



Rule 1109.1 - NOx Emission Reduction for Refinery Equipment

Working Group Meeting #5
November 28, 2018

Agenda

- 1 Progress of Rule Development
- 2 Technology/BARCT Analysis
- 3 Survey Data Overview
- 4 Survey Data Analysis for Source Category
- 5 Next Steps

Progress of Rule Development

Summary of Working Group #4 (9/12/18)

- Discussed fourth step of the BARCT technology assessment
- Focused on commercially available and emerging technologies
- Presented source specific rules for boilers/heaters, thermal oxidizers, and incinerators

Since last Working Group Meeting

- Analyzed submitted survey data
- Coke calciner stakeholder meeting
- Meetings with control technology suppliers
- Request for Proposal (RFP) Board approval scheduled for release 12/7/18 (Contractor selection 2/8/19 and final report due 5/24/19)
- Continuing site visits and meetings with stakeholders and non-stakeholders to assess control technology transferability

Technology Assessment Review

BARCT Technology Assessment



BARCT Analysis Approach Review

Identify Emission Levels for Existing Units

Assess Rules in Other Air Districts for same

Technology Assessment

Establishing the BARCT Emission Limit and other Considerations

Cost Effectiveness



Survey Data Overview

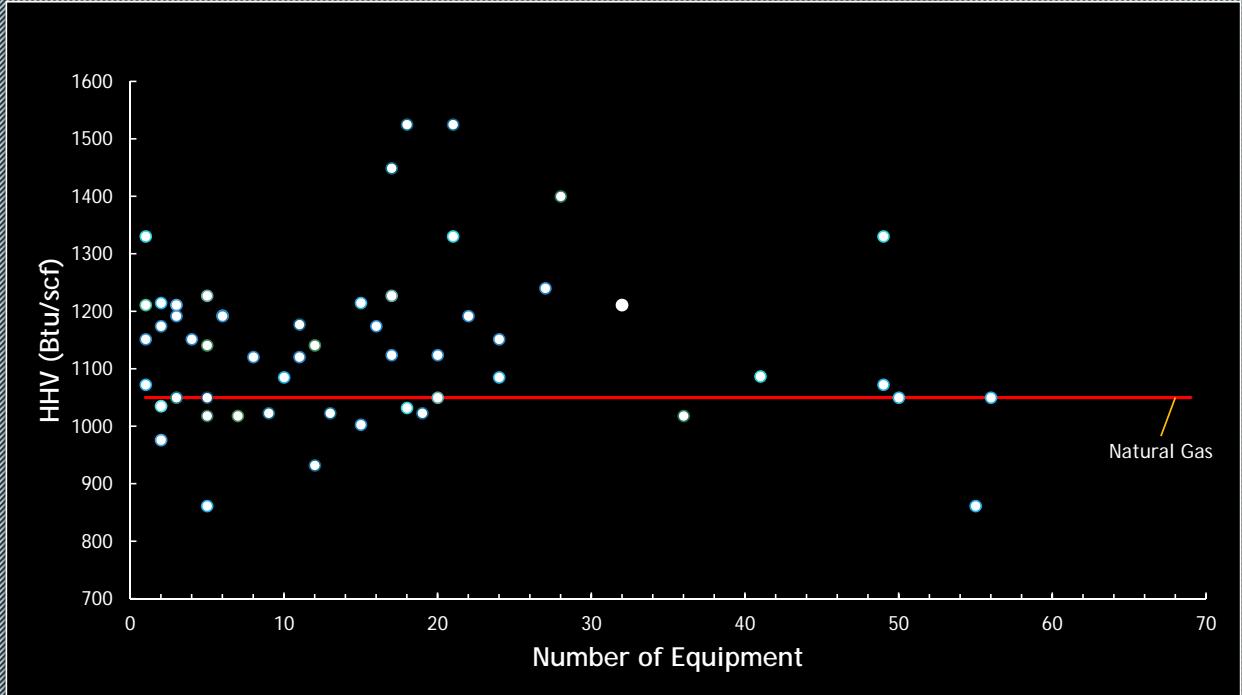
Survey Data Overview

- Information gathered from survey used to determine:
 - Proposed BARCT limits
 - Cost-effectiveness analysis
- Provides staff with most up-to-date information for current equipment
 - Number of permitted equipment
 - Some equipment are not in operation, removed, or never built
 - Age of equipment and retrofit controls
 - Average heating value of fuel
 - Fuel usage
 - Utility of heater operated (% capacity utilized)
 - Currently installed control technology (if equipped)
 - Outlet NOx Emissions - what is currently being achieved
 - Compared to CEMS (RATA) and Source test data
 - Planned or scheduled installation of control technology

Refinery Fuel Gas (RFG)

