

# Rule 1109.1 – NOx Emission Reduction for Refinery Equipment

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# Agenda

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**Summary of Working Group Meeting #9** 

**Progress of Rule Development** 

**Updates from Last Working Group Meeting** 

BARCT Assessments for Gas Turbines, FCCU, and SRU/TGI

**Next Steps** 

### **Progress of Rule Development**

### Summary of Working Group #9 (12/12/19)

- John Zink Hamworthy Presentation on SOLEX<sup>TM</sup> Burner Technology
- Discussed potential SOx RECLAIM sunset
- Baseline emission calculations
- U.S. EPA SCR cost spreadsheet revision
- Proposed BARCT limits for Heater and Boiler categories

#### Since Last Working Group Meeting

- Adjusted cost-effectiveness calculations to reflect stakeholder comments
- Discussions with consultants
- Stakeholder meetings and site visits
- Discussions with control technology suppliers
- ClearSign Core<sup>TM</sup> Demonstration Project Update

- Some stakeholders expressed concern of co-pollutant impacts due to ammonia from SCRs
- Primary concern is sulfur in the fuel gas
  - Some facilities already remove sulfur from fuel gas
- Staff needs to gather data to understand full scope of the issue for impacted facilities
- Sending out a survey to gather the following information:
  - Current sulfur concentration in the fuel gas system(s)
  - Number and type of existing treatment system(s)
  - Volume of gas treated
  - Anticipated upgrades and/or additional units required
  - Any potential NOx emissions increase associated with upgrades or expansions
  - Cost of gas clean up to meet Rule 431.1 sulfur limit

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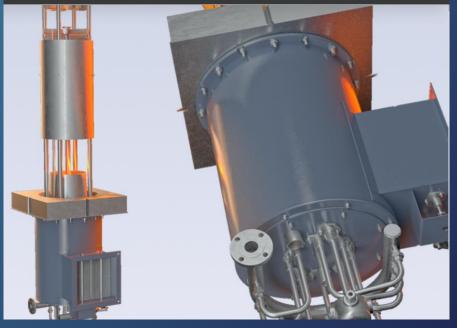
SOx/PM

Survey

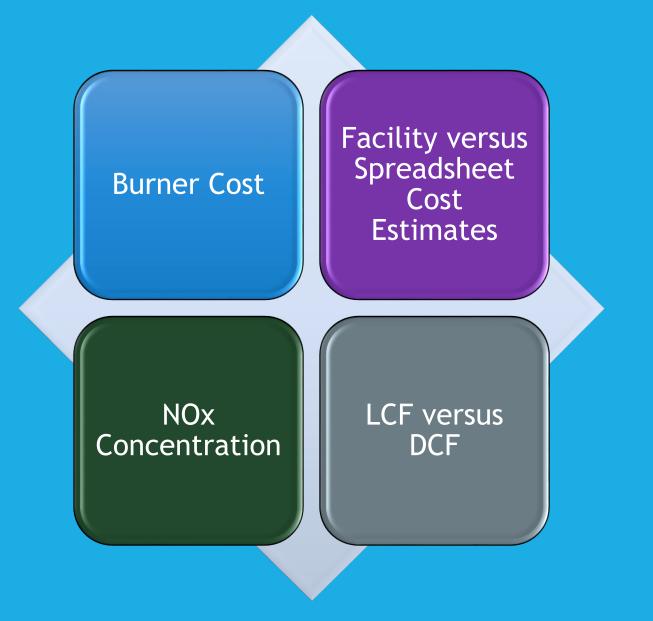
### ClearSign Core<sup>™</sup> Demonstration Project Update

- ClearSign Core<sup>™</sup> burner technology was retrofitted in a multi-burner process heater
- Initial tests showed NOx emissions less than 4 ppm with natural gas
- Initial results showed burner-to-burner interaction limited the maximum firing capacity of the heater
- Decision was made to reinstall the original burners and temporarily suspend field test
- Further offsite product refinement and demonstration ongoing to address issue
- Seeking to resume field demonstration later this year





Areas of Discussion on Cost-Effectiveness Calculation



### **Cost-Effectiveness Calculation - Burner Cost**

- Combination of SCR and Ultra-Low NOx Burners (ULNB) can achieve 2 ppm
- Units that require >95% NOx reduction will require burner control
- Staff proposed the following burner cost:
  - <40 MMBtu/hr \$2.2MM/unit
  - ≥40 MMBtu/hr \$2.8MM/unit

### Stakeholders Comment

 Scale burner cost based on heater size – similar to SCR power curve relationship

• Staff agrees

### Staff Response

Background<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Staff proposal from Working Group Meeting #9.

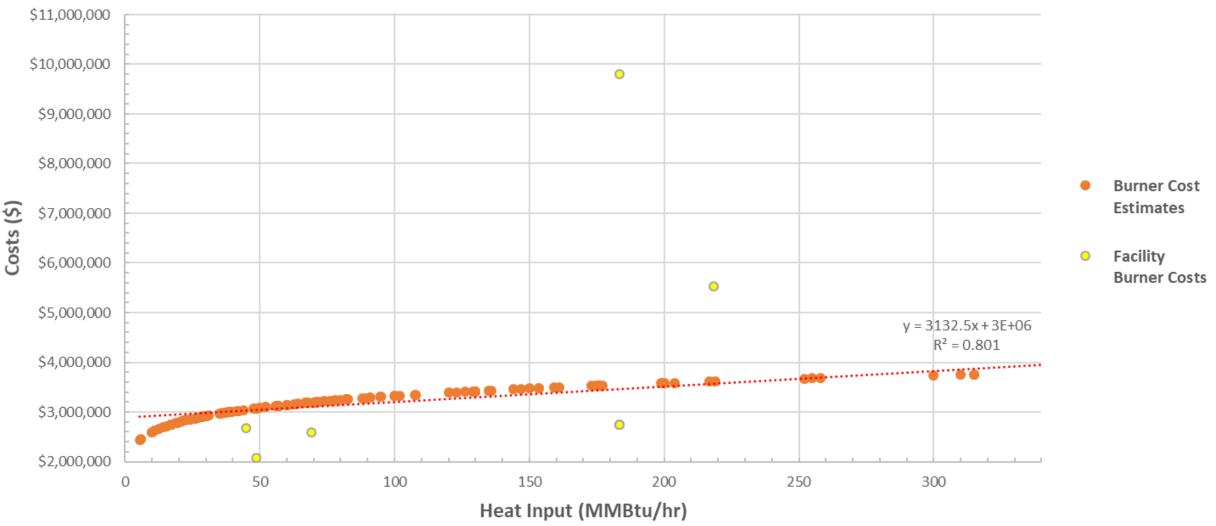
### Cost-Effectiveness Calculation – Burner Cost (*con't*)

