operating conditions during the sampling were monitored by HFHS and RWDI as requested by EGLE for the following parameters:

- Natural gas usage;
- Boiler load (MMBTU/hr); and
- Natural gas F-factor.

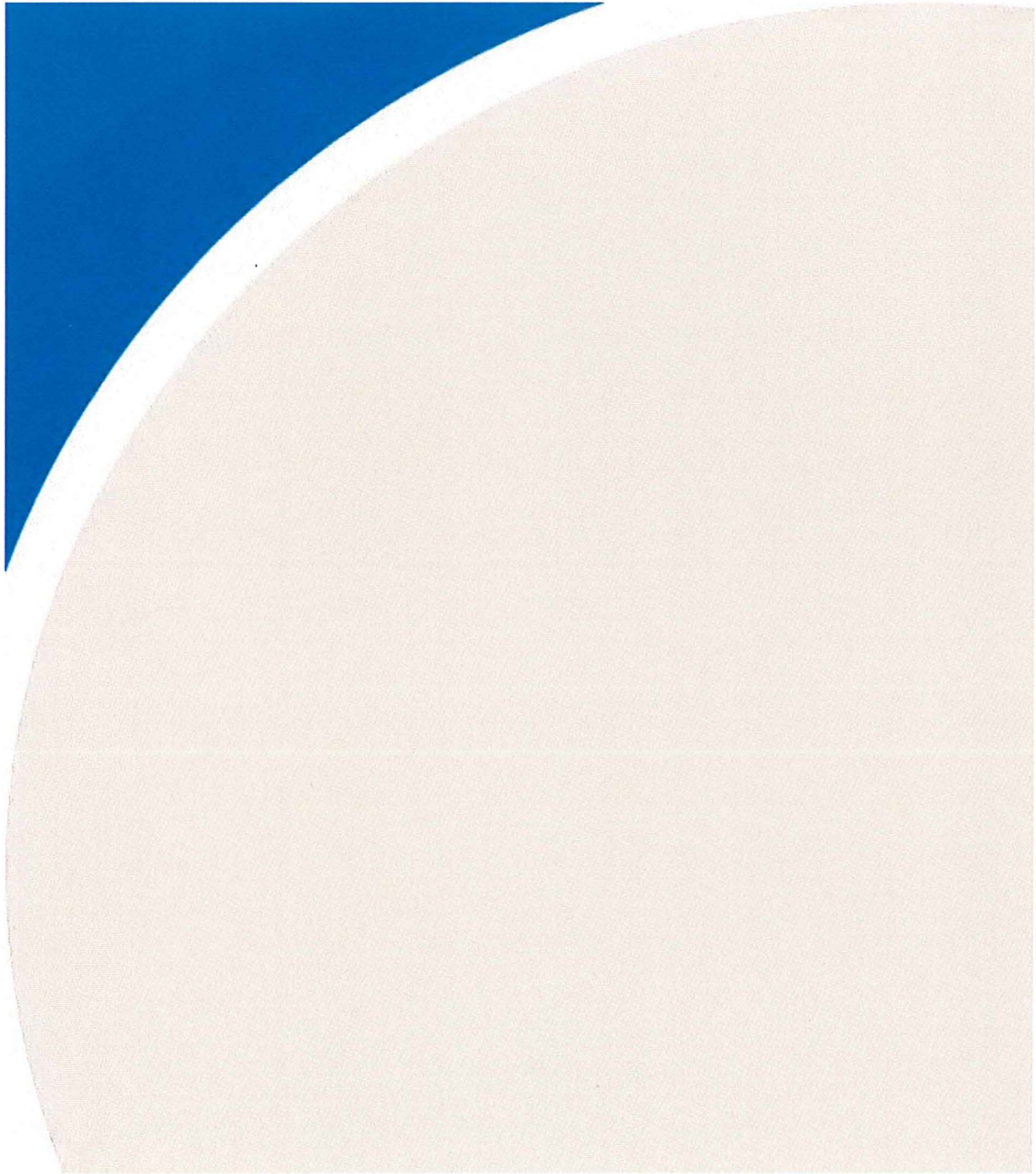
All process data is provided in **Appendix B and F**.

