

## 1.0 Introduction

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The University of Michigan (University) operates a natural gas fired, spark-ignition (SI) reciprocating internal combustion engine (RICE) emergency generator set located behind the Research Museums Center (RMC) located at 3600 Varsity Drive in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County.

The SI-RICE emergency generator set is a Cummins Model GTA50 CC that has a rated electricity output of 600 kilowatt (kW), a horsepower (HP) rating of approximately 920 HP, and is subject to the SI-RICE New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) codified in 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJJ. The SI-RICE NSPS specifies that:

- 1. Owners and operators of stationary SI ICE with a maximum engine power greater than or equal to 75 kW (except gasoline and rich burn engines that use LPG) must comply with the emission standards in Table 1 to this subpart for their stationary SI ICE.*
- 2. If you are an owner or operator of a stationary SI internal combustion engine greater than 500 HP...you must conduct an initial performance test within 1 year of engine startup and conduct subsequent performance testing every 8,760 hours or 3 years, whichever comes first, thereafter to demonstrate compliance.*

The compliance testing presented in this report was performed by Impact Compliance & Testing, Inc. (ICT), a Michigan-based environmental consulting and testing company. ICT representatives Tyler Wilson and Andrew Eisenberg performed the field sampling and measurements January 5, 2021.

The engine performance tests consisted of triplicate, one-hour sampling periods for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), and volatile organic compounds (VOC, as non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC or NMOC)). Exhaust gas moisture, oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) content, and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) content were determined for each test period to calculate air pollutant concentrations for comparison to applicable SI-RICE NSPS (40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJJ) limits.

The exhaust gas sampling and analysis was performed using procedures specified in the Emissions Test Plan (ICT) dated December 1, 2020 that was reviewed and approved by EGLE-AQD.

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## **2.0 Summary of Test Results and Operating Conditions**

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### **2.1 Purpose and Objective of the Tests**

The provisions of the SI-RICE NSPS (40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJJ) require University to test the RICE (EU-VARSITYDR Engine) for carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and volatile organic compounds (VOC) within 1 year after engine startup and every 8,760 hours of operation or 3 years, whichever comes first. Measurements were performed for the RICE exhaust to determine CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, and VOC (as non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC or NMOC)) concentrations and diluent gas content (oxygen and carbon dioxide).

### **2.2 Operating Conditions During the Compliance Tests**

The testing was performed while the engine/generator set was operated at maximum routine operating conditions (within 10% of 600 kW electricity output). Cummins representatives provided kW output in 15-minute increments for each test period. The RICE generator kW output was 592 kW throughout the test periods.

Fuel flowrate (cubic feet per hour (CFH)) was also recorded by Cummins representatives in 15-minute increments for each test period. The RICE fuel consumption rate was 10,604 CFH throughout the test periods.

Appendix 2 provides operating records provided by Cummins representatives for the test periods.

Table 2.1 presents a summary of the average engine operating conditions during the test periods.

### **2.3 Summary of Air Pollutant Sampling Results**

The gases exhausted from the sampled natural gas fueled RICE were sampled for three (3) one-hour test periods during the compliance testing performed January 5, 2021.

Table 2.2 presents the average measured CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, and VOC concentrations for the EU-VARSITYDR Engine (average of the three test periods) and applicable limits.

Test results for each one-hour sampling period and comparison to the applicable concentration limits are presented in Section 6.0 of this report.

**Table 2.1 Average engine operating conditions during the test periods**

Engine Parameter	EU-VARSITYDR Engine Cummins GTA50 CC
Generator output (kW)	592
Engine fuel use (CFH)	10,604

**Table 2.2 Average measured pollutant concentrations for the engine (3-test average)**

	CO	NOx	VOC
Emission Unit	(ppmvd) <sup>†</sup>	(ppmvd) <sup>†</sup>	(ppmvd) <sup>†</sup>
EU-VARSITYDR Engine	270	50.3	3.28
<b>Permit Limit</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>86</b>

† Parts per million by volume, dry basis, corrected to 15% oxygen. VOC concentration is C<sub>3</sub> (propane).

