

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 5, 2020

AGENDA NO. 27

**PROPOSAL:** Determine That Proposed Amendments to Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces, Are Exempt from CEQA and Amend Rule 1117

**SYNOPSIS:** The adoption Resolution for the 2016 AQMP directed staff to achieve additional NOx reductions and to transition the RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure as soon as practicable. Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1117 applies to container glass and sodium silicate production facilities. PAR 1117 will establish NOx and SOx emission standards for container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces, update monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements, establish provisions for idling, startup, and shutdown of these furnaces, and remove obsolete provisions. PAR 1117 also includes NOx emission limits for auxiliary combustion equipment associated with container glass melting operations.

**COMMITTEE:** Stationary Source, April 17, 2020, Reviewed

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

Adopt the attached Resolution:

1. Determining that the proposed amendments to Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces, are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and
2. Amending Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces.

Wayne Natri  
Executive Officer

## **Background**

Rule 1117 - Emissions from Oxides of Nitrogen from Glass Melting Furnaces was adopted on February 5, 1982 and was amended once on January 6, 1984. Rule 1117 established NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for glass melting furnaces. Facilities in the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program are currently exempt from the NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits in Rule 1117.

During the adoption of the 2016 AQMP, the Resolution directed staff to modify Control Measure CMB-05 to achieve an additional five tons per day of NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions and to transition the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure requiring BARCT as soon as practicable, but no later than 2025. In addition, California State Assembly Bill (AB) 617, which was approved in July 2017, requires that BARCT be implemented for facilities in the state greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program by December 31, 2023. As facilities transition out of NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM, a command-and-control rule that establishes BARCT emission limits will be needed for facilities conducting glass melting and sodium silicate operations.

PAR 1117 is a command-and-control rule for RECLAIM facilities that operate container glass melting furnaces and associated combustion equipment, and sodium silicate furnaces. Two RECLAIM facilities that will be covered by PAR 1117 include: one container glass manufacturer and one sodium silicate manufacturer. The proposed emission limits reflect current operations at these facilities, so no additional control equipment or additional costs associated with implementing PAR 1117 are expected. Equipment at these two facilities will be required to meet a NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission standard for furnaces and associated combustion equipment, and monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements contained in PAR 1117. In addition, PAR 1117 will address operational concerns related to idling, startup, and shutdown of container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces. Existing provisions that are no longer applicable will be removed.

## **Public Process**

The development of PAR 1117 was conducted through a public process. One working group meeting was held on August 1, 2019, at which facility representatives, along with other interested parties, were in attendance.

As part of this rulemaking process, staff had numerous individual meetings with affected stakeholders and conducted multiple site visits at both facilities. Since this rule affects only two facilities, staff determined that it would be more beneficial and efficient to address specific issues with the facilities individually in lieu of conducting multiple working group meetings. A Public Workshop was held on March 19, 2020 via videoconference.

### **Proposed Amendments**

PAR 1117 establishes NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits that are representative of BARCT for container glass melting furnaces and associated combustion equipment, and sodium silicate furnaces. In response to the 2015 BARCT shave of the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM allocations, both facilities installed air pollution control equipment on their furnaces in 2017. The container glass facility installed a combination of oxy-fueled burners and a ceramic catalyst filtration system and the sodium silicate facility installed a ceramic catalyst filtration system. As a result, the BARCT analysis was based on the emission limits achieved by both of these facilities as they are the lowest emission limits for container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces in the nation. PAR 1117 establishes a NO<sub>x</sub> emission standard of 0.75 lb. of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled on a rolling 30-day average for container glass melting furnaces and 0.50 lb. of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled on a rolling 30-day average for sodium silicate furnaces, as well as a SO<sub>x</sub> emission standard of 1.1 lbs. of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of material pulled on a rolling 30-day average for both container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces. A rolling 30-day averaging meets the industry standard for this type of operation and it also provides an adequate period of time for facilities to address operational variability. Consistent with NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits established by Rule 1147 – NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction from Miscellaneous Sources for similar equipment, PAR 1117 also establishes a NO<sub>x</sub> emission standard of 30 ppmvd NO<sub>x</sub> at 3% O<sub>2</sub> or 0.036 lb. per MMBTU of heat input for auxiliary combustion equipment associated with container glass furnaces.

PAR 1117 also includes provisions to reduce emissions from idling, startup, and shutdown of furnaces that takes into consideration the size, operational needs, and limitations of the pollution control technology. PAR 1117 revises definitions, updates monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements, removes obsolete requirements, and adds provisions to improve clarity.

### **Emission Reductions**

Based on a baseline of 0.72 tons per day in 2016, implementation of PAR 1117 would result in the reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 0.57 tons per day based on the pollution controls installed at both facilities. The NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions will be submitted into the State Implementation Plan since the two facilities are currently subject to RECLAIM and will now be subject to a new command-and-control emission limit. PAR 1117 would not impose a more stringent SO<sub>x</sub> limit than is already required to be achieved.

### **Key Issues**

Throughout the rulemaking process, staff has worked closely with stakeholders to address their comments and issues regarding the proposed emission standards, averaging times, monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements, and emissions testing requirements. Staff is not aware of any remaining key issues.

### **California Environmental Quality Act**

Proposed Amended Rule 1117 has been reviewed pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. The proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption and is included as Attachment H to this Board letter. If the project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be electronically filed with the State Clearinghouse to be posted on their CEQAnet Web Portal. Once the Notice of Exemption is posted, members of the public may access it via the following weblink: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>. In addition, the Notice of Exemption will be electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD’s webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/public-notices/ceqa-notices/notices-of-exemption/noe---year-2020>. The electronic filing and posting of the Notice of Exemption is being implemented in accordance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-54-20 issued on April 22, 2020 for the State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

### **Socioeconomic Analysis**

Based on cost data provided by the affected facilities, the cost-effectiveness for installation of pollution controls that meet the NO<sub>x</sub> limits of PAR 1117 is \$22,700 per ton of NO<sub>x</sub> reduced. The cost-effectiveness reflects the cost previously incurred by the facilities when new pollution control equipment was installed in 2017. Since both facilities have already installed pollution controls on their furnaces and PAR 1117 allows the glass melting facility to meet the NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for their auxiliary combustion equipment when the burners are replaced, there are no additional costs associated with implementing PAR 1117. As a result, no socioeconomic analysis is required under California Health and Safety Code Sections 40440.8 and 40728.5.

### **AQMP and Legal Mandates**

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 40460 (a), the South Coast AQMD is required to adopt an AQMP demonstrating compliance with all federal regulations and standards. The South Coast AQMD is required to adopt rules and regulations that carry out the objectives of the AQMP. PAR 1117 will partially implement control measure CMB-05 – Further NO<sub>x</sub> Reductions from RECLAIM Assessment in the 2016 AQMP, will recognize 0.57 tons per day of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, and is needed to help facilitate the transition of the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure.

### **Resource Impacts**

Existing staff resources are adequate to implement the proposed amendments.

**Attachments**

- A. Summary of Proposal
- B. Key Issues and Responses
- C. Rule Development Process
- D. Key Contacts List
- E. Resolution
- F. Proposed Amended Rule 1117
- G. Final Staff Report
- H. Notice of Exemption
- I. Board Meeting Presentation

## ATTACHMENT A

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

#### Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces

##### *Applicability*

- Applies to facilities that operate container glass melting furnaces or sodium silicate furnaces

##### *Emissions Limits*

- 0.75 lb of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled for container glass melting furnaces based on a rolling 30-day average;
- 0.50 lb of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled for sodium silicate furnaces based on a rolling 30-day average;
- 1.1 lbs of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of material pulled for container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces based on a rolling 30-day average; and
- 30 ppmvd NO<sub>x</sub> at 3% O<sub>2</sub> or 0.036 lb per MMBTU of heat input for auxiliary combustion equipment associated with container glass furnaces

##### *Idling, Startup, and Shutdown*

- A furnace shall not be operated for more than:
  - 240 consecutive hours per event and 960 cumulative hours in any rolling 365-day period during periods of idling;
  - 720 hours per startup period; and
  - 240 hours per shutdown period
- Emissions control equipment to be used when furnace exhaust gas temperature is greater than or equal to 450° F

##### *Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping*

- Maintain daily records of operation time, quantity of product, and pollutant mass emission rates
- For RECLAIM facilities, continue monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping pursuant to the requirements of Regulation XX, until the facility becomes a Former RECLAIM facility

##### *Exemptions*

- Reduces production level required to qualify for exemption from less than or equal to 15 lbs per hour of NO<sub>x</sub> to less than 100 tons of product pulled per calendar year

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **KEY ISSUES AND RESPONSES**

Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces

Throughout the rulemaking process, staff has worked closely with stakeholders from the two affected facilities and with various other stakeholders to address their comments and resolve any key issues. Staff is not aware of any remaining key issues.

**ATTACHMENT C  
RULE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate  
Furnaces



**Seventeen (17) months spent in rule development.**

**One (1) Public Workshop.**

**One (1) Stationary Source Committee Meeting.**

**One (1) Working Group Meeting.**

## **ATTACHMENT D**

### **KEY CONTACTS LIST**

Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium  
Silicate Furnaces

*(listed alphabetically)*

- Fives Group
- Latham & Watkins, LLP
- Owens-Illinois
- PQ Corporation
- Tri-Mer Corporation
- U.S. EPA

**ATTACHMENT E**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_\_\_**

**A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) determining that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**

**A Resolution of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board amending Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces.**

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board finds and determines that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 is considered a “project” pursuant to CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD has had its regulatory program certified pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and has conducted a CEQA review and analysis of Proposed Amended Rule 1117 pursuant to such program (South Coast AQMD Rule 110); and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board finds and determines after conducting a review of the proposed project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA, that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 is exempt from CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board finds and determines that, because the proposed project would not cause any physical changes that would affect any environment topic area, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 may have any significant effects on the environment, and is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD staff has prepared a Notice of Exemption for Proposed Amended Rule 1117 that is completed in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD staff conducted a public workshop on March 19, 2020 regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1117; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposed Amended Rule 1117 and supporting documentation, including but not limited to, the Notice of Exemption and Final Staff Report, were presented to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board and the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has reviewed and considered this information, as well as has taken and considered staff testimony and public comment prior to approving the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board finds and determines, taking into consideration the factors in Section (d)(4)(D) of the Governing Board Procedures (codified as Section 30.5(4)(D)(i) of the Administrative Code), that any modifications to Proposed Amended Rule 1117 since the notice of public hearing was published, are not so substantial as to significantly affect the meaning of the proposed amended rule within the meaning of Health and Safety Code Section 40726 because: (a) the changes do not impact emission reductions, (b) the changes do not affect the number or type of sources regulated by the rule, (c) the changes are consistent with the information contained in the notice of public hearing, and (d) the consideration of the range of CEQA alternatives is not applicable because Proposed Amended Rule 1117 is exempt from CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposed Amended Rule 1117 will be submitted for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code Section 40727 requires that prior to adopting, amending or repealing a rule or regulation, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board shall make findings of necessity, authority, clarity, consistency, non-duplication, and reference based on relevant information presented at the public hearing and in the Final Staff Report; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has determined that a need exists to amend Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces to continue with the transition of facilities in the RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure by establishing Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) to meet the commitments of Control Measure CMB-05 of the Final 2016 Air Quality Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board obtains its authority to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations from Sections 39002, 40000, 40001, 40440, 40702, 40725 through 40728, 41508, and 41700 of the Health and Safety Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board finds that there is an ozone problem that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 will alleviate and will promote the attainment or maintenance of state or federal ambient air quality standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has determined that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 is written and displayed so that its meaning can be easily understood by persons directly affected by it; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has determined that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 is in harmony with, and not in conflict with or contradictory to, existing statutes, court decisions, or state or federal regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has determined that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 does not impose the same requirements as any existing state or federal regulations, and the proposed amended rule is necessary and proper to execute the powers and duties granted to, and imposed upon, the South Coast AQMD; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, in amending Rule 1117, references the following statute which the South Coast AQMD hereby implements, interprets or makes specific: Assembly Bill 617, Health and Safety Code Sections 39002, 40001, 40702, 40440(a), and 40725 through 40728.5; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 requires the South Coast AQMD to prepare a written analysis of existing federal air pollution control requirements applicable to the same source type being regulated whenever it adopts, or amends a rule, and the South Coast AQMD's comparative analysis of Proposed Amended Rule 1117 is included in the Final Staff Report; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board finds that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 does not significantly affect air quality or emissions limitations, and therefore a socioeconomic impact assessment, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 40440.8, 40728.5, or 40920.6 is not required; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing has been properly noticed in accordance with all provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 40725; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has held a public hearing in accordance with all provisions of law; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Coast AQMD specifies the Planning and Rules Manager of Rule 1117 as the custodian of the documents or other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the adoption of these proposed amendments is based, which are located at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the South Coast AQMD Governing Board does hereby determine, pursuant to the authority granted by law, that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. This information was presented to the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, whose members exercised their independent judgment and reviewed, considered and approved the information therein prior to acting on Proposed Amended Rule 1117; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the South Coast AQMD Governing Board does hereby adopt, pursuant to the authority granted by law, Proposed Amended Rule 1117 as set forth in the attached, and incorporated herein by reference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the South Coast AQMD Governing Board requests that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 be submitted into the State Implementation Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Officer is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution and Proposed Amended Rule 1117 and supporting documentation to the California Air Resources Board for approval and subsequently submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLERK OF THE BOARDS

## ATTACHMENT F

(Adopted February 5, 1982)(Amended January 6, 1984)(PAR 1117 June 5, 2020)

### PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1117      EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN FROM CONTAINER GLASS MELTING AND SODIUM SILICATE FURNACES

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to limit emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) from facilities producing container glass and sodium silicate.

(b) Applicability

The provisions of this rule shall apply to the owner or operator of a RECLAIM facility or Former RECLAIM facility that operates a container glass melting furnace and associated auxiliary combustion equipment or that operates a sodium silicate furnace.

(a)(c) Definitions

(1) AUXILIARY COMBUSTION EQUIPMENT means, for the purposes of this rule, any combustion equipment associated with the conveyance system or annealing equipment used in the container glass production process.

~~(1)~~ Container Glass CONTAINER GLASS MELTING FURNACE means any  
2) furnace used to melt material in the production of food and beverage type containers manufactured by pressing, blowing in molds, drawing, rolling, or casting glass. Container glass does not include glass tableware or flat glass that is used in windows, windshields, plate glass, etc., which is produced by the float, sheet, rolled, or plate glass process.

(3) CULLET means recycled and scrap glass which is added to the formulation being charged to a container glass melting furnace.

(4) DAY means the continuous 24-hour period from 12:00 am through 11:59 pm.

~~(2)~~ Flat Glass means glass that is used in windows, windshields, plate glass, etc., and which is produced by the float, sheet, rolled, or plate glass process.

~~(3)~~ Pull is the term applied to the removal of glass from a glass melting furnace, generally expressed in tons.

~~(4)~~ Cullet is scrap glass which is added to the formulation being charged to a furnace.

(5) FORMER RECLAIM FACILITY means a facility, or any of its successors, that was in the Regional Clean Air Incentives Market as of January 5, 2018, as

- established in Regulation XX, that has received a final determination notification, and is no longer in the RECLAIM program.
- ~~(5)~~ Furnace-FURNACE is means, for the purpose of this rule, either a container glass  
(6) melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace.
- ~~(6)~~ Furnace Rebuild is any change in furnace design configuration which requires a  
change in the Permit to Operate.
- ~~(7)~~ Idling-IDLING is means the operation of a furnace at less than 25 percent of the  
production capacity as stated on the Permit to Operate and where the furnace is  
not undergoing startup or shutdown.
- ~~(8)~~ NOx EMISSIONS means the sum of nitric oxides and nitrogen dioxides emitted,  
calculated as nitrogen dioxide.
- ~~(9)~~ PRODUCTION CAPACITY means a container glass or sodium silicate pull limit  
found in a Permit to Operate for the applicable furnace.
- ~~(10)~~ PULL or PULLED means the amount of product produced by a furnace, expressed  
in short tons per day.
- ~~(11)~~ RECLAIM FACILITY means a facility, or any of its successors, that was in the  
Regional Clean Air Incentives Market as of January 5, 2018, as established in  
Regulation XX.
- ~~(9)~~ ShutdownSHUTDOWN is means that period of time during which a furnace is  
(12) allowed to cool from operating temperatures to a lower furnace temperature below  
200°F.
- ~~(13)~~ SODIUM SILICATE FURNACE means any furnace used to melt material in the  
production of various water-soluble substances obtained in the form of crystals,  
glasses, powders, or aqueous solutions, used in a variety of industrial and  
consumer products.
- ~~(14)~~ SOx EMISSIONS means sulfur dioxides emitted.
- ~~(8)~~ Start-upSTARTUP is means that period of time during which a furnace is heated  
(15) to operating temperatures from a lower furnace temperature below 200°F.
- ~~(9)~~ Shutdown is that period of time during which a furnace is allowed to cool from  
operating temperature to a lower temperature.

- (10) ~~Energy Recovery is the use of waste heat from a permit unit in another permit unit on the same premises so that at least five percent of the total waste heat is recovered for useful purposes at the first stage of heat transfer.~~

~~(b)~~(d) Requirements

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- (1) ~~After December 31, 1987, no person shall operate a furnace capable of discharging nitrogen oxides into the atmosphere unless such discharge of nitrogen oxides into the atmosphere is limited to no more than 5.5 pounds of nitrogen oxides per ton of glass pulled.~~
- (2) ~~After December 31, 1992, no person shall operate a furnace capable of discharging nitrogen oxides into the atmosphere unless such discharge of nitrogen oxides into the atmosphere is limited to no more than 4.0 pounds of nitrogen oxides per ton of glass pulled.~~
- (3) ~~The requirements of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) shall not apply to furnaces which comply with an alternative emissions control plan which satisfies all of the following requirements:~~
- (A) ~~The maximum emission of any air contaminant in any 24 hour period shall not exceed the emission of such air contaminant if the furnaces complied with (b)(1) and (b)(2).~~
- (B) ~~The furnaces are located within the same premises.~~
- (C) ~~Prior to its implementation, the control plan shall be approved, in writing, by the Executive Officer.~~
- (D) ~~The control plan shall be enforceable by the District and shall include methods acceptable to the Executive Officer for demonstrating compliance with the control plan on a daily basis.~~
- (E) ~~Continuous NOx monitors shall be required for each furnace included in a control plan.~~
- (F) ~~A modified alternative emission control plan shall be required prior to modification of any permit units subject to alternative emission control, or upon amendment of this rule. Such plan shall not include credit for those reductions required by amendments to this rule.~~



- (A) 0.75 pound of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period; and
  - (B) 1.1 pounds of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period.
- (2) Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a sodium silicate furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:
- (A) 0.50 pound of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period; and
  - (B) 1.1 pounds of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period, if not fired on 100% natural gas.
- (3) Except when the exhaust emission control is in operation, the owner or operator shall not operate a furnace for more than:
- (A) 240 consecutive hours per event and 960 cumulative hours in any rolling 365-day period during periods of idling;
  - (B) 720 hours per startup period; and
  - (C) 240 hours per shutdown period.
- (4) During operation of a furnace including periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a furnace shall maintain in operation any exhaust emission control systems, including the injection of any associated chemical reagent into the exhaust stream to control NO<sub>x</sub>, if the temperature of the gas to the inlet of the emission control system is greater than or equal to 450° F.
- (5) On or before [15 years after Date of Amendment], the owner or operator of a container glass facility shall not operate the auxiliary combustion equipment used in the manufacture of container glass, that exceeds a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 30 ppmvd at 3% O<sub>2</sub>, dry or 0.036 lb/MMBTU heat input.

~~(e)~~(e) Compliance Determination

The owner or operator of a container glass melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace shall:

- (1) ~~For the purposes of this rule, nitrogen oxides shall be calculated as NO<sub>2</sub> on a dry basis, or by an alternative method requested by the operator and approved by the Executive Officer.~~

- ~~(2) All emission determinations shall be made in the as found operating condition, except no compliance determination shall be made during, startup, or shutdown, or under breakdown conditions.~~
- (1) Excluding emissions during periods of idling, startup or shutdowns, determine compliance with the emission limits in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) on a rolling 30-day average using a Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS), except if a furnace operates for fewer than 30 days, then compliance with the emission limits in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) will be determined based on the average for the actual days of operation. A facility owner or operator shall comply with the applicable monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements specified in:
  - (A) Rules 2011 and 2012 for RECLAIM facilities; or
  - (B) Rules 218 and 218.1 for former RECLAIM facilities.
- (2) Determine compliance with the NOx emission limits in paragraph (d)(5) for auxiliary combustion equipment by:
  - (A) Conducting a source test of the equipment per South Coast AQMD Method 100.1; or
  - (B) Providing certification from the original equipment manufacturer that the equipment is designed to meet the NOx emission limit.
- ~~(3) The averaging time for measurement of nitrogen oxides for compliance determination shall be 3 hours, except if an operator installs and maintains a continuous NOx monitor in accordance with conditions set forth by the Executive Officer, the averaging time may be extended to 24 hours.~~
- (4) The following expression shall be used to convert uncorrected observed volume in parts per million of NOx to pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled at standard conditions of 68 degrees F and 29.92 inches of mercury:

$$\frac{(\text{PPMv NOx})(46 \text{ grams/mole})(1.56 \times 10^{-7})(\text{SDCFM})}{\text{Ton/hour of Glass Pulled}} = \frac{\text{Lbs NOx}}{\text{Ton of glass pulled}}$$

(f) Recordkeeping

The owner or operator of a container glass melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace shall:

- (1) Maintain daily records of:
  - (A) Total hours of operation;
  - (B) The quantity of product pulled from each furnace; and
  - (C) Pollutant emission rate in units of pound of pollutant per ton of product pulled, as applicable, on a rolling 30-day average.
- (2) Maintain all data, records, and other information required by this rule for at least five years and make available for inspection by the Executive Officer.
- (3) For RECLAIM facilities, continue to report, pursuant to the requirements of Regulation XX, until such time that the facility becomes a Former RECLAIM facility.

~~(d)~~(g) Exemptions

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The provisions of this rule shall not apply to:

- (1) ~~Furnaces which are limited by Permit to Operate to 15 lbs/hour of NO<sub>x</sub> or less~~less than 100 tons of product pulled per calendar year as specified in a South Coast AQMD permit.
- (2) Glass remelt facilities using exclusively glass cullet, marbles, chips, or similar feedstock in lieu of basic glass-making raw materials.
- ~~(3) Furnaces used in the melting of glass for the production of glass tableware exclusively.~~
- ~~(4) Flat glass melting furnaces.~~
- ~~(5)~~ Furnaces used in the melting of glass for the production of fiberglass, which means material consisting of fine filaments of glass that are combined in yarn and woven or spun into fabrics, or that are used as reinforcement in other materials or in masses as thermal or as acoustical insulating products for the construction industry exclusively.
- ~~(6) Idling furnaces.~~

~~(f)~~ Effective Date

~~Any furnace rebuilt after July 1, 1983 shall comply with the provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of this rule upon commencement of operation. All other furnaces shall comply by December 31, 1987.~~

~~Any furnace rebuilt after December 31, 1987 shall comply with the provisions of paragraph (b)(2) of this rule upon commencement of operation. All other furnaces shall comply by December 31, 1992.~~

# ATTACHMENT G

## SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### Final Staff Report

### Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces

June 2020

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Philip M. Fine, Ph.D.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) program was adopted in October 1993 under Regulation XX. RECLAIM is a market-based emissions trading program designed to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions and includes facilities with NO<sub>x</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub> emissions greater than 4 tons per year. The 2016 Final Air Quality Management Plan (2016 AQMP) included Control Measure CMB-05: Further NO<sub>x</sub> Reductions from RECLAIM Assessment (CMB-05) to ensure the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program was achieving equivalency with command-and-control rules that are implementing Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) and to generate further NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions at RECLAIM facilities. The adoption resolution for the 2016 AQMP directed staff to achieve five tons per day of NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions as soon as feasible but no later than 2025, and to transition the RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure requiring BARCT as soon as practicable. On July 26, 2017 the Governor approved California State Assembly Bill 617, which required air districts to develop, by January 1, 2019, an expedited schedule for the implementation of BARCT no later than December 31, 2023 for industrial facilities that are in the State greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program with priority given to older higher polluting sources that need to install BARCT.

As facilities transition out of NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM, a command-and-control rule that includes NO<sub>x</sub> emission standards that reflect BARCT will be needed for all equipment categories. Rule 1117 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces is a command-and-control rule for facilities that operate furnaces used in the production of glass and sodium silicate. Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces (PAR 1117) will update the existing rule to reflect current technologically-achieved emission levels that represent BACRT for NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>. PAR 1117 will also address operational concerns related to idling, startup, and shutdown of container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces by including provisions and limitations for these unique situations. In addition, provisions that are no longer applicable will be removed.

Of the facilities in RECLAIM, two facilities will be affected by PAR 1117: one container glass manufacturer and one sodium silicate manufacturer. There are two furnaces operated at the container glass facility and one furnace operated at the sodium silicate facility that will be subject to PAR 1117. In addition, PAR 1117 will also incorporate the auxiliary combustion equipment associated with the container glass manufacturing lines. Initially, Rule 1117 applied to the container glass manufacturing process but did not apply to the sodium silicate process. However, with the transition of RECLAIM to a command-and-control regulatory structure, sodium silicate manufacturing has been included into PAR 1117 since its manufacturing process is similar to container glass.

In 2017, both container glass and sodium silicate facilities installed new air pollution control devices (APCDs) on each of their furnaces. Although the APCDs were installed prior to the adoption of PAR 1117, their impact on reducing NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions will be evaluated and included as part of the rule development process to ensure NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits are met on an ongoing basis. Based on the success demonstrated in reducing NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission levels, PAR 1117 will reduce the NO<sub>x</sub> limit from the current rule level of 4.0 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass

pulled to 0.75 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled for container glass furnaces and 0.50 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled for sodium silicate furnaces. PAR 1117 will also establish a SO<sub>x</sub> emission level where no limit had been included previously in the rule. The SO<sub>x</sub> emission level for container glass furnaces and the sodium silicate furnace will be established at 1.1 lbs of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled based on current permitted conditions contained in the container glass facility's Permit to Operate and on a level representing Best Available Control Technology limits.

A cost-effectiveness analysis was completed for the NO<sub>x</sub> reduction associated with the 2017 installation of the APCDs at both the container glass and sodium silicate facilities, as well as future requirements pertaining to container glass auxiliary combustion equipment. The NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions are 0.57 tpd and an overall cost-effectiveness of \$22,700 per ton of NO<sub>x</sub> reduced was determined for the proposed emission limits. Although additional benefits from the reduction of other pollutants are expected, these other reductions were not considered at this time.

## **CHAPTER 1: BACKGROUND**

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**BACKGROUND**

**REGULATORY HISTORY**

**AFFECTED FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

**PUBLIC PROCESS**

## **BACKGROUND**

In October 1993, Regulation XX- RECLAIM was adopted. The purpose of the RECLAIM program was to provide industry with a flexible, market-based approach to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Participants were initially allocated RECLAIM Trading Credits (RTCs) based on emissions from their highest production level from 1989 to 1992. With the adoption of RECLAIM, furnaces that had been regulated under Rule 1117 were exempt from NO<sub>x</sub> emission standards.

Over the life of RECLAIM, allocations have been reduced twice, requiring businesses to either reduce emissions through installation of pollution controls or replacement if equipment or processes change; or purchase RTCs. In response to concerns regarding actual emission reductions and implementation of BARCT under RECLAIM, Control Measure CMB-05 of the 2016 AQMP committed to an assessment of the RECLAIM program in order to achieve further NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions of five tons per day, including actions to transition the program and ensure future equivalency to command-and-control regulations. During the adoption of the 2016 AQMP, the adoption resolution directed staff to modify Control Measure CMB-05 to achieve the five tons per day NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction as soon as feasible but no later than 2025, and to transition the RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure requiring BARCT-level controls as soon as practicable.

In addition, on July 26, 2017, Governor Brown signed AB 617 which addressed non-vehicular air pollution. AB 617 was companion legislation to AB 398 which extended California's cap-and-trade program for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources. RECLAIM facilities that are part of the cap-and-trade program are now also subject to the requirements of AB 617. AB 617 requires an expedited schedule for implementing BARCT for cap-and-trade facilities. Under AB 617, the State's air districts were to develop a schedule by January 1, 2019 for the implementation of BARCT no later than December 31, 2023. The highest priority would be given to older, higher polluting units that would need to install retrofit controls.

The October 5, 2018 amendment to Rule 2001 established procedures for facilities to opt out of RECLAIM provided the equipment at the facility met specified criteria.

Staff has been in discussions with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on all elements of transitioning RECLAIM sources to a command-and-control regulatory structure to ensure that the rules relating to the transition would be approved into the State Implementation Plan (SIP). USEPA expressed concern over facilities exiting RECLAIM before all command-and-control and New Source Review (NSR) requirements had been adopted to clearly demonstrate equivalency to the replaced program. Therefore, USEPA has recommended keeping facilities in RECLAIM until all the rules associated with the transition have been adopted and approved into the SIP.

As a result, on July 12, 2019, the opt-out provision was removed from Rule 2001 in consideration of USEPA's recommendation, and now prohibits facilities from exiting the RECLAIM program. Until facilities exit RECLAIM, they will continue to be subject to all RECLAIM requirements including Rule 2005 – New Source Review for RECLAIM, for permitting of new or modified NO<sub>x</sub> sources that undergo emission increases. In addition, these facilities will also be required to

comply with all the requirements in adopted and amended command-and-control rules that apply to RECLAIM facilities, including the implementation schedules and any NO<sub>x</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub> limitations. Staff will continue to work with USEPA on NSR for former RECLAIM facilities as well as on all the relevant command-and-control rules for the RECLAIM transition.

As facilities transition out of RECLAIM, a command-and-control rule that includes NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission standards that reflect BARCT will be needed. PAR 1117 is a command-and-control “landing” rule for RECLAIM facilities that operate container glass melting and associated combustion equipment, and sodium silicate furnaces. Equipment at existing RECLAIM facilities will be required to comply with the emission standards and with monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements contained in PAR 1117. In addition, PAR 1117 will address operational concerns related to idling, startup, and shutdown of container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces by including provisions and limitations for these situations. Existing provisions that are no longer applicable will be removed.

## **REGULATORY HISTORY**

On February 5, 1982, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board adopted Rule 1117 – *Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Glass Melting Furnaces*. The rule was subsequently amended once on January 6, 1984. The rule set a single limit for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions at 4.0 lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled effective after December 31, 1992. However, the rule exempted furnaces used in the production of glass tableware, flat glass, or fiberglass.

The rule also allowed for the use of an alternative emissions control plan and an energy recovery NO<sub>x</sub> emissions factor. In addition, compliance determination was made using a three-hour averaging procedure unless a continuous emissions monitoring system was installed, in which case a 24-hour averaging could then be used.

In December 2015, Regulation XX was amended to implement Control Measure CMB-01 of the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan and to further reduce NO<sub>x</sub> from RECLAIM facilities. The amendment implemented NO<sub>x</sub> BARCT for various pieces of equipment. As part of the BARCT assessment, container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces were evaluated and it was determined to be feasible to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 80%, which was also verified by a third-party consultant. In response to the required NO<sub>x</sub> allocation reduction, both container glass and sodium silicate facilities installed air pollution control equipment to comply with this requirement.

## **AFFECTED FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

PAR 1117 impacts two facilities: a container glass and sodium silicate manufacturing facility. Both facilities are in the RECLAIM program and upon transitioning out of RECLAIM into a command-and-control regulatory structure, they will become former RECLAIM Facilities. There are no other facilities operating within the jurisdiction of the South Coast AQMD that are equipped with container glass melting or sodium silicate furnaces or similarly purposed equipment that would be subject to this proposed amended rule.

The container glass facility makes containers used in the food and beverage industries. It operates two container glass melting furnaces. Each furnace is rated at 68 MMBTU/hr and is equipped with oxy-fueled burners. The container glass facility also operates two manufacturing lines that each consists of a main melting furnace where molten glass is produced and auxiliary combustion equipment to keep the material flowing to pour stations where the bottles are formed. Once the bottles are formed, they are transported to smaller furnaces for annealing. The annealing step relieves any residual internal stress introduced in the manufacturing process which improves the durability of bottles. Typically, once the facility starts up, the container glass melting furnaces operate continuously for years at a time.

The sodium silicate facility produces a sodium silicate material in either solid or aqueous solution that is used in a variety of industrial or consumer products. It operates one furnace rated at 56.6 MMBTU/hr and is equipped with low-NOx burners. The sodium silicate furnace is a cross-fired regenerative furnace that cycles its firing from one side to the other, reversing direction on a periodic basis. The back-and-forth operation of this furnace allows for waste heat to be recovered and be used to preheat combustion air, improving efficiency and allowing for higher operating temperatures. Unlike the container glass facility, the sodium silicate facility operates for limited manufacturing runs of up to several months with significant down time in between runs where the furnace is not in operation.

## **PUBLIC PROCESS**

The development of PAR 1117 was conducted through a public process. One Working Group meeting was held on August 1, 2019. Working Group meetings typically include staff and representatives from affected businesses, environmental groups, public agencies, consultants, and other interested parties. The purpose of the Working Group meetings is to discuss details of proposed amendments and to listen to concerns and issues with the objective to build consensus and to resolve key issues.

Staff has had meetings with stakeholders and has conducted multiple site visits at both facilities as part of this rulemaking process. Since this rule affects only two facilities, staff determined that it would be more beneficial and efficient to address specific issues with the facilities individually in lieu of conducting multiple working group meetings. A public workshop was held on March 19, 2020. Due to unique circumstances associated with COVID-19, the public workshop was held via videoconference. The purpose of the public workshop was to present the preliminary staff report and proposed rule language to the general public and to stakeholders, as well as to solicit feedback.