- Facilities provided cost for 13 burner installations
  - Cost ranged from \$1.6MM to \$9.8 MM
  - Power curve generated based on \$ per MMBtu/hr
- Based on the power curve, burner cost is:
  - y = \$23,137 (150/x)<sup>0.892</sup>

\$80,000 \$70,000 Cost (\$/MMBtu/hr) \$60,000 \$50,000 \$40,000 Capital \$30,000 nstalled \$20,000 = 2E+06x<sup>-0.89</sup> \$10,000 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \$0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 0 Heat Input (MMBtu/hr)

**Refinery Low NOx Burner Installed Cost** 

#### Burner Total Installed Cost Based on Unit Size



\*Curve generated from 13 estimated burner costs provided by facilities (some points represent multiple units)

### Cost-Effectiveness Calculation – LCF versus DCF

 Staff relied on U.S. EPA SCR spreadsheet for cost-effectiveness calculations provided in last working group meeting

Background

### Stakeholders Comment

 U.S. EPA relies on LCF for costeffectiveness calculations  Revised costeffectiveness calculations to reflect DCF

Staff Response

# Cost-Effectiveness Calculation – NOx Concentration

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 Staff proposed backcalculating NOx emissions based on Annual Emission Reported (AER) value (annual mass)

Background

### Stakeholders Comment

 Back-calculated emissions did not agree with survey due to the use of "actual" versus "dry standard" cubic feet/minute (acfm versus scfm)

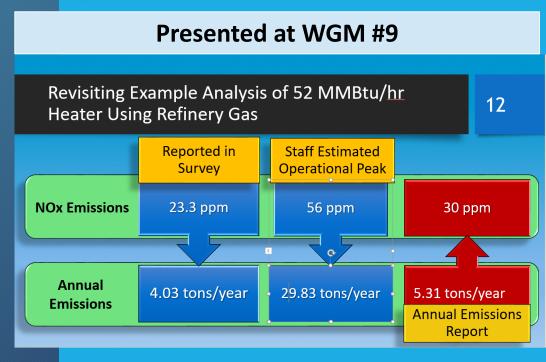
- Use NOx concentration as reported in survey (CEMS annual average) and mass emissions as reported in AER
  - Example calculation on next slide

### Staff Response

### Cost-Effectiveness Calculation – NOx Concentration (*con't*)

- Survey NOx Concentration (CEMS annual average) = 23.3 ppm
  - Percent reduction to achieve 2 ppm = 91.4%
    - Technically feasible with SCR only
  - Annual emissions (AER) = 5.31 tpy
  - Emission reductions

 $5.31 tpy \times 91.4\% = 4.85 tpy$ 



### Cost-Effectiveness Calculation – Facility versus Spreadsheet Cost Estimates for SCR

 Staff modified U.S. EPA SCR spreadsheet to estimate SCR cost provided by facilities

#### Background

### Stakeholders Comment

 Use facility cost estimates if provided Cost-effectiveness has been revised

- Used facility cost if provided
- If no facility cost was provided, used modified cost curve
- Cost-effectiveness based on class and category, not for individual units

#### Staff Response

### Cost-Effectiveness Calculation – Facility versus Spreadsheet Cost Estimates

- Some units are have much higher costs due to challenging retrofits
- Cost curve cannot account for outliers
  - Retrofit factor in EPA SCR spreadsheet designed to address outliers

Comparison of facility supplied Total Install Costs (TIC) and Operations and Maintenance Costs (O&M) versus costs generated from modified U.S. EPA SCR spreadsheet

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Size (MMBtu/hr)	Facility TIC	EPA TIC	Facility O&M	EPA O&M
67	\$7 MM	\$8 MM	\$140 M	\$99 M
91	\$8 MM	\$9 MM	\$140 M	\$120 M
135	\$11.8 MM	\$11 MM	\$140 M	\$140 M
173	\$22.2 MM	\$13 MM	\$170 M	\$220 M
340	\$17 MM	\$18 MM	\$160 M	\$370 M
527	\$32 MM	\$22 MM	\$160 M	\$370 M

### Staff Adjustments to Cost-Effectiveness Calculation

Developed cost curve to estimate burner replacement costs

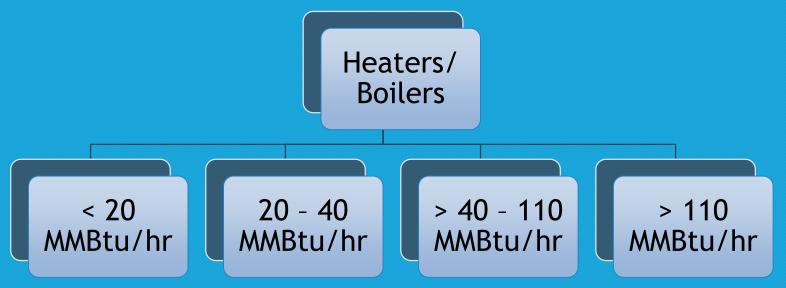
Used actual facility cost estimates when available

Used NOx concentration from survey to calculate percent reduction and applied to mass emissions from AER

Recalculated based on DCF

# Revised Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for Heaters and Boilers

 Staff revised the cost-effectiveness calculations for each heater/boiler category presented in Working Group Meeting #9 16



- Following slides details the changes to the cost-effectiveness and staff recommended NOx concentrations limits
- Staff still evaluating outliers and units with existing SCR

# Revised Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for Heaters and Boilers (cont.)

Revised cost and emissions resulted in some cost increases and some cost decreases

- Cost Estimated costs from facilities ncreased
  - NOx from survey<sup>\*1</sup>
  - Burner cost curve
- Estimated costs from facilities

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- NOx from survey<sup>\*2</sup>
  - DCF versus LCF

\* NOx concentration from survey lower than back-calculated value

- Lower emission reductions increased cost-effectiveness values 1
- For some units, the recalculated SCR removal efficiency could achieve 2. proposed NOx limit without the need/cost of burner replacement