Refinery/Process Fuel Gas

- Predominant fuel used is RFG and/or mixed gas (RFG and natural gas)
- RFG has different properties than pipeline-quality natural gas fuel
- RFG composition varies amongst refineries and over time
- Combustion characteristics of RFG
 - Higher heating value (HHV) also varies
 - Significantly higher heating value than natural gas (as high as 1400 Btu/scf) due to olefins
 - Thus burns hotter, more NOx
 - RFG mixed with NG at fuel gas mix-drum to maintain consistent HV



Snapshot of fuel HHV at a given time. Data sampling from 53 pieces of equipment from each source category located at each facility

Survey Data Equipment

The survey provided data and information for the following category of equipment

Process
heaters and
boilers

Gas
turbines

FCCU

SRU/TG
Incinerators

Thermal
oxidizers
and
incinerators

Coke
calciner

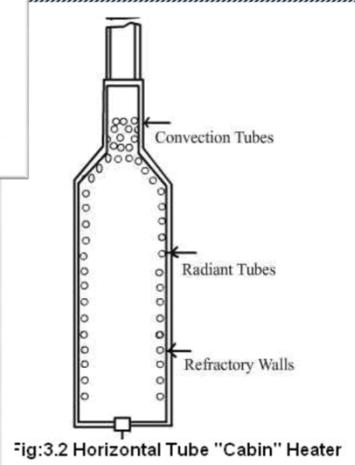
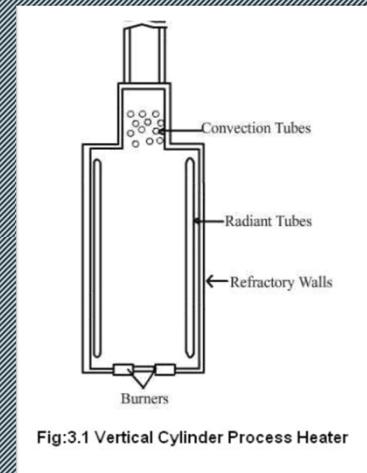
Auxiliary
ICE
(formerly
primary
ICE)



Survey Data Analysis Process Heaters & Boilers

Process Heaters & Boilers

- Represents the largest source category of NOx emissions
 - 69% of total equipment (235 total)
- Located in a majority of processing units
- Heat generated from a fueled-fired process heater or boiler is provided by combustion
- Boilers and steam generators are devices that heat or boil water
- Process heaters heat process streams other than water to unit processing temperatures
- Refinery fuel gas and natural gas are predominant fuel
- Hydrogen reformer heaters use Pressure Swing Adsorber (PSA) off gas as primary fuel with RFG and NG as trim fuel (~90/10 ratio)



Process Heaters & Boilers

- Largest Source category for Rule 1109.1 NOx emissions at 2,974 tons/year (69%), but highest number of equipment
- After further refinement of heater/boiler data, the following categories will be used:
 - Heaters (primary heaters & start-up/shutdown)
 - Crude processing (crude & coker units)
 - Hydroprocessing (hydrocracking, isomerization, and reformer units)
 - Boilers (excludes heat recovery boilers & CO boilers)
 - Utilities (steam generation)
 - Hydrogen reformer heaters
 - Sulfuric acid plant heaters (furnace & start-up/shutdown heaters)
- Each heater/boiler category will further be sub-divided into heater size category
- Classification of NOx control.

Control	Current Technology	Survey
LNB	15 - 25 ppm	14 - 81 ppm
ULNB	9- 15 ppm	19 - 60 ppm

- Definition of ULNB and LNB may have been different at time of installation
 - Based on survey, burners were retrofitted on average 27 years ago

Process Heaters & Boilers Categories

Heaters

- Primary heaters - includes all heaters used in a majority of refinery processing units
- Start-up/shutdown heaters - heaters used only for start-up/shutdown (excludes FCCU Start-up heaters)

Boilers (steam generation)

- Fuel-fired boilers that produce plant steam from boiling water
- Does not include heat recovery steam boilers and CO boilers (heat input is from heat recovery)