## **CHAPTER 2: BARCT ASSESSMENT**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**BARCT ANALYSIS APPROACH**

## INTRODUCTION

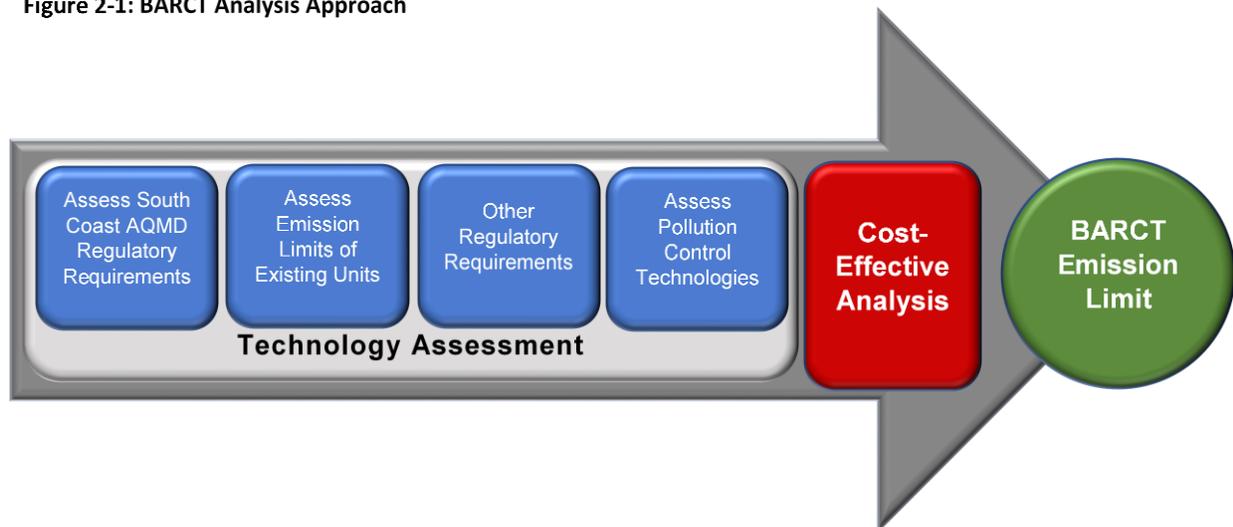
Staff conducted an assessment of the NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit under Rule 1117 to determine if it is still representative of BARCT for similar types of combustion equipment. BARCT analyses are periodically performed for equipment categories to assess technological changes that may reflect a lower emission limit. Rule 1117 was adopted in 1982 and last amended in 1984. Since that time, NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for similar types of combustion equipment generally have been established lower than the current limit contained in Rule 1117. The lower limits have been due to the evolution of burner design and the addition of emission control systems.

Under California Health and Safety Code § 40406, BARCT is defined as:

“... an emission limitation that is based on the maximum degree of reduction achievable, taking into account environmental, energy, and economic impacts by each class or category of source.”

The BARCT assessment for this rule development consisted of a multi-step analysis. The first four steps represent the technology assessment. First, staff evaluated current South Coast AQMD regulatory requirements, then assessed emission limits for existing units and then surveyed other air districts and agencies outside of the South Coast AQMD’s jurisdiction to identify emission limits that exist for similar equipment. In the final step of the technology assessment, staff assessed pollution control technologies to determine what degree of reduction could be achievable for the affected sources. A cost-effectiveness analysis is then conducted. Based on the evaluation of the information, initial BARCT emission limits are recommended.

Figure 2-1: BARCT Analysis Approach



## **BARCT ANALYSIS APPROACH**

### Assessment of Current South Coast AQMD Regulatory Requirements

For this first step of the BARCT analysis, staff reviewed both existing South Coast AQMD Rule 1117 and recent permitting activities. Last amended in 1984, Rule 1117 currently limits NO<sub>x</sub> emissions to 4.0 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled and has no SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits. Although Rule 1117 applies to glass melting furnaces, it exempts emissions from furnaces used to melt glass to produce glass tableware, flat glass, and fiberglass. Rule 1117 specifically does not include, nor does it explicitly preclude, the operation of a sodium silicate furnace. There are currently no glass melting furnaces outside of RECLAIM that are subject to Rule 1117.

#### *Container Glass*

The current Rule 1117 NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for container glass melting furnaces is 4.0 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled and has been in effect since December 31, 1992. In 2015, a BARCT assessment that included operations from container glass melting was conducted as part of the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM amendments. In that assessment, staff concluded that an 80% NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction or a target of 0.24 pound per ton of glass produced was feasible and cost effective. Furthermore, staff's conclusion was confirmed by a contracted third-party consultant. Based on the 2015 BARCT assessment, the current NO<sub>x</sub> limit in Rule 1117 is not representative of what has been demonstrated in for glass melting furnaces.

Currently, Rule 1117 does not have a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for container glass melting furnaces. However, in anticipation of a future transition of the RECLAIM SO<sub>x</sub> program to a command-and-control regulatory structure, PAR 1117 is including a SO<sub>x</sub> limit during this rulemaking effort.

#### *Sodium Silicate*

Rule 1117 currently does not include a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for sodium silicate furnaces. In 2015, a BARCT assessment that included operations from sodium silicate furnaces was conducted as part of the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM amendments. In that assessment, staff concluded that an 80% NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction or a target of 1.28 pound per ton of product pulled was feasible and cost effective. Furthermore, staff's conclusion was confirmed by a contracted third-party consultant.

Currently, Rule 1117 does not have a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for sodium silicate furnaces. However, in anticipation of a future transition of the RECLAIM SO<sub>x</sub> program to a command-and-control regulatory structure, PAR 1117 is including a SO<sub>x</sub> limit during this rulemaking effort. The furnace at the sodium silicate facility is currently included in the SO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program because it used to emit SO<sub>x</sub>.

### Assessment of Emission Limits of Existing Units

The current permit for the container glass facility contains a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 1.5 lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled. The permit limit was predicated on the addition of a post-combustion control system designed to provide at least an 80% reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in the exhaust gas exiting from the furnace. The post-combustion control system that was selected and installed was a ceramic-based catalyst system manufactured by Tri-mer. Additional consideration in selecting

the permit limit was also influenced by what other air districts and jurisdictions had determined to be attainable.

The container glass facility's permit also contains a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 1.1 lbs of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled. The SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit was established based on Best Available Control Technology (BACT) limits and by what other air districts and jurisdictions have determined to be attainable. Staff intends to incorporate the current SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit as established by the container glass facility permit as well as in other jurisdictions into the proposed amended rule, which would be representative of current BARCT.

In contrast to the container glass facility's permit, the sodium silicate facility's Title V permit does not specify either a NO<sub>x</sub> or a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit, but it does contain a throughput limit. Although not subject to a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit, the sodium silicate facility installed a Tri-mer system similar to the container glass installation to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Although the sodium silicate facility is included in the SO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program, it was exempt from reporting any SO<sub>x</sub> emissions because it uses 100% natural gas in its furnace and processes non-sulfate containing materials. Previously, the sodium silicate facility had the ability to fuel its furnace with No. 2 fuel oil, which resulted in SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, but it has since changed its fuel to exclusively natural gas and has removed all infrastructure to support the fuel oil system. In addition, the sodium silicate furnace no longer processes sulfate-containing material which was a source of process SO<sub>x</sub>. Because the furnace burns only natural gas and does not have process related SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, it is not considered a SO<sub>x</sub> source.

In general, since the installation of the Tri-mer systems, significant reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions have been observed at both the container glass and sodium silicate facilities. In contrast to NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, staff has not observed significant SO<sub>x</sub> reductions, due in part because NO<sub>x</sub> reduction was the primary driver behind the installation of the emission controls equipment and because there is no SO<sub>x</sub> data from the sodium silicate facility. These observations and their significance will be discussed further under the section assessing air pollution control technologies.

### Other Regulatory Requirements

For this BARCT assessment, staff compared Rule 1117 emission limits to limits for glass melting equipment in other air districts within California and jurisdictions outside of California.

In its initial review, staff noted that some air districts and jurisdictions distinguished between the type of glass manufacturing. For example, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) Rule 4354 – *Glass Melting Furnaces* established emission limits for the production of either container glass, flat glass, or fiberglass (see Table 2-1). Similarly, State of Pennsylvania Code 25, Section 129 – *Standards for Sources Control of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions from Glass Melting Furnaces* also established limits based on different glass production operations, distinguishing between container glass, fiberglass, flat glass, and pressed or blown glass (see Table 2-2).

In contrast to the SJVAPCD and the State of Pennsylvania, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Regulation 9, Rule 12, Section 9-12-301 – *Nitrogen Oxides from Glass Melting Furnaces* made no distinction in the type of glass manufacturing for its NO<sub>x</sub> emission

limit. The BAAQMD set a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 5.5 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per short ton of glass pulled, averaged over any consecutive 3-hour period, making no distinction in the type of glass manufacturing.

<b>Table 2-1: SJVAPCD Rule 4354 NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Limits (lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton glass produced)</b>	
Container Glass	1.5 <sup>B</sup>
Fiberglass	1.3 <sup>A,C</sup> 3.0 <sup>A,D</sup>
Flat Glass (Standard Option)	3.7 <sup>A</sup> 3.2 <sup>B</sup>
Flat Glass (Enhanced Option)	3.4 <sup>A</sup> 2.9 <sup>B</sup>
<sup>A</sup> Block 24-hour average <sup>B</sup> Rolling 30-day average <sup>C</sup> Not subject to California Public Resources Code Section 19511 <sup>D</sup> Subject to California Public Resources Code Section 19511	

<b>Table 2-2: Pennsylvania Code 25, Section 129 NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Limits<sup>A</sup> (lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton glass produced)</b>	
Container Glass	4.0
Fiberglass	4.0
Flat Glass	7.0
Pressed or Blown Glass	7.0
All Other Glass	6.0
<sup>A</sup> Rolling 30-day average	

In addition to comparing NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits set by other air districts and jurisdictions, staff also reviewed permits issued to glass melting facilities across the country to identify NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for comparable operations. In one example, staff noted that a furnace operated at the Gallo Glass Company located in Modesto, California is permitted not to exceed 1.4 lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled. At this location, Gallo manufactures container glass and although it is within the jurisdiction of the SJVAPCD, the Gallo NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit was set lower than what is established in the SJVAPCD Rule 4354.

After reviewing other permits issued to glass melting facilities across the country, staff also evaluated actions taken by USEPA to identify other NOx emission limits established for comparable operations. Staff noted that in a settlement agreement with the Durand Glass Manufacturing Company which operates a tableware glass manufacturing facility in Millville, New Jersey, Durand was required to meet a NOx emission limit of 1.2 lbs of NOx per ton of glass produced on a 30-day rolling average and 1.0 lbs of NOx per ton of glass produced on a 365-day rolling average.

As was noted earlier, the South Coast AQMD permit for the sodium silicate facility does not have a NOx emission limit specifically written into it. However, staff noted that at other domestic Title V-permitted facilities operated by the same corporation that produces sodium silicate, NOx emission limits are included within the respective facility permit. For example, at two sodium silicate facilities, one operating in Baltimore, Maryland and another in Chester, Pennsylvania, the sodium silicate melting furnaces have permitted limits of 5.73 lbs of NOx per ton produced and 6.0 lbs of NOx per ton produced, respectively.

#### Assessment of Pollution Control Technologies

Current air pollution control technology for glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces can be divided into three commercially available systems. Each one will be described in the following sections:

- Regenerative burners
  - Oxy-fueled burner technology
  - Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), and
  - Ceramic Catalyst Filtration (CCF)
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- *Regenerative burners*

Glass melting furnaces can be configured in a standard configuration where burners are mounted in a side-port arrangement on both sides, and are fired continuously. Alternatively, a cross-fired regenerative furnace cycles its firing from one side to the other, reversing direction on a periodic basis. The cyclic operation of this furnace allows for waste heat to be recovered and used to preheat combustion air for the opposing side's burners, improving efficiency and allowing for lower NOx emissions.

- *Oxy-fueled Burner Technology*

Oxy-fueled combustion is a NOx reduction technology that uses oxygen-enriched air to combust fuel, instead of ambient air. By increasing the concentration of oxygen in the combustion air, two benefits are noted. The first is that the amount of fuel used in the combustion process can be reduced. Reducing the amount of fuel used can lead to less NOx emissions. Oxygen combusts with fuel releasing energy to heat the glass making or sodium silicate process. By having more oxygen in a given volume of air, oxy-rich air requires less overall air volume needed in the combustion

process compared with ambient air. In the combustion process, some of the energy released is used to also heat the overall volume of gas. Reducing the overall volume of air then in turn reduces the amount of fuel used. The second effect is that by increasing the concentration of oxygen in air, other constituents like nitrogen are displaced. With less nitrogen in air, less NO<sub>x</sub> from combustion is produced.

Typical NO<sub>x</sub> conversion efficiencies for oxy-fueled burners varies depending on operation and configuration. Although NO<sub>x</sub> reduction may be beneficial, costs associated with oxygen enrichment may make this option expensive relative to other technologies because of the additional equipment costs associated with the construction and operation an onsite plant to supply the oxygen.

- *SCR*

SCR is a commercially available air pollution control technology used to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from combustion sources. The SCR process works by chemically converting NO<sub>x</sub> into nitrogen and water vapor. Ammonia or a similar reagent is injected into the exhaust of a combustion source. The exhaust then passes through a fixed catalyst bed where NO<sub>x</sub> reacts with ammonia and is converted into nitrogen and water vapor as illustrated by the following equations:



The catalyst is typically designed in a honey-combed lattice structure embedded with active metal-oxides sites. Catalyst efficiency relies on good dispersion, mixing, optimal temperature range, and catalyst activity. However, catalyst activity can be adversely affected by poisoning of the active sites from contaminants such as sulfur, by thermal sintering due to high temperature, or by plugging from particulate matter (PM) and salts. Typical conversion efficiencies for SCR systems can range between 90 – 95% for NO<sub>x</sub>. Although NO<sub>x</sub> conversion can be high using an SCR system, capital investment, operating cost, and increased reagent usage may make this option less cost-effective compared to other emission control technologies. Additionally, consideration is required for the minimization of any excess unreacted ammonia past the SCR catalyst, otherwise known as ammonia slip.

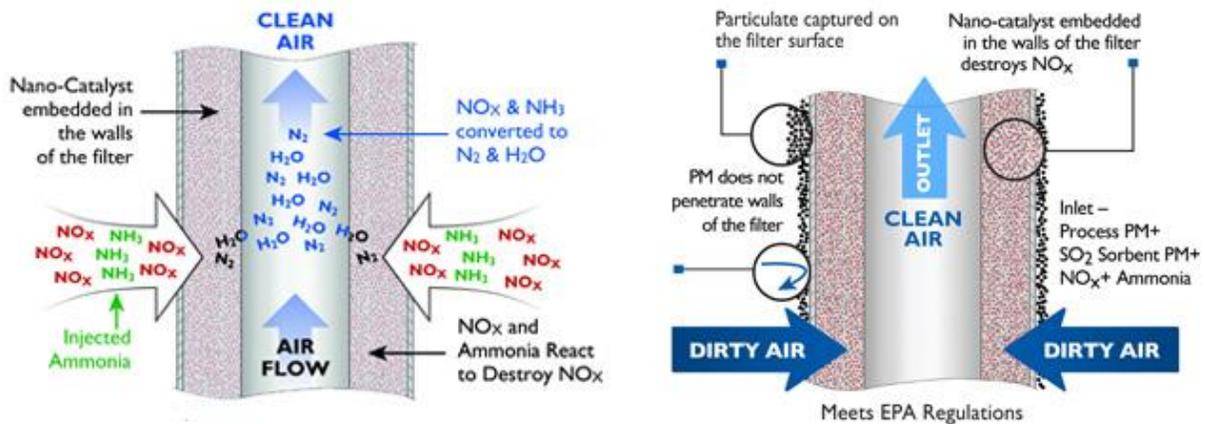
- *Ceramic Catalyst Filtration (CCF)*

CCF is a commercially available air pollution control system used to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from combustion sources. It is similar to SCR technology in that a reagent is injected into the exhaust gas from a combustion source. The exhaust then passes through a fixed catalyst bed where NO<sub>x</sub> reacts with ammonia and is converted into nitrogen and water vapor. Like an SCR, the catalyst bed is impregnated with metal oxides (See Figure 2-2). Unlike an SCR, however, the catalyst bed is configured into a cylindrical, ceramic filter element. Multiple filter elements are then arranged in an enclosed structure where the gas mixture passes through the element walls.

Typical NO<sub>x</sub> conversion efficiencies for CCF systems are comparable to traditional SCR systems. In addition to NO<sub>x</sub> reduction, CCF systems can be designed to remove other air pollutants such as SO<sub>x</sub> and PM. Although NO<sub>x</sub> conversion can be high using a CCF system, capital investment, operating cost, and increased reagent usage may make this option less cost-effective compared to other emission control technologies. However, the potential to remove pollutants in addition to NO<sub>x</sub> may make this option attractive to install.

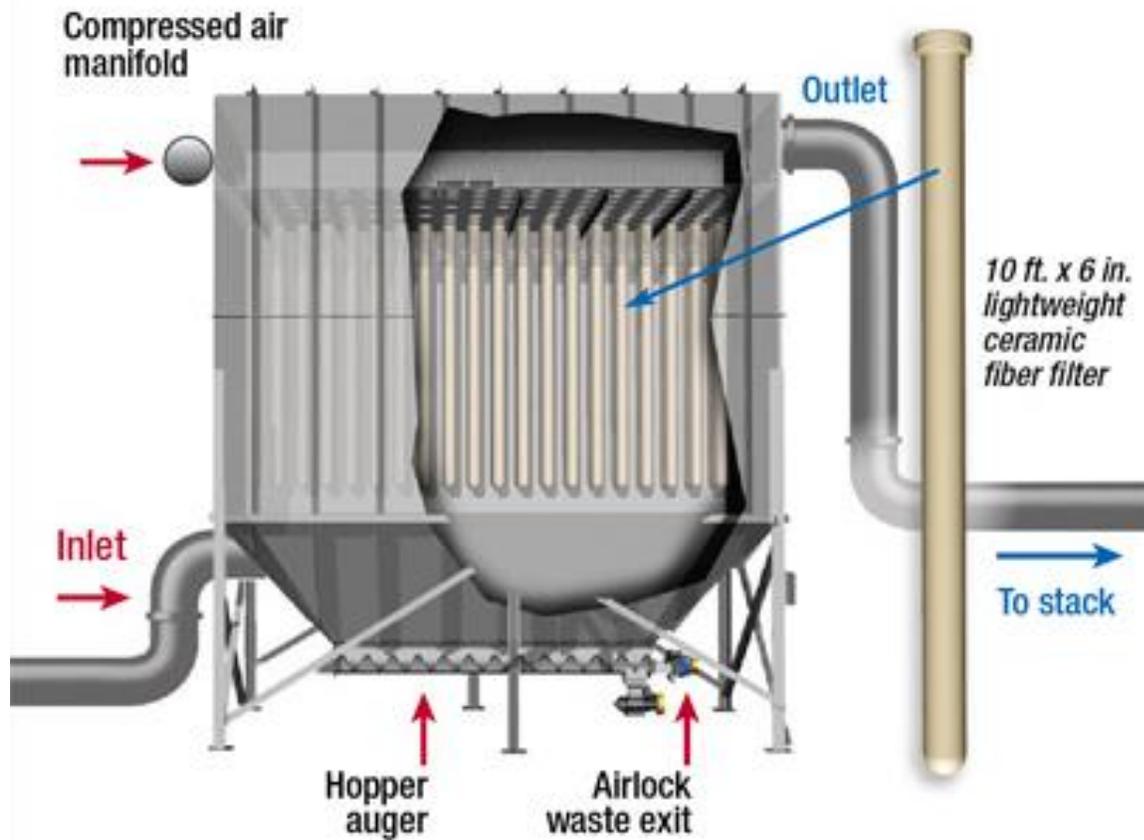
The sodium silicate facility uses regenerative burners in conjunction with the CCF system. The container glass facility utilizes oxy-fueled burners in conjunction with the CCF system. Staff did not identify any other facility that utilizes a combination of two different air pollution control equipment as seen at the container glass facility. Both facilities have achieved significantly lower NO<sub>x</sub> emissions through the utilization of the combined technologies

**Figure 2-2: Ceramic Filter Control System\***



\* Image courtesy of Tri-mer Corporation

**Figure 2-3: Tri-mer Ultracat Control System Baghouse\***



\* Image courtesy of Tri-mer Corporation

### Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

Staff conducted a cost-effectiveness analysis based on the installation of the CCF systems and the operation of the air pollution control equipment and the reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. The overall cost-effectiveness was calculated to be \$22,700 per ton of NO<sub>x</sub> reduced. Refer to Chapter 4 – Impact Assessment for additional details.

### BARCT Emission Limit

#### *Container Glass*

Staff analyzed NO<sub>x</sub> emission data from 2016 through 2019 from the container glass melting furnaces at the affected facility. This analysis covered the time prior to and after the installation of the CCF pollution control equipment. Based on the emissions data, the container glass melting

furnaces are meeting at least an 80% reduction in NOx emissions and are sustaining operation at less than 0.25 pound of NOx per ton of glass pulled. Relying on what has been demonstrated in the operation of the container glass melting furnaces, staff initially recommended a NOx emission limit of 0.25 pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period. Staff received stakeholders' concerns that the proposed limit of 0.25 pound of NOx per ton of glass pulled did not provide sufficient operational flexibility to account for equipment aging and associated performance degradation. In response to these concerns, staff extended their review of the facility's NOx emissions to include CEMS data reported to the South Coast AQMD from 2004 through 2015. Based on this additional review of twelve years of data, staff determined a NOx increase due to aging of approximately 0.017 pound of NOx per year per furnace. Over the course of fifteen years, this accounted for an average total increase of 0.30 pound of NOx per ton per ton of glass pulled per furnace. To provide operational flexibility and a sufficient compliance margin for potential NOx increases due to the aging of a furnace, staff revised its initial proposal from 0.25 pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled to 0.75 pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled. Additional detail how the NOx BARCT emission limit was established is provided in Appendix B.

To establish a SOx BARCT limit, staff determined that the emission limit contained in the permit to operate for the container glass melting furnaces of 1.1 pound of SOx per ton of glass pulled represents current BARCT limits.

#### *Sodium Silicate*

Staff analyzed NOx emission data from 2016 through 2019 from the sodium silicate furnace at the affected facility. This analysis covered the time prior to and after the installation of the CCF emissions control equipment. Based on the emissions data (see Appendix B), the sodium silicate furnace is meeting at least an 80% reduction in NOx emissions and is sustaining operation at less than 0.50 pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled. Relying on what has been demonstrated in the operation of the sodium silicate furnace, staff is recommending a NOx emission limit of 0.50 pound of NOx per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period.

Comparing the manufacturing of sodium silicate versus the manufacturing of container glass, staff notes that the sodium silicate manufacturing is a batch process versus a continuous, multi-year operation for the container glass manufacturing process. Since the sodium silicate furnace does not operate continuously for more than a few months at a time, staff considers that the effects of aging of the furnace and associated exhaust emissions control equipment can be addressed by the facility with repairs or upgrades between operational cycles. At this time, analysis of the emissions data and evaluation of the operational cycle does not indicate any potential NOx emissions increases for the sodium silicate furnace.

Although, the sodium silicate furnace is currently not a SOx source, staff intends to place a SOx emission limit in the event that the furnace operates on any fuel other than natural gas or produces process SOx. It is staff's intent to propose the same BARCT SOx emission limit as has been determined for container glass melting furnaces.

## **CHAPTER 3: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1117**

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**INTRODUCTION**

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## INTRODUCTION

PAR 1117 is a landing rule to transition facilities in RECLAIM to a command-and-control regulatory structure. It establishes NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces and auxiliary combustion equipment used in the container glass manufacturing process. The proposed amendments establish Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) emission limits for glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1117

Rule 1117 was adopted on February 5, 1982 and was amended once on January 6, 1984. As part of this rulemaking effort, the rule not only will be revised to reflect BARCT NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission levels but it will also be amended to expand the applicability to include sodium silicate furnaces, to include new operational requirements, and address both NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions. New sections and definitions are also added for clarity. Some provisions will be deleted as they are no longer applicable or relevant. Including a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit as part of this rulemaking, helps to address the future transition of the SO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program. The rule title will be revised to: Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces.

### New Purpose – Subdivision (a)

Previously, Rule 1117 did not have a subdivision that described the purpose of the rule. Consistent with other source-specific rules, a purpose was added. PAR 1117 adds the following language for the purpose of the rule.

- The purpose of this rule is to limit emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) and Oxides of Sulfur (SO<sub>x</sub>) from facilities producing container glass and sodium silicate.

### New Applicability – Subdivision (b)

Previously, Rule 1117 did not have a subdivision that described the applicability of the rule. Consistent with other source-specific rules, applicability was added to PAR 1117. Sodium silicate furnaces and auxiliary combustion equipment associated with container glass melting furnaces are proposed to be included in this rule. Currently, there are two facilities operating within the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction that PAR 1117 will apply to. Both facilities are currently in the RECLAIM program. The provisions of PAR 1117 will apply to these facilities while in RECLAIM and after they transition out of RECLAIM.

Although the operations at the two facilities are distinct enough to require different emission limits, it was determined that there was sufficient similarity to consolidate the sodium silicate furnace operation into PAR 1117 with the acknowledgement that there are distinct differences between the equipment, process, operation, and configuration.

PAR 1117 adds the following language to the applicability of the rule for clarity and for consistency with other South Coast AQMD rules.

- The provisions of this rule shall apply to the owner or operator of a RECLAIM facility or Former RECLAIM facility that operates a container glass melting furnace and associated auxiliary combustion equipment or that operates a sodium silicate furnace.

New and Modified Definitions – Subdivision (c)

Subdivision (c) was amended to reflect new and revised definitions and to delete obsolete terms. The definitions were rearranged to be in alphabetical order. The following new and modified definitions reflect the proposed changes.

- *AUXILIARY COMBUSTION EQUIPMENT means, for the purposes of this rule, any combustion equipment associated with the conveyance system or annealing equipment used in the container glass production process.*

This definition was added since the container glass facility operates other combustion sources related to the manufacturing process. The container glass production line also includes heated conveyance systems (forehearth/refiners) and annealing furnaces. It is the intent of staff to have this type of equipment covered in PAR 1117 to streamline compliance under one industry-specific rule.

- *CONTAINER GLASS MELTING FURNACE means any furnace used to melt material in the production of food and beverage type containers manufactured by pressing, blowing in molds, drawing, rolling, or casting glass. Container glass does not include flat glass that is used in windows, windshields, plate glass, etc., and which is produced by the float, sheet, rolled, or plate glass process.*

The definition for container glass melting furnaces was updated to differentiate this type of furnace from sodium silicate furnaces. It was also updated to list exclusions to the definition of container glass melting furnaces. By combining exclusions to flat glass and glass tableware operations, this revision allows the removal of these two processes from the exemption portion of the rule. Although other types of glass melting furnace operations existed under RECLAIM in the past, these facilities have since shut down.

- *CULLET means recycled and scrap glass which is added to the formulation being charged to a container glass melting furnace.*

This definition was modified to clarify that the addition of recycled and scrap glass applies to the container glass melting process.

- *DAY means the continuous 24-hour period from 12:00 am through 11:59 pm.*

This definition was added to clarify what is considered one day of operation. This becomes relevant when following the proposed averaging provisions in PAR 1117.

- *FORMER RECLAIM FACILITY means a facility, or any of its successors, that was in the Regional Clean Air Incentives Market as of January 5, 2018, as established in Regulation XX,*

*that has received a final determination notification, and is no longer in the RECLAIM program.*

This definition was added to clarify when a facility is no longer referenced as a “RECLAIM facility” which will occur once the facility transitions out of RECLAIM.

- *FURNACE means, for the purpose of this rule, either a container glass melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace.*

Unless specifically referenced as a “container glass melting furnace” or “sodium silicate furnace,” the term furnace will apply to both types of furnaces.

- *IDLING means the operation of a furnace at less than 25 percent of the production capacity as stated on the Permit to Operate and where the furnace is not undergoing startup or shutdown.*

Additional language was added to differentiate idling activities from startup and shutdown activities. The rule is being amended to restrict activities associated with idling, startup, and shutdown activities, which is detailed in another subdivision of PAR 1117. Examples of activities that may necessitate periods of idling can include: a product compositional change, a temporary pause in operation known as a “hot hold”, or short-term periods of time where a furnace is kept warm while maintenance of pollution control equipment is performed.

- *NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS means the sum of nitric oxides and nitrogen dioxides emitted, calculated as nitrogen dioxide.*

This definition was added for clarity.

- *PRODUCTION CAPACITY means a container glass or sodium silicate pull limit found in a Permit to Operate for the applicable furnace.*

This definition was added for clarity.

- *PULL or PULLED means the amount of product produced by a furnace, expressed in short tons per day.*

This definition was modified for clarity. The rule previously defined pull as a term applied to the removal of glass from a glass melting furnace, generally expressed in tons. Stakeholders expressed concerns that sodium silicate was different than glass and that the previous definition did not include the sodium silicate process. Staff revised the definition so that the term “product” would refer to either glass or sodium silicate.

- *RECLAIM FACILITY means a facility, or any of its successors, that was in the Regional Clean Air Incentives Market as of January 5, 2018, as established in Regulation XX.*

This definition was added for clarity. It defines what facilities are RECLAIM facilities.

- *SHUTDOWN* means that period of time during which a furnace is allowed to cool from operating temperatures to a furnace temperature below 200°F.

This definition was modified to add language to differentiate shutdown activities from idling and startup activities. Previously, the rule considered a shutdown to occur when a furnace was “allowed to cool from operating temperature to a lower temperature”. There was no consideration of what cooling to a lower temperature meant. In this revised definition, a shutdown is considered the process of cooling a furnace from an operating temperature with the intent of reaching a temperature near ambient air temperature. For example, an operator may cut production and furnace temperature, but still keep a furnace hot enough to ramp production back up. This “hot standby” or “hot hold” mode should not be considered a shutdown, but rather an idling activity. In addition, a shutdown period is considered to start when product from the furnace is no longer being pulled. Staff has defined the threshold temperature of 200°F based on stakeholder feedback.

- *SODIUM SILICATE FURNACE* means any furnace used to melt material in the production of various water-soluble substances obtained in the form of crystals, glasses, powders, or aqueous solutions, used in a variety of industrial and consumer products.

Previously, there had been no definition for a sodium silicate furnace. This definition was added to differentiate this type of furnace from container glass melting furnaces. The definition is referenced in part from the online Merriam Webster dictionary at:

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sodium%20silicate>.

- *SOx EMISSIONS* means sulfur dioxides emitted.

This definition was added for clarity.

- *STARTUP* means that period of time during which a furnace is heated to operating temperatures from a furnace temperature below 200°F.

The definition was modified to add language to differentiate startup activities from idling and shutdown activities. Previously, the rule considered a startup to occur when a furnace was “heated to operating temperature from a lower temperature”. There was no consideration of what heating to an operating temperature meant. In this revised definition, a startup is considered the process of heating a furnace with the intent of reaching an operating temperature starting from a temperature near ambient conditions. As mentioned previously, an operator may cut production but keep a furnace hot enough to ramp production back up. Ramping back up from this “hot standby” or “hot hold” mode should not be considered a startup but rather an idling activity. In addition, a startup is considered to end once product is being pulled from the furnace. Staff has defined the threshold temperature of 200°F based on stakeholder feedback.

- The definition for *ENERGY RECOVERY* was removed because it is no longer applicable. The definition for *FURNACE REBUILD* was also removed because the proposed amended rule no longer requires this distinction.

Revised Requirements – Subdivision (d)

- *Previous* (d)(1) – (d)(6)

The previous subparagraphs were no longer considered applicable and were removed and replaced with the following provisions.

- *New* (d)(1) – NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for container glass melting furnaces

Based on staff's BARCT assessment, PAR 1117 proposes the following NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for container glass melting furnaces:

(d)(1)(A) – Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a container glass melting furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:

0.75 pound of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period

Based on staff's BARCT assessment, PAR 1117 proposes the following SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for container glass melting furnaces:

(d)(1)(B) – Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a container glass melting furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:

1.1 pounds of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period

Currently, Rule 1117 sets the averaging time for compliance determination at 3 hours, except if an operator installs and maintains a continuous NO<sub>x</sub> monitor, the averaging time may be extended to 24 hours. As staff reviewed emissions data, it was noted that a 24-hour averaging period may not be an adequate period of time for facilities to address operational variability. Therefore, staff looked at other jurisdictions for guidance on averaging times for compliance determination. In a majority of instances, staff found that a rolling 30-day averaging was common. In a few circumstances, a rolling 365-day averaging provision was also used as a complement to a 30-day rolling averaging provision. For example, the Durand Glass Manufacturing plant in Millville, New Jersey has a NO<sub>x</sub> permitted limit of 1.2 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled on a 30-day rolling average and a concurrent limit of 1.0 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled on a 365-day rolling average. Based on the averaging periods in other jurisdictions and to recognize the operational variability of facilities, staff proposes that compliance determination be based on a rolling 30-day average.

Initially, staff considered an emission limit based on a concentration-based standard (parts per million by volume, dry). Staff reviewed how emissions are reported and regulated by other jurisdictions and found that the conventional reporting standard is pounds of pollutant per ton of glass pulled. PAR 1117 proposes to keep the emission compliance standard on a pounds of pollutant per ton of glass pulled basis, instead of changing to a concentration-based standard,

because it is consistent with how other jurisdictions establish emission limits for glass melting furnaces and provides an emission limit per amount of product produced.