### Heaters <40 MMBtu/hr using Refinery Gas

	Revised cost-effectiveness analysis (cont.)					
		Preser	nted at WGM #9	Revised Cost-Effectiveness at 9 ppm		
Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for 9 ppm (Heaters <40 MMBtu/hr Using Refinery Gas)    Evaluation of 9 ppm using refinery gas Based on emerging technologies: ClearSign or SOLEX Implementation schedule will need to account for technology development		Heater Category	Burners Replaced <i>Before</i> Useful Life	Burners Replaced <i>After</i> Useful Life		
Cost Heater Category	-Effectiveness a Burners Replaced Before Useful Life	<mark>t 9 ppm</mark> Burners Replaced After Useful Life	<ul> <li>Evaluated two heater sizes:</li> <li>&lt; 20 MMBtu/hr</li> <li>20 to 40 MMBtu/hr</li> <li>For each of the heater sizes, evaluated two</li> </ul>	<20 MMBtu/hr	\$212,421 (14 units)	Potential additional cost
<20 MMBtu/hr 20 to 40	\$98,017 \$48,746	No cost increase, possibly savings	<ul> <li>scenarios:</li> <li>Burner replacement before useful life</li> <li>Burner replacement after useful life, if replacement before useful life is not cost- offective</li> </ul>	20 to 40 MMBtu/hr	<b>\$77,664*</b> (36 units)	beyond what the facility will already incur
39	Assumptions     ClearSign is <\$1 MM     Used cost based on traditional low-NOx     burner ~\$2.2 MM (conservative assumption)     Assumed 25 years useful life			<ul> <li>* No longer cost-effective, changed recommendation         <u>Revised Staff Recommendation:</u> </li> <li>9 ppm at end of burner useful life for all heaters &lt;40MMBtu/hr</li> </ul>		

 Assess maturity of emerging technology, an implementation schedule will be established

### Heaters >40 ppm, <40 MMBtu/hr using Refinery Gas

#### Revised cost-effectiveness analysis (cont.)

#### Presented at WGM #9

Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for 30 ppm (Heaters >40 PPM, <40 MMBtu/<u>hr</u> Using Refinery Gas)

Cost-Effectiveness at 30 ppm			
Heater Category	NOx Limit 30 ppm		
<20 MMBtu/ <u>hr</u>	\$525,603		
20 to 40 MMBtu/ <u>hr</u>	\$20,558		

- Most heaters are achieving NOx concentration <40 ppm</li>
- Three heaters with NOx concentrations > 40 ppm
  - 2 heaters are < 20 MMBtu/hr</p>
  - 1 heater is 20 to 40 MMBtu/hr
- Commercially proven low-NOx burners can achieve < 30 ppm</li>
  - Burner manufacturers will guarantee 30 ppm using refinery gas
- Evaluated cost-effectiveness of interim NOx concentration limit of 30 ppm for heaters currently > 40 ppm for two heater sizes:
  - < 20 MMBtu/hr</p>
  - 20 to 40 MMBtu/hr
- Assumptions
  - Average cost for burners is \$2.2 MM
  - Assumed 25 years useful life

**Revised Cost-Effectiveness at 30 ppm** 

Heater Category	30 ppm
<20 MMBtu/hr	\$276,058 (2 units)
20 to 40 MMBtu/hr	\$50,109 (1 unit)

#### **Maintain Staff Recommendation:**

- 30 ppm for heaters 20 to 40 MMBtu/hr
- 9 ppm at end of useful life
  - Assess maturity of emerging technology, an implementation schedule will be established

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### Heaters >40 MMBtu/hr using Refinery Gas

#### Revised cost-effectiveness analysis (cont.)

#### Presented at WGM #9

#### Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for 2 ppm (Heaters ≥40 MMBtu/<u>hr</u> Using Refinery Gas)

Cost-Effectiveness at 2 ppm			
Heater Category	2 ppm		
≥40 to 110 MMBtu/hr	\$48,892		
>110 MMBtu/hr	\$40,682		

- Burner costs included for units requiring >95% reduction from SCR
  - \$2.8MM/unit for installation of ULNB
  - ULNB can achieve < 30 ppm</p>
  - 14 units will require burner upgrades
- Cost-effectiveness calculated using U.S. EPA cost spreadsheet
  - Average cost-effectiveness of all heaters >40 MMBtu/hr < \$50,000/ton NOx reduced</li>
  - Units with existing SCR (37) not included in costeffectiveness calculation
    - Assume new catalyst(s), ammonia injection grid upgrades, and tuning can improve removal efficiency
    - Will not require complete SCR retrofit installation
    - Cost will be less than a complete retrofit installation
    - Staff still evaluating costs and potential reductions for units with existing SCRs

#### **Revised Cost-Effectiveness at 2 ppm**

Heater Category	2 ppm
≥40 to 110 MMBtu/hr	\$56,366 (44 units)
>110 MMBtu/hr	\$39,857 (33 units)

#### **Maintain Staff Recommendation:**

- 2 ppm for heaters >40 MMBtu/hr
- Outliers and units with existing SCR currently being evaluated

### Boilers <40 MMBtu/hr using Natural Gas

- Working Group Meeting #9, staff evaluated 2 ppm, 5 ppm and 9 ppm NOx limits for boilers <40 MMBtu/hr</li>
  - All boilers <40 MMBtu/hr fueled by natural gas
  - 2 ppm not cost-effective
  - 9 ppm achieved in practice
  - Considered 5 ppm using Solex<sup>™</sup>
    - John Zink indicated the Solex burner is not applicable to boilers but commercially available burner technology currently can achieve 5 ppm on natural gas

#### Revised

# Boilers <40 MMBtu/hr using Natural Gas

#### Revised cost-effectiveness analysis (cont.)

#### Presented at WGM #9

#### Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for 2, 5, and 9 ppm (Boilers <40 MMBtu/<u>hr</u>, Natural Gas)

Cost-Effectiveness at 2, 5, and 9 ppm				
Boiler Category	2 npm 5 npm*		9 ppm	
<20 MMBtu/ <u>hr</u>	\$167,149	No additional Cost	\$55,563	
20 to 40 MMBtu/ <u>hr</u>	\$42MM	No additional Cost	\$0 Achieved	