The data presented in Table 2.2 indicates that the EU-VARSITYDR Engine was tested while the unit operated within 10% of its maximum capacity (920 HP and 600 kW) and is in compliance with the emission standards specified in 40 CFR 60.4233(e).



## **3.0 Source and Sampling Location Description**

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### **3.1 General Process Description**

Pipeline natural gas is used as fuel for the RICE. The RICE generator set is classified as an emergency generator and is only operated to provide electricity to the RMC during power outages and for periodic maintenance testing.

### **3.2 Rated Capacities and Air Emission Controls**

The Cummins Model GTA50 CC SI-RICE generator set has a rated output of 920 HP and the connected generator has a rated electricity output of 600 kW. The engine is equipped with an air-to-fuel ratio controller, which is set to maintain efficient fuel combustion and maximize power output. Exhaust gas is released directly to atmosphere through two (2) identical horizontal exhaust stacks.

The engine is equipped with a non-selective catalytic reduction (NSCR) system for passively controlling CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, VOC emissions. The NSCR system consists of two catalyst beds that allow CO and VOC to be oxidized by the oxygen that is a component of the NO<sub>x</sub>. This system relies on a low concentration of oxygen at the catalyst bed inlet. The engine is equipped with controls to adjust the fuel-air-ratio of the engine intake manifold.

The NSCR is passive in nature and its efficiency is dependent on exhaust gas temperature and oxygen content as well as catalyst bed condition. In accordance with 40 CFR 60.4243, the air-to-fuel ration controller is optimized for emissions reduction.

### **3.3 Sampling Locations**

The RICE exhaust gas is released to the atmosphere through two (2) identical horizontal exhaust stacks with horizontal release points.

The exhaust stack sampling ports for the Cummins Model GTA50 engine (EU-VARSITYDR Engine) are located in two (2) identical exhaust stack extensions with an inner diameter of 8.0 inches. Each stack extension is equipped with two (2) sample ports, opposed 90°, that provide a sampling location 14.25 inches (1.78 duct diameters) upstream and 44.0 inches (5.50 duct diameters) downstream from any flow disturbance and satisfies the USEPA Method 1 criteria for a representative sample location.

Sample port locations were determined in accordance with USEPA Method 1.

Appendix 1 provides a diagram of the test sampling location.

## 4.0 Sampling and Analytical Procedures

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A Stack Test Protocol for the air compliance testing was reviewed and approved by EGLE-AQD. This section provides a summary of the sampling and analytical procedures that were used during the testing periods.

### 4.1 Summary of Sampling Methods

USEPA Method 4	Exhaust gas moisture was determined based on the water weight gain in chilled impingers.
USEPA Method 3A	Exhaust gas O <sub>2</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub> content was determined using paramagnetic and infrared instrumental analyzers, respectively.
USEPA Method 7E	Exhaust gas NO <sub>x</sub> concentration was determined using chemiluminescence instrumental analyzers.
USEPA Method 10	Exhaust gas CO concentration was measured using an infrared instrumental analyzer.
USEPA Method 25A / ALT-096	Exhaust gas VOC (as NMHC or NMOC) concentration was determined using a flame ionization analyzer equipped with methane separation column.

### 4.2 Exhaust Gas Molecular Weight Determination (USEPA Method 3A)

CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> content in the RICE exhaust gas stream was measured continuously throughout each test period in accordance with USEPA Method 3A. The CO<sub>2</sub> content of the exhaust was monitored using a Servomex 1440D infrared gas analyzer. The O<sub>2</sub> content of the exhaust was monitored using a Servomex 1440D gas analyzer that uses a paramagnetic sensor.

During each sampling period, a continuous sample of the RICE exhaust gas stream was extracted from the stack using a stainless-steel probe connected to a Teflon® heated sample line. The sampled gas was conditioned by removing moisture prior to being introduced to the analyzers; therefore, measurement of O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations correspond to standard dry gas conditions. Instrument response data were recorded using an ESC Model 8816 data acquisition system that monitored the analog output of the instrumental analyzers continuously and logged data as one-minute averages.

Prior to, and at the conclusion of each test, the instruments were calibrated using upscale calibration and zero gas to determine analyzer calibration error and system bias (described in Section 5.0 of this document). Sampling times were recorded on field data sheets.