- *New (d)(2)* – NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for sodium silicate furnaces

Based on staff’s BARCT assessment, PAR 1117 proposes the following NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for sodium silicate furnaces:

(d)(2)(A) – Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a sodium silicate furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:

0.50 pound of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period

Based on staff’s BARCT assessment, PAR 1117 proposes the following SO<sub>x</sub> limit for sodium silicate furnaces:

(d)(2)(B) – Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a sodium silicate furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:

1.1 pounds of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period, if not fired on 100% natural gas

The proposed provision for SO<sub>x</sub> places a limit in the event that a fuel other than natural gas is used.

As discussed for container glass furnaces, similar averaging considerations were extended to sodium silicate furnaces. In addition, compliance determination on a pound per pollutant per ton of product pulled is similarly recommended.

- *New (d)(3)* – Operational restrictions

(d)(3)(A) – Idling

Previously, furnace idling had been exempt from Rule 1117. However, concern that furnace idling may lead to unrestricted emissions with no limitations prompted staff to consider provisions to limit emissions during furnace idling. Staff also recognized the need to provide operational flexibility for instances where a facility may require a temporary transitional period, where shutting down and restarting a furnace would be more emissive and may not be warranted. For example, a product change may necessitate a period of time of furnace idling as the manufacturing line transitions from one product to another.

Facilities idle their furnaces because it may be inefficient to shut down and start up the furnace again. Furthermore, this shutdown and startup process takes several days to complete and could result in greater emissions than furnace idling. In general, staff noted that idling is defined as the operation of a furnace at less than 25% of the permitted glass production capacity. In other jurisdictions, during idling, emissions are not counted towards complying with an emission limit. However, when regulated, idling emissions may be capped for a given operation. For

example, SJVAPCD Rule 4354 does not count idling emissions for compliance determination but it does limit idling emissions using the following formula:

$$E_{i,max} = E_i \times \text{Capacity}$$

where,  $E_{i,max}$  = maximum daily emission of pollutant i during idling  
 $E_i$  = applicable emission limit  
Capacity = furnace's permitted glass production rate

Similarly, in Title V permits issued to the PQ Corporation in Chester, Pennsylvania and the Gallo Glass Company in Modesto, California, NOx emissions are not counted towards compliance determination. However, emissions are limited during idling events such that PQ (Chester) and Gallo have idling NOx emission limits of 1,670 lbs/day and 780 lbs/day, respectively.

While there are examples of furnace idling emissions being regulated to a specified emission level, staff did not find examples where the length of idling time was regulated. Staff is concerned that a furnace may be at idling conditions for an undetermined length of time. To address this potential unlimited amount of idling time, PAR 1117 proposes the following provisions.

- Except when the exhaust emission control is in operation, the owner or operator shall not operate a furnace for more than: 240 consecutive hours per event and 960 cumulative hours in any rolling 365-day period during periods of idling.

Based on discussions with the affected facilities, a limit of 240 hours or 10 days of idling was established for a product transition event as well as scheduled idling events that occur annually. Moreover, setting a limit of 960 cumulative hours gives operators flexibility to have multiple idling events during a rolling 365-day period yet at the same time, limiting the emissions from this type of activity. Idling emissions are not to be counted towards compliance determination, which is consistent with other jurisdictions. PAR 1117 also would not count the time when the exhaust emission control system is in operation against the proposed 240 consecutive hours per idling event and 960 cumulative hours in any rolling 365-day period. If the exhaust emission control system is in operation, then emissions from the furnace are controlled, which addresses the concern of staff of uncontrolled emissions.

#### (d)(3)(B) – Startup

Under Rule 1117, there were no restrictions associated with starting up a furnace. PAR 1117 defines a startup as initiating furnace operation from a temperature of at least 200°F. The end of a startup period occurs once product is being pulled from the furnace. Concern that unlimited and unregulated startups may lead to unrestricted emissions with no limitations or cap has prompted staff to incorporate provisions to minimize emissions during furnace start up. At the same time, staff recognizes the need to provide flexibility to operators during startups.

In other jurisdictions, emissions during furnace startups are not counted towards complying with an emission limit. Under SJVAPCD Rule 4354, startups from a furnace rebuild are regulated on a case-by-case basis to maximum time between 70 – 100 days for a container glass melting furnace. There is, however, no restriction on the amount of time for a startup from a non-furnace rebuild startup event.

Staff is concerned that a furnace may be at startup conditions for an undetermined length of time. To address this unlimited amount of startup time, PAR 1117 proposes the following similar, but more restrictive provision than SJVAPCD's rule:

- Except when the exhaust emission control is in operation, the owner or operator shall not operate a furnace for more than: 720 hours per startup period.

Based on discussions with representatives of the container glass facility, setting a limit of 720 hours or 30 days for a furnace startup is appropriate based on normal startup procedures. Moreover, staff encourages the use of the associated exhaust emissions control equipment wherever appropriate. It is anticipated that within 30 days of the initiation of a startup, the associated emissions control equipment will be in service. Once the 30 day allotment for a startup is reached, subsequent emissions shall be counted towards and averaged over a rolling 30-day average. In addition, staff proposes to not count the time when the exhaust emission control system is in operation against the proposed 720 hours per startup event. If the exhaust emission control system is in operation, then emissions from the furnace are controlled, which addresses the concern of staff of uncontrolled emissions.

#### (d)(3)(C) – Shutdown

Rule 1117 currently has no restrictions associated with shutting down a furnace. Staff has proposed defining a shutdown as stopping furnace operation and cooling towards a temperature below 200°F. A shutdown period should be considered to be initiated once product from the furnace is no longer pulled. Concern that unlimited and unregulated startups may lead to unrestricted emissions with no limitations or cap has prompted staff to consider implementing measures to limit emissions from this type of activity. At the same time, staff recognizes the need to provide flexibility to operators during shutdowns.

In other jurisdictions, emissions during shutdowns are not counted towards complying with an emission limit. Under SJVAPCD Rule 4354, shutdowns are limited not to exceed 20 days once the furnace is below an idling threshold of 25% of the permitted glass production rate. PAR 1117 would require a similar but more restrictive limitation to the shutdown of a furnace:

- Except when the exhaust emission control is in operation, the owner or operator shall not operate a furnace for more than: 240 hours per shutdown period.

Although PAR 1117 allows less time for shutdowns than what is contained in SJVAPCD Rule 4354, 20 days in SJVAPCD Rule 4354 versus 10 days or 240 hours in PAR 1117, this amount of time is reasonable, based on discussions with the affected facilities. In addition, PAR 1117 does not count the time when the exhaust emission control system is in operation against the

proposed 240 hours per shutdown event. If the exhaust emission control system is in operation, then emissions from the furnace are controlled, which addresses the concern of staff of uncontrolled emissions.

- *New (d)(4) – Operation of emission control equipment*

When Rule 1117 was last amended in 1984, the glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces did not have any added emission control equipment like a CCF system. Since 2017, both the container glass and sodium silicate facilities installed CCF systems to control NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. As a result, PAR 1117 includes a requirement that states:

- During operation of a furnace including periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a furnace shall maintain in operation any exhaust emission control systems, including the injection of any associated chemical reagent into the exhaust stream to control NO<sub>x</sub>, if the temperature of the gas to the inlet of the emission control system is greater than or equal to 450°F.

This provision mirrors what has been observed in other jurisdictions. For example, in the SJVAPCD Rule 4354, during idling, startups, or shutdowns, the emission control system shall be in operation whenever technologically feasible.

Staff notes what is “technologically feasible” requires further clarification. Currently, the CCF systems are permitted to operate within a normal temperature operating window between 450°F and 900°F. The intent of this provision is to explicitly require that the emission control equipment be in operation and injecting ammonia or similar reagent when the temperature of the exhaust from the furnace to it is above a minimum operational temperature, even if the furnace is idling, in startup, or in the process of a shutdown.

- *New (d)(5) – Auxiliary combustion equipment*

One of the objectives of PAR 1117 is to provide container glass melting and sodium silicate facility operators with a single industry-specific rule that would encompass relevant combustion sources at their facilities. Staff recognized that the container glass facility’s process lines include such auxiliary combustion equipment. This subparagraph limits emissions from this equipment to emission levels currently established for comparable equipment regulated by South Coast AQMD Rule 1147 – NO<sub>x</sub> Reductions from Miscellaneous Sources.

The conveyance system burners located along the forehearths and refiners coming out of the glass melting furnace for the production of container glass are numerous. They number in the hundreds and the types of burners are of a standard open flame type that have no viable method for emissions testing because they are not enclosed and vent to the atmosphere. The container glass facility underwent a rebuild on both of their furnace lines in 2017, so the proposed provision would require the replacement of these burners at the time of a subsequent furnace rebuild with burners that are certified by the manufacturer to meet either 30 ppm at 3% O<sub>2</sub> dry or 0.036 pound of NO<sub>x</sub> per million BTU of heat input. Staff proposes at time interval of 15 years from the date of amendment.

Equipment manufacturers have stated that the ability to test and certify these types of burners could be achieved in the near future. Similarly, the container glass facility operates several annealing furnaces (Lehr furnaces) that are natural gas fired. It should be noted that the container glass facility also has installed Lehr ovens that are electric and not natural gas fired. The proposed provision would also require compliance with either NOx limit by 15 years from the date of amendment.

Currently under RECLAIM, these combustion devices are only required to report their mass emissions by using a default emission factor of 130 lbs of NOx per standard cubic foot, roughly equivalent to 101 ppm, corrected to 3% oxygen. This proposed provision would state:

- On or before [*15 years after Date of Amendment*], the owner or operator of a container glass facility shall not operate the auxiliary combustion equipment used in the manufacture of container glass that exceeds a NOx emission limit of 30 ppmvd at 3% O<sub>2</sub>, dry or 0.036 lb/MMBTU heat input.

Revised Compliance Determination – Subdivision (e)

- *Previous* (e)(1) and (e)(2)

The previous subparagraphs were no longer considered applicable and were removed and replaced with the following provisions.

- *New* (e)(1) – CEMS requirements

Staff recognizes that CEMS requirements differ between the RECLAIM program regulated by Rules 2011 and 2012 and a command-and-control regulatory structure regulated by Rules 218 and 218.1. This section is added to facilitate the transition of the applicable monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements specified in RECLAIM versus a command-and-control system. The provision reads:

The owner or operator of a container glass melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace shall:

- Excluding emissions during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, determine compliance with the emission limits in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) on a rolling 30-day average using a Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS), except if a furnace operates for fewer than 30 days, then compliance with the emissions limits in paragraph (d)(1) and (d)(2) will be determined based on the average for the actual days of operation. A facility owner or operator shall comply with the applicable monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements specified in:

(A) Rules 2011 and 2012 for RECLAIM facilities; or

(B) Rules 218 and 218.1 for former RECLAIM facilities.

The current version of Rule 1117 requires a facility owner or operator to determine compliance with an emission limit averaged over a 3-hour period for a furnace not equipped with a NOx continuous monitor. For furnaces equipped with a NOx continuous monitor, averaging may be allowed over a 24-hour period. A 24-hour averaging basis to determine compliance was something that staff further evaluated.

Staff also reviewed emissions data for both the container glass and sodium silicate facilities from 2016 through 2019. In their review, staff had noticed spikes in the data corresponding to transient operational issues. Some of these issues were identified as actions taken to comply with a permitted ammonia limit. When staff applied a rolling 30-day averaging to the data, these transient spikes were not as significant as to affect the compliance determination.

Therefore, to provide the operator with flexibility to respond to transient operational issues, PAR 1117 includes a provision that requires compliance determination to be made on a 30-day rolling average basis. Averaging on a 30-day rolling average basis is consistent with how other jurisdictions determine compliance for similar processes and equipment. Moreover, recognizing that the sodium silicate facility operates a batch process where a rolling 30-day period may not be achievable, the provision also allows averaging over the actual days of operation.

Emissions from idling, startups, and shutdowns are not proposed to be included in the rolling 30-day average up to the proposed time limits for each type of event. For example, if a container glass melting furnace was operated at a pull rate of 20% of the limit set by its permit to operate and the exhaust emission control equipment was not in service, then this would be considered an event where the amount of time to idle would be restricted to no more than 240 consecutive hours. During this idling period, emissions would not be included in the rolling 30-day averaging. If the furnace was idling beyond 240 consecutive hours for the same event, then the emissions after 240 hours would be included in the rolling 30-day averaging.

- *New (e)(2) – Auxiliary equipment provision*

Included in subparagraph (d)(5), auxiliary combustion equipment will be covered under the provisions of PAR 1117. The proposed limits mirror what is currently contained in Rule 1147 and would have applied to this type of equipment. However, staff recognizes that there are challenges for the verification of the proposed limits. Specifically, there is concern with the configuration of the conveyance system at the container glass facility – it does not allow for accurate and verifiable emissions testing. What staff proposes, in lieu of a source test, is to accept certification from the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) that the burners used in the conveyance system have been tested and can meet the proposed emissions levels. For annealing furnaces that are combustion sources, this equipment can either be source tested to demonstrate compliance or the operator can provide OEM certification.

Once the equipment has met the verification requirement under this subparagraph, there is no additional testing that would be required.

New Recordkeeping – Subdivision (f)

PAR 1117 adds a recordkeeping section to this rule so that records to demonstrate the pounds of pollutant per ton of product pulled are maintained. These records include the total hours of operation, the quantity of product pulled from each furnace, and the requirement that the pollutant emission rate be kept on a pounds of pollutant per ton of product pulled, as applicable, on a rolling 30-day average. Here, it should be noted that product refers to either container glass product or sodium silicate product. Currently, NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> are the pollutants regulated by PAR 1117; however, in the case of the sodium silicate facility, the SO<sub>x</sub> limit would not apply if it continues to operate on 100% natural gas.

In addition, a provision requiring a facility owner or operator to retain all data, records, and other information required by this rule for at least five years and make available for inspection by the Executive Officer is added. For current RECLAIM facilities, any reporting requirements under Regulation XX will still be in effect until the facility exits the RECLAIM program.

Revised Exemptions – Subdivision (g)

Rule 1117 previously listed exemptions under subdivision (d). With the addition of new subdivisions, the exemptions sections is now listed under subdivision (g).

- *Revised (g)(1)* – Reduce applicability threshold to provide relief only to small operators

Currently, the rule exempts furnaces which are limited by their permit to operate to 15 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per hour which equates to 360 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per day. With the addition of the CCF systems, the NO<sub>x</sub> emission levels from the container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces have been observed to be under this threshold.

PAR 1117 proposes to change the exemption to apply to furnaces that are limited to less than 100 tons of product per year as specified in a South Coast AQMD permit. Staff does not anticipate the owner of a RECLAIM facility or Former RECLAIM facility to construct or operate a container glass melting or sodium silicate furnace below this production level.

The proposed exemption threshold of 100 tons of product per year would be equivalent to 0.046 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per hour at the current NO<sub>x</sub> emission level of 4.0 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled.

Calculation:

$$\frac{100 \text{ tons of product pulled}}{\text{year}} \times \frac{1 \text{ year}}{365 \text{ days}} \times \frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hours}} \times \frac{4.0 \text{ lbs of NO}_x}{\text{ton of product pulled}} = 0.046 \text{ lb of NO}_x \text{ per hour}$$

- *Previous (g)(3) and (g)(4)* – Remove glass tableware and flat glass exemptions

These two exemptions were removed from this section and incorporated in the definition for container glass furnace for exclusion.

- *Revised (g)(5)* – Revision of fiberglass exemption

Additional description of what is fiberglass was added for clarity.

- *Previous (f)(6)* – Remove idling exemption

As stated earlier, staff is concerned that idling should not be allowed to occur for an unlimited amount of time. Provisions have been included to regulate what is considered idling and how long idling would be allowed to occur.

## **CHAPTER 4: IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In December 2015, Regulation XX was amended to implement Control Measure CMB-01 of the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan and to further reduce NO<sub>x</sub> from RECLAIM facilities. The amendment implemented NO<sub>x</sub> BARCT for various pieces of equipment by reducing RECLAIM allocations for certain facilities. As part of the BARCT assessment, container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces were required to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 80%. Subsequently, Control Measure CMB-05 of the 2016 AQMP required the RECLAIM program to achieve further NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions of five tons per day and to include actions to transition the program to a command-and-control regulatory structure as soon as feasible but no later than 2025.

In 2017, the container glass and sodium silicate facilities installed air pollution control equipment in response to CMB-01. Since the installation of the control equipment, there has been a NO<sub>x</sub> reduction of at least 80% from the furnaces at both facilities. The costs of installation and operation of the control equipment from the 2017 installation of pollution control equipment will be used to calculate the cost-effectiveness of PAR 1117.

## **EMISSION REDUCTIONS**

In 2017, both facilities installed air pollution control equipment for each of their furnaces. At the container glass facility, a combination of oxy-fueled burners and a ceramic catalyst filtration system was installed. Staff did not identify any other facility that utilizes a combination of two different air pollution control equipment as seen at the container glass facility. At the sodium silicate facility, a ceramic catalyst filtration system was installed. As a result, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions have been reduced by approximately 0.65 tons per day for furnaces at both facilities based on NO<sub>x</sub> emissions data for calendar years 2016 and 2018.

In 2016, the total NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from the two furnaces at the container glass facility and the one furnace at the sodium silicate facility were 0.693 tons per day (tpd). At the limits proposed by PAR 1117, the expected remaining NO<sub>x</sub> emission levels for the three furnaces is 0.14 tpd. This reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions represents a decrease of 0.56 tpd when compared to 2016 NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

For the auxiliary combustion equipment, staff also reviewed NO<sub>x</sub> reductions based on equipment that would meet the NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits established in PAR 1117 paragraph (d)(5). Currently, the auxiliary combustion equipment is classified as RECLAIM process units and are allowed to report emissions based on a NO<sub>x</sub> default emission factor of 130 lb/mmscf of gas fired (or approximately 101 ppmvd). The combined annual NO<sub>x</sub> emissions based on fuel usage from this equipment is 7.5 tons per year or 0.021 tpd. Therefore, the emission reductions for the auxiliary equipment would be 0.015 tpd. The basis of reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions assumes a starting concentration level of 101 ppmvd and an ending concentration level of 30 ppmvd.

The NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions that will be achieved with PAR 1117 for all affected equipment total 0.57 tpd.

<b>Table 4-1: Comparison of NOx Emissions (tons/day)</b>			
	<b>2016 Baseline*</b>	<b>At Proposed Limit (Remaining)</b>	<b>Emission Reductions</b>
Container Glass Furnaces	0.58	0.12	0.46
Sodium Silicate Furnace	0.12	0.02	0.10
Container Glass Auxiliary Equipment	0.021	0.006	0.015
Total	0.72	0.15	0.57
* Based on audited RECLAIM NOx emissions data			

## **COST-EFFECTIVENESS**

Staff conducted a cost-effectiveness analysis for the installation and operation of the control equipment and the reduction in NOx emissions observed after installation. To assist in the analysis, actual cost information for the installation and operation of the CCF system was requested and received from both the container glass and the sodium silicate facilities. In addition, the operational costs associated with the oxygen plant located at the container glass facility were included as an on-going cost to reflect the costs to operate both emissions control technologies.

Capital costs included cost for the emissions control system, infrastructure, engineering services, and installation costs. Annual operating costs included estimates for electricity, natural gas, oxy-fuel generation for container glass only, reagent, operation and maintenance, waste disposal, system costs, and replacement elements for the CCF system.

The operating cost for the oxygen plant at the container glass facility was included in the analysis. Adding this operational cost increased the annual costs from \$620,000 to \$6 million for the container glass facility. The installed cost for an oxygen production plant was not included, and staff notes that this added installation cost, if factored in, would also have increased the cost-effectiveness for the container glass facility.

In the calculation, staff assumed a uniform series present worth factor (PWF) at a 4% interest rate and a 25-year equipment life expectancy. The uniform series present worth factor for these assumption is 15.622.

$$PWV = TIC + (PWF \times AC)$$

PWV = present worth value (\$)

TIC = total installed cost (\$)

AC = annual cost (\$)

PWF = uniform series present worth factor (15.622)

<b>Table 4-2: PAR 1117 Cost-Effectiveness Analysis</b>					
<b>Category</b>	<b>TIC (\$ MM)</b>	<b>AC (\$ MM)</b>	<b>PWV (\$ MM)</b>	<b>NOx Reductions (tpd)</b>	<b>CE (\$/ton)</b>
Glass Melting (Container Glass)	19.0	6.0	112.7	0.46	26,600
Sodium Silicate Manufacturing	4.0	0.10	5.56	0.10	6,600
Auxiliary Equipment (Container Glass)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.015	N/A
Total				0.57	22,700

Since the auxiliary combustion equipment for container glass is expected to be replaced upon the next furnace rebuild, this is not expected to incur any incremental cost associated with PAR 1117.

The overall cost-effectiveness for PAR 1117 is calculated to be approximately \$22,700 per ton of NOx reduced.

## **SOCIOECONOMIC ASSESSMENT**

The two facilities affected by PAR 1117 are both categorized within the manufacturing sector. More specifically, one facility is classified under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 327213 – Glass Container Manufacturing, and the remaining facility is classified under NAICS code 325180 - Other Basic Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing. Based on available facility data on revenue and employees<sup>1</sup>, neither of these facilities meet the criterion to be classified as a small business as defined by the Small Business Administration, federal Clean Air Act Amendments, or the South Coast AQMD.

The two affected facilities have previously implemented controls and are currently operating in compliance with the PAR 1117 proposed emission limits. Staff anticipates that facilities will not incur any additional future capital or recurring costs due to the adoption of PAR 1117. As a result,

<sup>1</sup> Dun & Bradstreet Enterprise Database, 2019.

no adverse socioeconomic impacts are expected, and therefore, no socioeconomic analysis is required under California Health and Safety Code Sections 40440.8 and 40728.5.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ANALYSIS**

Proposed Amended Rule 1117 has been reviewed pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since the proposed project does not contain any project elements requiring physical modifications that would cause an adverse effect on the environment, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption. If the project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be electronically filed with the State Clearinghouse to be posted on their CEQAnet Web Portal. Once the Notice of Exemption is posted, members of the public may access it via the following weblink: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>. In addition, the Notice of Exemption will be electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD’s webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/public-notices/ceqa-notices/notices-of-exemption/noe---year-2020>. The electronic filing and posting of the Notice of Exemption is being implemented in accordance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-54-20 issued on April 22, 2020 for the State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

## **DRAFT FINDINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 40727**

### *Requirements to Make Findings*

California Health and Safety Code Section (H&SC) 40727 requires that prior to adopting, amending or repealing a rule or regulation, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board shall make findings of necessity, authority, clarity, consistency, non-duplication, and reference based on relevant information presented at the public hearing and in the staff report.

### *Necessity*

PAR 1117 is needed for equipment under the RECLAIM program that will be transitioning to a command-and-control regulatory structure to establish NOx and SOx emission limits for furnaces and auxiliary combustion equipment that are representative of BARCT, as well as monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. PAR 1117 is needed to meet the requirements of AB 617, which requires an expedited schedule for implementing BARCT for cap-and-trade facilities and to develop a schedule by January 1, 2019 for the implementation of BARCT no later than December 31, 2023. PAR 1117 is also needed as it is in part implementing Control Measure CMB-

05: Further NO<sub>x</sub> Reductions from RECLAIM Assessment (CMB-05) to ensure the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program is achieving equivalency with command-and-control rules that are implementing Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) and to generate further NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions at RECLAIM facilities.

*Authority*

The South Coast AQMD obtains its authority to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations pursuant to H&SC Sections 39002, 39616, 40000, 40001, 40440, 40702, 40725 through 40728, 40920.6, and 41508.

*Clarity*

PAR 1117 is written or displayed so that their meaning can be easily understood by the persons directly affected by them.

*Consistency*

PAR 1117 is in harmony with and not in conflict with or contradictory to, existing statutes, court decisions or state or federal regulations.

*Non-Duplication*

PAR 1117 will not impose the same requirements as any existing state or federal regulations. The proposed amended rules are necessary and proper to execute the powers and duties granted to, and imposed upon, the South Coast AQMD.

*Reference*

In amending these rules, the following statutes which the South Coast AQMD hereby implements, interprets or makes specific are referenced: H&SC Sections 39002, 40001, 40702, 40440(a), and 40725 through 40728.5.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

Under H&SC Section 40727.2, the South Coast AQMD is required to perform a comparative written analysis when adopting, amending, or repealing a rule or regulation. The comparative analysis is relative to existing federal requirements, existing or proposed South Coast AQMD rules and air pollution control requirements and guidelines which are applicable to container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces.

Staff reviewed existing federal requirements that regulate glass melting furnaces to compare these requirements with PAR1117. Based on the review, staff determined that PAR 11117 does not conflict with any NO<sub>x</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits or recordkeeping requirement established in the

Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) for glass manufacturing facilities. In general, the CFRs do not regulate NOx or SOx emissions. See Table 4-3.

<b>Table 4-3: Comparative Analysis of PAR 1117 with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</b>				
<b>CFR Title</b>	<b>Part</b>	<b>Subpart</b>	<b>Title of Regulation</b>	<b>Pollutant (s) Regulated</b>
40	60	CC	Standard of Performance for Glass Melting Furnaces	Particulate matter
40	63	SSSSSS	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Glass Manufacturing Area Sources	Particulate matter and metal
41	61	N	National Emission Standard for Inorganic Arsenic Emissions from Glass Manufacturing Plants	Arsenic

Staff also reviewed other South Coast AQMD rules relative to PAR 1117. No conflicts were noted between the two.

<b>Table 4-4: Comparative Analysis of PAR 1117 with Existing South Coast AQMD Rules</b>		
<b>Rule Element</b>	<b>PAR 1117</b>	<b>RECLAIM</b>
<b>Applicability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container glass melting furnaces</li> <li>• Container glass auxiliary combustion equipment</li> <li>• Sodium silicate furnaces</li> </ul>	Facilities regulated under the NOx and SOx RECLAIM program (SCAQMD Reg. XX)
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container glass melting furnaces NOx: 0.25 lb/ton pulled SOx: 1.1 lb/ton pulled</li> <li>• Container glass auxiliary combustion equipment 30 ppmvd @ 3% O<sub>2</sub></li> <li>• Sodium silicate furnaces NOx: 0.50 lb/ton pulled SOx: 1.1 lb/ton (if not on 100% natural gas)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major Source NOx/SOx: None</li> <li>• Process Unit NOx: 130 lb/mm scf</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain data to be used for compliance determination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily electronic reporting for major sources</li> <li>• Monthly to quarterly reporting for large sources and process units</li> <li>• Quarterly Certification of Emissions Report and Annual Permit Emissions Program for all units</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A continuous in-stack NOx monitor subject to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ South Coast AQMD Rules 2011 and 2012 for RECLAIM facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A continuous in-stack NOx monitor for major sources Source testing once every 5 years for process units</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ South Coast AQMD Rules 218 and 218.1 for former RECLAIM facilities</li> </ul>	
<b>Recordkeeping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All data required by this rule shall be maintained for at least five years and made available for inspection by the Executive Officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly log for process units</li> <li>• &lt; 15-min. data = min. 48 hours; ≥ 15-min. data = 3 years (5 years if Title V)</li> <li>• Maintenance &amp; emission records, source test reports, RATA reports, audit reports and fuel meter calibration records for Annual Permit Emissions Program = 3 years (5 years if Title V)</li> </ul>

**APPENDIX A: LIST OF FACILITIES AFFECTED BY PAR 1117**

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Two facilities are affected by PAR 1117: Owens-Illinois located in Vernon, California and the PQ Corporation located in South Gate, California.

**Table A-1: Facilities Affected by PAR 1117**

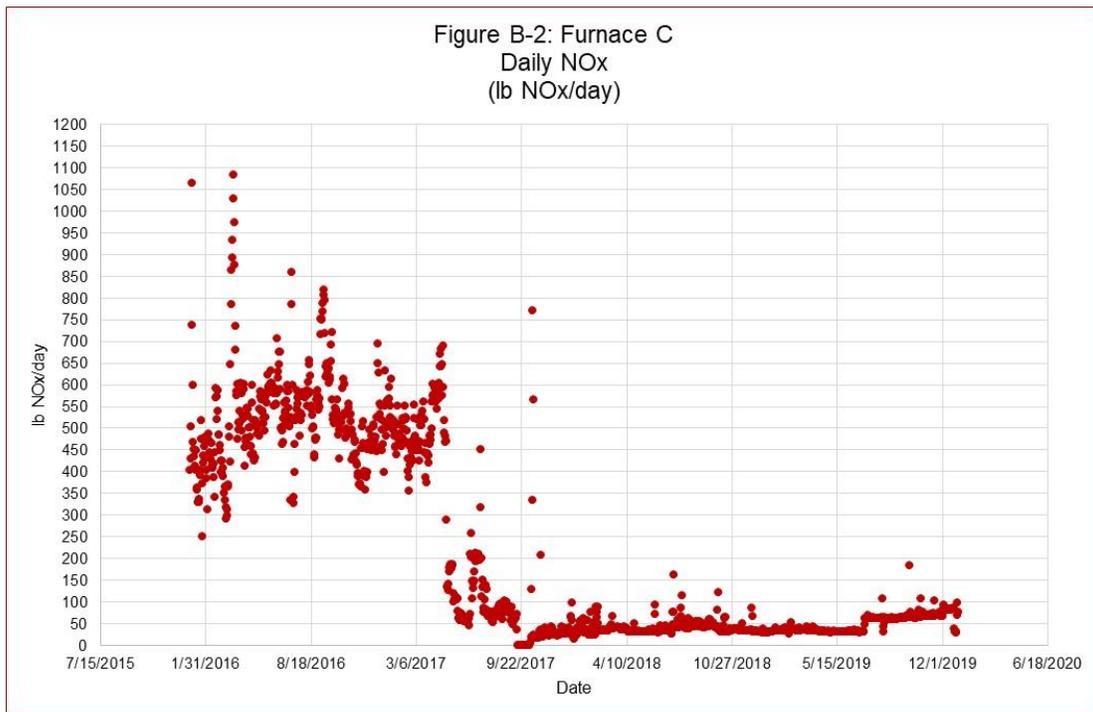
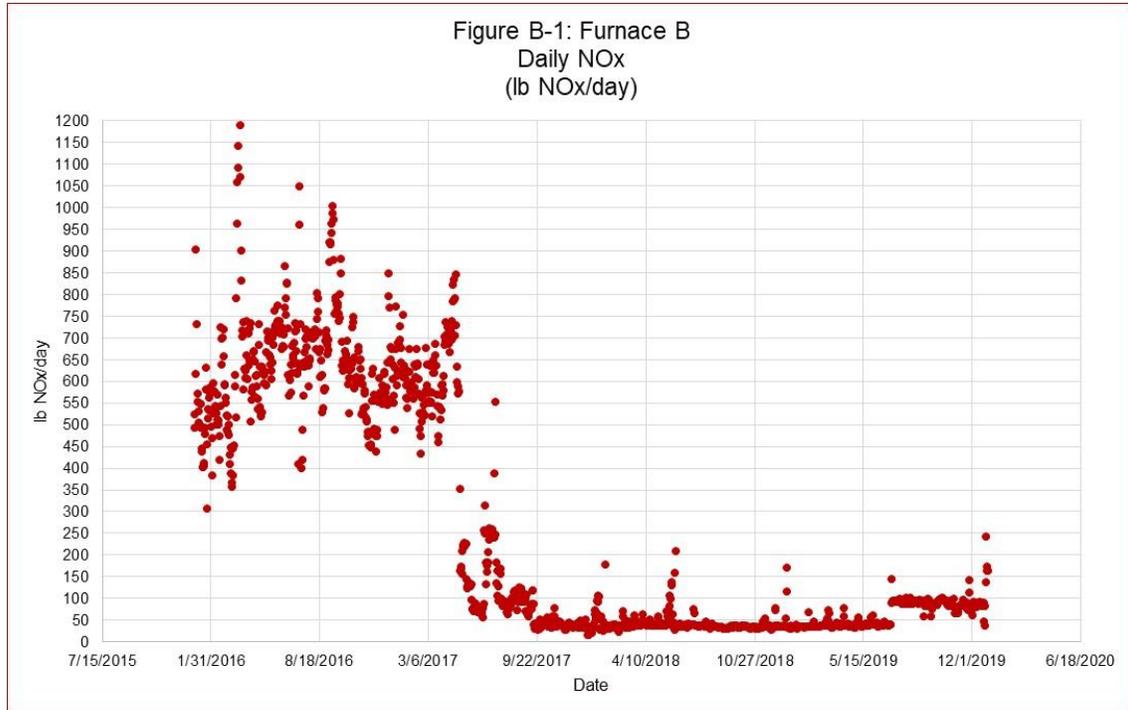
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## **APPENDIX B: EMISSION LIMIT DETERMINATION**

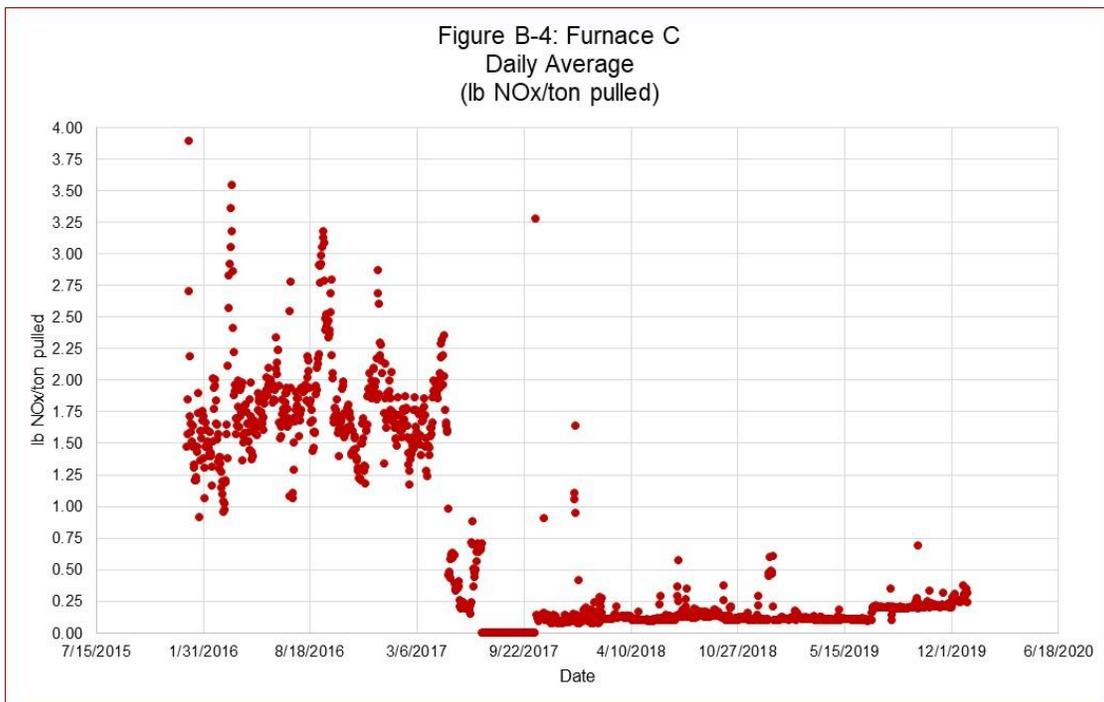
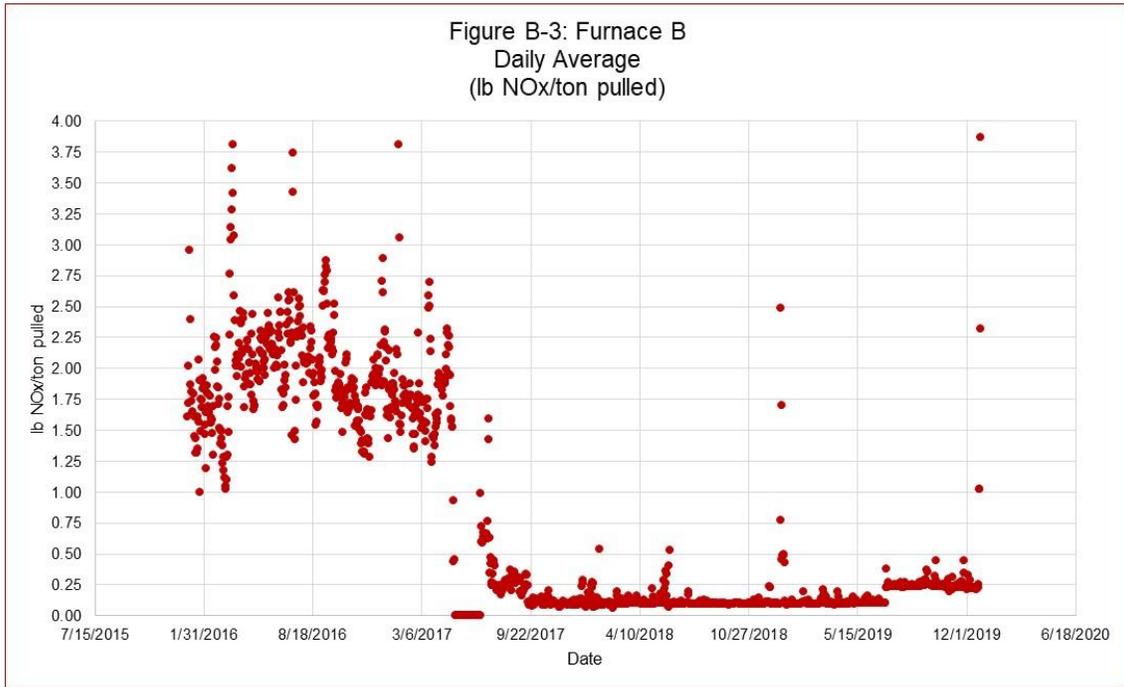
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### Presentation of NOx Emissions from Furnace Operations

Figures B-1 and B-2 illustrate the NOx emissions on a lbs per day basis reported by the container glass facility for its container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-3 and B-4 illustrate the NOx emissions per day based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-5 and B-6 illustrate the NOx emissions on a rolling 30-day average based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.