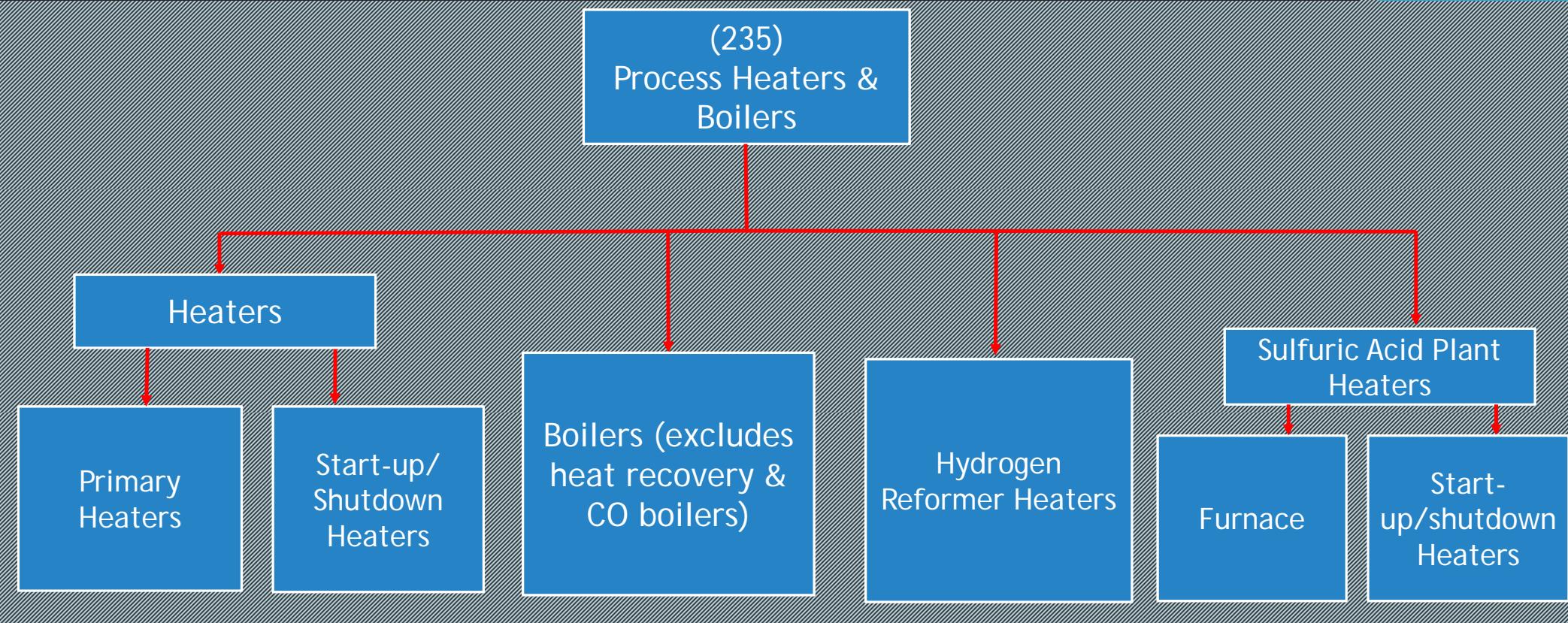
Hydrogen reformer heaters

- Large heaters
- Primary fuel is PSA-off gas (composition consist of CO, methanol, and some H₂)
- Trim fuel can either be refinery gas or natural gas