Cost Effectiveness at 2 5 and 9 ppp

\* After burner useful life

- Combination of SCR (95% reduction) and ULNB (< 30 ppm) can achieve 2 ppm</li>
  - SCR cost-estimates based on U.S. EPA cost spreadsheet with adjustments (previous slides)
- Evaluation of 5 ppm based on burner replacement after burner reaches useful life
- Evaluation of 9 ppm using natural gas based on use of LNB
- Evaluated two heater sizes:
  - < 20 MMBtu/hr</p>
  - 20 to 40 MMBtu/hr
- Assumptions
  - Used cost based on traditional LNB burner ~\$2 MM
  - Assumed 25 years useful life

#### **Revised Cost-Effectiveness at 2 and 5 ppm**

Boiler Category	2 ppm	5 ppm	5 ppm <i>after</i> useful life
<20 MMBtu/hr	\$93,604 (2 unit	\$67,983 ts)	Potential additional cost
20 to 40 MMBtu/hr	\$512,110 (2 unit	\$413,055 ts)	beyond what the facility will already incur

#### **Maintain Staff Recommendation:**

 5 ppm at end of burner useful life, keep current permit limit

#### Revised

## Boilers ≥40 MMBtu/hr Using Refinery Gas

		Revised cost-effectivene	ss analysis (cont.)	
	Pre	sented at WGM #9 <ul> <li>Burner costs included for units requiring &gt;95%</li> </ul>	Revised Cost-Effec	tiveness at 2 ppm
Cost-Effectiveness 2 ppm (Boilers ≥40 Using Refinery Gas	) MMBtu/ <u>hr</u>	reduction from SCR <ul> <li>\$2.8MM/unit</li> <li>NOx reduced to 30 ppm</li> <li>8 boilers will require burner upgrades</li> </ul> <li>Cost-effectiveness calculated using U.S. EPA cost spreadchest</li>	Boiler Category	2 ppm
Cost-Effectivene Heater Category ≥40 to 110 MMBtu/hr	ess at 2 ppm 2 ppm \$36,578	<ul> <li>spreadsheet</li> <li>Average cost-effectiveness for all boilers ≥ 40 MMBtu/hr &lt; \$50,000/ton NOx reduced</li> <li>Units with existing SCR (7) not included in cost- effectiveness analysis</li> <li>Assume new catalyst(s), ammonia injection grid upgrades, and tuning can improve removal efficiency</li> </ul>	≥40 to 110 MMBtu/hr	\$50,042 (2 units, 1 standby not included)
>110 MMBtu/hr	\$31,461	<ul> <li>Will not require complete SCR retrofit installation</li> <li>Cost will be less than a complete retrofit installation</li> <li>Staff still evaluating cost and potential reductions for units with existing SCR</li> </ul>	>110 MMBtu/hr	\$19,286 (11 units)
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#### **Maintain Staff Recommendation:**

• 2 ppm for boilers ≥40 MMBtu/hr

# Summary of Proposed BARCT Limits for Boilers and Heaters

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### Proposed BARCT NOx Limit for Heaters

Size (MMBtu/hr)	Proposed BARCT NOx Limit*	Revised Cost-Effectiveness
<20	40 ppm <sup>1</sup> /9 ppm <sup>2</sup>	\$0/Potential additional cost
20 to 40	30 ppm/9 ppm <sup>2</sup>	\$50,109/Potential additional cost
≥40 to 110	2 ppm	\$56,366
>110	2 ppm	\$39,857

<sup>1.</sup> Two units > 40 ppm – not cost- effective to retrofit (no action required)

<sup>2.</sup> Future effective limit of 9 ppm at end of burner useful life (technology forcing based on emerging technologies)

### Proposed BARCT NOx Limit for Boilers

Size (MMBtu/hr)	Proposed BARCT NOx Limit	Revised Cost-Effectiveness
<20	5 ppm <sup>1</sup>	Potential additional cost
20 to 40	5 ppm <sup>1</sup>	Potential additional cost
≥40 to 110	2 ppm	\$50,042
>110	2 ppm	\$19,286

<sup>1</sup> Staff proposing a future effective limit at end of burner useful life due to high cost-effectiveness. Commercially available burner technology can achieve 5 ppm.



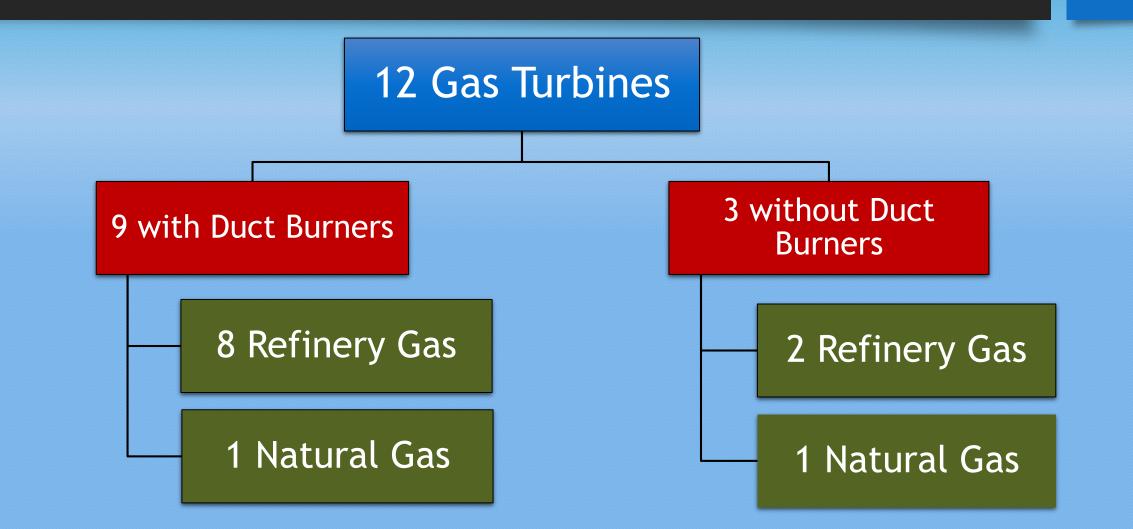


# Gas Turbines Assessment

**Gas Turbines** 

### **Gas Turbines Categories**

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**Gas Turbines** 

# Technical Feasibility for Gas Turbines

- Combination of dry-low NOx (DLN) combustor and SCR can achieve 2 ppm with proper engineering and design
- DLN combustors can achieve:
  - 9 25 ppm fired with natural gas
  - 10 27.5 ppm fired with refinery gas (~10% higher NOx emissions)
- SCR can achieve ~95% NOx reduction
- 2015 BARCT Assessment and Norton report concurred a 2 ppm NOx limit is technically feasible