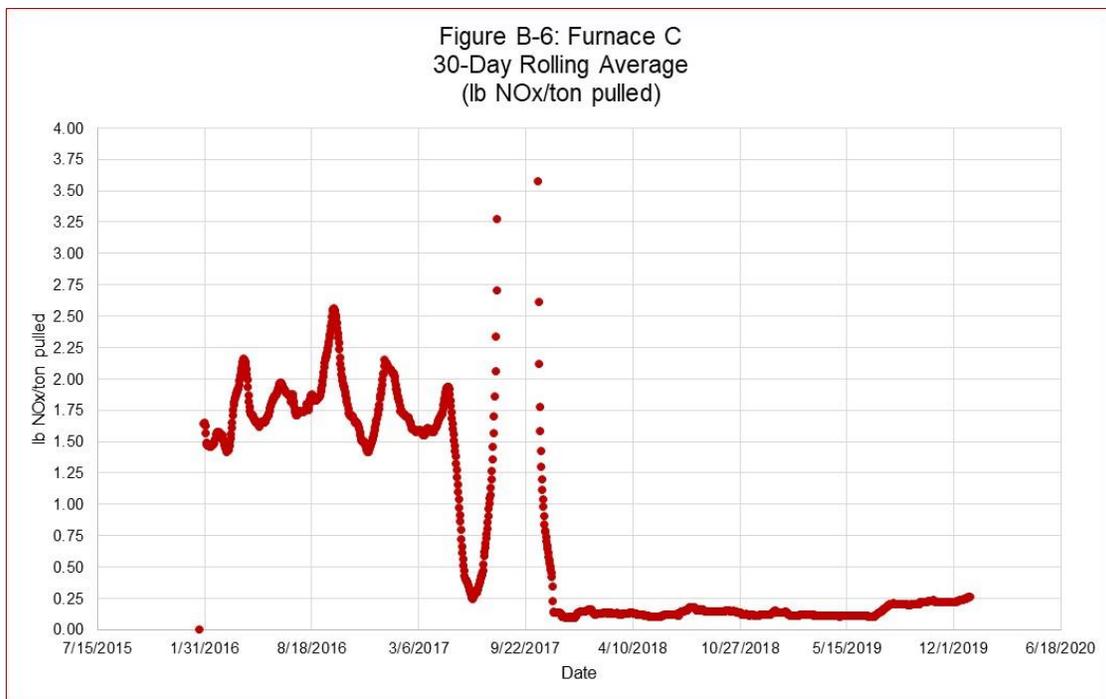
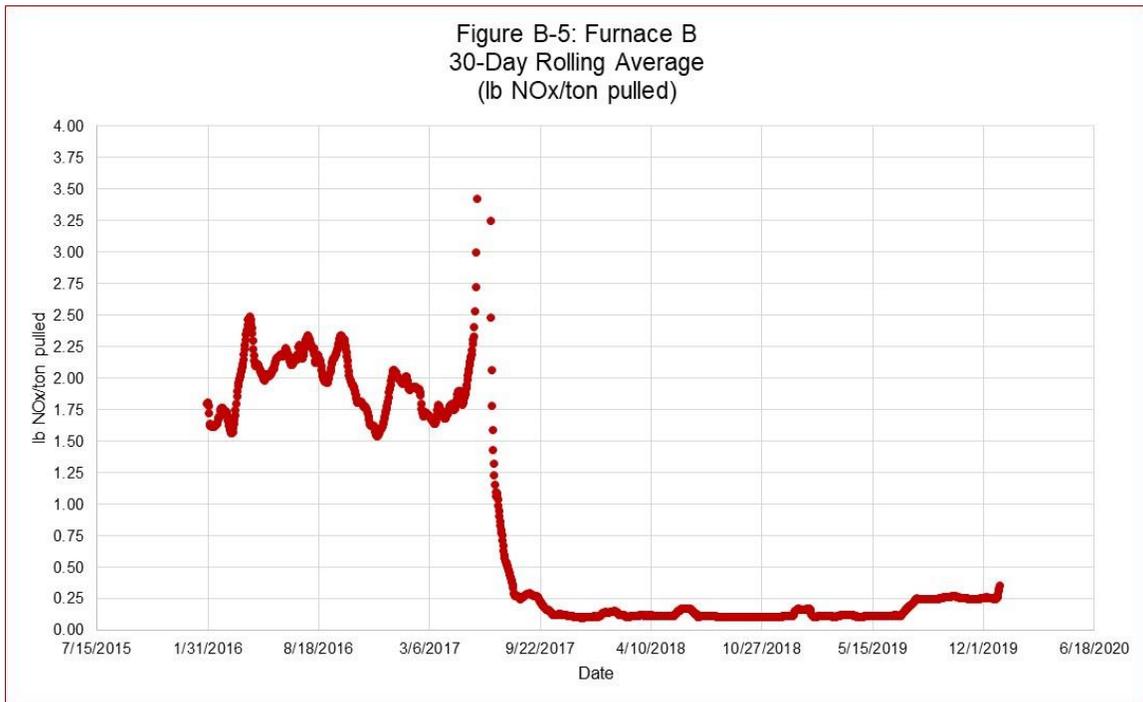


Figure B-7 illustrates the NOx emissions on a lbs per day basis reported by the sodium silicate facility for its sodium silicate furnace from CY 2016 to CY 2019.

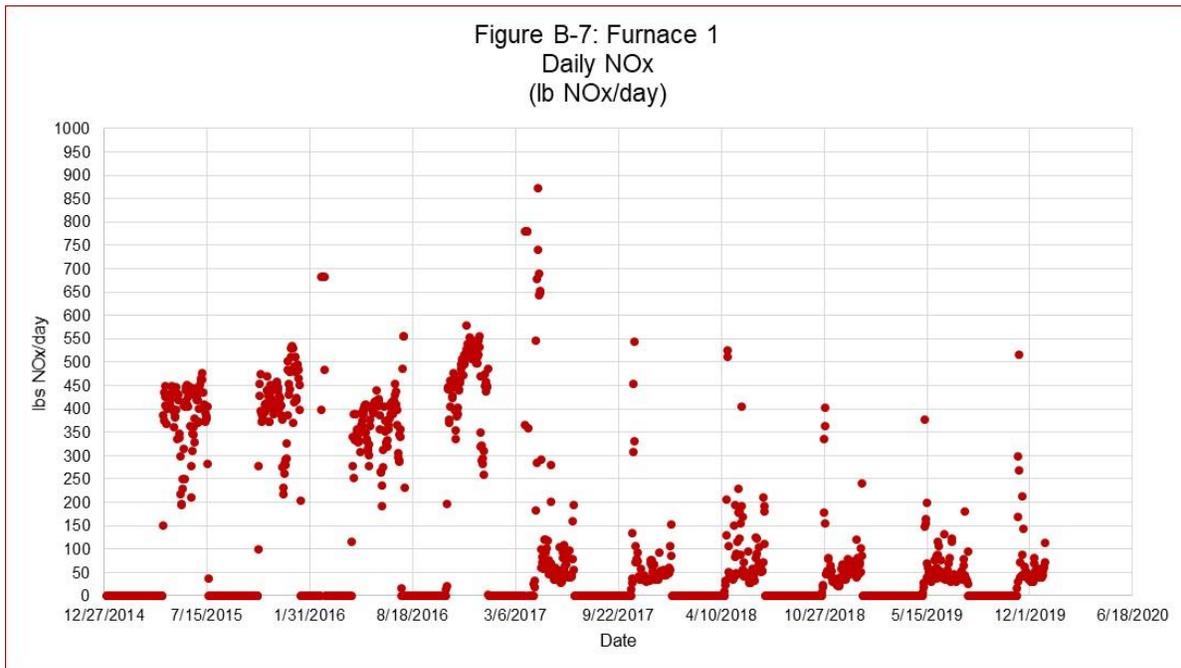
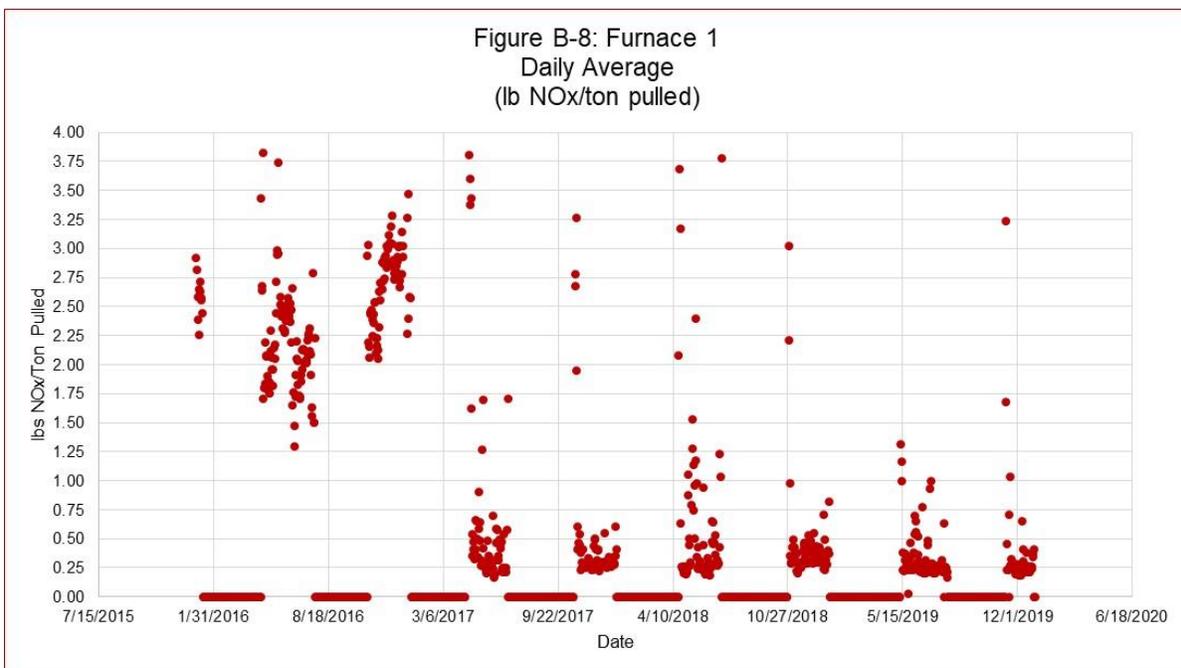
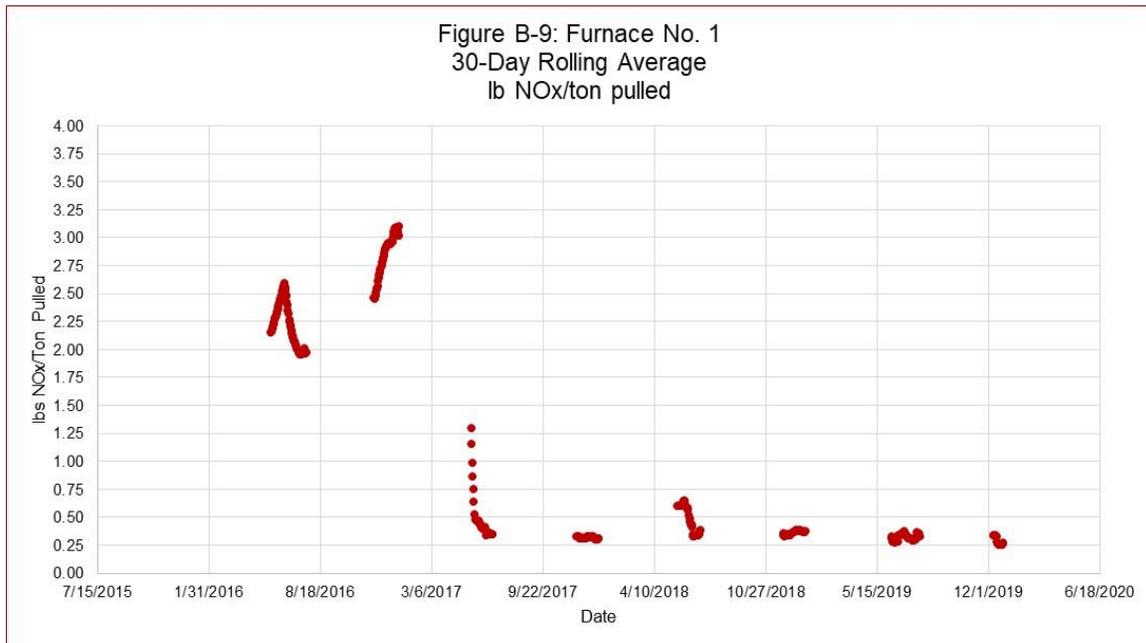


Figure B-8 illustrates the NOx emissions per day based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the sodium silicate furnace from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-9 illustrates the NOx emissions on a rolling 30-day average based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the sodium silicate furnace from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



### NOx Data Analysis

Staff analyzed the NOx emissions data from the container glass furnaces and noted a significant drop in NOx emissions when comparing data from before and after 2017. In 2017, the container glass facility installed a CCF emission control systems on the exhaust gas exiting their container glass melting furnaces. It also should be noted that this facility had previously installed oxy-fueled burners on their container glass melting furnaces. Staff believes that the combination of the CCF and the oxy-fueled burners accounted for the significant drop in NOx emissions.

Through discussions with the container glass facility, staff learned that after the installation of the CCF systems, there was a period of time where the operator had to fine tune the operation of the equipment. During this time, the CCF system experienced unexpected breakage of filter elements. The operator also had to experiment with ammonia injection rates to optimize NOx emission reductions versus their permitted ammonia slip limit of 5 ppmvd. Initially after startup of the CCF system, to maximize NOx reductions, the CCF control system was operated at a NOx emission level of 0.15 lb of NOx per ton of glass pulled ratio. Later as operational issues were resolved, the targeted emission level was adjusted up to 0.22 lb of NOx per glass pulled, which occurred around July 2019. This adjustment helped to resolve ammonia slip concerns where the current ammonia slip is less than 1 ppmvd.

Through site visits to the container glass facility, staff noted that the CCF system as installed is a robust system consisting of four units per furnace. According to its permit, the facility is required to operate a minimum of two units per furnace line. However, running three units at a time with a sufficient ammonia injection appears to minimize NOx emissions as well as balance their ammonia

slip concerns. With a fourth unit online, it was reported that there was not much difference observed in the amount of NO<sub>x</sub> reduction compared to three units.

When the NO<sub>x</sub> emission data was analyzed on a 30-day rolling average by staff, many transient data spikes that had been initially observed became less significant.

Staff analyzed the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions data from the sodium silicate furnaces and noted a significant drop in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions when comparing data from before and after 2017. In 2017, the sodium silicate facility installed a CCF emission control system on the exhaust gas exiting their furnace. Since installation of the CCF system, a noticeable reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions was observed.

As with the container glass facility, the sodium silicate facility also experienced a period of time where the operators had to learn how to fine tune the operation of the equipment. During this time, they too experienced unexpected breakage of filter elements. They also had to experiment with ammonia injection rates to optimize NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions versus their permitted ammonia slip limit of 10 ppmvd. In general, the sodium silicate furnace operates at about 0.4 lb of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled and also does not have the same level of redundancy as the container glass facility does by having multiple units.

During site visits to the sodium silicate facility, it was observed that there were frequent transient spikes in ammonia slip. It was also observed that these spikes may be correlated to how the furnace switches its crossflow flow periodically from one side of the furnace to the other. These transients forced ammonia injection adjustments which appeared to affect their overall NO<sub>x</sub> control. A combination of tuning issues with the ammonia injection and the range of the ammonia analyzer may be adding to this issue.

When the NO<sub>x</sub> emission data was analyzed on a 30-day rolling average, many transient data spikes that had been initially observed became less significant.

### **Increase of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Over Time**

During the rule development process, stakeholders for the container glass facility expressed concern that furnace degradation over an extended run length would lead to the generation of additional NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Staff was told that as a furnace ages, decreases in burner efficiency or increases in air leakage into the furnace may require more fuel to maintain process conditions. With more fuel being combusted, the amount of NO<sub>x</sub> generated could potentially increase.

To investigate this issue, staff compiled NO<sub>x</sub> emission data beginning in 2004 through 2015 for the two furnaces operating at the container glass facility. NO<sub>x</sub> emission information was collected from daily CEMS emissions data reported by the facility to the South Coast AQMD as part of the RECLAIM program requirements. Due to the configuration of the CEMS units, however, individual emissions from each furnace could not be separated from the aggregate. As such, staff analyzed the total NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from both furnaces as one unit.

Figure B-10 shows that over a twelve year span, the total combined NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from both furnaces have trended upwards. It should be noted that pull rate data was not available for the

period of time prior to 2010 and so the pull rate was not factored into this data review. Therefore, it is possible that the increased NOx emissions may also have been due to an increase in production from 2004 through 2015.

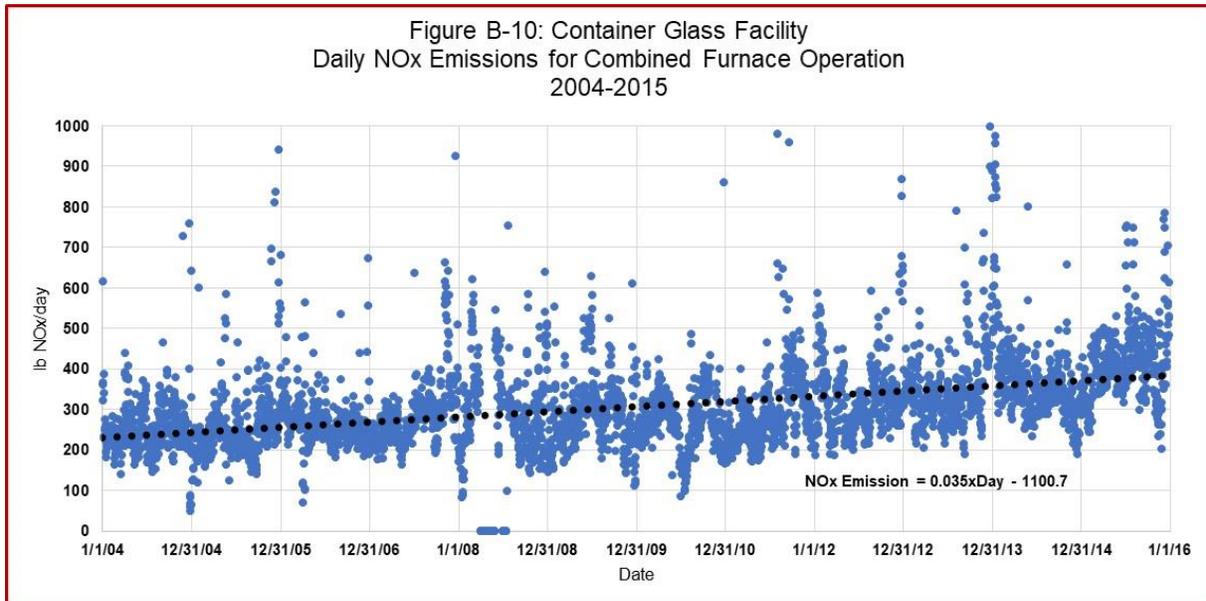


Figure B-10, NOx is seen to have increased approximately 0.035 lbs of NOx per day over a twelve year period. Since this represents two furnaces in operation, the corresponding NOx emissions increase per furnace would be approximately 0.0175 lbs of NOx per day or 6.4 lbs per year per furnace. The expected NOx increase due to the aging experienced by a furnace may be approximately 96 lbs over a 15 year operational cycle.

To present this on a pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled basis, staff used the averaged pull rate for the two furnaces from 2010 to 2015 because staff did not have the pull rates from 2004 to 2009. The pulled amounts were 285 tons and 354 tons for an average of 319.5 tons. Based on this analysis, this would correspond to an average increase of 0.30 lbs of NOx per ton of glass pulled (96 lbs ÷ 319.5 tons). This increase does not take into consideration the addition of the CCF system in 2017. With the addition of the CCF system, staff expects that any effect due to NOx increases over time to be mitigated.

### Proposed NOx Emission Limits

Based on the data analysis and observations made by staff, the following NOx emission limits are proposed:

- For the container glass melting furnaces, NOx emissions should not exceed 0.75 lb NOx per ton of glass pulled on a rolling 30-day average.
- For the sodium silicate furnace, NOx emissions shall not exceed 0.50 lb NOx per ton of product pulled on a rolling 30-day average.

### Presentation of SOx Emissions from Container Glass Melting Furnace Operations

As was previously noted in this staff report, although the sodium silicate facility is in the SOx RECLAIM program, it does not report SOx emissions.

The following SOx information illustrates SOx emissions from the container glass melting furnaces.

Figure B-11 illustrates the SOx emissions on a lbs per day basis reported by the container glass facility for its container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.

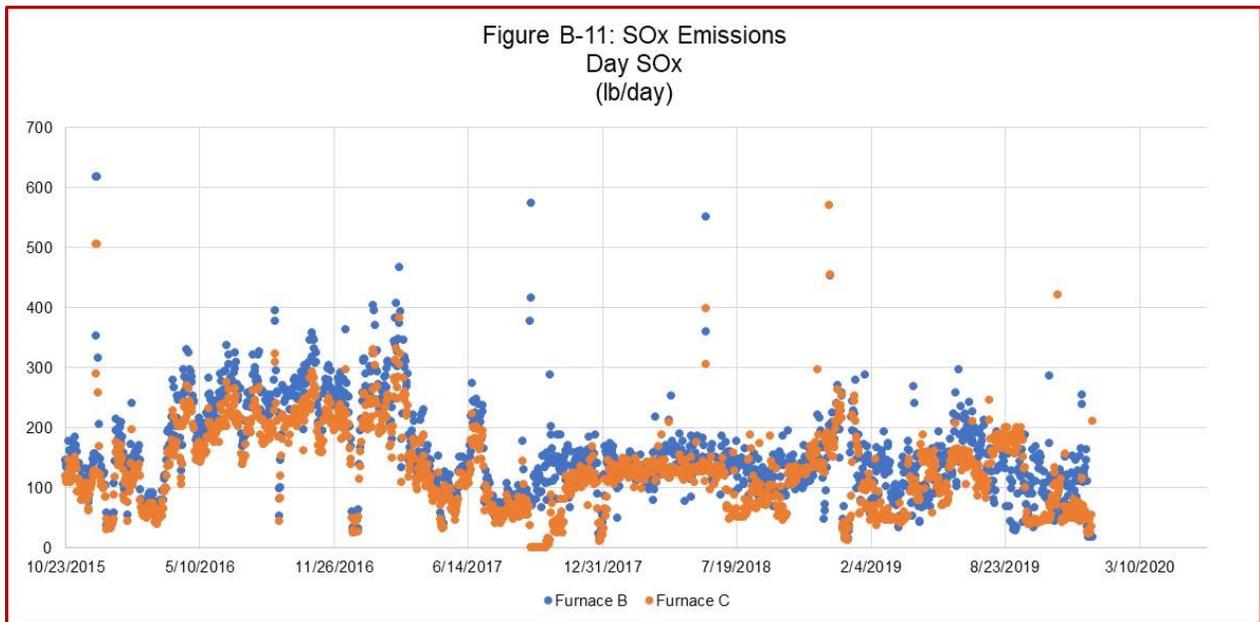
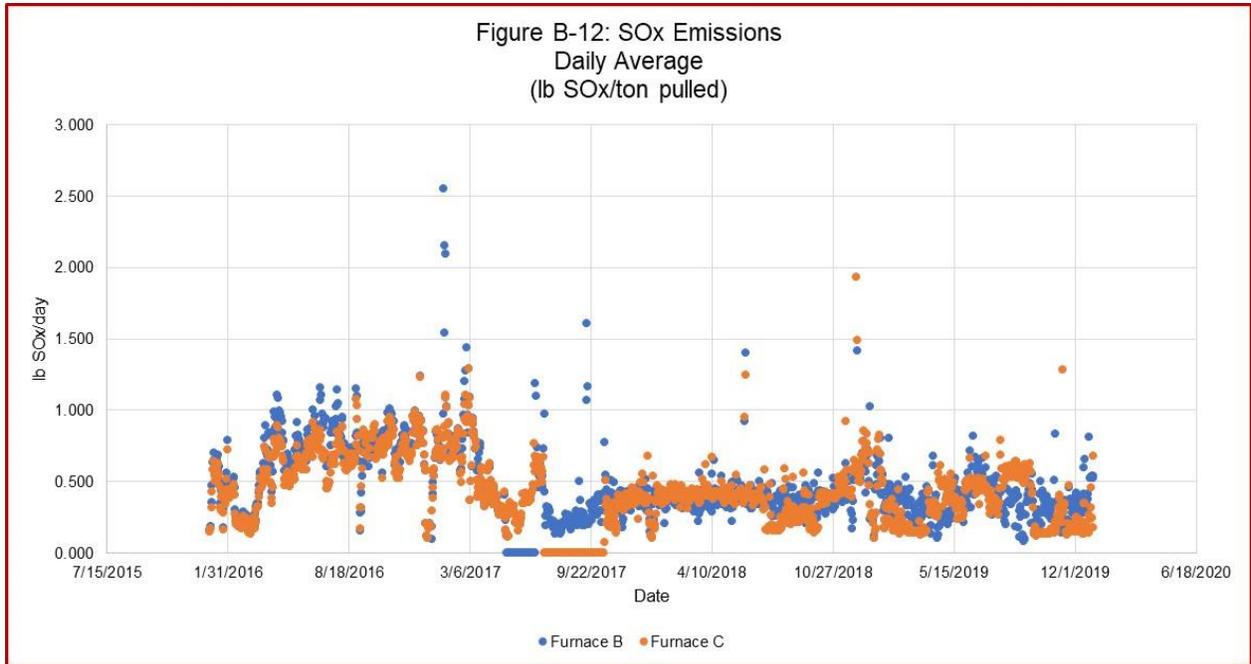
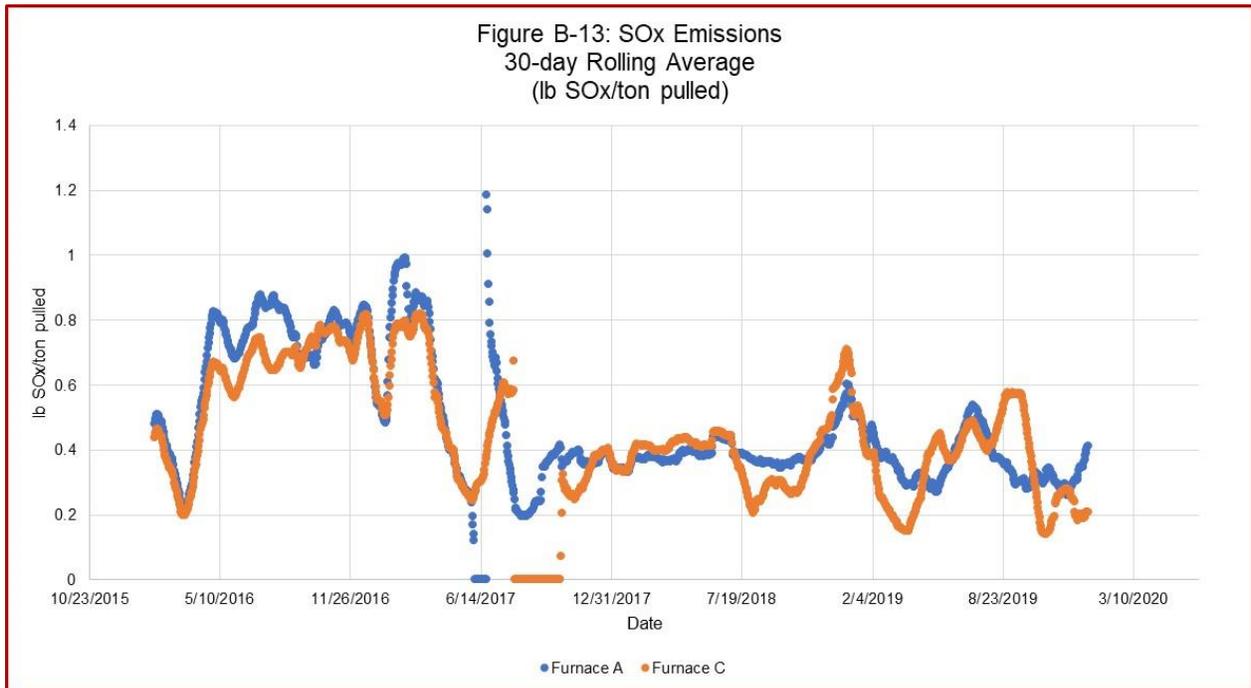


Figure B-12 illustrates the SOx emissions per day based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled from the container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-13 illustrates the NOx emissions on a rolling 30-day average based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



### SOx Data Analysis

The primary goal for the installation of the CCF and oxy fuel burners at the container glass facility was tied to reducing NOx emissions. Although there is some observable SOx reduction at the

container glass facility due to the CCF, the emissions impacts will be evaluated at a later date when the RECLAIM SOx program is also transitioned to a command-and-control regulatory structure.

## **APPENDIX C – RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTERS**

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Re: Proposed Amendments to SCAQMD PAR 1117

Dear Mr. Chacon:

We are submitting these comments on South Coast Air Quality Management District (“SCAQMD”) Proposed Amended Rule 1117 - Emission of Oxides of Nitrogen from Glass Melting Furnaces (“PAR 1117”) on behalf of our client Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc. (“Owens”). In addition, attached is a markup of the current version of PAR 1117 (March 2020). The Owens facility is located at 2901-23 Fruitland Ave in Vernon, CA 90058 (Facility ID No. 7427) (“Facility”). The Facility is a RECLAIM Cycle 1 for both NOx and SOx (Coastal Zone). The Facility is one of only two facilities subject to PAR 1117 and the only container glass melting facility subject to the rule.

**Background**

The Facility produces about 700 tons per day of glass containers for the food and beverage industry. The Facility uses significant volumes of recycled glass, also known as cullet, in the production process. During normal operations, the feed to the Facility’s two furnaces, identified as Furnaces B and C, consists of between 55% and 73% cullet. Furnaces B and C consist of two newly re-bricked advanced oxyfuel-fired glass furnaces that vent to an advanced air pollution control system. Installed in 2016 and 2017, the Tri-Mer emission control system reduces NOx, SOx and PM from the Facility.