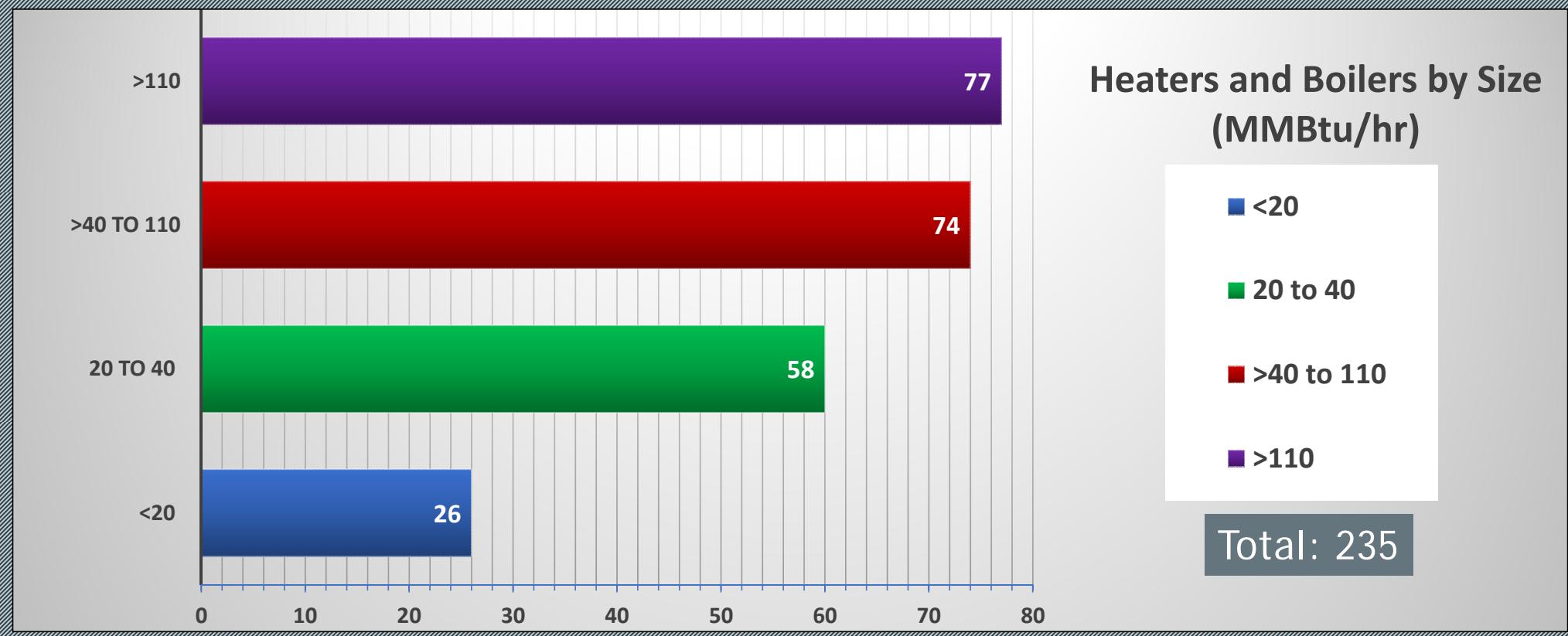
Sulfuric acid plant heaters

- Furnaces - spent sulfuric acid is sprayed into furnace with fuel and air in the combustion process
- Start-up/shutdown heaters - exhaust from heaters are aggregated with furnace, used as preheat or used during maintenance activities

Heaters & Boilers by Category



Process Heaters & Boilers by Size



Heaters & Boilers breakdown by Size & Category

Size/Capacity (MMBtu/Hr)	Heaters		Boilers	Hydrogen Reformer Heaters	Sulfuric Acid Plant Heaters		Total
	Primary Heaters	Start-up & Shutdown Heaters			Furnace	Start-up & Shutdown Heaters	
<20	23		2			1	26
20 to 40	54		3		1		58
>40 to 110	68		3		2	1	74
>110	44		19	13	1		77
Total	189		27	13	4	2	235

Primary Heaters

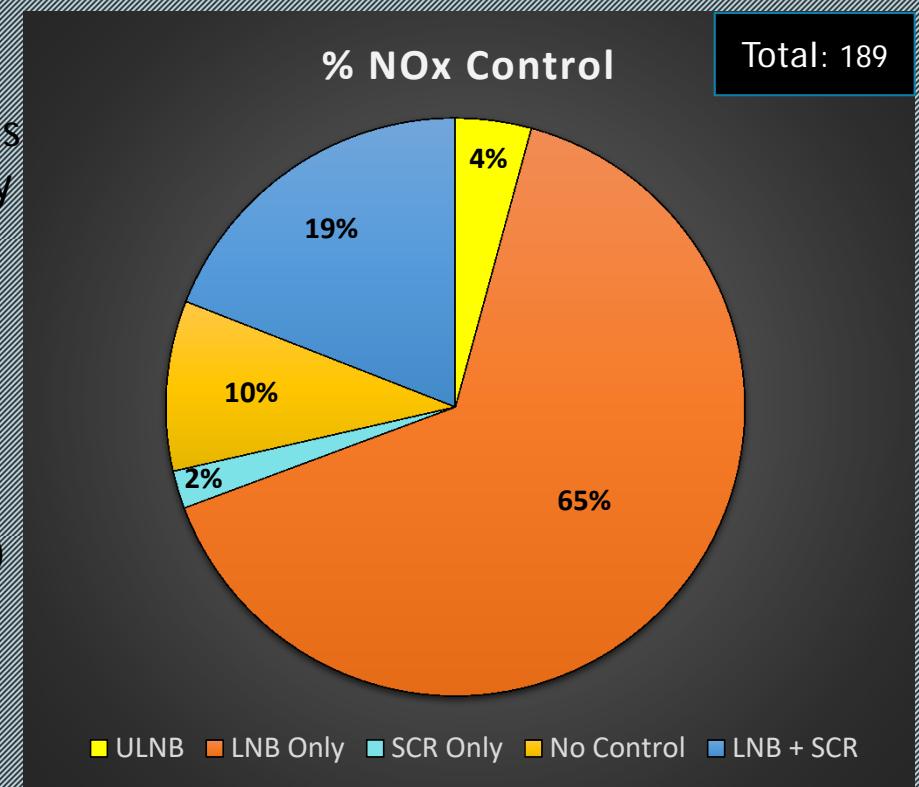
Size/Capacity Range (MMBtu/hr)	Primary Heaters	LNB	Equipped with SCR	No Control	Average Age (years)* ¹	Avg. Num. of Burners	Avg. Flow Rate (dscf/min)	Average % Capacity	NOx Emissions Low (ppm)* ²	NOx Emissions High (ppm)* ²	2016 Emissions (tons/yr)
<20	23	21	1	2	47	3	2,961	61%	4.4	68	25
20 to 40	54	53	8	1	39	10	6,410	59%	3.8	97	154
>40 to 110	68	55	15	12	34	22	13,776	54%	2.8	113	669
>110	44	42	16	2	44	35	46,067	72%	2.6	122	957
Total	189	171	40	18							1,805

*1-Age averaged over reported installation year. Some equipment age not reported.

*2-NOx emissions corrected to 3% O₂.