Contact was maintained between the process operators and the sampling team throughout the testing. A member of the RWDI sampling team contacted the operator before each test, to ensure that the process was at normal operating conditions.

## 7 CONCLUSIONS

Testing was successfully completed on January 10th, 2023. The source was tested in accordance with referenced methodologies following the EGLE approved test protocol. All measured concentration were within applicable limits set out in the PTI.

TABLES





# TABLE 1: Boiler 2 Emission Results

Henry Ford Health System Macomb Hospital

**Facility:** Henry Ford Health - Macomb  
**City:** Clinton Twp., MI  
**Source:** Boiler 2  
**Date:** 01/10/2023

	Symbol	Units	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Average	Limits
Nitrogen Oxides Emission Rate	NO <sub>x</sub>	lbs/hr	0.68	0.78	0.75	0.74	1.15
Nitrogen Oxides Concentration	NO <sub>x</sub>	ppm	27.1	29.8	29.2	28.7	-





# FIGURES

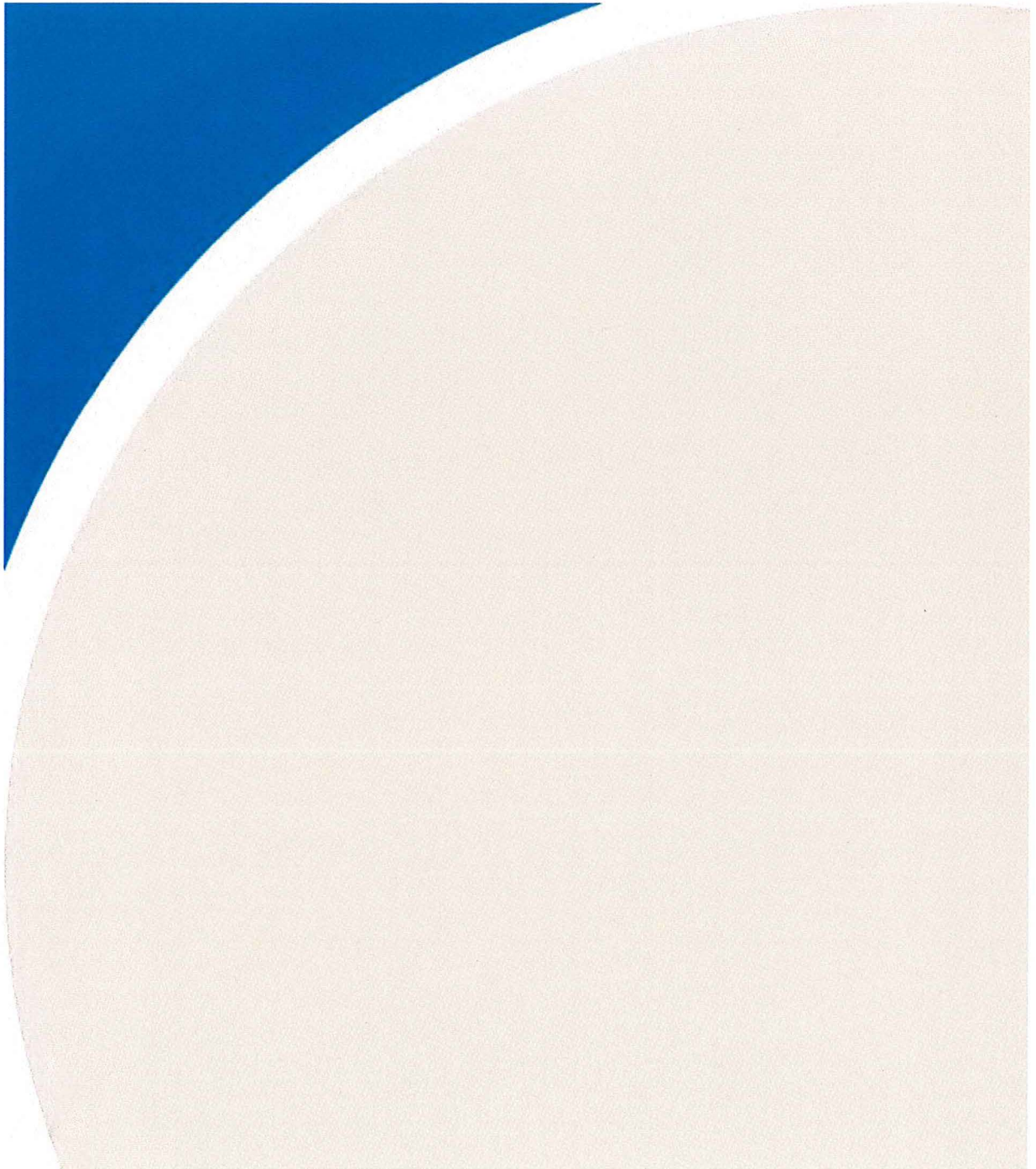
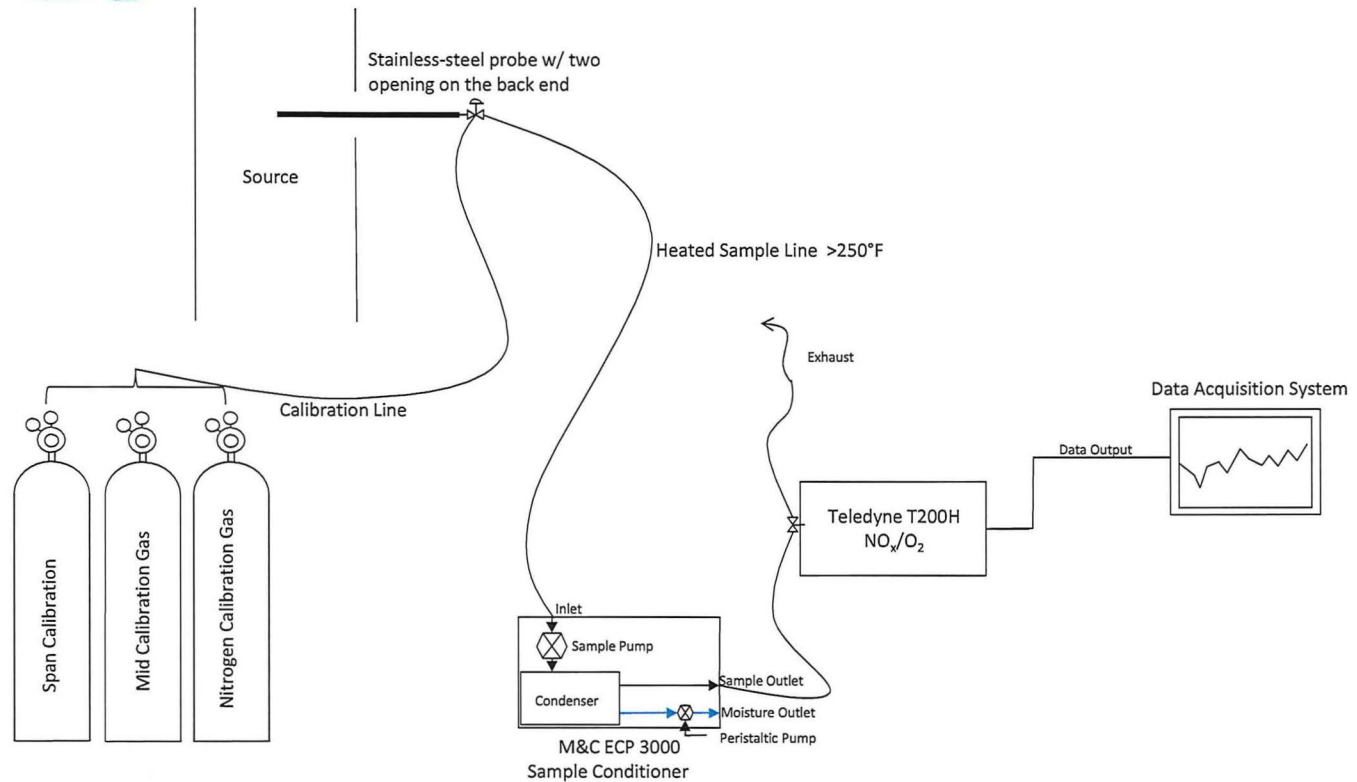






Figure No. #1: USEPA Method 3A, 7E Schematic



**USEPA Method 3A,7E**

**Henry Ford Health System**

Macomb Hospital

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