### Gas Turbines Fired with Natural Gas

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# Technical Feasibility for Gas Turbines (Natural Gas)

- Recent BARCT Assessments for combined cycle gas turbines fired with natural gas established 2 ppm
  - Rule 1134 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Gas Turbines
  - Rule 1135 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities
- Both gas turbines fired with natural gas have existing SCRs and CO catalysts
  - Average NOx removal efficiency of existing SCRs is 94%
  - Both units currently achieving < 2 ppm NOx



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## Gas Turbines Assessment (Natural Gas)

	RECLAIM 2015 BARCT	Existing Units	Other Regulatory	Technology Assessment	Initial BARCT NOx Limit	Cost- Effectiveness
Natural Gas	2 ppm	1.14 – 1.85 ppm	2 – 42 ppm	2 ppm	2 ppm	\$0, Achieved-in- practice

Gas Turbines fired with Natural Gas

**Cost-Effectiveness for 2ppm (Gas Turbines with Natural Gas)** 

#### **Cost-Effectiveness at 2 ppm**

2 ppm with SCR

\$0/Achieved-in-practice

 All existing natural gas units achieving 2 ppm

### **Staff BARCT Recommendation:**

- 2 ppm for Gas Turbines using Natural gas
  - ✓ Achieved-in-practice

### Gas Turbines Fired with Refinery Gas

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# Technical Feasibility for Gas Turbines (Refinery Gas)

- All gas turbines have existing SCRs and CO catalysts with the following characteristics:
  - SCR NOx removal efficiency: 70 89%
  - Catalysts age range: 1–12 years
  - Catalyst beds range: 1 2
- NOx removal efficiency can be improved by:
  - SCR upgrades (e.g., ammonia injection grid, catalyst, additional catalyst beds)
  - Possibility of combustor upgrade (10 27.5 ppm)
- Combination of DLN combustor and maximized SCR removal efficiency can achieve 2 ppm NOx
- 2 ppm achieved-in-practice with refinery gas (DLN combustor and SCR) based on stack test

Gas Turbines fired

Gas Turbine Assessment (Refinery Gas)						36
	RECLAIM 2005/2015 BARCT	Existing Units	Other Regulatory	Technology Assessment	Initial BARCT NOx Limit	Cost- Effectiveness
Refinery Gas or Refinery Mixed Gas	2 ppm	2.8 - 10 ppm	9 - 50 ppm	2 ppm	2 ppm	Need to conduct cost-effectiveness on initial BARCT NOx limit

Gas Turbines fired

with Refinery Gas

# Gas Turbines fired with Refinery Gas

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## Initial BARCT NOx Limits for Cost-Effectiveness for Gas Turbines (Refinery Gas)

2 ppm Upgrade existing Upgrade existing SCR to achieve 95% OR SCR and DLN reduction combustor **Potential NOx BARCT Emission Limit** 

Total NOx emission is 1.41 tpd

Cost-Effectiveness for 2 ppm (Gas Turbines with Refinery Gas)

#### **Cost-Effectiveness at 2 ppm**

#### 2 ppm with SCR

\$35,573

Gas Turbines fired with Refinery Gas

- SCR upgrades are most cost-effective option to achieve 2 ppm
- Cost-effectiveness analysis based on <u>new</u> SCR installation (worse-case cost assumption)
  - Used U.S. EPA cost model with a 20% increase for labor costs (SB54)
     Did not use modified cost curve (reflects costs for heaters/boilers)

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

2 ppm for Gas Turbines using Refinery Gas

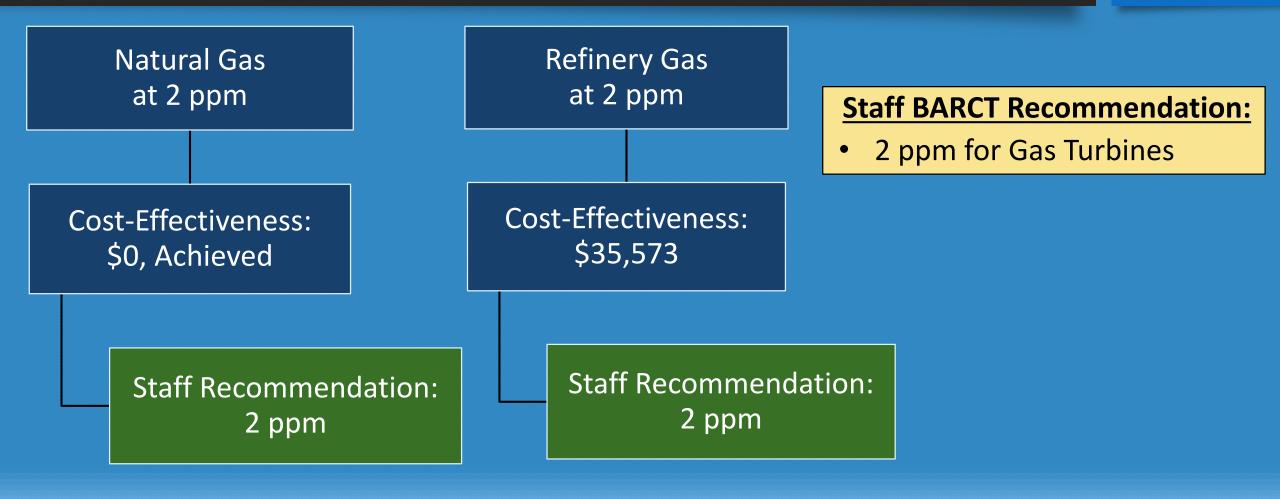
Gas Turbine Assessment (Refinery Gas)								
	RECLAIM							
	2005/2015 BARCT	Existing Units	Other Regulatory	Technology Assessment	Initial BARCT NOx Limit	Cost- Effectiveness		
Refinery Gas or Refinery Mixed Gas	2 ppm	2.8 - 10 ppm	9 - 50 ppm	2 ppm	2 ppm	\$35,573 (10 Units)		

Gas Turbines fired with Refinery Gas

Gas Turbines

### **Cost-Effectiveness for Gas Turbines**

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# Gas Turbine Summary



#### Proposing 2 ppm NOx limit for all gas turbines

- Natural Gas and Refinery Gas
- Achieved-in-practice, technically feasible, and cost-effective