Primary Heaters Summary

- Represents 61.3% of total heater annual NOx emissions
- Majority located in hydroprocessing units, followed by crude and coker units
- 7 heaters located in FCCU (non-startup heaters)
- Average age of equipment from 34 to 47 years
- Lowest NOx emissions (@3% O₂)
 - <20 MMBTU/hr : 4.4 ppm (RFG, SCR)
 - 20 to 40 MMBtu/hr: 3.8 ppm (NG, LNB, and SCR)
 - >40 to <110 MMBtu/hr: 2.8 ppm (RFG, ULNB, SCR)
 - Low ppm achieved with ULNB and SCR
 - >110 MMBtu/hr: 2.6 ppm (RFG, LNB, SCR)



Boilers

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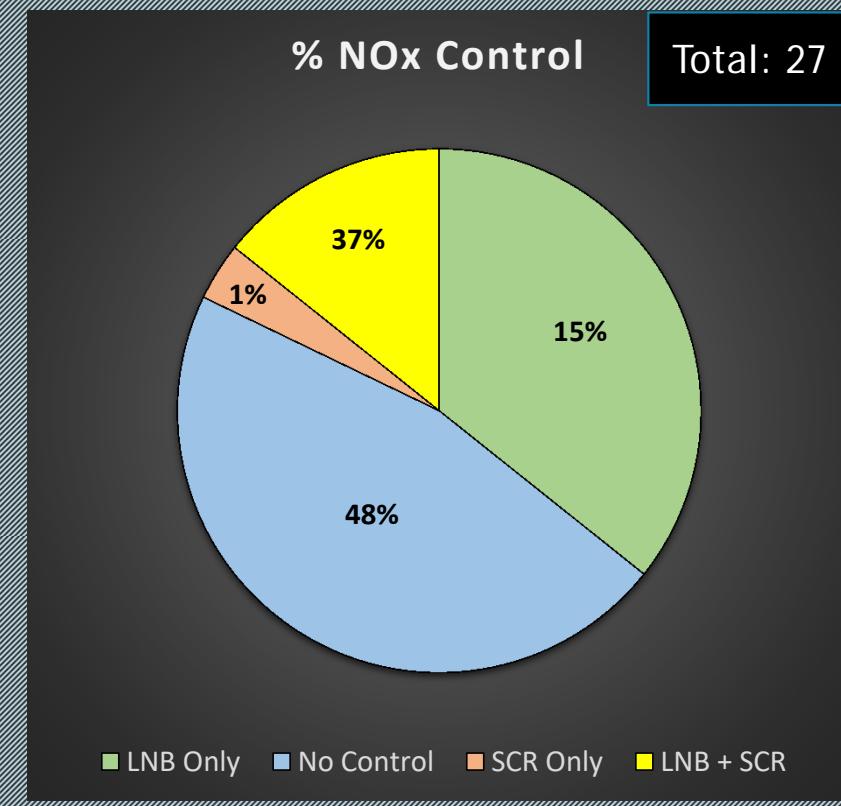
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<20	2	2	0			1	846	54%	33	36	3.3
20 to 40	3	1	0	2	17	1	4,240	34%	7.3	9	0.4
>40 to 110	3	0	0	3			5,417	28%	71	105	14
>110	19	10	5	6	37	3	33,913	51%	4.4	141	721
Total	27	13	5	11							738.7

*1-Age averaged over reported installation year. Some equipment age not reported.

*2-NOx emissions corrected to 3% O₂

Boilers Summary

- Represents 25% of total annual heaters & boilers emissions
- Does not include heat recovery steam boilers, only fuel-fired utilities boiler
- Majority of boilers are >110 MMBTU/hr
- Most boilers are used on average 28% to 54% of capacity
- 2 boilers are located in sulfur plant
- Lowest NOx Outlet (@3% O₂)
 - < 20 MMBTU/hr: 30 ppm (NG, LNB)
 - 20 to 40 MMBTU/hr : 7.3 ppm (NG, LNB)
 - >40 to 110 MMBtu/hr : 71 ppm (RFG, no control)
 - >110 MMBtu/hr : 4.4 ppm (RFG, SCR)