Appendix 4 provides O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> calculation sheets. Raw instrument response data are provided in Appendix 5.



### **4.3 Exhaust Gas Moisture Content (USEPA Method 4)**

Moisture content of the RICE exhaust gas was determined in accordance with USEPA Method 4 using a chilled impinger sampling train. Exhaust gas moisture content measurements were performed concurrently with the instrumental analyzer sampling periods. At the conclusion of each sampling period the moisture gain in the impingers was determined gravimetrically by weighing each impinger to determine net weight gain.

Appendix 3 provides moisture calculations and field data sheets.

### **4.4 NO<sub>x</sub> and CO Concentration Measurements (USEPA Methods 7E and 10)**

NO<sub>x</sub> and CO pollutant concentrations in the RICE exhaust gas stream was determined using a Thermo Environmental Instruments, Inc. (TEI) Model 42c High Level chemiluminescence NO<sub>x</sub> analyzer and a TEI Model 48i infrared CO analyzer.

Throughout each test period, a continuous sample of the engine exhaust gas was extracted from the stack using the Teflon® heated sample line and gas conditioning system and delivered to the instrumental analyzers. Instrument response for each analyzer was recorded on an ESC Model 8816 data acquisition system that logged data as one-minute averages. Prior to, and at the conclusion of each test, the instruments were calibrated using upscale calibration and zero gas to determine analyzer calibration error and system bias.

Appendix 4 provides CO and NO<sub>x</sub> calculation sheets. Raw instrument response data are provided in Appendix 5.

### **4.5 Measurement of VOC (USEPA Method 25A / ALT-096)**

The VOC concentration rate was determined by measuring the nonmethane hydrocarbon (NMHC or NMOC) concentration in the engine exhaust gas. NMHC pollutant concentration was determined using a TEI Model 55i Methane / Nonmethane hydrocarbon analyzer. The TEI 55i analyzer contains an internal gas chromatograph column that separates methane from non-methane components. The concentration of NMHC in the sampled gas stream, after separation from methane, is determined relative to a propane standard using a flame ionization detector in accordance with USEPA Method 25A.

The USEPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) has issued an alternate test method approving the use of the TEI 55i-series analyzer as an effective instrument for measuring NMOC from gas-fueled RICE (ALT-096).

Samples of the exhaust gas were delivered directly to the instrumental analyzer using the Teflon® heated sample line to prevent condensation. The sample to the NMHC analyzer was not conditioned to remove moisture. Therefore, VOC measurements correspond to standard conditions with no moisture correction (wet basis).

Prior to, and at the conclusion of each test, the instrument was calibrated using mid-range calibration (propane) and zero gas to determine analyzer calibration error and system bias (described in Section 5.0 of this document).

Appendix 4 provides VOC calculation sheets. Raw instrument response data for the NMHC analyzer is provided in Appendix 5.

## 5.0 QA/QC Activities

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### 5.1 NO<sub>x</sub> Converter Efficiency Test

The NO<sub>2</sub> – NO conversion efficiency of the Model 42c analyzer was verified prior to the testing program. A USEPA Protocol 1 certified concentration of NO<sub>2</sub> was injected directly into the analyzer, following the initial three-point calibration, to verify the analyzer's conversion efficiency. The analyzer's NO<sub>2</sub> – NO converter uses a catalyst at high temperatures to convert the NO<sub>2</sub> to NO for measurement. The conversion efficiency of the analyzer is deemed acceptable if the measured NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is within 90% of the expected value.

The NO<sub>2</sub> – NO conversion efficiency test satisfied the USEPA Method 7E criteria (measured NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was 97.7% of the expected value).

### 5.2 Gas Divider Certification (USEPA Method 205)

A STEC Model SGD-710C 10-step gas divider was used to obtain appropriate calibration span gases. The ten-step STEC gas divider was NIST certified (within the last 12 months) with a primary flow standard in accordance with Method 205. When cut with an appropriate zero gas, the ten-step STEC gas divider delivered calibration gas values ranging from 0% to 100% (in 10% step increments) of the USEPA Protocol 1 calibration gas that was introduced into the system. The field evaluation procedures presented in Section 3.2 of Method 205 were followed prior to use of gas divider. The field evaluation yielded no errors greater than 2% of the triplicate measured average and no errors greater than 2% from the expected values.