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The emission control upgrades implemented at the Facility are above and beyond what is required to comply with emission limits in the Facility Title V Operating Permit, and any requirements applicable to similar facilities elsewhere in the country. Taken together, the furnace design and air pollution control system represent one of the lowest-emitting glass container manufacturing capabilities in the United States. Owens implemented the upgrades because of the incentive provided by the NOx RECLAIM allowing for the sale of unused RTCs as a means of recouping some of its investment. Of course, the incentive to undertake emission control projects of this type will be eliminated with the sunset of the NOx RECLAIM program.

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### Specific Comments

**1. The proposed NOx limit must be set at a level that takes into consideration performance of the furnaces and control equipment over time.**

As a result of the recent re-bricking of the furnaces, and optimization of the emission control system, control of emissions from the Facility is currently at peak performance. While Owens implements a rigorous maintenance program, over time it is inevitable that additional oxygen from the ambient air will ingress into the furnaces. NOx emissions are produced as a result of the thermal reaction between nitrogen and oxygen in the high temperature environment of the glass melting furnaces. Therefore, over the period of time until the furnaces would be rebricked again, NOx emissions will increase.

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The proposed NOx limit of 0.25 lb/ton is low for glass melting furnaces. For other glass melting furnaces outside of California, emission limits ranging from 1.1 to 1.3 lbs per ton of glass pulled have been required in consent orders with USDOJ. Owens has already significant capital costs to install the add-on emission control system and will incur additional operating costs associated with the system. A 0.25 lb/ton NOx limit, which is far below that applicable to other similar facilities, places Owens at a further competitive disadvantage. Owens is also concerned that this limit does not account for expected increases of emissions over time or provide for a sufficient compliance margin.

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During initial discussion with staff, Owens proposed a NOx limit of 1.0 lb/ton, which it believes is representative of limits recently imposed on other similar facilities, and also represents a 33% reduction of the current Facility permitted NOx limit, and a 75% reduction from the current NOx limit in Rule 1117. Upon further review, Owens believes that it can maintain emissions from the furnaces at the Facility below 0.75 lb/ton NOx limit. As such, PAR Rule 1117(d)(1) should be revised to "0.75 pound of NOx per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period."

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**2. The definition for Cullet should be clarified to include recycled and scrap glass.**

In PAR 1117(c)(3), the definition of "Cullet" should be clarified. At the Facility, cullet and raw materials, consisting primarily of silica sand, limestone and soda ash, are weighed,

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<p>combined, and mixed to precise ratios into a batch. The composition of the batch varies depending on the type of glass being made. The batch is then directed to a furnace, where it is melted and formed into glass bottles or other containers. Rejects and off-spec containers are recycled as cullet and reused. Cullet should be clarified to include recycled and scrap glass.</p>	1-5 cont.
<p><b>3. The definition for Furnace should be broadened to include any fossil fueled furnace.</b></p>	
<p>In PAR 1117(c)(6), the definition of “Furnace” should be clarified. For the purposes of the rule, furnace means any fossil fuel-fired glass melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace. The definition of Furnace should not be related to containers. The term furnace should be read broadly to include any fossil fuel-fired glass melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace.</p>	1-6
<p><b>4. The definition of Startup should reflect actual operating conditions.</b></p>	
<p>In PAR 1117(c)(14), the definition of “Startup” should be clarified. Once the minimum temperatures have been reached and the emissions control system is operational, startup time limits should not apply. When the emissions control system is not bypassed, emissions are being controlled. The definition of Startup should be revised to mean the period of time “after initial construction or a furnace rebuild during which a furnace is heated to operating temperatures by the primary furnace combustion system, pollution control equipment is brought on line, and systems and instrumentation are brought to stabilization.”</p>	1-7
<p><b>5. Limits for idling, startup and shutdown should reflect actual operating conditions.</b></p>	
<p>Key to limiting emissions during start-up, shutdown and idling is not limiting the duration of the event, but limiting the period of time that the emission control system is not fully operational. Emissions from the furnaces are controlled when the emissions control system is operational. The requirements under Rule 1117(d)(3) should reflect operating conditions and clarify that the time limits apply only when the exhaust is not passing through “operating pollution control equipment, including the injection of any associated chemical reagent into the exhaust stream to control NOx.” Furthermore, Rule 1117(d)(4) should be revised to clarify that, during start-up, shutdown and idling, the furnaces shall operate with “exhaust emission control systems, including the injection of any associated chemical reagent into the exhaust stream to control NOx, whenever technologically feasible.”</p>	1-8  1-9
<p><b>6. Compliance determinations should also should reflect actual operating conditions.</b></p>	
<p>PAR Rule 1117(e)(1) may require Owens to determine compliance on a rolling 30-day average using a Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (“CEMS”) regardless of actual operating conditions at the Facility. Operating days should only be removed from the 30-day roll</p>	1-10
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when the emissions control system is bypassed. As such, Rule 1117(e)(1) should be modified to account for “for all days in which the Furnace operated for the previous 30 days.”

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**7. PAR 1117 needs to define “in full use” for air pollution control equipment.**

Owens has a separate ceramic catalyst filter (“CCF”) system for each of the two glass melting furnaces at the Vernon Plant. The CCF systems are similar to baghouses, but instead of fabric bags the CCF systems use ceramic catalyst filters, also known as “candles” due to their shape. Each of the two CCF systems is composed of separate housing units that can be taken off-line independently, while furnace exhaust continues to pass through the remaining operating housing units. The Furnace B system has four housing units with 240 filters in each housing unit, for a total of 960 filters; the Furnace C system has four housing units with 200 filters in each housing unit, for a total of 800 filters.

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While Owens typically operates with all housing units online, the systems are designed to enable Owens to meet permitted emission limits for a particular furnace with only two of the four housing units in that system online. PAR 1117 should allow Owens to operate only two of the four housing units at one time.

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Thank you for your attention to these comments. If you would like to discuss our concerns, please contact me at (714) 755-8105 or by email at [michael.carroll@lw.com](mailto:michael.carroll@lw.com).

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### **Response to Comment 1-1**

The South Coast AQMD staff appreciates your comments and recognizes that the emissions control equipment that has been installed at this facility has significantly reduced the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions at the site. Staff agrees with the commenter that when combined, the furnace design and air pollution control system represent one of the lowest-emitting glass container manufacturing capabilities in the United States. This combination of design and added control equipment is unique and uncommon at other plants operating in the United States.

Through the PAR 1117 rulemaking process, it is the intent of staff to codify these achievements in emissions reductions. Staff does not anticipate that the facility will incur any additional equipment or operational costs resulting from PAR 1117 than what has already been invested by the facility. Staff also notes that the decision by the facility to implement these upgrades was made in part because of the incentive provided by the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program allowing for the sale of unused RTCs, and has benefited in the RECLAIM program by installing pollution controls before requirements under PAR 1117 were established.

### **Response to Comment 1-2**

Staff recognizes that a container glass melting furnace's refractory brick ages over time and may allow air to ingress. Staff reviewed NO<sub>x</sub> emissions data for the two furnaces operating at the facility from 2004 through 2015 and noted that prior to the installation of the ceramic catalyst filter system, there was an increase in the aggregate NO<sub>x</sub> emissions over this period. The NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit established for container glass melting furnaces accounts for aging of refractory brick.

### **Response to Comment 1-3**

As part of the BARCT technology assessment, staff identified other glass melting furnaces operating with NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits ranging from 1.1 to 1.3 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled in consent decrees with the United States Department of Justice and in other regulatory jurisdictions. Staff considered these limits as unique to the circumstances and conditions found at these locations. Similarly, for PAR 1117, staff evaluated data specific to the operation of the two container glass melting furnaces at the affected facility.

What has already been demonstrated and achieved by the use of the currently installed emissions control equipment is what PAR 1117 will codify. Staff does not anticipate that the facility will incur any additional equipment or operational costs resulting from PAR 1117 than what has already been invested by the facility.

Staff initially proposed a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 0.25 lb per ton of glass pulled. Based on stakeholder input, staff has revised the NO<sub>x</sub> limit to 0.75 lb per ton of glass pulled to accommodate increases in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions due to the aging of the furnaces and associated emissions control equipment, and also to provide a compliance margin.

**Response to Comment 1-4**

Staff has revised the NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit to 0.75 lb per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period for container glass melting furnaces.

**Response to Comment 1-5**

The definition of cullet has been revised to include the term “recycled.”

**Response to Comment 1-6**

Within the jurisdiction of the South Coast AQMD, there are only two RECLAIM facilities currently affected by PAR 1117. To provide distinction between the two types of operations, staff has included the container glass definition to distinguish this process versus the other for sodium silicate. The definitions are specific to the directly affected sources of the proposed amended rule.

**Response to Comment 1-7**

Staff has revised the language in PAR 1117 (d)(3) that pertains to startups, shutdowns, and idling to exclude periods of time when the exhaust emissions control equipment is in use. The goal of limiting these operational situations is to minimize uncontrolled emissions. If the exhaust emission control equipment is in operation, then staff agrees the intention has been met.

Further, staff has distinguished between types of emission control equipment in this provision. Although oxy-fueled burners are recognized as a type of emissions control equipment, the use of the add-on exhaust emissions controls is what is targeted by the revised provision.

**Response to Comment 1-8**

See response to Comment 1-7.

**Response to Comment 1-9**

The phrase “whenever technologically feasible” was determined to be too broad to be able to enforce. Instead, staff has incorporated existing permit conditions that specify the temperature at which ammonia or a similar reagent should be injected and when the catalyst system is in operation.

**Response to Comment 1-10**

Staff has updated the language in PAR 1117 (e)(1) to explicitly exclude emissions from idling, startup, and shutdowns from being counted as part of the 30-day rolling average. However, idling, startup, and shutdown activities are still limited by the time restrictions in PAR 1117 (d)(3). If a furnace operates beyond the time allowed for either idling, startups, or shutdowns, then the emissions emitted beyond the allotted time shall be counted as part of the 30-day rolling average.

The purpose of including the requirement that “if a furnace operates for fewer than 30 days, then compliance for NO<sub>x</sub> will be determined based on the average for the actual days of operation” is to address batch-type operations. If a furnace such as one used in the sodium silicate process is operated for less than 30 days and is shutdown based on operational considerations, then its emissions shall be averaged for the amount of time that it actually operated.

**Response to Comment 1-11**

PAR 1117 does not define the requirement “in full use” for any air pollution control equipment, but defers any specific requirements to conditions listed on the facility’s permit to operate. At a minimum, the permit to operate currently requires the use of two of the four ceramic catalyst filter housing units per furnace line.

## ATTACHMENT G

# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### Final Staff Report

### Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) program was adopted in October 1993 under Regulation XX. RECLAIM is a market-based emissions trading program designed to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions and includes facilities with NO<sub>x</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub> emissions greater than 4 tons per year. The 2016 Final Air Quality Management Plan (2016 AQMP) included Control Measure CMB-05: Further NO<sub>x</sub> Reductions from RECLAIM Assessment (CMB-05) to ensure the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program was achieving equivalency with command-and-control rules that are implementing Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) and to generate further NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions at RECLAIM facilities. The adoption resolution for the 2016 AQMP directed staff to achieve five tons per day of NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions as soon as feasible but no later than 2025, and to transition the RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure requiring BARCT as soon as practicable. On July 26, 2017 the Governor approved California State Assembly Bill 617, which required air districts to develop, by January 1, 2019, an expedited schedule for the implementation of BARCT no later than December 31, 2023 for industrial facilities that are in the State greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program with priority given to older higher polluting sources that need to install BARCT.

As facilities transition out of NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM, a command-and-control rule that includes NO<sub>x</sub> emission standards that reflect BARCT will be needed for all equipment categories. Rule 1117 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces is a command-and-control rule for facilities that operate furnaces used in the production of glass and sodium silicate. Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces (PAR 1117) will update the existing rule to reflect current technologically-achieved emission levels that represent BACRT for NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>. PAR 1117 will also address operational concerns related to idling, startup, and shutdown of container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces by including provisions and limitations for these unique situations. In addition, provisions that are no longer applicable will be removed.

Of the facilities in RECLAIM, two facilities will be affected by PAR 1117: one container glass manufacturer and one sodium silicate manufacturer. There are two furnaces operated at the container glass facility and one furnace operated at the sodium silicate facility that will be subject to PAR 1117. In addition, PAR 1117 will also incorporate the auxiliary combustion equipment associated with the container glass manufacturing lines. Initially, Rule 1117 applied to the container glass manufacturing process but did not apply to the sodium silicate process. However, with the transition of RECLAIM to a command-and-control regulatory structure, sodium silicate manufacturing has been included into PAR 1117 since its manufacturing process is similar to container glass.

In 2017, both container glass and sodium silicate facilities installed new air pollution control devices (APCDs) on each of their furnaces. Although the APCDs were installed prior to the adoption of PAR 1117, their impact on reducing NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions will be evaluated and included as part of the rule development process to ensure NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits are met on an ongoing basis. Based on the success demonstrated in reducing NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission levels, PAR 1117 will reduce the NO<sub>x</sub> limit from the current rule level of 4.0 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass

pulled to 0.75 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled for container glass furnaces and 0.50 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled for sodium silicate furnaces. PAR 1117 will also establish a SO<sub>x</sub> emission level where no limit had been included previously in the rule. The SO<sub>x</sub> emission level for container glass furnaces and the sodium silicate furnace will be established at 1.1 lbs of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled based on current permitted conditions contained in the container glass facility's Permit to Operate and on a level representing Best Available Control Technology limits.

A cost-effectiveness analysis was completed for the NO<sub>x</sub> reduction associated with the 2017 installation of the APCDs at both the container glass and sodium silicate facilities, as well as future requirements pertaining to container glass auxiliary combustion equipment. The NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions are 0.57 tpd and an overall cost-effectiveness of \$22,700 per ton of NO<sub>x</sub> reduced was determined for the proposed emission limits. Although additional benefits from the reduction of other pollutants are expected, these other reductions were not considered at this time.

## **CHAPTER 1: BACKGROUND**

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**BACKGROUND**

**REGULATORY HISTORY**

**AFFECTED FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

**PUBLIC PROCESS**

## **BACKGROUND**

In October 1993, Regulation XX- RECLAIM was adopted. The purpose of the RECLAIM program was to provide industry with a flexible, market-based approach to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Participants were initially allocated RECLAIM Trading Credits (RTCs) based on emissions from their highest production level from 1989 to 1992. With the adoption of RECLAIM, furnaces that had been regulated under Rule 1117 were exempt from NO<sub>x</sub> emission standards.

Over the life of RECLAIM, allocations have been reduced twice, requiring businesses to either reduce emissions through installation of pollution controls or replacement if equipment or processes change; or purchase RTCs. In response to concerns regarding actual emission reductions and implementation of BARCT under RECLAIM, Control Measure CMB-05 of the 2016 AQMP committed to an assessment of the RECLAIM program in order to achieve further NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions of five tons per day, including actions to transition the program and ensure future equivalency to command-and-control regulations. During the adoption of the 2016 AQMP, the adoption resolution directed staff to modify Control Measure CMB-05 to achieve the five tons per day NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction as soon as feasible but no later than 2025, and to transition the RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure requiring BARCT-level controls as soon as practicable.

In addition, on July 26, 2017, Governor Brown signed AB 617 which addressed non-vehicular air pollution. AB 617 was companion legislation to AB 398 which extended California's cap-and-trade program for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources. RECLAIM facilities that are part of the cap-and-trade program are now also subject to the requirements of AB 617. AB 617 requires an expedited schedule for implementing BARCT for cap-and-trade facilities. Under AB 617, the State's air districts were to develop a schedule by January 1, 2019 for the implementation of BARCT no later than December 31, 2023. The highest priority would be given to older, higher polluting units that would need to install retrofit controls.

The October 5, 2018 amendment to Rule 2001 established procedures for facilities to opt out of RECLAIM provided the equipment at the facility met specified criteria.

Staff has been in discussions with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on all elements of transitioning RECLAIM sources to a command-and-control regulatory structure to ensure that the rules relating to the transition would be approved into the State Implementation Plan (SIP). USEPA expressed concern over facilities exiting RECLAIM before all command-and-control and New Source Review (NSR) requirements had been adopted to clearly demonstrate equivalency to the replaced program. Therefore, USEPA has recommended keeping facilities in RECLAIM until all the rules associated with the transition have been adopted and approved into the SIP.

As a result, on July 12, 2019, the opt-out provision was removed from Rule 2001 in consideration of USEPA's recommendation, and now prohibits facilities from exiting the RECLAIM program. Until facilities exit RECLAIM, they will continue to be subject to all RECLAIM requirements including Rule 2005 – New Source Review for RECLAIM, for permitting of new or modified NO<sub>x</sub> sources that undergo emission increases. In addition, these facilities will also be required to

comply with all the requirements in adopted and amended command-and-control rules that apply to RECLAIM facilities, including the implementation schedules and any NO<sub>x</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub> limitations. Staff will continue to work with USEPA on NSR for former RECLAIM facilities as well as on all the relevant command-and-control rules for the RECLAIM transition.

As facilities transition out of RECLAIM, a command-and-control rule that includes NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission standards that reflect BARCT will be needed. PAR 1117 is a command-and-control “landing” rule for RECLAIM facilities that operate container glass melting and associated combustion equipment, and sodium silicate furnaces. Equipment at existing RECLAIM facilities will be required to comply with the emission standards and with monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements contained in PAR 1117. In addition, PAR 1117 will address operational concerns related to idling, startup, and shutdown of container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces by including provisions and limitations for these situations. Existing provisions that are no longer applicable will be removed.

## **REGULATORY HISTORY**

On February 5, 1982, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board adopted Rule 1117 – *Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Glass Melting Furnaces*. The rule was subsequently amended once on January 6, 1984. The rule set a single limit for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions at 4.0 lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled effective after December 31, 1992. However, the rule exempted furnaces used in the production of glass tableware, flat glass, or fiberglass.

The rule also allowed for the use of an alternative emissions control plan and an energy recovery NO<sub>x</sub> emissions factor. In addition, compliance determination was made using a three-hour averaging procedure unless a continuous emissions monitoring system was installed, in which case a 24-hour averaging could then be used.

In December 2015, Regulation XX was amended to implement Control Measure CMB-01 of the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan and to further reduce NO<sub>x</sub> from RECLAIM facilities. The amendment implemented NO<sub>x</sub> BARCT for various pieces of equipment. As part of the BARCT assessment, container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces were evaluated and it was determined to be feasible to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 80%, which was also verified by a third-party consultant. In response to the required NO<sub>x</sub> allocation reduction, both container glass and sodium silicate facilities installed air pollution control equipment to comply with this requirement.

## **AFFECTED FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

PAR 1117 impacts two facilities: a container glass and sodium silicate manufacturing facility. Both facilities are in the RECLAIM program and upon transitioning out of RECLAIM into a command-and-control regulatory structure, they will become former RECLAIM Facilities. There are no other facilities operating within the jurisdiction of the South Coast AQMD that are equipped with container glass melting or sodium silicate furnaces or similarly purposed equipment that would be subject to this proposed amended rule.

The container glass facility makes containers used in the food and beverage industries. It operates two container glass melting furnaces. Each furnace is rated at 68 MMBTU/hr and is equipped with oxy-fueled burners. The container glass facility also operates two manufacturing lines that each consists of a main melting furnace where molten glass is produced and auxiliary combustion equipment to keep the material flowing to pour stations where the bottles are formed. Once the bottles are formed, they are transported to smaller furnaces for annealing. The annealing step relieves any residual internal stress introduced in the manufacturing process which improves the durability of bottles. Typically, once the facility starts up, the container glass melting furnaces operate continuously for years at a time.

The sodium silicate facility produces a sodium silicate material in either solid or aqueous solution that is used in a variety of industrial or consumer products. It operates one furnace rated at 56.6 MMBTU/hr and is equipped with low-NOx burners. The sodium silicate furnace is a cross-fired regenerative furnace that cycles its firing from one side to the other, reversing direction on a periodic basis. The back-and-forth operation of this furnace allows for waste heat to be recovered and be used to preheat combustion air, improving efficiency and allowing for higher operating temperatures. Unlike the container glass facility, the sodium silicate facility operates for limited manufacturing runs of up to several months with significant down time in between runs where the furnace is not in operation.

## **PUBLIC PROCESS**

The development of PAR 1117 was conducted through a public process. One Working Group meeting was held on August 1, 2019. Working Group meetings typically include staff and representatives from affected businesses, environmental groups, public agencies, consultants, and other interested parties. The purpose of the Working Group meetings is to discuss details of proposed amendments and to listen to concerns and issues with the objective to build consensus and to resolve key issues.

Staff has had meetings with stakeholders and has conducted multiple site visits at both facilities as part of this rulemaking process. Since this rule affects only two facilities, staff determined that it would be more beneficial and efficient to address specific issues with the facilities individually in lieu of conducting multiple working group meetings. A public workshop was held on March 19, 2020. Due to unique circumstances associated with COVID-19, the public workshop was held via videoconference. The purpose of the public workshop was to present the preliminary staff report and proposed rule language to the general public and to stakeholders, as well as to solicit feedback.

## **CHAPTER 2: BARCT ASSESSMENT**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**BARCT ANALYSIS APPROACH**

## INTRODUCTION

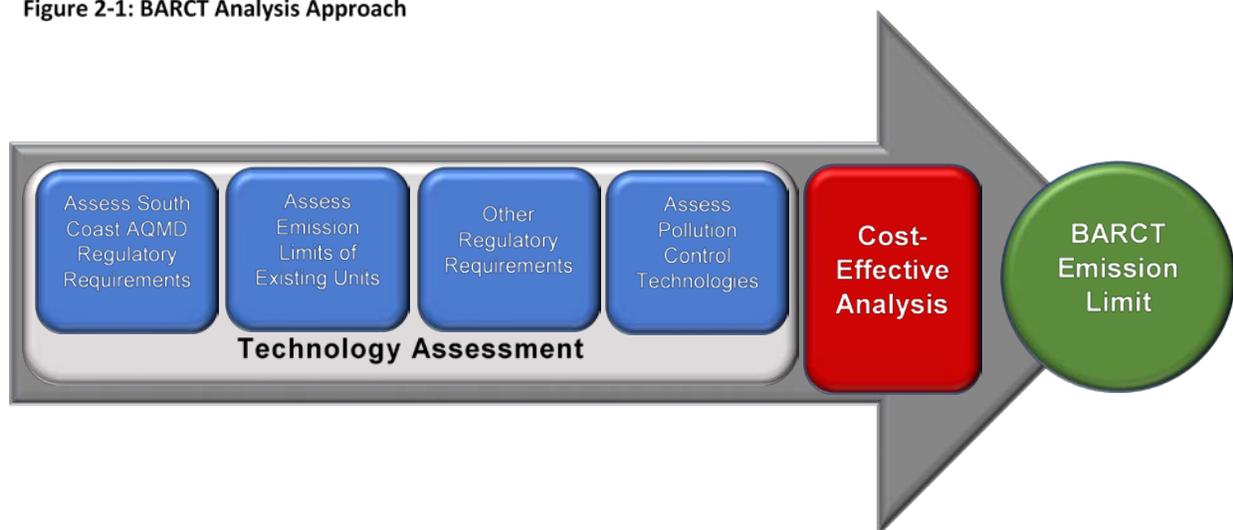
Staff conducted an assessment of the NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit under Rule 1117 to determine if it is still representative of BARCT for similar types of combustion equipment. BARCT analyses are periodically performed for equipment categories to assess technological changes that may reflect a lower emission limit. Rule 1117 was adopted in 1982 and last amended in 1984. Since that time, NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for similar types of combustion equipment generally have been established lower than the current limit contained in Rule 1117. The lower limits have been due to the evolution of burner design and the addition of emission control systems.

Under California Health and Safety Code § 40406, BARCT is defined as:

“... an emission limitation that is based on the maximum degree of reduction achievable, taking into account environmental, energy, and economic impacts by each class or category of source.”

The BARCT assessment for this rule development consisted of a multi-step analysis. The first four steps represent the technology assessment. First, staff evaluated current South Coast AQMD regulatory requirements, then assessed emission limits for existing units and then surveyed other air districts and agencies outside of the South Coast AQMD’s jurisdiction to identify emission limits that exist for similar equipment. In the final step of the technology assessment, staff assessed pollution control technologies to determine what degree of reduction could be achievable for the affected sources. A cost-effectiveness analysis is then conducted. Based on the evaluation of the information, initial BARCT emission limits are recommended.

Figure 2-1: BARCT Analysis Approach



## **BARCT ANALYSIS APPROACH**

### Assessment of Current South Coast AQMD Regulatory Requirements

For this first step of the BARCT analysis, staff reviewed both existing South Coast AQMD Rule 1117 and recent permitting activities. Last amended in 1984, Rule 1117 currently limits NO<sub>x</sub> emissions to 4.0 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled and has no SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits. Although Rule 1117 applies to glass melting furnaces, it exempts emissions from furnaces used to melt glass to produce glass tableware, flat glass, and fiberglass. Rule 1117 specifically does not include, nor does it explicitly preclude, the operation of a sodium silicate furnace. There are currently no glass melting furnaces outside of RECLAIM that are subject to Rule 1117.

#### *Container Glass*

The current Rule 1117 NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for container glass melting furnaces is 4.0 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled and has been in effect since December 31, 1992. In 2015, a BARCT assessment that included operations from container glass melting was conducted as part of the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM amendments. In that assessment, staff concluded that an 80% NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction or a target of 0.24 pound per ton of glass produced was feasible and cost effective. Furthermore, staff's conclusion was confirmed by a contracted third-party consultant. Based on the 2015 BARCT assessment, the current NO<sub>x</sub> limit in Rule 1117 is not representative of what has been demonstrated in for glass melting furnaces.

Currently, Rule 1117 does not have a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for container glass melting furnaces. However, in anticipation of a future transition of the RECLAIM SO<sub>x</sub> program to a command-and-control regulatory structure, PAR 1117 is including a SO<sub>x</sub> limit during this rulemaking effort.

#### *Sodium Silicate*

Rule 1117 currently does not include a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for sodium silicate furnaces. In 2015, a BARCT assessment that included operations from sodium silicate furnaces was conducted as part of the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM amendments. In that assessment, staff concluded that an 80% NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction or a target of 1.28 pound per ton of product pulled was feasible and cost effective. Furthermore, staff's conclusion was confirmed by a contracted third-party consultant.

Currently, Rule 1117 does not have a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for sodium silicate furnaces. However, in anticipation of a future transition of the RECLAIM SO<sub>x</sub> program to a command-and-control regulatory structure, PAR 1117 is including a SO<sub>x</sub> limit during this rulemaking effort. The furnace at the sodium silicate facility is currently included in the SO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program because it used to emit SO<sub>x</sub>.

### Assessment of Emission Limits of Existing Units

The current permit for the container glass facility contains a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 1.5 lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled. The permit limit was predicated on the addition of a post-combustion control system designed to provide at least an 80% reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in the exhaust gas exiting from the furnace. The post-combustion control system that was selected and installed was a ceramic-based catalyst system manufactured by Tri-mer. Additional consideration in selecting

the permit limit was also influenced by what other air districts and jurisdictions had determined to be attainable.

The container glass facility's permit also contains a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 1.1 lbs of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled. The SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit was established based on Best Available Control Technology (BACT) limits and by what other air districts and jurisdictions have determined to be attainable. Staff intends to incorporate the current SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit as established by the container glass facility permit as well as in other jurisdictions into the proposed amended rule, which would be representative of current BARCT.

In contrast to the container glass facility's permit, the sodium silicate facility's Title V permit does not specify either a NO<sub>x</sub> or a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit, but it does contain a throughput limit. Although not subject to a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit, the sodium silicate facility installed a Tri-mer system similar to the container glass installation to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Although the sodium silicate facility is included in the SO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program, it was exempt from reporting any SO<sub>x</sub> emissions because it uses 100% natural gas in its furnace and processes non-sulfate containing materials. Previously, the sodium silicate facility had the ability to fuel its furnace with No. 2 fuel oil, which resulted in SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, but it has since changed its fuel to exclusively natural gas and has removed all infrastructure to support the fuel oil system. In addition, the sodium silicate furnace no longer processes sulfate-containing material which was a source of process SO<sub>x</sub>. Because the furnace burns only natural gas and does not have process related SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, it is not considered a SO<sub>x</sub> source.

In general, since the installation of the Tri-mer systems, significant reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions have been observed at both the container glass and sodium silicate facilities. In contrast to NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, staff has not observed significant SO<sub>x</sub> reductions, due in part because NO<sub>x</sub> reduction was the primary driver behind the installation of the emission controls equipment and because there is no SO<sub>x</sub> data from the sodium silicate facility. These observations and their significance will be discussed further under the section assessing air pollution control technologies.

### Other Regulatory Requirements

For this BARCT assessment, staff compared Rule 1117 emission limits to limits for glass melting equipment in other air districts within California and jurisdictions outside of California.

In its initial review, staff noted that some air districts and jurisdictions distinguished between the type of glass manufacturing. For example, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) Rule 4354 – *Glass Melting Furnaces* established emission limits for the production of either container glass, flat glass, or fiberglass (see Table 2-1). Similarly, State of Pennsylvania Code 25, Section 129 – *Standards for Sources Control of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions from Glass Melting Furnaces* also established limits based on different glass production operations, distinguishing between container glass, fiberglass, flat glass, and pressed or blown glass (see Table 2-2).

In contrast to the SJVAPCD and the State of Pennsylvania, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Regulation 9, Rule 12, Section 9-12-301 – *Nitrogen Oxides from Glass Melting Furnaces* made no distinction in the type of glass manufacturing for its NO<sub>x</sub> emission

limit. The BAAQMD set a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 5.5 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per short ton of glass pulled, averaged over any consecutive 3-hour period, making no distinction in the type of glass manufacturing.

<b>Table 2-1: SJVAPCD Rule 4354 NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Limits (lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton glass produced)</b>	
Container Glass	1.5 <sup>B</sup>
Fiberglass	1.3 <sup>A,C</sup> 3.0 <sup>A,D</sup>
Flat Glass (Standard Option)	3.7 <sup>A</sup> 3.2 <sup>B</sup>
Flat Glass (Enhanced Option)	3.4 <sup>A</sup> 2.9 <sup>B</sup>
<sup>A</sup> Block 24-hour average <sup>B</sup> Rolling 30-day average <sup>C</sup> Not subject to California Public Resources Code Section 19511 <sup>D</sup> Subject to California Public Resources Code Section 19511	

<b>Table 2-2: Pennsylvania Code 25, Section 129 NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Limits<sup>A</sup> (lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton glass produced)</b>	
Container Glass	4.0
Fiberglass	4.0
Flat Glass	7.0
Pressed or Blown Glass	7.0
All Other Glass	6.0
<sup>A</sup> Rolling 30-day average	

In addition to comparing NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits set by other air districts and jurisdictions, staff also reviewed permits issued to glass melting facilities across the country to identify NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for comparable operations. In one example, staff noted that a furnace operated at the Gallo Glass Company located in Modesto, California is permitted not to exceed 1.4 lbs NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled. At this location, Gallo manufactures container glass and although it is within the jurisdiction of the SJVAPCD, the Gallo NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit was set lower than what is established in the SJVAPCD Rule 4354.

After reviewing other permits issued to glass melting facilities across the country, staff also evaluated actions taken by USEPA to identify other NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits established for comparable operations. Staff noted that in a settlement agreement with the Durand Glass Manufacturing Company which operates a tableware glass manufacturing facility in Millville, New Jersey, Durand was required to meet a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 1.2 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass produced on a 30-day rolling average and 1.0 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass produced on a 365-day rolling average.

As was noted earlier, the South Coast AQMD permit for the sodium silicate facility does not have a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit specifically written into it. However, staff noted that at other domestic Title V-permitted facilities operated by the same corporation that produces sodium silicate, NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits are included within the respective facility permit. For example, at two sodium silicate facilities, one operating in Baltimore, Maryland and another in Chester, Pennsylvania, the sodium silicate melting furnaces have permitted limits of 5.73 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton produced and 6.0 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton produced, respectively.

#### Assessment of Pollution Control Technologies

Current air pollution control technology for glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces can be divided into three commercially available systems. Each one will be described in the following sections:

- Regenerative burners
  - Oxy-fueled burner technology
  - Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR), and
  - Ceramic Catalyst Filtration (CCF)
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- *Regenerative burners*

Glass melting furnaces can be configured in a standard configuration where burners are mounted in a side-port arrangement on both sides, and are fired continuously. Alternatively, a cross-fired regenerative furnace cycles its firing from one side to the other, reversing direction on a periodic basis. The cyclic operation of this furnace allows for waste heat to be recovered and used to preheat combustion air for the opposing side's burners, improving efficiency and allowing for lower NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

- *Oxy-fueled Burner Technology*

Oxy-fueled combustion is a NO<sub>x</sub> reduction technology that uses oxygen-enriched air to combust fuel, instead of ambient air. By increasing the concentration of oxygen in the combustion air, two benefits are noted. The first is that the amount of fuel used in the combustion process can be reduced. Reducing the amount of fuel used can lead to less NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Oxygen combusts with fuel releasing energy to heat the glass making or sodium silicate process. By having more oxygen in a given volume of air, oxy-rich air requires less overall air volume needed in the combustion

process compared with ambient air. In the combustion process, some of the energy released is used to also heat the overall volume of gas. Reducing the overall volume of air then in turn reduces the amount of fuel used. The second effect is that by increasing the concentration of oxygen in air, other constituents like nitrogen are displaced. With less nitrogen in air, less NO<sub>x</sub> from combustion is produced.