Hydrogen Reformer Heaters

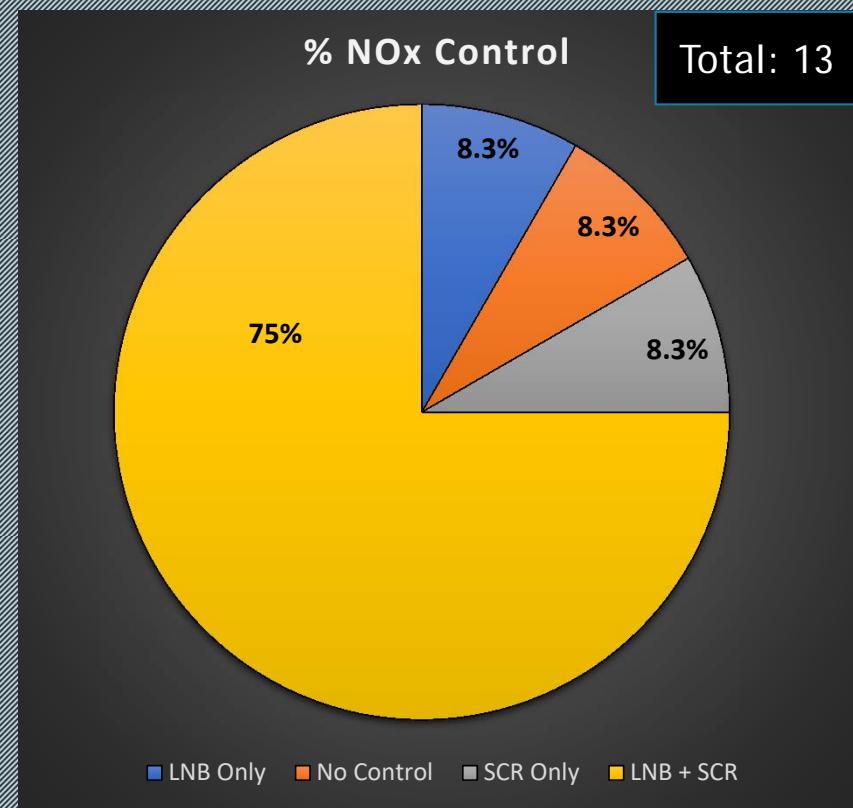
Size/Capacity Range (MMBtu/hr)	Hydrogen Reformer Heaters	LNB	Equipped with SCR	No Control	Average Age (years)* ¹	Avg. Num. of Burners	Average % Capacity	Avg. Flow Rate (dscf/min)	NOx Emissions Low (ppm)* ²	NOx Emissions High (ppm)* ²	2016 Emissions (tons/yr)
≤110											
>110	13	11	10	1	29	162	59%	106,845	4	70	366
Total	13	11	10	1							366

*1-Age averaged over reported installation year. Some equipment age not reported.

*2-NOx emissions corrected to 3% O₂

Hydrogen Reformer Heaters Summary

- Largest heaters in category, all >110 MMBtu/hr
- 12.4 % of total annual heater and boiler emissions
- 12 hydrogen reformer heaters
 - One hydrogen reformer heater has gas turbine attached upstream, but share common stack
 - 13 total pieces of equipment
- Hydrogen reformer heaters are used on average 59% of capacity
- Primary Fuel is PSA off gas with either NG or RFG as trim fuel
- Largest volumetric flow rate of all heaters: ~106,845 dscf/min (average)
- Most are equipped with some form of NOx control or combination of controls
- One with no control is result of control system not operating as designed
- Lowest NOx emissions (@3% O₂)
 - 780 MMBtu/hr , 4 ppm
- Equipment equipped with LNB and SCR achieve on average 5.7 ppm NOx



Sulfuric Acid Plant Heaters

Size/Capacity Range (MMBtu/hr)	Sulfuric Acid Plant Heaters	LNB	Equipped with SCR	No Control	Average Age (years)*	Avg. Num. of Burners	Avg. Flow Rate (dscf/min)	Average % Capacity	NOx Emissions Low (ppm)*	NOx Emissions High (ppm)*	2016 Emissions (tons/yr)
<20											
20 to 40	1	1	0		49		2,701	56%	34.0		3.2
>40 to 110	2	1	0	1	28	1	22,149	66%	11	94	10.8
>110	1	0	0	1	30	2	66,000	49%	20		23.0
Total	4	2		2		3					37.0

Size/Capacity Range (MMBtu/hr)	Start Up Heaters	LNB	Equipped with SCR	No Control	Average Age (years)*	Avg. Num. of Burners	Avg. Flow Rate (dscf/min)	Average % Capacity	NOx Emissions Low (ppm)*	NOx Emissions High (ppm)*	2016 Emissions (tons/yr)
<20	1	1	0		25	1					0.1
20 to 40											
>40 to 110	1	0	0	1	28	1	5,600	27%	29.6		0.2
>110											
Total	2	1		1		2					0.3

*1-Age averaged over reported installation year. Some equipment age not reported.

*2-NOx emissions corrected to 3% O₂.

Sulfuric Acid Heaters Summary

- 1.3% of total heater and boiler annual NOx emissions
- Two primary heaters (furnaces) are used approximately 49% to 66% of capacity
 - Spent sulfuric acid is sprayed with fuel during combustion process
- Two heaters are used as preheat or steam superheater (29 and 50 MMBtu/hr)
- Two start-up heaters used only during start-up or maintaining temperature during shutdown
- NOx Outlet (@3% O₂)
 - 10 to < 20 MMBtu/hr – Permit limit of 190 ppm (start-up only)
 - 20 to 40 MMBtu/hr - 34 ppm (RFG, LNB)
 - >40 to 110 MMBtu/hr - 11 ppm (RFG, LNB)
 - >110 MMBtu/hr - 20 ppm (NG, no NOx control)
- No post-combustion NOx controls (survey)
- Some challenges of NOx control due to SOx emissions and exhaust temperature
- Continuing to evaluate controls options with system manufacturers