### 5.3 Instrumental Analyzer Interference Check

The instrumental analyzers used to measure NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, O<sub>2</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub> have had an interference response test preformed prior to their use in the field, pursuant to the interference response test procedures specified in USEPA Method 7E. The appropriate interference test gases (i.e., gases that would be encountered in the exhaust gas stream) were introduced into each analyzer, separately and as a mixture with the analyte that each analyzer is designed to measure. All of analyzers exhibited a composite deviation of less than 2.5% of the span for all measured interferent gases. No major analytical components of the analyzers have been replaced since performing the original interference tests.

### 5.4 Instrument Calibration and System Bias Checks

At the beginning of each day of the testing program, initial three-point instrument calibrations were performed for the NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> analyzers by injecting calibration gas directly into the inlet sample port for each instrument. System bias checks were performed prior to and at the conclusion of each sampling period by introducing the upscale calibration gas and zero gas into the sampling system (at the base of the stainless-steel sampling probe prior to the particulate filter and Teflon® heated sample line) and determining the instrument response against the initial instrument calibration readings.

At the beginning of each test day, appropriate high-range, mid-range, and low-range span gases followed by a zero gas were introduced to the NMHC analyzer, in series at a tee connection, which is installed between the sample probe and the particulate filter, through a poppet check valve. After each one-hour test period, mid-range and zero gases were re-



introduced in series at the tee connection in the sampling system to check against the method's performance specifications for calibration drift and zero drift error.

The instruments were calibrated with USEPA Protocol 1 certified concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and CO in nitrogen and zeroed using hydrocarbon free nitrogen. The NMHC (VOC) instrument was calibrated with USEPA Protocol 1 certified concentrations of propane in air and zeroed using hydrocarbon-free air. A STEC Model SGD-710C ten-step gas divider was used to obtain intermediate calibration gas concentrations as needed.

## **5.5 Determination of Exhaust Gas Stratification**

A stratification test was performed for each RICE exhaust stack. The stainless-steel sample probe was positioned at sample points correlating to 16.7, 50.0 (centroid), and 83.3% of each stack diameter. Pollutant concentration data were recorded at each sample point for a minimum of twice the maximum system response time for each RICE exhaust stack.

The recorded concentration data for each RICE exhaust stack indicated that the measured O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations did not vary by more than 5% of the mean across each stack diameter. Therefore, the RICE exhaust gas was considered to be unstratified and the compliance test sampling was performed at a single sampling location within each RICE exhaust stack.

## **5.6 System Response Time**

The response time of the sampling system was determined prior to the compliance test program by introducing upscale gas and zero gas, in series, into the sampling system using a tee connection at the base of the sample probe. The elapsed time for the analyzer to display a reading of 95% of the expected concentration was determined using a stopwatch.

Sampling periods did not commence until the sampling probe had been in place for at least twice the greatest system response time.

## **5.7 Meter Box Calibrations**

The dry gas meter sampling console used for moisture testing was calibrated prior to and after the testing program. This calibration uses the critical orifice calibration technique presented in USEPA Method 5. The metering console calibration exhibited no data outside the acceptable ranges presented in USEPA Method 5.

The digital pyrometer in the metering console was calibrated using a NIST traceable Omega® Model CL 23A temperature calibrator.

Appendix E presents test equipment quality assurance data (NO<sub>2</sub> – NO conversion efficiency test data, instrument calibration and system bias check records, calibration gas certifications, interference test results, meter box calibration records, and field equipment calibration records).



## 6.0 Results

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### 6.1 Test Results and Allowable Concentration Limits

Engine operating data and air pollutant concentration measurement results for each one-hour test period are presented in Table 6.1.