Typical NO<sub>x</sub> conversion efficiencies for oxy-fueled burners varies depending on operation and configuration. Although NO<sub>x</sub> reduction may be beneficial, costs associated with oxygen enrichment may make this option expensive relative to other technologies because of the additional equipment costs associated with the construction and operation of an onsite plant to supply the oxygen.

- *SCR*

SCR is a commercially available air pollution control technology used to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from combustion sources. The SCR process works by chemically converting NO<sub>x</sub> into nitrogen and water vapor. Ammonia or a similar reagent is injected into the exhaust of a combustion source. The exhaust then passes through a fixed catalyst bed where NO<sub>x</sub> reacts with ammonia and is converted into nitrogen and water vapor as illustrated by the following equations:



The catalyst is typically designed in a honey-combed lattice structure embedded with active metal-oxides sites. Catalyst efficiency relies on good dispersion, mixing, optimal temperature range, and catalyst activity. However, catalyst activity can be adversely affected by poisoning of the active sites from contaminants such as sulfur, by thermal sintering due to high temperature, or by plugging from particulate matter (PM) and salts. Typical conversion efficiencies for SCR systems can range between 90 – 95% for NO<sub>x</sub>. Although NO<sub>x</sub> conversion can be high using an SCR system, capital investment, operating cost, and increased reagent usage may make this option less cost-effective compared to other emission control technologies. Additionally, consideration is required for the minimization of any excess unreacted ammonia past the SCR catalyst, otherwise known as ammonia slip.

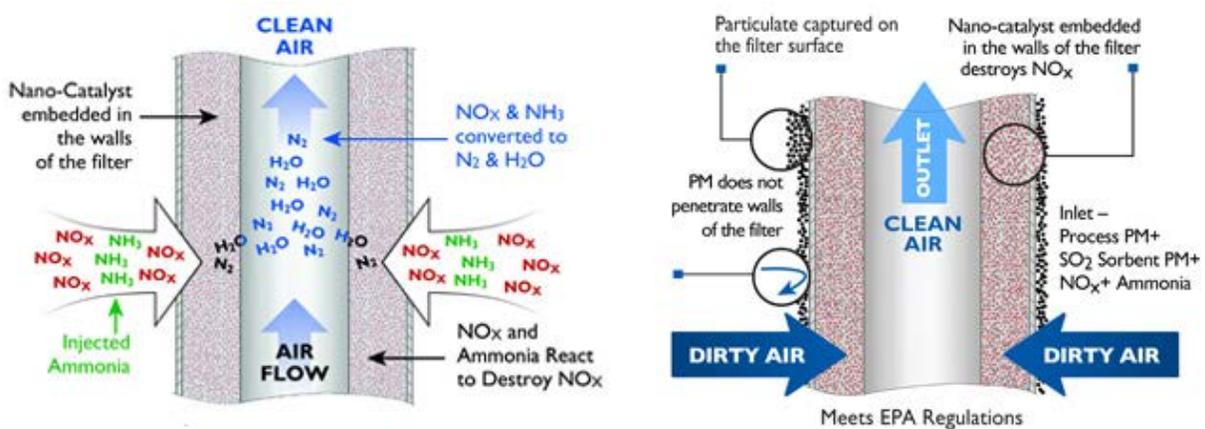
- *Ceramic Catalyst Filtration (CCF)*

CCF is a commercially available air pollution control system used to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from combustion sources. It is similar to SCR technology in that a reagent is injected into the exhaust gas from a combustion source. The exhaust then passes through a fixed catalyst bed where NO<sub>x</sub> reacts with ammonia and is converted into nitrogen and water vapor. Like an SCR, the catalyst bed is impregnated with metal oxides (See Figure 2-2). Unlike an SCR, however, the catalyst bed is configured into a cylindrical, ceramic filter element. Multiple filter elements are then arranged in an enclosed structure where the gas mixture passes through the element walls.

Typical NO<sub>x</sub> conversion efficiencies for CCF systems are comparable to traditional SCR systems. In addition to NO<sub>x</sub> reduction, CCF systems can be designed to remove other air pollutants such as SO<sub>x</sub> and PM. Although NO<sub>x</sub> conversion can be high using a CCF system, capital investment, operating cost, and increased reagent usage may make this option less cost-effective compared to other emission control technologies. However, the potential to remove pollutants in addition to NO<sub>x</sub> may make this option attractive to install.

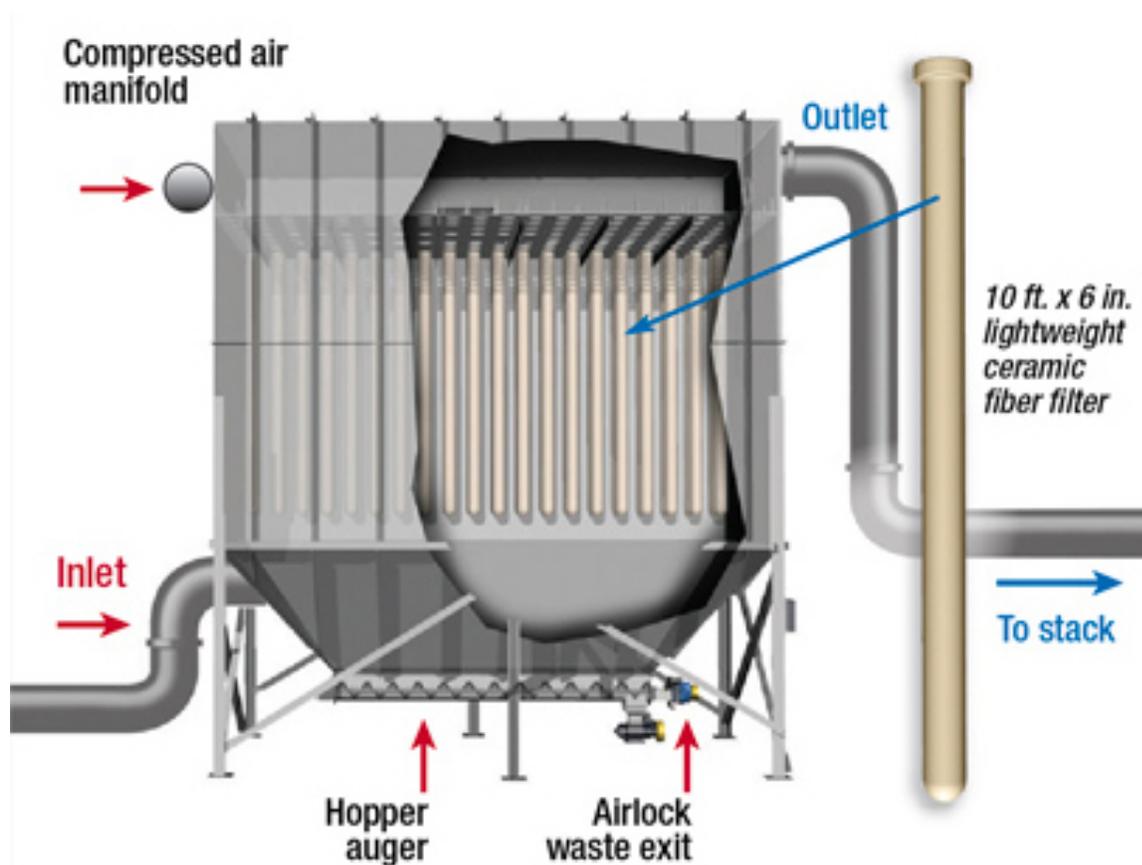
The sodium silicate facility uses regenerative burners in conjunction with the CCF system. The container glass facility utilizes oxy-fueled burners in conjunction with the CCF system. Staff did not identify any other facility that utilizes a combination of two different air pollution control equipment as seen at the container glass facility. Both facilities have achieved significantly lower NO<sub>x</sub> emissions through the utilization of the combined technologies

**Figure 2-2: Ceramic Filter Control System\***



\* Image courtesy of Tri-mer Corporation

**Figure 2-3: Tri-mer Ultracat Control System Baghouse\***



\* Image courtesy of Tri-mer Corporation

### Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

Staff conducted a cost-effectiveness analysis based on the installation of the CCF systems and the operation of the air pollution control equipment and the reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. The overall cost-effectiveness was calculated to be \$22,700 per ton of NO<sub>x</sub> reduced. Refer to Chapter 4 – Impact Assessment for additional details.

### BARCT Emission Limit

#### *Container Glass*

Staff analyzed NO<sub>x</sub> emission data from 2016 through 2019 from the container glass melting furnaces at the affected facility. This analysis covered the time prior to and after the installation of the CCF pollution control equipment. Based on the emissions data, the container glass melting

furnaces are meeting at least an 80% reduction in NOx emissions and are sustaining operation at less than 0.25 pound of NOx per ton of glass pulled. Relying on what has been demonstrated in the operation of the container glass melting furnaces, staff initially recommended a NOx emission limit of 0.25 pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period. Staff received stakeholders' concerns that the proposed limit of 0.25 pound of NOx per ton of glass pulled did not provide sufficient operational flexibility to account for equipment aging and associated performance degradation. In response to these concerns, staff extended their review of the facility's NOx emissions to include CEMS data reported to the South Coast AQMD from 2004 through 2015. Based on this additional review of twelve years of data, staff determined a NOx increase due to aging of approximately 0.017 pound of NOx per year per furnace. Over the course of fifteen years, this accounted for an average total increase of 0.30 pound of NOx per ton of glass pulled per furnace. To provide operational flexibility and a sufficient compliance margin for potential NOx increases due to the aging of a furnace, staff revised its initial proposal from 0.25 pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled to 0.75 pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled. Additional detail how the NOx BARCT emission limit was established is provided in Appendix B.

To establish a SOx BARCT limit, staff determined that the emission limit contained in the permit to operate for the container glass melting furnaces of 1.1 pound of SOx per ton of glass pulled represents current BARCT limits.

#### *Sodium Silicate*

Staff analyzed NOx emission data from 2016 through 2019 from the sodium silicate furnace at the affected facility. This analysis covered the time prior to and after the installation of the CCF emissions control equipment. Based on the emissions data (see Appendix B), the sodium silicate furnace is meeting at least an 80% reduction in NOx emissions and is sustaining operation at less than 0.50 pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled. Relying on what has been demonstrated in the operation of the sodium silicate furnace, staff is recommending a NOx emission limit of 0.50 pound of NOx per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period.

Comparing the manufacturing of sodium silicate versus the manufacturing of container glass, staff notes that the sodium silicate manufacturing is a batch process versus a continuous, multi-year operation for the container glass manufacturing process. Since the sodium silicate furnace does not operate continuously for more than a few months at a time, staff considers that the effects of aging of the furnace and associated exhaust emissions control equipment can be addressed by the facility with repairs or upgrades between operational cycles. At this time, analysis of the emissions data and evaluation of the operational cycle does not indicate any potential NOx emissions increases for the sodium silicate furnace due to aging or performance degradation issues.

Although, the sodium silicate furnace is currently not a SOx source, staff intends to place a SOx emission limit in the event that the furnace operates on any fuel other than natural gas or produces process SOx. It is staff's intent to propose the same BARCT SOx emission limit as has been determined for container glass melting furnaces.

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## **CHAPTER 3: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1117**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1117**

## INTRODUCTION

PAR 1117 is a landing rule to transition facilities in RECLAIM to a command-and-control regulatory structure. It establishes NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces and auxiliary combustion equipment used in the container glass manufacturing process. The proposed amendments establish Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) emission limits for glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1117

Rule 1117 was adopted on February 5, 1982 and was amended once on January 6, 1984. As part of this rulemaking effort, the rule not only will be revised to reflect BARCT NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission levels but it will also be amended to expand the applicability to include sodium silicate furnaces, to include new operational requirements, and address both NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions. New sections and definitions are also added for clarity. Some provisions will be deleted as they are no longer applicable or relevant. Including a SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit as part of this rulemaking, helps to address the future transition of the SO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program. The rule title will be revised to: Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces.

### New Purpose – Subdivision (a)

Previously, Rule 1117 did not have a subdivision that described the purpose of the rule. Consistent with other source-specific rules, a purpose was added. PAR 1117 adds the following language for the purpose of the rule.

- The purpose of this rule is to limit emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) and Oxides of Sulfur (SO<sub>x</sub>) from facilities producing container glass and sodium silicate.

### New Applicability – Subdivision (b)

Previously, Rule 1117 did not have a subdivision that described the applicability of the rule. Consistent with other source-specific rules, applicability was added to PAR 1117. Sodium silicate furnaces and auxiliary combustion equipment associated with container glass melting furnaces are proposed to be included in this rule. Currently, there are two facilities operating within the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction that PAR 1117 will apply to. Both facilities are currently in the RECLAIM program. The provisions of PAR 1117 will apply to these facilities while in RECLAIM and after they transition out of RECLAIM.

Although the operations at the two facilities are distinct enough to require different emission limits, it was determined that there was sufficient similarity to consolidate the sodium silicate furnace operation into PAR 1117 with the acknowledgement that there are distinct differences between the equipment, process, operation, and configuration.

PAR 1117 adds the following language to the applicability of the rule for clarity and for consistency with other South Coast AQMD rules.

- The provisions of this rule shall apply to the owner or operator of a RECLAIM facility or Former RECLAIM facility that operates a container glass melting furnace and associated auxiliary combustion equipment or that operates a sodium silicate furnace.

*New and Modified Definitions – Subdivision (c)*

Subdivision (c) was amended to reflect new and revised definitions and to delete obsolete terms. The definitions were rearranged to be in alphabetical order. The following new and modified definitions reflect the proposed changes.

- *AUXILIARY COMBUSTION EQUIPMENT means, for the purposes of this rule, any combustion equipment associated with the conveyance system or annealing equipment used in the container glass production process.*

This definition was added since the container glass facility operates other combustion sources related to the manufacturing process. The container glass production line also includes heated conveyance systems (forehearth/refiners) and annealing furnaces. It is the intent of staff to have this type of equipment covered in PAR 1117 to streamline compliance under one industry-specific rule.

- *CONTAINER GLASS MELTING FURNACE means any furnace used to melt material in the production of food and beverage type containers manufactured by pressing, blowing in molds, drawing, rolling, or casting glass. Container glass does not include flat glass that is used in windows, windshields, plate glass, etc., and which is produced by the float, sheet, rolled, or plate glass process.*

The definition for container glass melting furnaces was updated to differentiate this type of furnace from sodium silicate furnaces. It was also updated to list exclusions to the definition of container glass melting furnaces. By combining exclusions to flat glass and glass tableware operations, this revision allows the removal of these two processes from the exemption portion of the rule. Although other types of glass melting furnace operations existed under RECLAIM in the past, these facilities have since shut down.

- *CULLET means recycled and scrap glass which is added to the formulation being charged to a container glass melting furnace.*

This definition was modified to clarify that the addition of recycled and scrap glass applies to the container glass melting process.

- *DAY means the continuous 24-hour period from 12:00 am through 11:59 pm.*

This definition was added to clarify what is considered one day of operation. This becomes relevant when following the proposed averaging provisions in PAR 1117.

- *FORMER RECLAIM FACILITY means a facility, or any of its successors, that was in the Regional Clean Air Incentives Market as of January 5, 2018, as established in Regulation XX,*

*that has received a final determination notification, and is no longer in the RECLAIM program.*

This definition was added to clarify when a facility is no longer referenced as a “RECLAIM facility” which will occur once the facility transitions out of RECLAIM.

- *FURNACE means, for the purpose of this rule, either a container glass melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace.*

Unless specifically referenced as a “container glass melting furnace” or “sodium silicate furnace,” the term furnace will apply to both types of furnaces.

- *IDLING means the operation of a furnace at less than 25 percent of the production capacity as stated on the Permit to Operate and where the furnace is not undergoing startup or shutdown.*

Additional language was added to differentiate idling activities from startup and shutdown activities. The rule is being amended to restrict activities associated with idling, startup, and shutdown activities, which is detailed in another subdivision of PAR 1117. Examples of activities that may necessitate periods of idling can include: a product compositional change, a temporary pause in operation known as a “hot hold”, or short-term periods of time where a furnace is kept warm while maintenance of pollution control equipment is performed.

- *NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS means the sum of nitric oxides and nitrogen dioxides emitted, calculated as nitrogen dioxide.*

This definition was added for clarity.

- *PRODUCTION CAPACITY means a container glass or sodium silicate pull limit found in a Permit to Operate for the applicable furnace.*

This definition was added for clarity.

- *PULL or PULLED means the amount of product produced by a furnace, expressed in short tons per day.*

This definition was modified for clarity. The rule previously defined pull as a term applied to the removal of glass from a glass melting furnace, generally expressed in tons. Stakeholders expressed concerns that sodium silicate was different than glass and that the previous definition did not include the sodium silicate process. Staff revised the definition so that the term “product” would refer to either glass or sodium silicate.

- *RECLAIM FACILITY means a facility, or any of its successors, that was in the Regional Clean Air Incentives Market as of January 5, 2018, as established in Regulation XX.*

This definition was added for clarity. It defines what facilities are RECLAIM facilities.

- *SHUTDOWN means that period of time during which a furnace is allowed to cool from operating temperatures to a furnace temperature below 200°F.*

This definition was modified to add language to differentiate shutdown activities from idling and startup activities. Previously, the rule considered a shutdown to occur when a furnace was “allowed to cool from operating temperature to a lower temperature”. There was no consideration of what cooling to a lower temperature meant. In this revised definition, a shutdown is considered the process of cooling a furnace from an operating temperature with the intent of reaching a temperature near ambient air temperature. For example, an operator may cut production and furnace temperature, but still keep a furnace hot enough to ramp production back up. This “hot standby” or “hot hold” mode should not be considered a shutdown, but rather an idling activity. In addition, a shutdown period is considered to start when product from the furnace is no longer being pulled. Staff has defined the threshold temperature of 200°F based on stakeholder feedback.

- *SODIUM SILICATE FURNACE means any furnace used to melt material in the production of various water-soluble substances obtained in the form of crystals, glasses, powders, or aqueous solutions, used in a variety of industrial and consumer products.*

Previously, there had been no definition for a sodium silicate furnace. This definition was added to differentiate this type of furnace from container glass melting furnaces. The definition is referenced in part from the online Merriam Webster dictionary at:

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sodium%20silicate>.

- *SOx EMISSIONS means sulfur dioxides emitted.*

This definition was added for clarity.

- *STARTUP means that period of time during which a furnace is heated to operating temperatures from a furnace temperature below 200°F.*

The definition was modified to add language to differentiate startup activities from idling and shutdown activities. Previously, the rule considered a startup to occur when a furnace was “heated to operating temperature from a lower temperature”. There was no consideration of what heating to an operating temperature meant. In this revised definition, a startup is considered the process of heating a furnace with the intent of reaching an operating temperature starting from a temperature near ambient conditions. As mentioned previously, an operator may cut production but keep a furnace hot enough to ramp production back up. Ramping back up from this “hot standby” or “hot hold” mode should not be considered a startup but rather an idling activity. In addition, a startup is considered to end once product is being pulled from the furnace. Staff has defined the threshold temperature of 200°F based on stakeholder feedback.

- The definition for *ENERGY RECOVERY* was removed because it is no longer applicable. The definition for *FURNACE REBUILD* was also removed because the proposed amended rule no longer requires this distinction.

Revised Requirements – Subdivision (d)

- *Previous* (d)(1) – (d)(6)

The previous subparagraphs were no longer considered applicable and were removed and replaced with the following provisions.

- *New* (d)(1) – NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for container glass melting furnaces

Based on staff's BARCT assessment, PAR 1117 proposes the following NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for container glass melting furnaces:

(d)(1)(A) – Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a container glass melting furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:

0.75 pound of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period

Based on staff's BARCT assessment, PAR 1117 proposes the following SO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for container glass melting furnaces:

(d)(1)(B) – Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a container glass melting furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:

1.1 pounds of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period

Currently, Rule 1117 sets the averaging time for compliance determination at 3 hours, except if an operator installs and maintains a continuous NO<sub>x</sub> monitor, the averaging time may be extended to 24 hours. As staff reviewed emissions data, it was noted that a 24-hour averaging period may not be an adequate period of time for facilities to address operational variability. Therefore, staff looked at other jurisdictions for guidance on averaging times for compliance determination. In a majority of instances, staff found that a rolling 30-day averaging was common. In a few circumstances, a rolling 365-day averaging provision was also used as a complement to a 30-day rolling averaging provision. For example, the Durand Glass Manufacturing plant in Millville, New Jersey has a NO<sub>x</sub> permitted limit of 1.2 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled on a 30-day rolling average and a concurrent limit of 1.0 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled on a 365-day rolling average. Based on the averaging periods in other jurisdictions and to recognize the operational variability of facilities, staff proposes that compliance determination be based on a rolling 30-day average.

Initially, staff considered an emission limit based on a concentration-based standard (parts per million by volume, dry). Staff reviewed how emissions are reported and regulated by other jurisdictions and found that the conventional reporting standard is pounds of pollutant per ton of glass pulled. PAR 1117 proposes to keep the emission compliance standard on a pounds of pollutant per ton of glass pulled basis, instead of changing to a concentration-based standard,

because it is consistent with how other jurisdictions establish emission limits for glass melting furnaces and provides an emission limit per amount of product produced.

- *New (d)(2)* – NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for sodium silicate furnaces

Based on staff's BARCT assessment, PAR 1117 proposes the following NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit for sodium silicate furnaces:

(d)(2)(A) – Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a sodium silicate furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:

0.50 pound of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period

Based on staff's BARCT assessment, PAR 1117 proposes the following SO<sub>x</sub> limit for sodium silicate furnaces:

(d)(2)(B) – Except during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a sodium silicate furnace shall not operate a furnace in a manner that exceeds:

1.1 pounds of SO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period, if not fired on 100% natural gas

The proposed provision for SO<sub>x</sub> places a limit in the event that a fuel other than natural gas is used.

As discussed for container glass furnaces, similar averaging considerations were extended to sodium silicate furnaces. In addition, compliance determination on a pound per pollutant per ton of product pulled is similarly recommended.

- *New (d)(3)* – Operational restrictions

(d)(3)(A) – Idling

Previously, furnace idling had been exempt from Rule 1117. However, concern that furnace idling may lead to unrestricted emissions with no limitations prompted staff to consider provisions to limit emissions during furnace idling. Staff also recognized the need to provide operational flexibility for instances where a facility may require a temporary transitional period, where shutting down and restarting a furnace would be more emissive and may not be warranted. For example, a product change may necessitate a period of time of furnace idling as the manufacturing line transitions from one product to another.

Facilities idle their furnaces because it may be inefficient to shut down and start up the furnace again. Furthermore, this shutdown and startup process takes several days to complete and could result in greater emissions than furnace idling. In general, staff noted that idling is defined as the operation of a furnace at less than 25% of the permitted glass production capacity. In other jurisdictions, during idling, emissions are not counted towards complying with an emission limit. However, when regulated, idling emissions may be capped for a given operation. For

example, SJVAPCD Rule 4354 does not count idling emissions for compliance determination but it does limit idling emissions using the following formula:

$$E_{i,max} = E_i \times \text{Capacity}$$

where,  $E_{i,max}$  = maximum daily emission of pollutant i during idling  
 $E_i$  = applicable emission limit  
Capacity = furnace's permitted glass production rate

Similarly, in Title V permits issued to the PQ Corporation in Chester, Pennsylvania and the Gallo Glass Company in Modesto, California, NOx emissions are not counted towards compliance determination. However, emissions are limited during idling events such that PQ (Chester) and Gallo have idling NOx emission limits of 1,670 lbs/day and 780 lbs/day, respectively.

While there are examples of furnace idling emissions being regulated to a specified emission level, staff did not find examples where the length of idling time was regulated. Staff is concerned that a furnace may be at idling conditions for an undetermined length of time. To address this potential unlimited amount of idling time, PAR 1117 proposes the following provisions.

- Except when the exhaust emission control is in operation, the owner or operator shall not operate a furnace for more than: 240 consecutive hours per event and 960 cumulative hours in any rolling 365-day period during periods of idling.

Based on discussions with the affected facilities, a limit of 240 hours or 10 days of idling was established for a product transition event as well as scheduled idling events that occur annually. Moreover, setting a limit of 960 cumulative hours gives operators flexibility to have multiple idling events during a rolling 365-day period yet at the same time, limiting the emissions from this type of activity. Idling emissions are not to be counted towards compliance determination, which is consistent with other jurisdictions. PAR 1117 also would not count the time when the exhaust emission control system is in operation against the proposed 240 consecutive hours per idling event and 960 cumulative hours in any rolling 365-day period. If the exhaust emission control system is in operation, then emissions from the furnace are controlled, which addresses the concern of staff of uncontrolled emissions.

#### (d)(3)(B) – Startup

Under Rule 1117, there were no restrictions associated with starting up a furnace. PAR 1117 defines a startup as initiating furnace operation from a temperature of at least 200°F. The end of a startup period occurs once product is being pulled from the furnace. Concern that unlimited and unregulated startups may lead to unrestricted emissions with no limitations or cap has prompted staff to incorporate provisions to minimize emissions during furnace start up. At the same time, staff recognizes the need to provide flexibility to operators during startups.

In other jurisdictions, emissions during furnace startups are not counted towards complying with an emission limit. Under SJVAPCD Rule 4354, startups from a furnace rebuild are regulated on a case-by-case basis to maximum time between 70 – 100 days for a container glass melting furnace. There is, however, no restriction on the amount of time for a startup from a non-furnace rebuild startup event.

Staff is concerned that a furnace may be at startup conditions for an undetermined length of time. To address this unlimited amount of startup time, PAR 1117 proposes the following similar, but more restrictive provision than SJVAPCD's rule:

- Except when the exhaust emission control is in operation, the owner or operator shall not operate a furnace for more than: 720 hours per startup period.

Based on discussions with representatives of the container glass facility, setting a limit of 720 hours or 30 days for a furnace startup is appropriate based on normal startup procedures. Moreover, staff encourages the use of the associated exhaust emissions control equipment wherever appropriate. It is anticipated that within 30 days of the initiation of a startup, the associated emissions control equipment will be in service. Once the 30 day allotment for a startup is reached, subsequent emissions shall be counted towards and averaged over a rolling 30-day average. In addition, staff proposes to not count the time when the exhaust emission control system is in operation against the proposed 720 hours per startup event. If the exhaust emission control system is in operation, then emissions from the furnace are controlled, which addresses the concern of staff of uncontrolled emissions.

#### (d)(3)(C) – Shutdown

Rule 1117 currently has no restrictions associated with shutting down a furnace. Staff has proposed defining a shutdown as stopping furnace operation and cooling towards a temperature below 200°F. A shutdown period should be considered to be initiated once product from the furnace is no longer pulled. Concern that unlimited and unregulated startups may lead to unrestricted emissions with no limitations or cap has prompted staff to consider implementing measures to limit emissions from this type of activity. At the same time, staff recognizes the need to provide flexibility to operators during shutdowns.

In other jurisdictions, emissions during shutdowns are not counted towards complying with an emission limit. Under SJVAPCD Rule 4354, shutdowns are limited not to exceed 20 days once the furnace is below an idling threshold of 25% of the permitted glass production rate. PAR 1117 would require a similar but more restrictive limitation to the shutdown of a furnace:

- Except when the exhaust emission control is in operation, the owner or operator shall not operate a furnace for more than: 240 hours per shutdown period.

Although PAR 1117 allows less time for shutdowns than what is contained in SJVAPCD Rule 4354, 20 days in SJVAPCD Rule 4354 versus 10 days or 240 hours in PAR 1117, this amount of time is reasonable, based on discussions with the affected facilities. In addition, PAR 1117 does not count the time when the exhaust emission control system is in operation against the

proposed 240 hours per shutdown event. If the exhaust emission control system is in operation, then emissions from the furnace are controlled, which addresses the concern of staff of uncontrolled emissions.

- *New (d)(4) – Operation of emission control equipment*

When Rule 1117 was last amended in 1984, the glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces did not have any added emission control equipment like a CCF system. Since 2017, both the container glass and sodium silicate facilities installed CCF systems to control NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. As a result, PAR 1117 includes a requirement that states:

- During operation of a furnace including periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, the owner or operator of a furnace shall maintain in operation any exhaust emission control systems, including the injection of any associated chemical reagent into the exhaust stream to control NO<sub>x</sub>, if the temperature of the gas to the inlet of the emission control system is greater than or equal to 450°F.

This provision mirrors what has been observed in other jurisdictions. For example, in the SJVAPCD Rule 4354, during idling, startups, or shutdowns, the emission control system shall be in operation whenever technologically feasible.

Staff notes what is “technologically feasible” requires further clarification. Currently, the CCF systems are permitted to operate within a normal temperature operating window between 450°F and 900°F. The intent of this provision is to explicitly require that the emission control equipment be in operation and injecting ammonia or similar reagent when the temperature of the exhaust from the furnace to it is above a minimum operational temperature, even if the furnace is idling, in startup, or in the process of a shutdown.

- *New (d)(5) – Auxiliary combustion equipment*

One of the objectives of PAR 1117 is to provide container glass melting and sodium silicate facility operators with a single industry-specific rule that would encompass relevant combustion sources at their facilities. Staff recognized that the container glass facility’s process lines include such auxiliary combustion equipment. This subparagraph limits emissions from this equipment to emission levels currently established for comparable equipment regulated by South Coast AQMD Rule 1147 – NO<sub>x</sub> Reductions from Miscellaneous Sources.

The conveyance system burners located along the forehearths and refiners coming out of the glass melting furnace for the production of container glass are numerous. They number in the hundreds and the types of burners are of a standard open flame type that have no viable method for emissions testing because they are not enclosed and vent to the atmosphere. The container glass facility underwent a rebuild on both of their furnace lines in 2017, so the proposed provision would require the replacement of these burners at the time of a subsequent furnace rebuild with burners that are certified by the manufacturer to meet either 30 ppm at 3% O<sub>2</sub> dry or 0.036 pound of NO<sub>x</sub> per million BTU of heat input. Staff proposes at time interval of 15 years from the date of amendment.

Equipment manufacturers have stated that the ability to test and certify these types of burners could be achieved in the near future. Similarly, the container glass facility operates several annealing furnaces (Lehr furnaces) that are natural gas fired. It should be noted that the container glass facility also has installed Lehr ovens that are electric and not natural gas fired. The proposed provision would also require compliance with either NO<sub>x</sub> limit by 15 years from the date of amendment.

Currently under RECLAIM, these combustion devices are only required to report their mass emissions by using a default emission factor of 130 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per standard cubic foot, roughly equivalent to 101 ppm, corrected to 3% oxygen. This proposed provision would state:

- On or before [*15 years after Date of Amendment*], the owner or operator of a container glass facility shall not operate the auxiliary combustion equipment used in the manufacture of container glass that exceeds a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 30 ppmvd at 3% O<sub>2</sub>, dry or 0.036 lb/MMBTU heat input.

Revised Compliance Determination – Subdivision (e)

- *Previous* (e)(1) and (e)(2)

The previous subparagraphs were no longer considered applicable and were removed and replaced with the following provisions.

- *New* (e)(1) – CEMS requirements

Staff recognizes that CEMS requirements differ between the RECLAIM program regulated by Rules 2011 and 2012 and a command-and-control regulatory structure regulated by Rules 218 and 218.1. This section is added to facilitate the transition of the applicable monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements specified in RECLAIM versus a command-and-control system. The provision reads:

The owner or operator of a container glass melting furnace or sodium silicate furnace shall:

- Excluding emissions during periods of idling, startup, or shutdown, determine compliance with the emission limits in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) on a rolling 30-day average using a Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS), except if a furnace operates for fewer than 30 days, then compliance with the emissions limits in paragraph (d)(1) and (d)(2) will be determined based on the average for the actual days of operation. A facility owner or operator shall comply with the applicable monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements specified in:
  - (A) Rules 2011 and 2012 for RECLAIM facilities; or
  - (B) Rules 218 and 218.1 for former RECLAIM facilities.

The current version of Rule 1117 requires a facility owner or operator to determine compliance with an emission limit averaged over a 3-hour period for a furnace not equipped with a NOx continuous monitor. For furnaces equipped with a NOx continuous monitor, averaging may be allowed over a 24-hour period. A 24-hour averaging basis to determine compliance was something that staff further evaluated.

Staff also reviewed emissions data for both the container glass and sodium silicate facilities from 2016 through 2019. In their review, staff had noticed spikes in the data corresponding to transient operational issues. Some of these issues were identified as actions taken to comply with a permitted ammonia limit. When staff applied a rolling 30-day averaging to the data, these transient spikes were not as significant as to affect the compliance determination.

Therefore, to provide the operator with flexibility to respond to transient operational issues, PAR 1117 includes a provision that requires compliance determination to be made on a 30-day rolling average basis. Averaging on a 30-day rolling average basis is consistent with how other jurisdictions determine compliance for similar processes and equipment. Moreover, recognizing that the sodium silicate facility operates a batch process where a rolling 30-day period may not be achievable, the provision also allows averaging over the actual days of operation.

Emissions from idling, startups, and shutdowns are not proposed to be included in the rolling 30-day average up to the proposed time limits for each type of event. For example, if a container glass melting furnace was operated at a pull rate of 20% of the limit set by its permit to operate and the exhaust emission control equipment was not in service, then this would be considered an event where the amount of time to idle would be restricted to no more than 240 consecutive hours. During this idling period, emissions would not be included in the rolling 30-day averaging. If the furnace was idling beyond 240 consecutive hours for the same event, then the emissions after 240 hours would be included in the rolling 30-day averaging.

- *New (e)(2) – Auxiliary equipment provision*

Included in subparagraph (d)(5), auxiliary combustion equipment will be covered under the provisions of PAR 1117. The proposed limits mirror what is currently contained in Rule 1147 and would have applied to this type of equipment. However, staff recognizes that there are challenges for the verification of the proposed limits. Specifically, there is concern with the configuration of the conveyance system at the container glass facility – it does not allow for accurate and verifiable emissions testing. What staff proposes, in lieu of a source test, is to accept certification from the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) that the burners used in the conveyance system have been tested and can meet the proposed emissions levels. For annealing furnaces that are combustion sources, this equipment can either be source tested to demonstrate compliance or the operator can provide OEM certification.