Heaters & Boilers Category Summary

- Largest source category of Rule 1109.1 NOx emissions at 2,974 tons/year (69%)
- Heaters/boilers are located in all major processing units including FCCU and Sulfur plants
- Primary factors impacting NOx emissions are:
 - Emission rates, time operated, percentage of full firing rate, and currently implemented control technologies
- Lowest achievable limits from combination of controls
 - Boilers and heaters that are equipped with both LNB and SCR achieve the lowest NOx emissions
- Oldest equipment tend to have no control, high ppm emissions
 - Oldest boiler 75 years old (no control, 96 ppm @ 3% O₂)
 - Oldest heater 65 years old (no control, 47 ppm @ 3% O₂)



Survey Data Analysis Gas Turbines

Gas Turbines - Combined Cycle

Size (MMBTU/Hr)	Fuel Type	Control & Year	NOx Permit Limit (ppm)	NH3 Permit Limit (ppm)	Survey NOx ppm	CEMS(RATA) NOx ppm @15% O2	Source Test NOx ppm @ 15% O2	Avg. Flow Rate (dscf/min)	% Capacity	2016 NOx Emissions (tons/year)
508.6	Natural Gas	DLNB, SCR	2	5	1.1*	1.0	1.2	238,134	91.6	9.6
506	Natural Gas	SCR, WI, 96	9	20	6.4*	5.2	5.1	248,724	89.9	48.6
560	Natural Gas	SCR, WI, 95	9	20	8.2*	6.0	6.1	217,943	74.6	52.1
560	Natural Gas	SCR, WI, 95	9	20	4.4*	2.8	7.7	237,330	84.3	44.4
985.5	Refinery Gas	SCR, WI, 88	8	20	2.5	2.9	5	528,074	80.9	71.6
985.5	Refinery Gas	DLE, SCR, WI, 88	8	20	2.5	3.2	3.2	548,088	79.4	78.1
985.5	Refinery Gas	SCR, WI 98	8	20	2.5	3.0	6.0	555,389	78.7	80.7
985.5	Refinery Gas	SCR, WI 88	8	20	2.4	2.8	6.0	569,678	78.6	86.6
646.3	Refinery Gas	SCR, 86	9	20	5.7	5.9	6.5	311,586	67	50.3
Total										522

NOx: 1-hour average @15 % oxygen, dry basis

uncorrected

DLNB: Dry Low NOx Burner DLE: Dry Low Emitter

CEMS and Source Test: 9 runs at 30 min each

WI: water/steam injection SCR: Selective Catalytic Reduction

Gas Turbines - Simple Cycle

Size (MMBTU/ Hr)	Source	Fuel Type	Control & Year	NOx Permit Limit (ppm)	NH3 Limit (ppm)	Survey NOx ppm@ 15% O2	CEMS (RATA) NOx ppm @15% O2	Source Test NOx ppm @15% O2	Avg. Flow Rate (dscf/min)	% Capacity	2016 NOx Emissions (tons/ year)
392	Major	Refinery Gas	SCR, WI	96	5	9.9	11.2	11.1	218,518	82.3	50.6
392	Major	Refinery Gas	SCR, WI	96	5	7.8	5.7	8.6	236,518	80.9	41.5
Total											92.1

NOx: 1-hour average @15 % oxygen, dry basis
 CEMS and Source Test- 9 runs at 30 min each

WI: water/steam injection; SCR: Selective Catalytic Reduction

Gas Turbines Category Summary

- Second largest source category of total annual NOx emissions at 14.4%
- Largest stack flow rate of all equipment
- Gas turbines are used 67% to 91% of capacity
- Compared NOx emissions from survey data, CEMS (RATA), and source test data
- 10 Combined cycle turbines (one not in operation since 2012, not included in table)
 - 5 fueled by natural gas
 - Lowest survey NOx emission at stack is 1.1 ppm (<2 ppm permit limit)
 - 5 fueled by refinery fuel gas
 - Lowest survey NOx emission is 2.4 ppm (<8 ppm permit limit)
- 3 Simple cycle
 - 2 gas turbines are equipped with heat recovery boilers
 - Approximately used 80% capacity
 - NOx emission is at 7.8 ppm
 - One cogen gas turbine combined with reformer heater, emissions are aggregated with heater (not in table, but included with hydrogen reformer heaters)
 - NOx emission at 4.5 ppm @ 3% O₂



Survey Data Analysis

FCCU

FCCU

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Device ID	Size (MMBTU/Hr)	Fuel Type	Control	Device/Class	NOx Permit Limit(ppm)	NH3 Permit Limit (ppm)	Survey NOx ppm @3 % O2*	CEMS (RATA) NOx ppm @3% O2	Source Test NOx ppm @3% O2	Avg. Flow Rate (dscf/min)	2016 NOx Emissions (tons/year)
1	N/A	--	SCR	Regenerator	40	10	6	14.0		148,974	70.0
2	N/A	--	SCR	Regenerator	60	10	1.2	5.0	9.5	186,153	7.2
3	N/A	--	SCR	Regenerator	40	10	11.3	14.2	7.2	215,920	76.0
4	464	Refinery Gas	LNB	CO Boiler	20						
5	300	Refinery Gas	LNB	CO Boiler	N/A	10	18	18.7	11.6	90,259	32
6	N/A	--	no SCR	Regenerator	89						
7	N/A	--	no SCR	Regenerator	40	10	12.8	14.1	20.5	85,859	58
8	N/A	--	no SCR	Regenerator	82	10	32.7	26.1	27.7	85,918	112.3
Total											355