The EU-VARSITYDR Engine has the following allowable concentration limits specified in the SI-RICE NSPS (40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJJ):

- 540 parts per million by volume, dry basis, corrected to 15% O<sub>2</sub> (ppmvd @ 15% O<sub>2</sub>) CO;
- 160 ppmvd @ 15% O<sub>2</sub> NO<sub>x</sub>; and
- 86 ppmvd @ 15% O<sub>2</sub> VOC.

The measured air pollutant concentrations for the EU-VARSITYDR Engine are less than the allowable limits specified in the SI-RICE NSPS (40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJJ).

### 6.2 Variations from Normal Sampling Procedures or Operating Conditions

The testing for all pollutants was performed in accordance with USEPA methods and the approved Emissions Test Plan. The engine-generator set was operated within 10% of maximum output (600 kW generator output for Cummins Model GTA50 CC RICE) and no variations from normal operating conditions occurred during the engine test periods.

The measured O<sub>2</sub> concentration for the EU-VARSITYDR Engine slightly exceeded the initial analyzer calibration span value (2.50%) for some of the one-minute averages during Test No. 2. Following that test, the Servomex 1440D analyzer was challenged with a higher calibration gas concentration (5.00%) that was greater than the span value. The instrument response was within 1.0% of the expected calibration gas value (4.95% compared to the 5.00% O<sub>2</sub> calibration gas). Therefore, the recorded concentration data for Test No. 2 were determined to be accurate. The additional instrument calibration data are presented in Appendix 6 at 10:46 on January 5, 2021.

The measured CO concentration for the EU-VARSITYDR Engine slightly exceeded the initial analyzer calibration span value (1,481 ppmvd) for some of the one-minute averages during Test No. 3. Following that test, the TEI Model 48i analyzer was challenged with a higher calibration gas concentration (1,481 ppmvd); the span value, which was the gas concentration available onsite that was closest to the highest CO concentration value recorded during that test. The instrument response was within 0.1% of the expected calibration gas value (1,480 ppmvd compared to the 1,481 ppmvd CO calibration gas). Therefore, the recorded concentration data for Test No. 3 were determined to be accurate. The additional instrument calibration data are presented in Appendix 6 at 12:19 on January 5, 2021.

**Table 6.1 Measured exhaust gas conditions and pollutant concentrations for the EU-VARSITYDR Engine**

Test No.	1	2	3	
Test date	1/5/2021	1/5/2021	1/5/2021	Three Test
Test period (24-hr clock)	810-915	935-1040	1105-1210	Average
Fuel flowrate (CFH)	10,604	10,604	10,604	10,604
Generator output (kW)	592	592	592	592
<b>Exhaust Gas Composition</b>				
CO <sub>2</sub> content (% vol)	12.1	11.2	11.6	11.6
O <sub>2</sub> content (% vol)	0.06	1.71	1.25	1.01
Moisture (% vol)	19.4	17.9	18.5	18.6
<b>Nitrogen Oxides</b>				
NO <sub>x</sub> conc. (ppmvd)	167	145	197	170
NO <sub>x</sub> conc. corrected to 15% O <sub>2</sub>	47.3	44.6	59.1	50.3
Permit limit @ 15% O <sub>2</sub> (ppmvd)	-	-	-	160
<b>Carbon Monoxide</b>				
CO conc. (ppmvd)	877	858	988	908
CO conc. corrected to 15% O <sub>2</sub>	248	264	297	270
Permit limit @ 15% O <sub>2</sub> (ppmvd)	-	-	-	540
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>				
VOC conc. (ppmv C <sub>3</sub> )	9.05	8.67	9.28	9.00
VOC conc. corrected to 15% O <sub>2</sub> (dry)	3.18	3.25	3.42	3.28
Permit limit @ 15% O <sub>2</sub> (ppmvd)	-	-	-	86



## **APPENDIX 1**

- RICE Engine Sample Port Diagram

IC Engine Exhaust Stacks  
2 x 8" diameter

Sample Ports

B Distance

A Distance

Cummins Model  
GTA50 CC  
Generator Set

Engine Container

Stack Cross  
Section

Sample  
Ports

Note

ICT temporary stack extensions were  
installed for this compliance test  
event.

01/08/2021	General Stack Diagram EU-VARSITYDR Emergency Generator		
	Scale	Sheet	ICT
	None	1 of 1	