#### **Considerations**

- Averaging Time
- Ammonia limit
  - ✓ Some units currently have 20 ppm ammonia permit limit

Gas Turbines

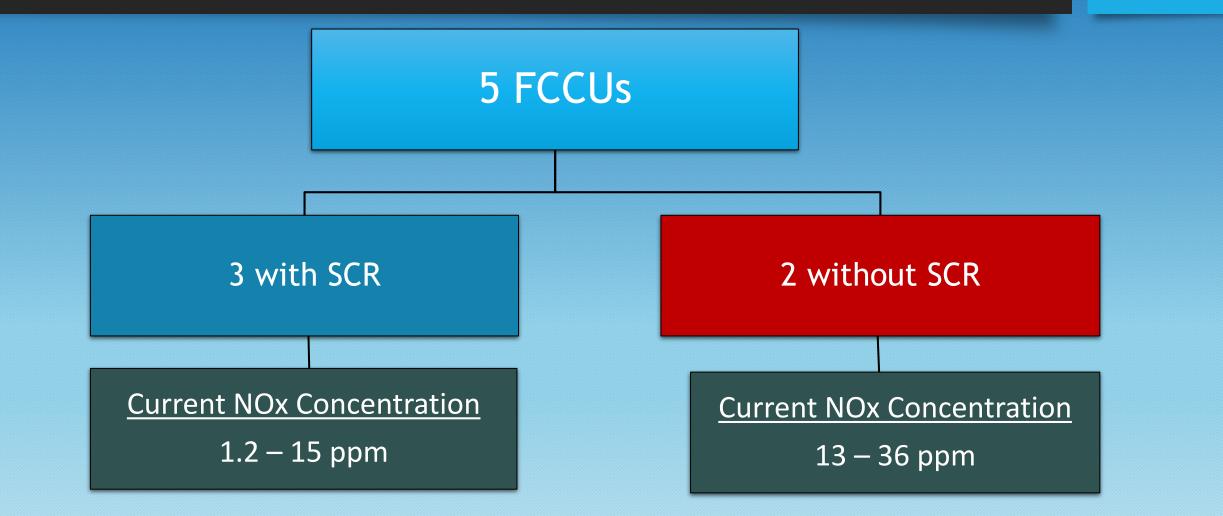




# **FCCU Assessment**

### **FCCU Categories**

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# Technical Feasibility of 2 ppm for FCCU

- Three technologies identified for NOx control in FCCU applications
  - DeNOx additive
    - ~45% reduction dependent on configuration

Lotox

- 95% reduction
- One FCCU installation at Marathon, Texas City

SCR

95% reduction

- 2 ppm is technically feasible with SCR
  - One existing FCCU
  - One planned FCCU retrofit (SCR) engineered for 2 ppm

### **FCCU** Assessment

	RECLAIM 2015 BARCT	Existing Units	Other Regulatory	Technology Assessment	Initial BARCT NOx Limit	Cost- Effectiveness
FCCU	2 ppm	1.2 – 36 ppm	40 – 125 ppm	2 ppm	2 ppm	Need to conduct cost-effectiveness on initial BARCT NOx limit

# Initial BARCT NOx Limits for Cost-Effectiveness for FCCU

2 ppm SCR, LoTOx, and DeNOx additive **Potential NOx BARCT Emission Limits** 

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Total NOx emission for is 0.67 tpd

### Cost-Effectiveness for FCCU

#### **Cost-Effectiveness at 2 ppm**

#### 2 ppm with SCR

\$36,509

 Evaluated cost-effectiveness for all units not achieving 2 ppm

#### • Cost estimates:

- Facilities provided two capital cost estimates (\$57 MM and \$19.5 MM)
- Staff used those data points to estimated costs for other units
  - Scaled cost based on flow rate
- Annual O&M Cost assumed 0.5% of Total Capital Investment Cost
  - Consistent with boilers/heaters estimates

#### Cost based on new SCR installation

• Units with existing SCR could optimize SCR to achieve reductions

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

2 ppm for FCCU

# **Cost-Effectiveness for FCCU 48** FCCU at 2 ppm **Staff Recommendation: Cost-Effectiveness:** • 2 ppm for FCCU \$36,509 **Recommendation:**

2 ppm

# FCCU Summary



#### Proposing 2 ppm NOx limit

- One unit achieved-in-practice
- One planned installation unit designed to meet 2 ppm
- Technically feasible and costeffective

#### **Considerations**

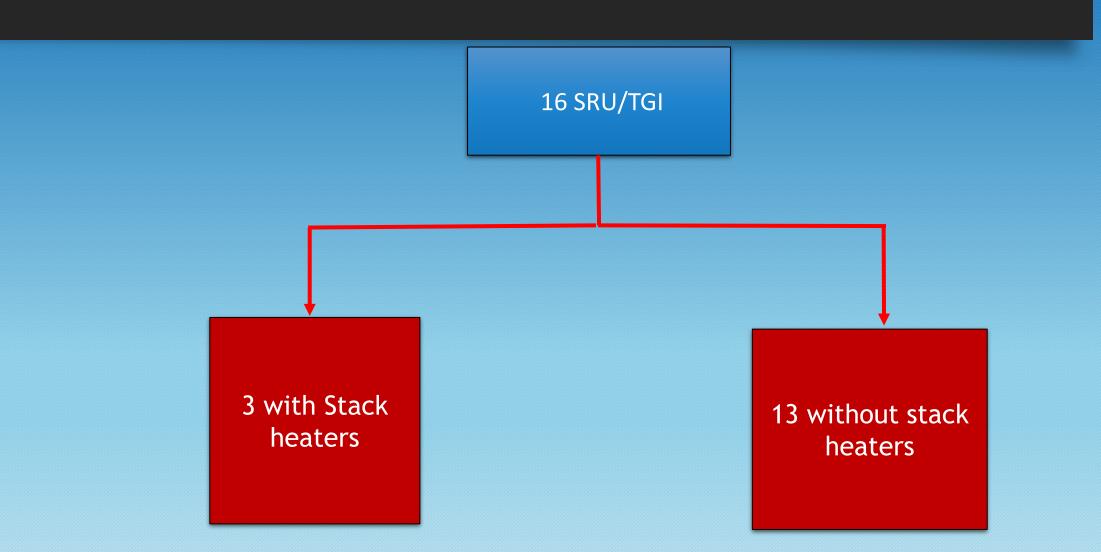
- Averaging time
- Ammonia limit
  - ✓ All units currently have 10 ppm ammonia permit limit pursuant to Rule 1105.1