Once the equipment has met the verification requirement under this subparagraph, there is no additional testing that would be required.

New Recordkeeping – Subdivision (f)

PAR 1117 adds a recordkeeping section to this rule so that records to demonstrate the pounds of pollutant per ton of product pulled are maintained. These records include the total hours of operation, the quantity of product pulled from each furnace, and the requirement that the pollutant emission rate be kept on a pounds of pollutant per ton of product pulled, as applicable, on a rolling 30-day average. Here, it should be noted that product refers to either container glass product or sodium silicate product. Currently, NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> are the pollutants regulated by PAR 1117; however, in the case of the sodium silicate facility, the SO<sub>x</sub> limit would not apply if it continues to operate on 100% natural gas.

In addition, a provision requiring a facility owner or operator to retain all data, records, and other information required by this rule for at least five years and make available for inspection by the Executive Officer is added. For current RECLAIM facilities, any reporting requirements under Regulation XX will still be in effect until the facility exits the RECLAIM program.

Revised Exemptions – Subdivision (g)

Rule 1117 previously listed exemptions under subdivision (d). With the addition of new subdivisions, the exemptions sections is now listed under subdivision (g).

- *Revised (g)(1)* – Reduce applicability threshold to provide relief only to small operators

Currently, the rule exempts furnaces which are limited by their permit to operate to 15 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per hour which equates to 360 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per day. With the addition of the CCF systems, the NO<sub>x</sub> emission levels from the container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces have been observed to be under this threshold.

PAR 1117 proposes to change the exemption to apply to furnaces that are limited to less than 100 tons of product per year as specified in a South Coast AQMD permit. Staff does not anticipate the owner of a RECLAIM facility or Former RECLAIM facility to construct or operate a container glass melting or sodium silicate furnace below this production level.

The proposed exemption threshold of 100 tons of product per year would be equivalent to 0.046 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per hour at the current NO<sub>x</sub> emission level of 4.0 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled.

Calculation:

$$\frac{100 \text{ tons of product pulled}}{\text{year}} \times \frac{1 \text{ year}}{365 \text{ days}} \times \frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hours}} \times \frac{4.0 \text{ lbs of NO}_x}{\text{ton of product pulled}} = 0.046 \text{ lb of NO}_x \text{ per hour}$$

- *Previous (g)(3) and (g)(4)* – Remove glass tableware and flat glass exemptions

These two exemptions were removed from this section and incorporated in the definition for container glass furnace for exclusion.

- *Revised (g)(5)* – Revision of fiberglass exemption

Additional description of what is fiberglass was added for clarity.

- *Previous (f)(6)* – Remove idling exemption

As stated earlier, staff is concerned that idling should not be allowed to occur for an unlimited amount of time. Provisions have been included to regulate what is considered idling and how long idling would be allowed to occur.

## **CHAPTER 4: IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In December 2015, Regulation XX was amended to implement Control Measure CMB-01 of the 2012 Air Quality Management Plan and to further reduce NO<sub>x</sub> from RECLAIM facilities. The amendment implemented NO<sub>x</sub> BARCT for various pieces of equipment by reducing RECLAIM allocations for certain facilities. As part of the BARCT assessment, container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces were required to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 80%. Subsequently, Control Measure CMB-05 of the 2016 AQMP required the RECLAIM program to achieve further NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions of five tons per day and to include actions to transition the program to a command-and-control regulatory structure as soon as feasible but no later than 2025.

In 2017, the container glass and sodium silicate facilities installed air pollution control equipment in response to CMB-01. Since the installation of the control equipment, there has been a NO<sub>x</sub> reduction of at least 80% from the furnaces at both facilities. The costs of installation and operation of the control equipment from the 2017 installation of pollution control equipment will be used to calculate the cost-effectiveness of PAR 1117.

## **EMISSION REDUCTIONS**

In 2017, both facilities installed air pollution control equipment for each of their furnaces. At the container glass facility, a combination of oxy-fueled burners and a ceramic catalyst filtration system was installed. Staff did not identify any other facility that utilizes a combination of two different air pollution control equipment as seen at the container glass facility. At the sodium silicate facility, a ceramic catalyst filtration system was installed. As a result, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions have been reduced by approximately 0.65 tons per day for furnaces at both facilities based on NO<sub>x</sub> emissions data for calendar years 2016 and 2018.

In 2016, the total NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from the two furnaces at the container glass facility and the one furnace at the sodium silicate facility were 0.693 tons per day (tpd). At the limits proposed by PAR 1117, the expected remaining NO<sub>x</sub> emission levels for the three furnaces is 0.14 tpd. This reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions represents a decrease of 0.56 tpd when compared to 2016 NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

For the auxiliary combustion equipment, staff also reviewed NO<sub>x</sub> reductions based on equipment that would meet the NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits established in PAR 1117 paragraph (d)(5). Currently, the auxiliary combustion equipment is classified as RECLAIM process units and are allowed to report emissions based on a NO<sub>x</sub> default emission factor of 130 lb/mmscf of gas fired (or approximately 101 ppmvd). The combined annual NO<sub>x</sub> emissions based on fuel usage from this equipment is 7.5 tons per year or 0.021 tpd. Therefore, the emission reductions for the auxiliary equipment would be 0.015 tpd. The basis of reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions assumes a starting concentration level of 101 ppmvd and an ending concentration level of 30 ppmvd.

The NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions that will be achieved with PAR 1117 for all affected equipment total 0.57 tpd.

<b>Table 4-1: Comparison of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions (tons/day)</b>			
	<b>2016 Baseline*</b>	<b>At Proposed Limit (Remaining)</b>	<b>Emission Reductions</b>
Container Glass Furnaces	0.58	0.12	0.46
Sodium Silicate Furnace	0.12	0.02	0.10
Container Glass Auxiliary Equipment	0.021	0.006	0.015
Total	0.72	0.15	0.57
* Based on audited RECLAIM NO <sub>x</sub> emissions data			

## **COST-EFFECTIVENESS**

Staff conducted a cost-effectiveness analysis for the installation and operation of the control equipment and the reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions observed after installation. To assist in the analysis, actual cost information for the installation and operation of the CCF system was requested and received from both the container glass and the sodium silicate facilities. In addition, the operational costs associated with the oxygen plant located at the container glass facility were included as an on-going cost to reflect the costs to operate both emissions control technologies.

Capital costs included cost for the emissions control system, infrastructure, engineering services, and installation costs. Annual operating costs included estimates for electricity, natural gas, oxy-fuel generation for container glass only, reagent, operation and maintenance, waste disposal, system costs, and replacement elements for the CCF system.

The operating cost for the oxygen plant at the container glass facility was included in the analysis. Adding this operational cost increased the annual costs from \$620,000 to \$6 million for the container glass facility. The installed cost for an oxygen production plant was not included, and staff notes that this added installation cost, if factored in, would also have increased the cost-effectiveness for the container glass facility.

In the calculation, staff assumed a uniform series present worth factor (PWF) at a 4% interest rate and a 25-year equipment life expectancy. The uniform series present worth factor for these assumption is 15.622.

$$PWV = TIC + (PWF \times AC)$$

PWV = present worth value (\$)

TIC = total installed cost (\$)

AC = annual cost (\$)

PWF = uniform series present worth factor (15.622)

<b>Table 4-2: PAR 1117 Cost-Effectiveness Analysis</b>					
<b>Category</b>	<b>TIC (\$ MM)</b>	<b>AC (\$ MM)</b>	<b>PWV (\$ MM)</b>	<b>NOx Reductions (tpd)</b>	<b>CE (\$/ton)</b>
Glass Melting (Container Glass)	19.0	6.0	112.7	0.46	26,600
Sodium Silicate Manufacturing	4.0	0.10	5.56	0.10	6,600
Auxiliary Equipment (Container Glass)	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.015	N/A
Total				0.57	22,700

Since the auxiliary combustion equipment for container glass is expected to be replaced upon the next furnace rebuild, this is not expected to incur any incremental cost associated with PAR 1117.

The overall cost-effectiveness for PAR 1117 is calculated to be approximately \$22,700 per ton of NOx reduced.

## **SOCIOECONOMIC ASSESSMENT**

The two facilities affected by PAR 1117 are both categorized within the manufacturing sector. More specifically, one facility is classified under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 327213 – Glass Container Manufacturing, and the remaining facility is classified under NAICS code 325180 - Other Basic Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing. Based on available facility data on revenue and employees<sup>1</sup>, neither of these facilities meet the criterion to be classified as a small business as defined by the Small Business Administration, federal Clean Air Act Amendments, or the South Coast AQMD.

The two affected facilities have previously implemented controls and are currently operating in compliance with the PAR 1117 proposed emission limits. Staff anticipates that facilities will not incur any additional future capital or recurring costs due to the adoption of PAR 1117. As a result,

<sup>1</sup> Dun & Bradstreet Enterprise Database, 2019.

no adverse socioeconomic impacts are expected, and therefore, no socioeconomic analysis is required under California Health and Safety Code Sections 40440.8 and 40728.5.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ANALYSIS**

Proposed Amended Rule 1117 has been reviewed pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since the proposed project does not contain any project elements requiring physical modifications that would cause an adverse effect on the environment, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption. If the project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be electronically filed with the State Clearinghouse to be posted on their CEQAnet Web Portal. Once the Notice of Exemption is posted, members of the public may access it via the following weblink: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>. In addition, the Notice of Exemption will be electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD’s webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/public-notices/ceqa-notices/notices-of-exemption/noe---year-2020>. The electronic filing and posting of the Notice of Exemption is being implemented in accordance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-54-20 issued on April 22, 2020 for the State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

## **DRAFT FINDINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 40727**

### *Requirements to Make Findings*

California Health and Safety Code Section (H&SC) 40727 requires that prior to adopting, amending or repealing a rule or regulation, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board shall make findings of necessity, authority, clarity, consistency, non-duplication, and reference based on relevant information presented at the public hearing and in the staff report.

### *Necessity*

PAR 1117 is needed for equipment under the RECLAIM program that will be transitioning to a command-and-control regulatory structure to establish NOx and SOx emission limits for furnaces and auxiliary combustion equipment that are representative of BARCT, as well as monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. PAR 1117 is needed to meet the requirements of AB 617, which requires an expedited schedule for implementing BARCT for cap-and-trade facilities and to develop a schedule by January 1, 2019 for the implementation of BARCT no later than December 31, 2023. PAR 1117 is also needed as it is in part implementing Control Measure CMB-

05: Further NO<sub>x</sub> Reductions from RECLAIM Assessment (CMB-05) to ensure the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program is achieving equivalency with command-and-control rules that are implementing Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) and to generate further NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions at RECLAIM facilities.

*Authority*

The South Coast AQMD obtains its authority to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations pursuant to H&SC Sections 39002, 39616, 40000, 40001, 40440, 40702, 40725 through 40728, 40920.6, and 41508.

*Clarity*

PAR 1117 is written or displayed so that their meaning can be easily understood by the persons directly affected by them.

*Consistency*

PAR 1117 is in harmony with and not in conflict with or contradictory to, existing statutes, court decisions or state or federal regulations.

*Non-Duplication*

PAR 1117 will not impose the same requirements as any existing state or federal regulations. The proposed amended rules are necessary and proper to execute the powers and duties granted to, and imposed upon, the South Coast AQMD.

*Reference*

In amending these rules, the following statutes which the South Coast AQMD hereby implements, interprets or makes specific are referenced: H&SC Sections 39002, 40001, 40702, 40440(a), and 40725 through 40728.5.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

Under H&SC Section 40727.2, the South Coast AQMD is required to perform a comparative written analysis when adopting, amending, or repealing a rule or regulation. The comparative analysis is relative to existing federal requirements, existing or proposed South Coast AQMD rules and air pollution control requirements and guidelines which are applicable to container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces.

Staff reviewed existing federal requirements that regulate glass melting furnaces to compare these requirements with PAR1117. Based on the review, staff determined that PAR 11117 does not conflict with any NO<sub>x</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits or recordkeeping requirement established in the

Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) for glass manufacturing facilities. In general, the CFRs do not regulate NO<sub>x</sub> or SO<sub>x</sub> emissions. See Table 4-3.

<b>Table 4-3: Comparative Analysis of PAR 1117 with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</b>				
<b>CFR Title</b>	<b>Part</b>	<b>Subpart</b>	<b>Title of Regulation</b>	<b>Pollutant (s) Regulated</b>
40	60	CC	Standard of Performance for Glass Melting Furnaces	Particulate matter
40	63	SSSSSS	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Glass Manufacturing Area Sources	Particulate matter and metal
41	61	N	National Emission Standard for Inorganic Arsenic Emissions from Glass Manufacturing Plants	Arsenic

Staff also reviewed other South Coast AQMD rules relative to PAR 1117. No conflicts were noted between the two.

<b>Table 4-4: Comparative Analysis of PAR 1117 with Existing South Coast AQMD Rules</b>		
<b>Rule Element</b>	<b>PAR 1117</b>	<b>RECLAIM</b>
<b>Applicability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container glass melting furnaces</li> <li>• Container glass auxiliary combustion equipment</li> <li>• Sodium silicate furnaces</li> </ul>	Facilities regulated under the NO <sub>x</sub> and SO <sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program (SCAQMD Reg. XX)
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container glass melting furnaces NO<sub>x</sub>: 0.25 lb/ton pulled SO<sub>x</sub>: 1.1 lb/ton pulled</li> <li>• Container glass auxiliary combustion equipment 30 ppmvd @ 3% O<sub>2</sub></li> <li>• Sodium silicate furnaces NO<sub>x</sub>: 0.50 lb/ton pulled SO<sub>x</sub>: 1.1 lb/ton (if not on 100% natural gas)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major Source NO<sub>x</sub>/SO<sub>x</sub>: None</li> <li>• Process Unit NO<sub>x</sub>: 130 lb/mm scf</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain data to be used for compliance determination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily electronic reporting for major sources</li> <li>• Monthly to quarterly reporting for large sources and process units</li> <li>• Quarterly Certification of Emissions Report and Annual Permit Emissions Program for all units</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A continuous in-stack NO<sub>x</sub> monitor subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ South Coast AQMD Rules 2011 and 2012 for RECLAIM facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A continuous in-stack NO<sub>x</sub> monitor for major sources Source testing once every 5 years for process units</li> </ul>

	➤ South Coast AQMD Rules 218 and 218.1 for former RECLAIM facilities	
<b>Recordkeeping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All data required by this rule shall be maintained for at least five years and made available for inspection by the Executive Officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly log for process units</li> <li>&lt; 15-min. data = min. 48 hours; ≥ 15-min. data = 3 years (5 years if Title V)</li> <li>Maintenance &amp; emission records, source test reports, RATA reports, audit reports and fuel meter calibration records for Annual Permit Emissions Program = 3 years (5 years if Title V)</li> </ul>

**APPENDIX A: LIST OF FACILITIES AFFECTED BY PAR 1117**

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Two facilities are affected by PAR 1117: Owens-Illinois located in Vernon, California and the PQ Corporation located in South Gate, California.

**Table A-1: Facilities Affected by PAR 1117**

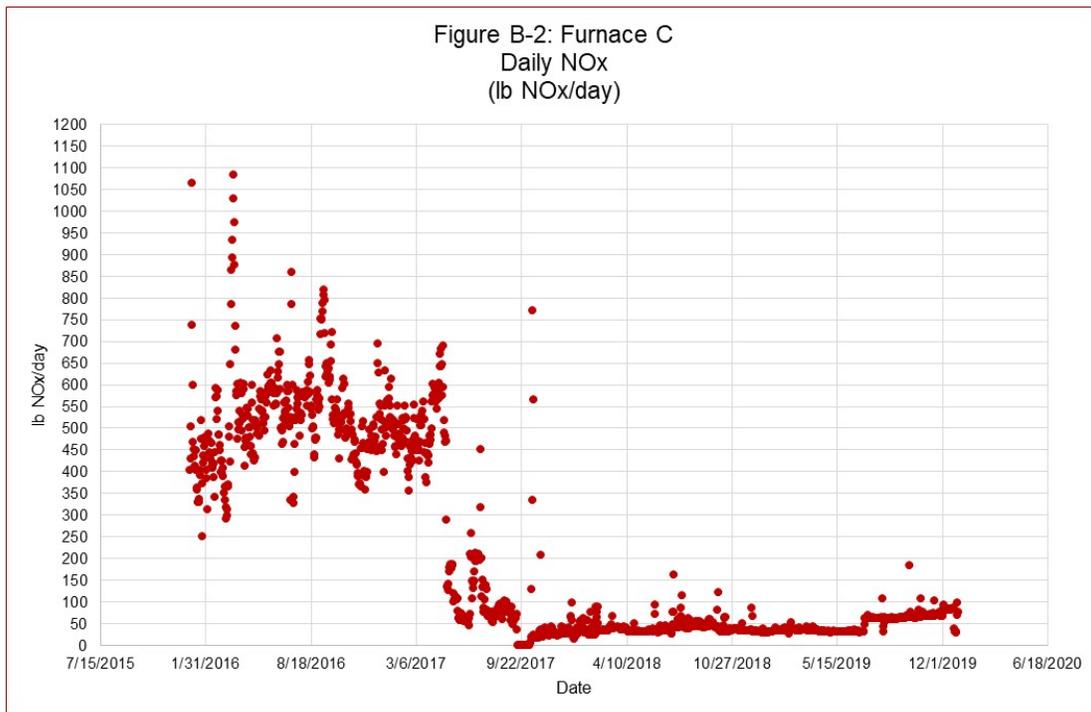
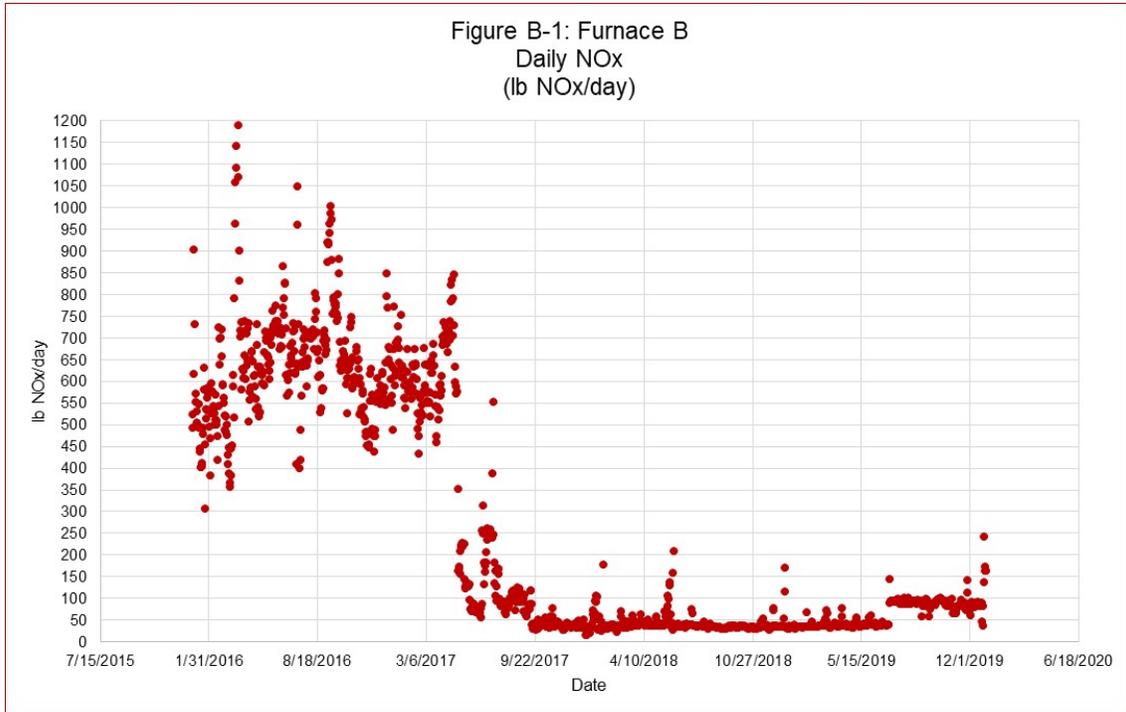
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11435	PQ Corporation

## **APPENDIX B: EMISSION LIMIT DETERMINATION**

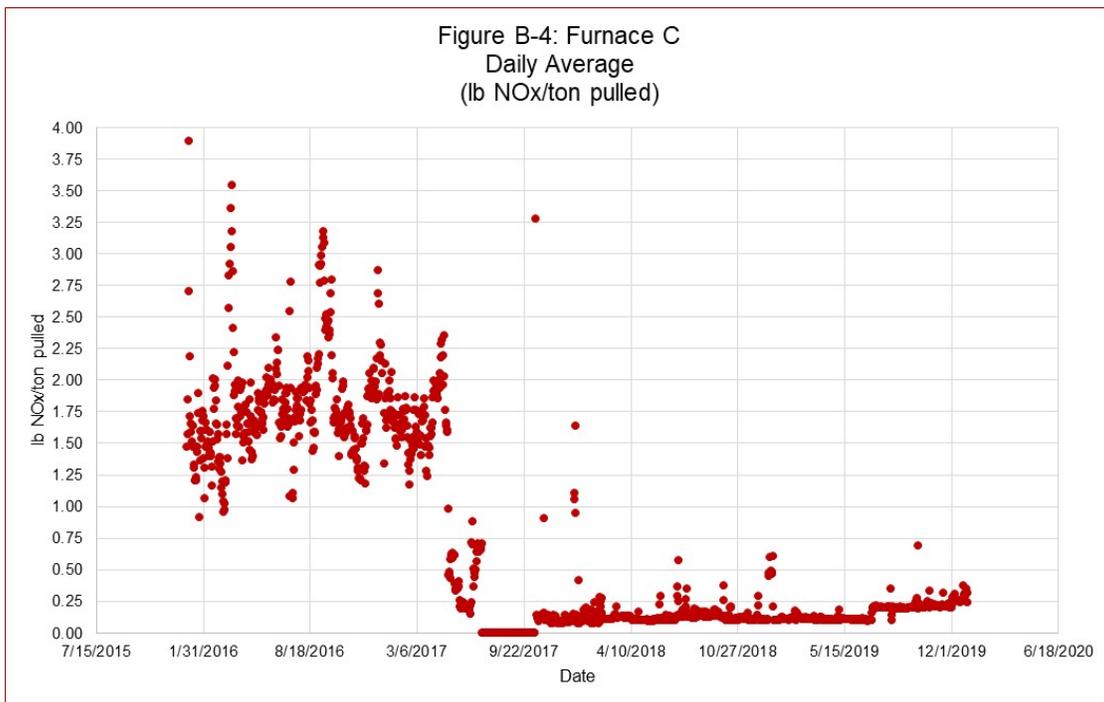
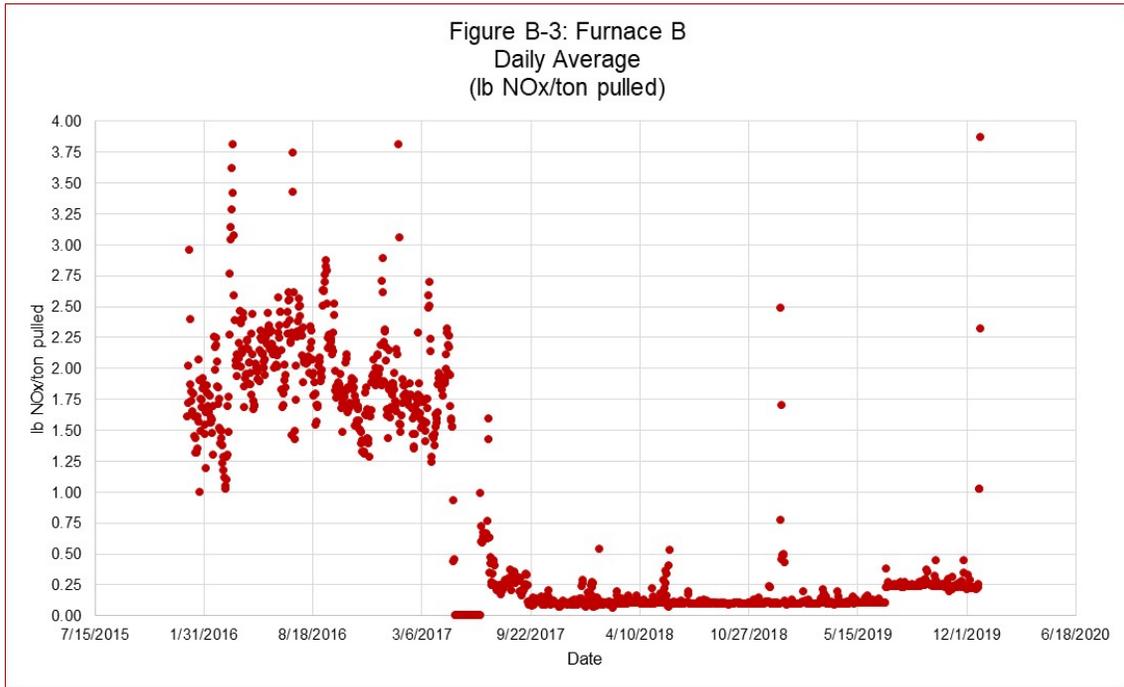
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### Presentation of NOx Emissions from Furnace Operations

Figures B-1 and B-2 illustrate the NOx emissions on a lbs per day basis reported by the container glass facility for its container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-3 and B-4 illustrate the NOx emissions per day based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-5 and B-6 illustrate the NOx emissions on a rolling 30-day average based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.

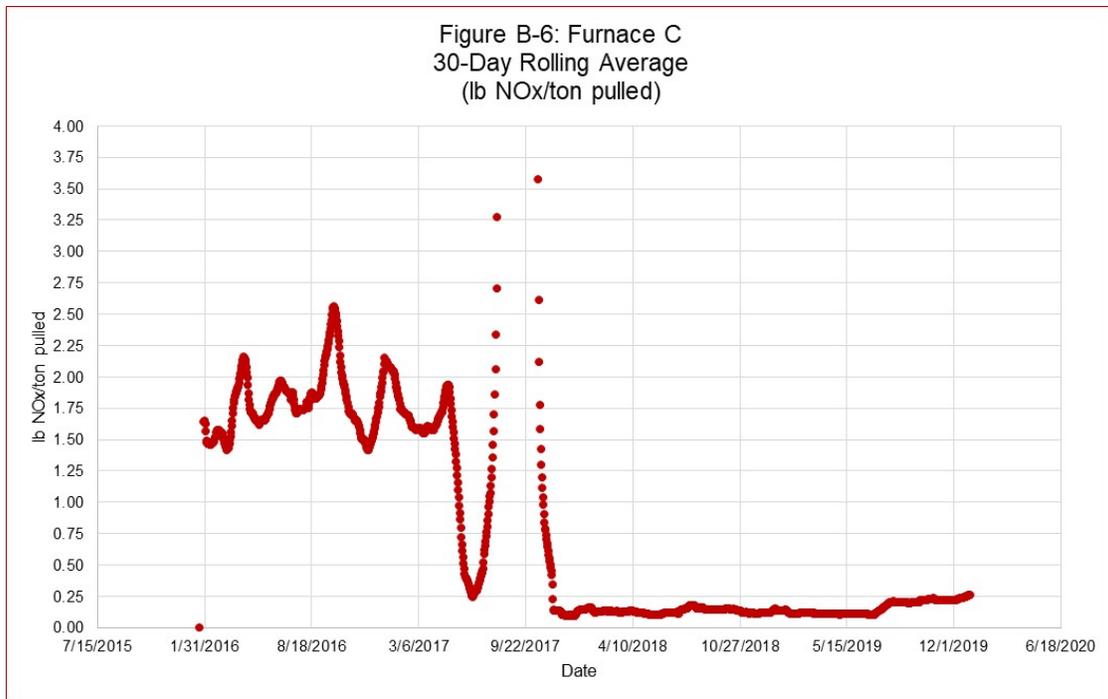
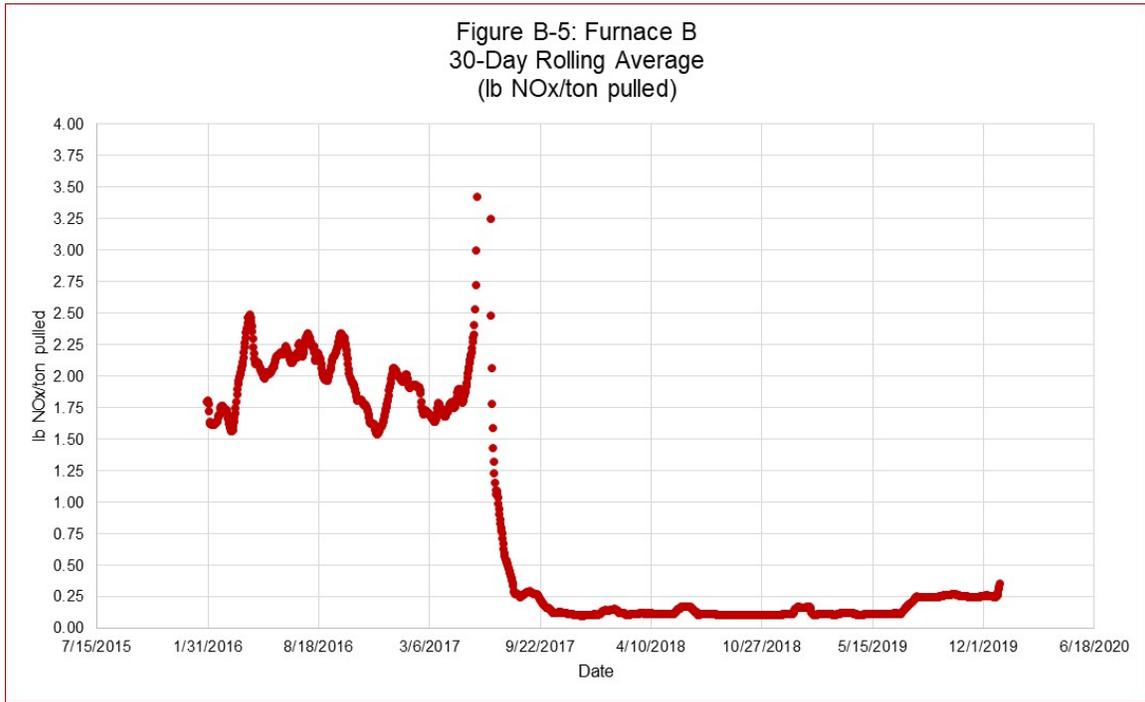
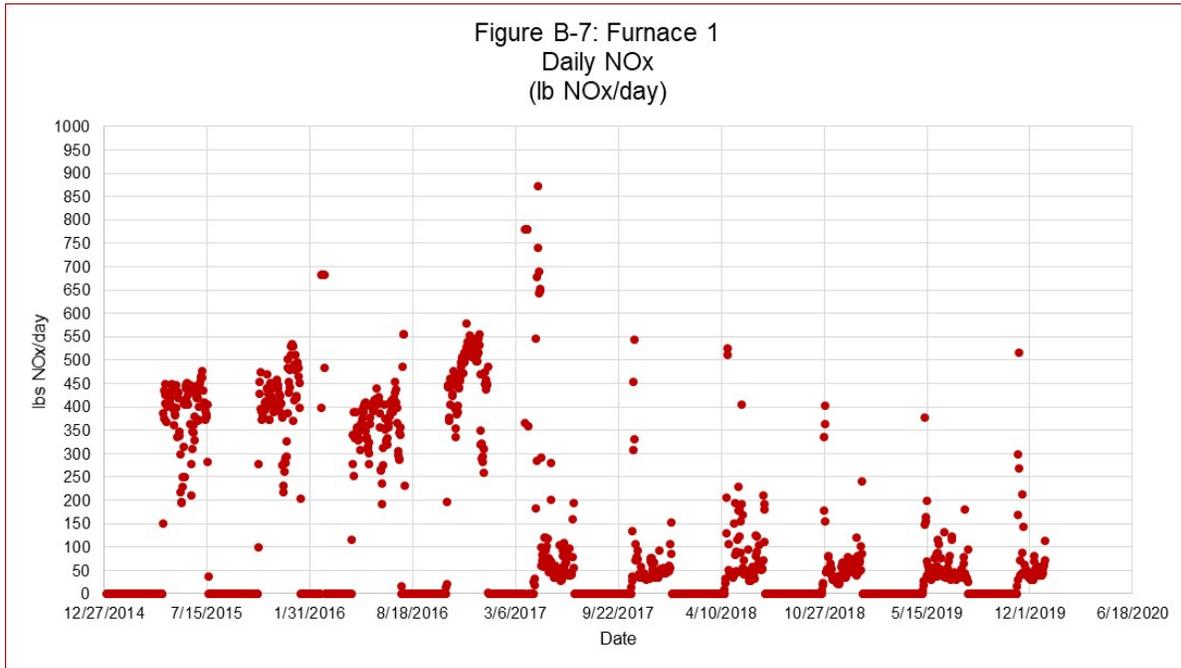
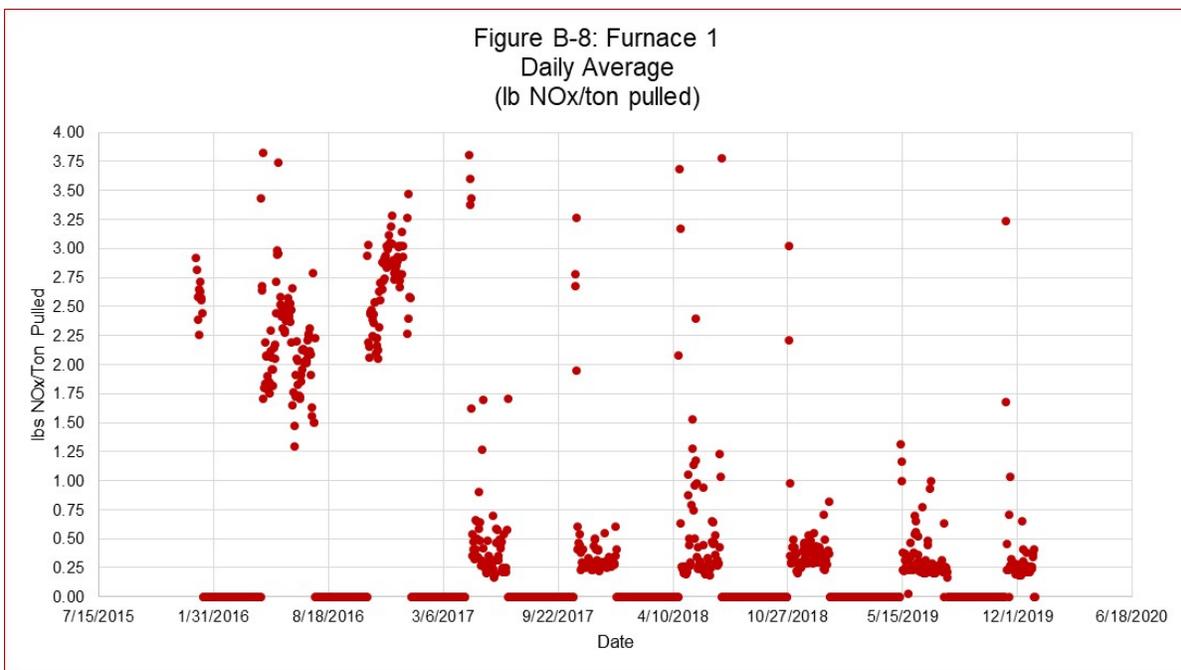


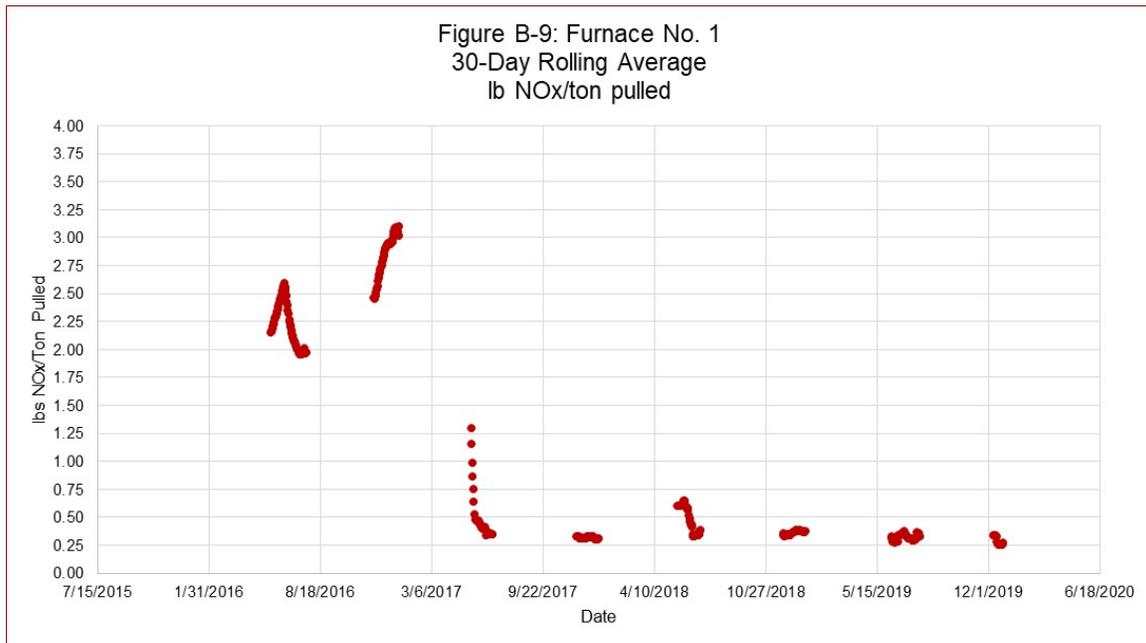
Figure B-7 illustrates the NOx emissions on a lbs per day basis reported by the sodium silicate facility for its sodium silicate furnace from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-8 illustrates the NOx emissions per day based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the sodium silicate furnace from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-9 illustrates the NOx emissions on a rolling 30-day average based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the sodium silicate furnace from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



### NOx Data Analysis

Staff analyzed the NOx emissions data from the container glass furnaces and noted a significant drop in NOx emissions when comparing data from before and after 2017. In 2017, the container glass facility installed a CCF emission control systems on the exhaust gas exiting their container glass melting furnaces. It also should be noted that this facility had previously installed oxy-fueled burners on their container glass melting furnaces. Staff believes that the combination of the CCF and the oxy-fueled burners accounted for the significant drop in NOx emissions.