*7 day average @ 3% O2, dry basis

CEMS (RATA) and Source Test - 9 runs at 30 min each

FCCU Category Summary

- Third largest source category of total annual NOx emissions at 8.4%
- 5 total FCCU regenerator units
- 1 FCCU no longer in operation
- 3 equipped with SCR
- 2 equipped with CO boiler (not fired, used as heat recovery only)
- Lowest survey NOx emissions from FCCU is 1.2 ppm @ 3% O₂
- 7 regenerator start-up/air heaters are included with FCCU
 - Start up heater emissions are aggregated under the FCC regenerator
 - Fueled by refinery fuel gas and/or natural gas
 - Start-up heater sizes range from 108 to 300 MMBtu/hr
 - 1.3% of heater capacity used per year



Survey Data Analysis SRU/TG Incinerators

SRU/TG Incinerators

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SRU/TG Incinerators Category Summary

- 3.3% of total annual NOx emissions
- NOx emissions vary widely
 - Range from 4.2 ppm to 137 ppm
- 19 pieces of equipment in category
 - 16 Incinerators
 - 3 equipped with in-line stack heaters (combined with SRU incinerators)
 - 50% equipped with LNB
- No post combustion control (survey)
- Challenges due to SOx emissions
- Will consider control options feasibility and cost effectiveness of controls



Survey Data Analysis

Thermal Oxidizers and Incinerators

Thermal Oxidizers and Incinerators

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Size (MMBTU/Hr)	Process Type	Fuel Type	Device/Class	NOx Permit Limit(ppm)	Survey NOx ppm @ 3% O2	Control	2016 NOx Emissions (tons/year)
1	Soil Vapor	Propane	Incinerator	8.46	97		0.01
1.4	Air Pollution Control	Natural Gas	Incinerator	107	67	Low NOx Burners	0.60
2	Soil Vapor	Natural Gas	Thermal Oxidizer	102	45	Low NOx Burners	0
2	Soil Vapor	Natural Gas	Thermal Oxidizer	102	46	Low NOx Burners	0.09
3	Thermal Oxidizer	Natural Gas	Incinerator	100	4.2	Ultra Low NOx Burner	3.47
3.4	RTO	Refinery Gas/Refinery Mixed Gas	Incinerator	150	18.4	Low NOx Burner	3.45
4	API	Natural Gas	Incinerator		14.7	Low NOx Burner	2.42
4	API	Natural Gas	Thermal Incinerator		10.8		1.20
4	Groundwater remediation	Natural Gas	Thermal Oxidizer	130 LBS/MMSCF	27		0.18
6	Groundwater remediation	Natural Gas	Thermal Oxidizer	130 LBS/MMSCF	25	Low NOx Burner	0.10
8	Duct burner	Natural Gas	Thermal Oxidizer	30	20	Low NOx Burner	0.00
10	Fumes Incinerator	Renewable Fuel Gas	Oxidizer		43		4.98
14	Air Pollution Control	Natural Gas / Refinery Gas	Oxidizer	45	53		3.88
30	Fumes Incinerator	Renewable Fuel Gas	Oxidizer	6.6	58.3		5.57
Total							25.95

Thermal Oxidizers and Incinerators

Category Summary

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- 14 pieces of equipment
- Accounts for 0.6% of total annual NOx emissions
- Size range from 1 to 30 MMBtu/hr
- 57% are equipped with LNB (survey)
- Usage and hours of operation vary widely
- NOx emissions varies from 4.2 ppm to 9.7 ppm
- Capacity varies and is dependent upon location and unit



Coke Calciner

Coke Calciner

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- Will continue to hold separate meeting with stakeholder to discuss BARCT limits, cost effectiveness, and control technologies
- Next proposed meeting: 12/14/18 during upcoming site visit
- Will discuss with stakeholder



Auxiliary Internal Combustion Engines

Auxiliary Internal Combustion Engines

- Three auxiliary internal combustion engines (ICE)
- Initially classified as primary ICE
- Survey data indicates that engines are used to power cogeneration systems during start-ups only
- Low use (approximately 10 hours a year)
- 2016 NOx emissions less than 0.45 tons a year
- Will consider cost-effectiveness of installing NOx controls

Next Steps

Release RFP for 3rd Party BARCT Validation

Select 3rd Party BARCT Validation

Establish BARCT Limits

Cost Effectiveness

Develop Rule Concepts

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