# Sulfur Recovery Units /Tail Gas Incinerators (SRU/TGI)

### SRU/TGI Universe

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### SRU/TG Incinerator Background 52

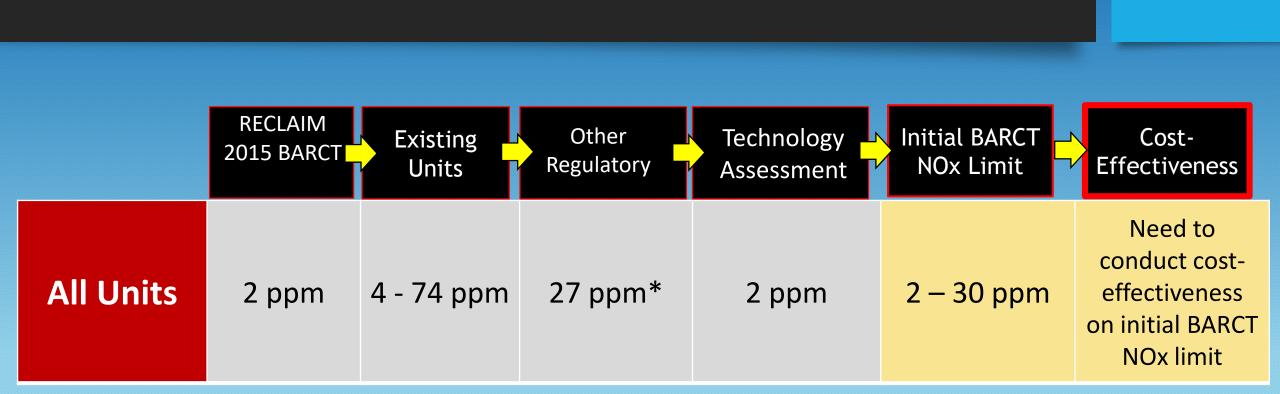
- Sulfur recovery units (SRU) convert hydrogen sulfide into elemental sulfur
- SRU converts ~95 percent of the hydrogen sulfide into sulfur and the tail gas incinerators (TGI) converts the remaining hydrogen sulfide into SO<sub>2</sub>
- Tail gas is vented to a thermal/catalytic oxidizer/incinerator
- SRU/TGI are classified as major sources of NOx

### SRU/TGI Challenges 53

- Currently no units have been retrofitted with post combustions controls
- Challenging retrofits
  - High stacks adds to installation costs
  - Flue temperatures above maximum SCR temperatures
    - Waste heat boiler or excess air needed to cool gas
- Hydrogen sulfide rich gas contains NOx precursors
  Not all NOx from burner

# Technical Feasibility for SRU/TGI

- Combination of SCR (95% reduction) and ULNB (< 30 ppm) can achieve 2 ppm with proper engineering and design
  - Waste heat boiler or tempered air needed to reduce flue gas temperature
- LoTOx<sup>™</sup> is another control option with ULNB that can achieve >95% NOx reduction
  - Operating temperature even lower than SCR
    - Waste heat boiler or tempered air
  - Used in combination with wet scrubber to control NOx, SOx, and PM
  - No ammonia use, but ozone is required
  - Waste effluent treatment system required
- 2015 BARCT Assessment and Norton report concurred that a 2 ppm NOx limits was technically feasible



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Initial BARCT NOx Limit for SRU/TGI

Texas Department of Environmental Quality Title 30, Part 1 Chapter 117, Subchapter B, Division
 3, Rule 117.310 for Industrial Incinerators

### Initial BARCT NOx Limits for Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for SRU/TGI

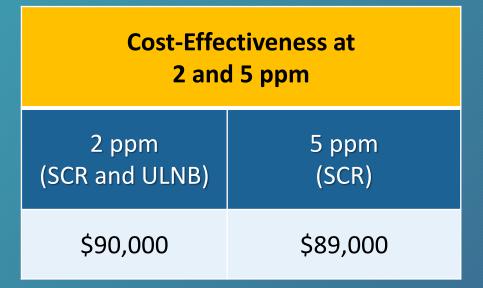
- Evaluated three NOx concentration limits
  - 2 ppm using SCR/ ULNBs or LoTOx<sup>™</sup>
  - 5 ppm using SCR or LoTOx<sup>™</sup>
  - 30 ppm using ULNB only



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Total NOx emission for SRU/TGTU is 0.43 tpd

#### Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for 2 and 5 ppm using SCR

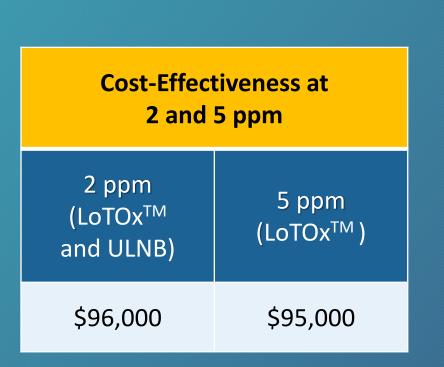


- Staff received one cost estimate for a SCR retrofit (~ \$60 MM for two units with common SCR)
- Cost estimates for remaining units:
  - SCR cost ~\$45 per standard cubic feet/minute flow rate
  - Waste heat boiler ~ \$100,000
  - Installation ~ 4.5 times capital cost (Based on 2015 BARCT Norton recommendation)
  - Operating and Maintenance ~ \$150,000/year
- ULNB installation and cost
  - 8 units exceed 95% reduction to achieve 2 ppm and would need to replace burners
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#### **Staff Recommendation**

2 and 5 ppm is not cost-effective for SRU/TGI using SCR

Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for 2 and 5 ppm using LoTOx<sup>™</sup>



Staff relied on 2015 BARCT assessment to estimate costs (3 data points)

- Scaled costs up using 4% interest rate
- Created cost curve for total install and O&M costs

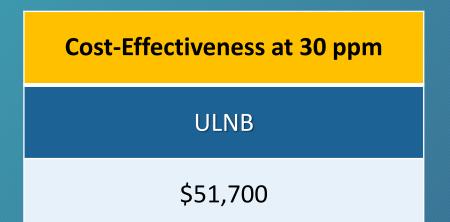
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### Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for 30 ppm



Cost estimates for burner retrofit:

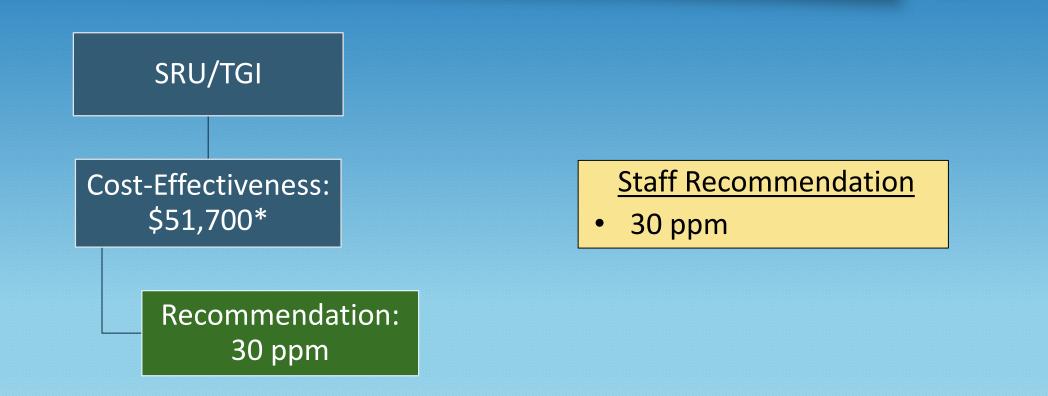
- Staff used the burner cost curve to estimate burner costs (average cost ~ \$3.1 MM)
- Operating and Maintenance ~ \$2,000/year
- 9 units currently operating above 30 ppm would need to be retrofit
- Based on current cost estimates, 30 ppm is cost-effective

#### **Staff Recommendation**

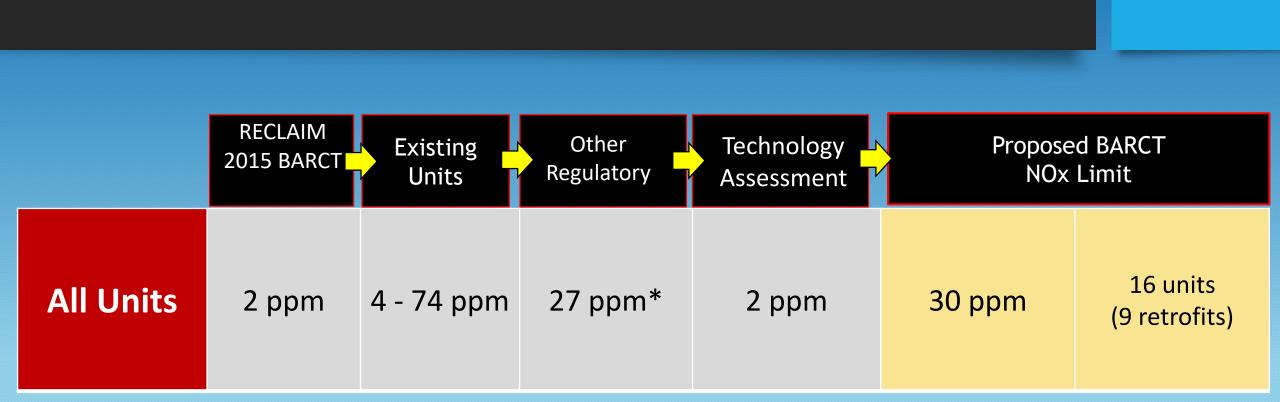
30 ppm is cost-effective for SRU/TGI using ULNB

### Staff Recommendation for SRU/TGI

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\*Cost per ton of NOx reduced



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Proposed BARCT NOx Limit for SRU/TGI

Texas Department of Environmental Quality Title 30, Part 1 Chapter 117, Subchapter B, Division
 3, Rule 117.310 for Industrial Incinerators

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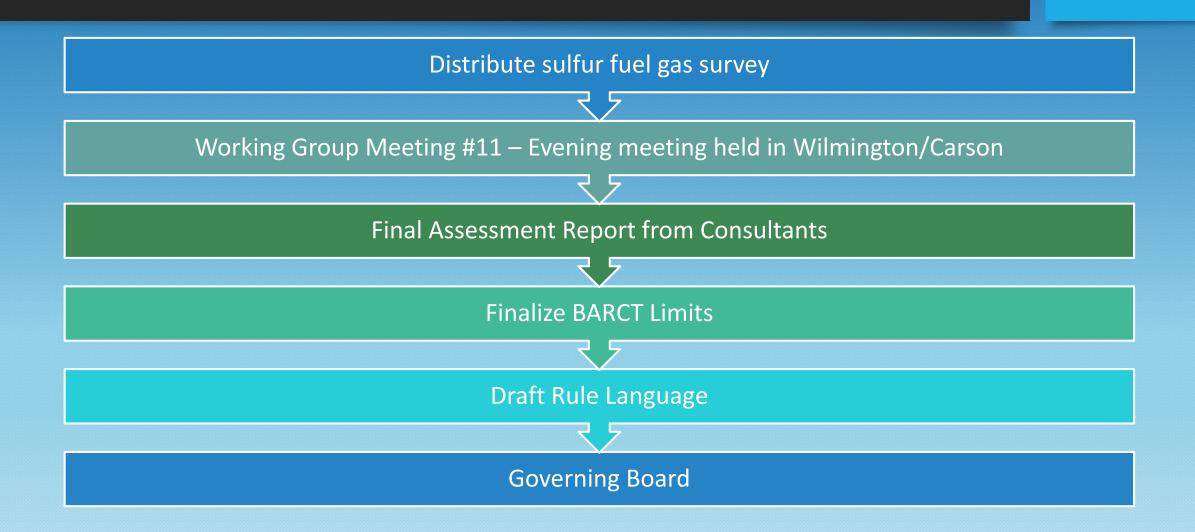
#### <u>Staff proposing 30 ppm NOx</u> <u>limit</u>

- Based on burner technology
- Technically feasible and cost effective

#### **Considerations**

- Challenging to retrofit
  - High stacks
  - High flue gas temperature
  - Limited space
  - Moderate emissions

# **Next Steps**



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