Through discussions with the container glass facility, staff learned that after the installation of the CCF systems, there was a period of time where the operator had to fine tune the operation of the equipment. During this time, the CCF system experienced unexpected breakage of filter elements. The operator also had to experiment with ammonia injection rates to optimize NOx emission reductions versus their permitted ammonia slip limit of 5 ppmvd. Initially after startup of the CCF system, to maximize NOx reductions, the CCF control system was operated at a NOx emission level of 0.15 lb of NOx per ton of glass pulled ratio. Later as operational issues were resolved, the targeted emission level was adjusted up to 0.22 lb of NOx per glass pulled, which occurred around July 2019. This adjustment helped to resolve ammonia slip concerns where the current ammonia slip is less than 1 ppmvd.

Through site visits to the container glass facility, staff noted that the CCF system as installed is a robust system consisting of four units per furnace. According to its permit, the facility is required to operate a minimum of two units per furnace line. However, running three units at a time with a sufficient ammonia injection appears to minimize NOx emissions as well as balance their ammonia

slip concerns. With a fourth unit online, it was reported that there was not much difference observed in the amount of NO<sub>x</sub> reduction compared to three units.

When the NO<sub>x</sub> emission data was analyzed on a 30-day rolling average by staff, many transient data spikes that had been initially observed became less significant.

Staff analyzed the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions data from the sodium silicate furnaces and noted a significant drop in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions when comparing data from before and after 2017. In 2017, the sodium silicate facility installed a CCF emission control system on the exhaust gas exiting their furnace. Since installation of the CCF system, a noticeable reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions was observed.

As with the container glass facility, the sodium silicate facility also experienced a period of time where the operators had to learn how to fine tune the operation of the equipment. During this time, they too experienced unexpected breakage of filter elements. They also had to experiment with ammonia injection rates to optimize NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions versus their permitted ammonia slip limit of 10 ppmvd. In general, the sodium silicate furnace operates at about 0.4 lb of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of product pulled and also does not have the same level of redundancy as the container glass facility does by having multiple units.

During site visits to the sodium silicate facility, it was observed that there were frequent transient spikes in ammonia slip. It was also observed that these spikes may be correlated to how the furnace switches its crossflow flow periodically from one side of the furnace to the other. These transients forced ammonia injection adjustments which appeared to affect their overall NO<sub>x</sub> control. A combination of tuning issues with the ammonia injection and the range of the ammonia analyzer may be adding to this issue.

When the NO<sub>x</sub> emission data was analyzed on a 30-day rolling average, many transient data spikes that had been initially observed became less significant.

### **Increase of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Over Time**

During the rule development process, stakeholders for the container glass facility expressed concern that furnace degradation over an extended run length would lead to the generation of additional NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Staff was told that as a furnace ages, decreases in burner efficiency or increases in air leakage into the furnace may require more fuel to maintain process conditions. With more fuel being combusted, the amount of NO<sub>x</sub> generated could potentially increase.

To investigate this issue, staff compiled NO<sub>x</sub> emission data beginning in 2004 through 2015 for the two furnaces operating at the container glass facility. NO<sub>x</sub> emission information was collected from daily CEMS emissions data reported by the facility to the South Coast AQMD as part of the RECLAIM program requirements. Due to the configuration of the CEMS units, however, individual emissions from each furnace could not be separated from the aggregate. As such, staff analyzed the total NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from both furnaces as one unit.

Figure B-10 shows that over a twelve year span, the total combined NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from both furnaces have trended upwards. It should be noted that pull rate data was not available for the

period of time prior to 2010 and so the pull rate was not factored into this data review. Therefore, it is possible that the increased NOx emissions may also have been due to an increase in production from 2004 through 2015.

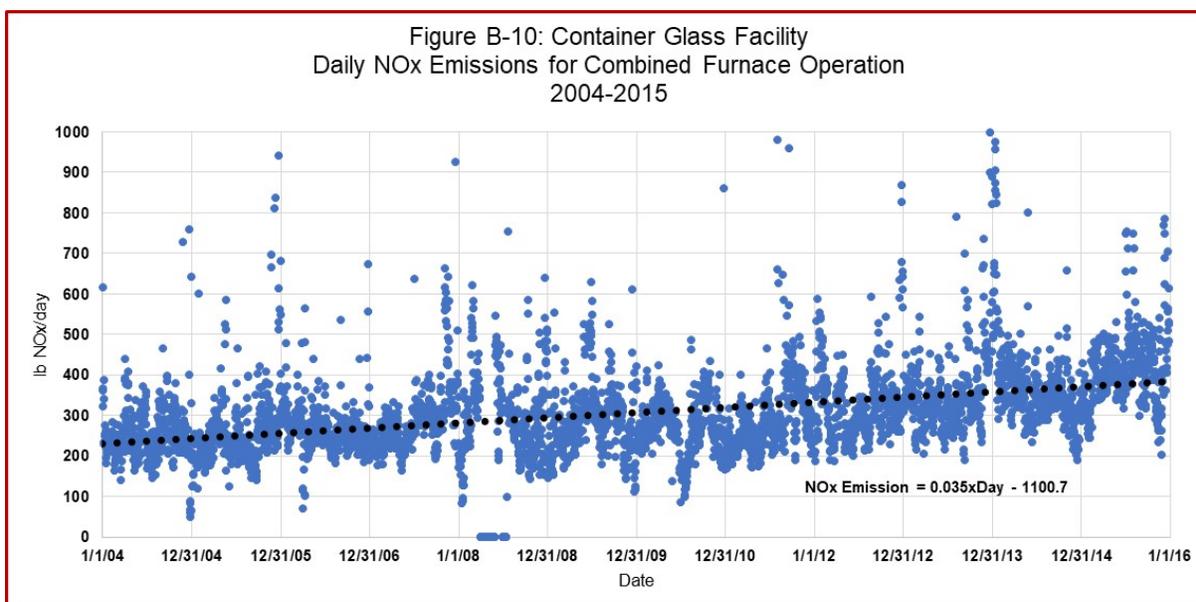


Figure B-10, NOx is seen to have increased approximately 0.035 lbs of NOx per day over a twelve year period. Since this represents two furnaces in operation, the corresponding NOx emissions increase per furnace would be approximately 0.0175 lbs of NOx per day or 6.4 lbs per year per furnace. The expected NOx increase due to the aging experienced by a furnace may be approximately 96 lbs over a 15 year operational cycle.

To present this on a pounds of NOx per ton of glass pulled basis, staff used the averaged pull rate for the two furnaces from 2010 to 2015 because staff did not have the pull rates from 2004 to 2009. The pulled amounts were 285 tons and 354 tons for an average of 319.5 tons. Based on this analysis, this would correspond to an average increase of 0.30 lbs of NOx per ton of glass pulled ( $96 \text{ lbs} \div 319.5 \text{ tons}$ ). This increase does not take into consideration the addition of the CCF system in 2017. With the addition of the CCF system, staff expects that any effect due to NOx increases over time to be mitigated.

### Proposed NOx Emission Limits

Based on the data analysis and observations made by staff, the following NOx emission limits are proposed:

- For the container glass melting furnaces, NOx emissions should not exceed 0.75 lb NOx per ton of glass pulled on a rolling 30-day average.
- For the sodium silicate furnace, NOx emissions shall not exceed 0.50 lb NOx per ton of product pulled on a rolling 30-day average.

### Presentation of SOx Emissions from Container Glass Melting Furnace Operations

As was previously noted in this staff report, although the sodium silicate facility is in the SOx RECLAIM program, it does not report SOx emissions.

The following SOx information illustrates SOx emissions from the container glass melting furnaces.

Figure B-11 illustrates the SOx emissions on a lbs per day basis reported by the container glass facility for its container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.

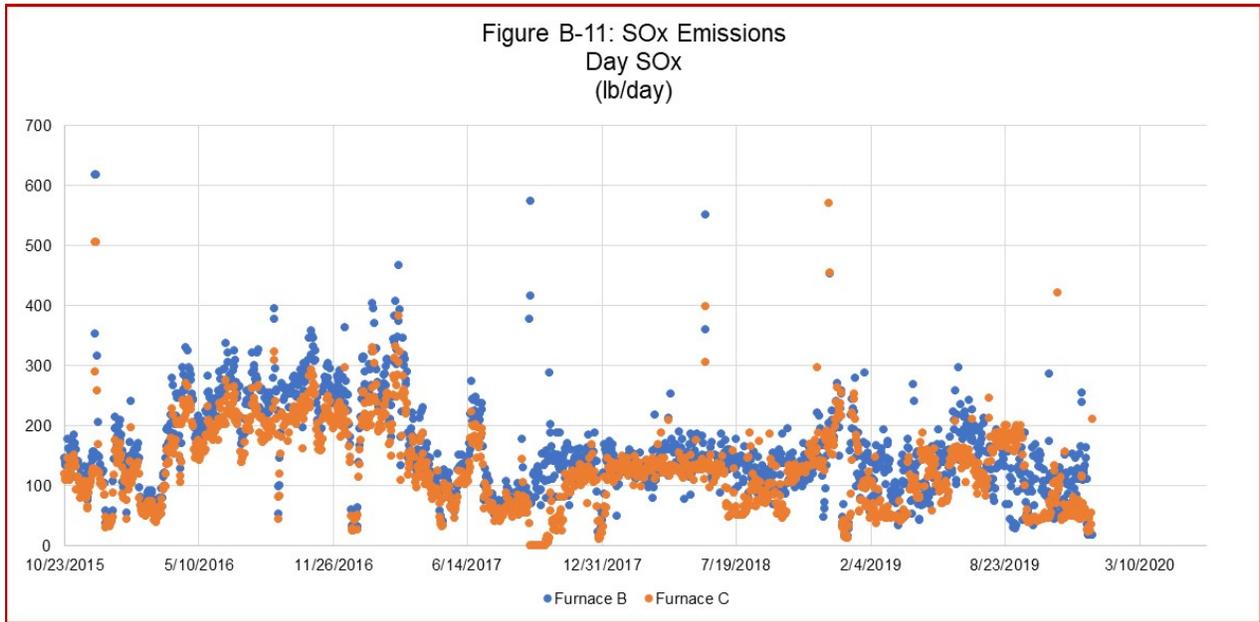
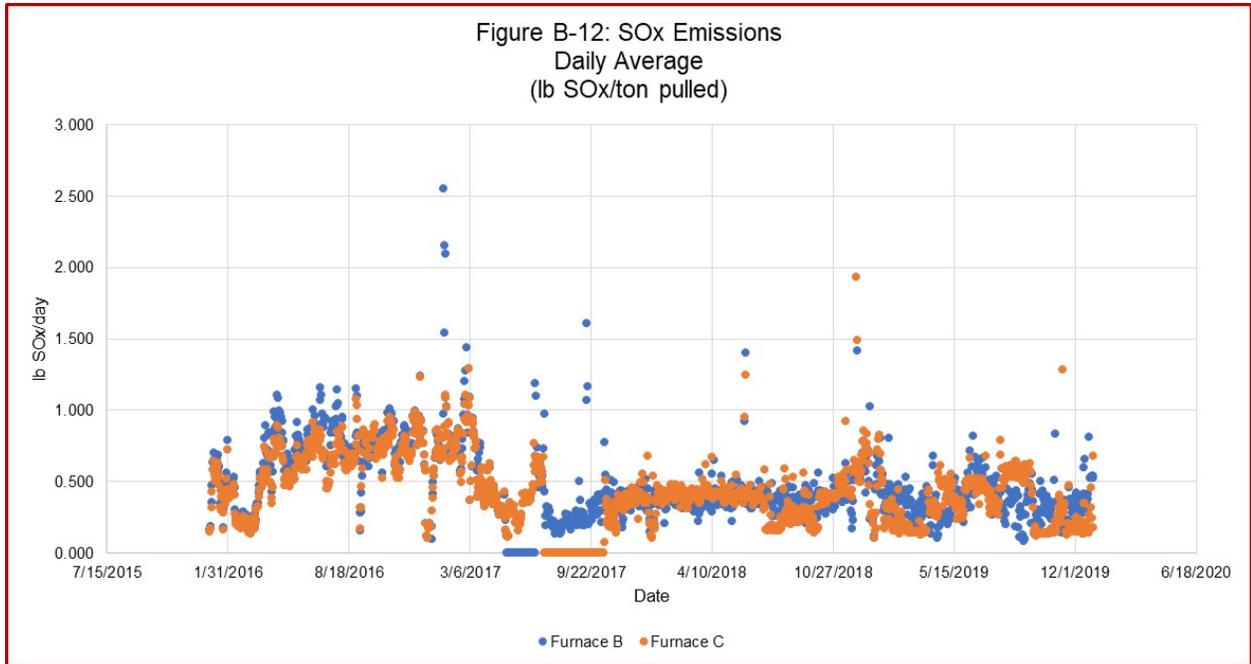
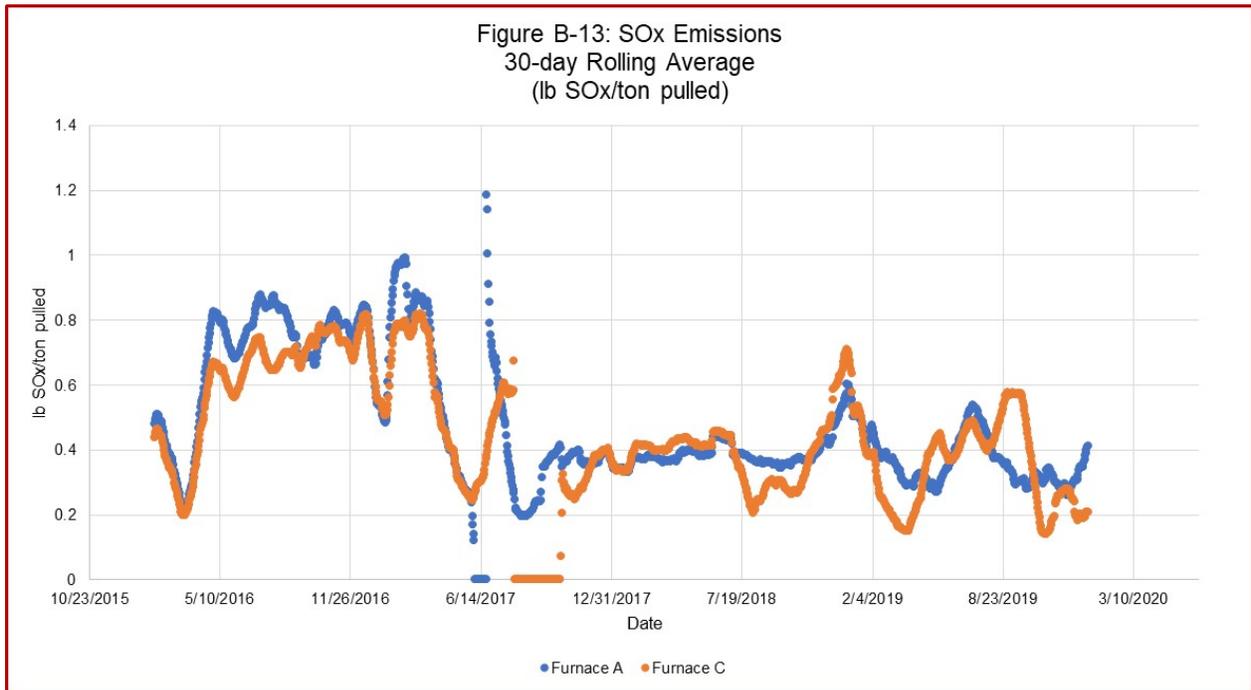


Figure B-12 illustrates the SOx emissions per day based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled from the container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



Figures B-13 illustrates the NOx emissions on a rolling 30-day average based on the ratio of emissions to glass pulled for the container glass melting furnaces from CY 2016 to CY 2019.



**SOx Data Analysis**

The primary goal for the installation of the CCF and oxy fuel burners at the container glass facility was tied to reducing NOx emissions. Although there is some observable SOx reduction at the

container glass facility due to the CCF, the emissions impacts will be evaluated at a later date when the RECLAIM SOx program is also transitioned to a command-and-control regulatory structure.

## **APPENDIX C – RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTERS**

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Comment Letter No. 1 – Latham and Watkins (on behalf of Owens-Illinois)

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**VIA EMAIL**

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Re: Proposed Amendments to SCAQMD PAR 1117

Dear Mr. Chacon:

We are submitting these comments on South Coast Air Quality Management District (“SCAQMD”) Proposed Amended Rule 1117 - Emission of Oxides of Nitrogen from Glass Melting Furnaces (“PAR 1117”) on behalf of our client Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc. (“Owens”). In addition, attached is a markup of the current version of PAR 1117 (March 2020). The Owens facility is located at 2901-23 Fruitland Ave in Vernon, CA 90058 (Facility ID No. 7427) (“Facility”). The Facility is a RECLAIM Cycle 1 for both NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> (Coastal Zone). The Facility is one of only two facilities subject to PAR 1117 and the only container glass melting facility subject to the rule.

**Background**

The Facility produces about 700 tons per day of glass containers for the food and beverage industry. The Facility uses significant volumes of recycled glass, also known as cullet, in the production process. During normal operations, the feed to the Facility’s two furnaces, identified as Furnaces B and C, consists of between 55% and 73% cullet. Furnaces B and C consist of two newly re-bricked advanced oxyfuel-fired glass furnaces that vent to an advanced air pollution control system. Installed in 2016 and 2017, the Tri-Mer emission control system reduces NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub> and PM from the Facility.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Rodolfo Chacon April 16, 2020 Page 2</p> <p><b>LATHAM+WATKINS</b></p>	<p>The emission control upgrades implemented at the Facility are above and beyond what is required to comply with emission limits in the Facility Title V Operating Permit, and any requirements applicable to similar facilities elsewhere in the country. Taken together, the furnace design and air pollution control system represent one of the lowest-emitting glass container manufacturing capabilities in the United States. Owens implemented the upgrades because of the incentive provided by the NOx RECLAIM allowing for the sale of unused RTCs as a means of recouping some of its investment. Of course, the incentive to undertake emission control projects of this type will be eliminated with the sunset of the NOx RECLAIM program.</p>	1-1 cont.
<p><b><u>Specific Comments</u></b></p>	<p><b>1. The proposed NOx limit must be set at a level that takes into consideration performance of the furnaces and control equipment over time.</b></p>	1-2
<p>As a result of the recent re-bricking of the furnaces, and optimization of the emission control system, control of emissions from the Facility is currently at peak performance. While Owens implements a rigorous maintenance program, over time it is inevitable that additional oxygen from the ambient air will ingress into the furnaces. NOx emissions are produced as a result of the thermal reaction between nitrogen and oxygen in the high temperature environment of the glass melting furnaces. Therefore, over the period of time until the furnaces would be rebricked again, NOx emissions will increase.</p>	<p>The proposed NOx limit of 0.25 lb/ton is low for glass melting furnaces. For other glass melting furnaces outside of California, emission limits ranging from 1.1 to 1.3 lbs per ton of glass pulled have been required in consent orders with USDOJ. Owens has already significant capital costs to install the add-on emission control system and will incur additional operating costs associated with the system. A 0.25 lb/ton NOx limit, which is far below that applicable to other similar facilities, places Owens at a further competitive disadvantage. Owens is also concerned that this limit does not account for expected increases of emissions over time or provide for a sufficient compliance margin.</p>	1-3
<p>During initial discussion with staff, Owens proposed a NOx limit of 1.0 lb/ton, which it believes is representative of limits recently imposed on other similar facilities, and also represents a 33% reduction of the current Facility permitted NOx limit, and a 75% reduction from the current NOx limit in Rule 1117. Upon further review, Owens believes that it can maintain emissions from the furnaces at the Facility below 0.75 lb/ton NOx limit. As such, PAR Rule 1117(d)(1) should be revised to "0.75 pound of NOx per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period."</p>	<p><b>2. The definition for Cullet should be clarified to include recycled and scrap glass.</b></p>	1-4
<p>In PAR 1117(c)(3), the definition of "Cullet" should be clarified. At the Facility, cullet and raw materials, consisting primarily of silica sand, limestone and soda ash, are weighed,</p>	US-DOCS114746523.6	1-5



when the emissions control system is bypassed. As such, Rule 1117(e)(1) should be modified to account for “for all days in which the Furnace operated for the previous 30 days.”

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**7. PAR 1117 needs to define “in full use” for air pollution control equipment.**

Owens has a separate ceramic catalyst filter (“CCF”) system for each of the two glass melting furnaces at the Vernon Plant. The CCF systems are similar to baghouses, but instead of fabric bags the CCF systems use ceramic catalyst filters, also known as “candles” due to their shape. Each of the two CCF systems is composed of separate housing units that can be taken off-line independently, while furnace exhaust continues to pass through the remaining operating housing units. The Furnace B system has four housing units with 240 filters in each housing unit, for a total of 960 filters; the Furnace C system has four housing units with 200 filters in each housing unit, for a total of 800 filters.

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While Owens typically operates with all housing units online, the systems are designed to enable Owens to meet permitted emission limits for a particular furnace with only two of the four housing units in that system online. PAR 1117 should allow Owens to operate only two of the four housing units at one time.

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Thank you for your attention to these comments. If you would like to discuss our concerns, please contact me at (714) 755-8105 or by email at [michael.carroll@lw.com](mailto:michael.carroll@lw.com).

Sincerely,



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### **Response to Comment 1-1**

The South Coast AQMD staff appreciates your comments and recognizes that the emissions control equipment that has been installed at this facility has significantly reduced the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions at the site. Staff agrees with the commenter that when combined, the furnace design and air pollution control system represent one of the lowest-emitting glass container manufacturing capabilities in the United States. This combination of design and added control equipment is unique and uncommon at other plants operating in the United States.

Through the PAR 1117 rulemaking process, it is the intent of staff to codify these achievements in emissions reductions. Staff does not anticipate that the facility will incur any additional equipment or operational costs resulting from PAR 1117 than what has already been invested by the facility. Staff also notes that the decision by the facility to implement these upgrades was made in part because of the incentive provided by the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program allowing for the sale of unused RTCs, and has benefited in the RECLAIM program by installing pollution controls before requirements under PAR 1117 were established.

### **Response to Comment 1-2**

Staff recognizes that a container glass melting furnace's refractory brick ages over time and may allow air to ingress. Staff reviewed NO<sub>x</sub> emissions data for the two furnaces operating at the facility from 2004 through 2015 and noted that prior to the installation of the ceramic catalyst filter system, there was an increase in the aggregate NO<sub>x</sub> emissions over this period. The NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit established for container glass melting furnaces accounts for aging of refractory brick.

### **Response to Comment 1-3**

As part of the BARCT technology assessment, staff identified other glass melting furnaces operating with NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits ranging from 1.1 to 1.3 lbs of NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of glass pulled in consent decrees with the United States Department of Justice and in other regulatory jurisdictions. Staff considered these limits as unique to the circumstances and conditions found at these locations. Similarly, for PAR 1117, staff evaluated data specific to the operation of the two container glass melting furnaces at the affected facility.

What has already been demonstrated and achieved by the use of the currently installed emissions control equipment is what PAR 1117 will codify. Staff does not anticipate that the facility will incur any additional equipment or operational costs resulting from PAR 1117 than what has already been invested by the facility.

Staff initially proposed a NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit of 0.25 lb per ton of glass pulled. Based on stakeholder input, staff has revised the NO<sub>x</sub> limit to 0.75 lb per ton of glass pulled to accommodate increases in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions due to the aging of the furnaces and associated emissions control equipment, and also to provide a compliance margin.

#### **Response to Comment 1-4**

Staff has revised the NO<sub>x</sub> emission limit to 0.75 lb per ton of glass pulled, averaged over a rolling 30-day period for container glass melting furnaces.

#### **Response to Comment 1-5**

The definition of cullet has been revised to include the term “recycled.”

#### **Response to Comment 1-6**

Within the jurisdiction of the South Coast AQMD, there are only two RECLAIM facilities currently affected by PAR 1117. To provide distinction between the two types of operations, staff has included the container glass definition to distinguish this process versus the other for sodium silicate. The definitions are specific to the directly affected sources of the proposed amended rule.

#### **Response to Comment 1-7**

Staff has revised the language in PAR 1117 (d)(3) that pertains to startups, shutdowns, and idling to exclude periods of time when the exhaust emissions control equipment is in use. The goal of limiting these operational situations is to minimize uncontrolled emissions. If the exhaust emission control equipment is in operation, then staff agrees the intention has been met.

Further, staff has distinguished between types of emission control equipment in this provision. Although oxy-fueled burners are recognized as a type of emissions control equipment, the use of the add-on exhaust emissions controls is what is targeted by the revised provision.

#### **Response to Comment 1-8**

See response to Comment 1-7.

#### **Response to Comment 1-9**

The phrase “whenever technologically feasible” was determined to be too broad to be able to enforce. Instead, staff has incorporated existing permit conditions that specify the temperature at which ammonia or a similar reagent should be injected and when the catalyst system is in operation.

#### **Response to Comment 1-10**

Staff has updated the language in PAR 1117 (e)(1) to explicitly exclude emissions from idling, startup, and shutdowns from being counted as part of the 30-day rolling average. However, idling, startup, and shutdown activities are still limited by the time restrictions in PAR 1117 (d)(3). If a furnace operates beyond the time allowed for either idling, startups, or shutdowns, then the emissions emitted beyond the allotted time shall be counted as part of the 30-day rolling average.

The purpose of including the requirement that “if a furnace operates for fewer than 30 days, then compliance for NO<sub>x</sub> will be determined based on the average for the actual days of operation” is to address batch-type operations. If a furnace such as one used in the sodium silicate process is operated for less than 30 days and is shutdown based on operational considerations, then its emissions shall be averaged for the amount of time that it actually operated.

**Response to Comment 1-11**

PAR 1117 does not define the requirement “in full use” for any air pollution control equipment, but defers any specific requirements to conditions listed on the facility’s permit to operate. At a minimum, the permit to operate currently requires the use of two of the four ceramic catalyst filter housing units per furnace line.

ATTACHMENT H



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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1117 – EMISSIONS FROM CONTAINER GLASS MELTING AND SODIUM SILICATE FURNACES**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

South Coast AQMD staff is proposing to amend Rule 1117 to: 1) establish emission standards for oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and oxides of sulfur (SOx) from facilities that produce container glass and sodium silicate and are transitioning from Regulation XX – Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) to a command-and-control regulatory structure; 2) update monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements; 3) establish provisions for the idling, startup, and shutdown of container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces; and 4) include NOx emission limits for auxiliary combustion equipment associated with container glass melting operations. Other minor proposed amendments include adding new and modifying definitions of terms and removing obsolete requirements for clarity and consistency throughout the rule.

The proposed project has been reviewed pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since air pollution control equipment was previously installed for the furnaces at the affected facilities prior to the development of Proposed Amended Rule 1117, and the actual emissions have been demonstrated to be less than proposed emission standards, no physical changes that would adversely affect any environmental topic area would be expected to occur as a result of project implementation. For these reasons, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. If this project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be electronically filed with the State Clearinghouse to be posted on their CEQAnet Web Portal. Once the Notice of Exemption is posted, members of the public may access it via the following weblink: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>. In addition, this Notice of Exemption will be electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD's webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/public-notice/ceqa-notice/notices-of-exemption/noe---year-2020>. The electronic filing and posting of the Notice of Exemption is being implemented in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-54-20 issued on April 22, 2020 for the State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be directed to Kevin Ni (c/o Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources) at the above address or at (909) 396-2462. Any questions regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1117 should be directed to Rodolfo Chacon at (909) 396-2726.

**Date:** May 1, 2020

**Signature:**   
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Barbara Radlein  
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Planning, Rule Development, and Area Sources

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

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**To:** Governor's Office of Planning and Research -  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth St, Suite 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5502

**From:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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**Project Title:**

Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces

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**Project Location:**

The project location is the portion within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) jurisdiction which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin (SSAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB).

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

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**Public Agency Approving Project:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District

**Agency Carrying Out Project:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**Exempt Status:**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), South Coast AQMD, as Lead Agency, has reviewed Proposed Amended Rule 1117 pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since air pollution control equipment was previously installed for the furnaces at the affected facilities prior to the development of Proposed Amended Rule 1117, and the actual emissions have been demonstrated to be less than proposed emission standards, no physical changes that would adversely affect any environmental topic area would be expected to occur as a result of project implementation. For these reasons, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption.

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**Date When Project Will Be Considered for Approval (subject to change):**

South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: June 5, 2020; South Coast AQMD Headquarters

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**Date Received for Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Signed Upon Board Approval)*

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ATTACHMENT I

# Proposed Amended Rule 1117 Emissions From Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces

Governing Board Meeting

June 5, 2020

# Background

- PAR 1117
  - Establishes Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emission limits for furnaces and auxiliary equipment at container glass melting and sodium silicate facilities
- 2016 AQMP Control Measure CMB-05
  - Achieve five tons per day NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction in RECLAIM by 2025
  - Transition RECLAIM to a command and control regulatory structure requiring BARCT level controls as soon as practicable
- AB 617
  - Implementation of BARCT by December 31, 2023
  - Priority given to older, higher polluting units



<https://siccode.com/sic-code/3221/glass-containers>

# Two RECLAIM Facilities Subject to PAR 1117



One  
Container  
Glass  
Facility



- Two glass melting furnaces
- Auxiliary combustion equipment
  - Two conveyance systems associated with process
  - Three smaller annealing furnaces

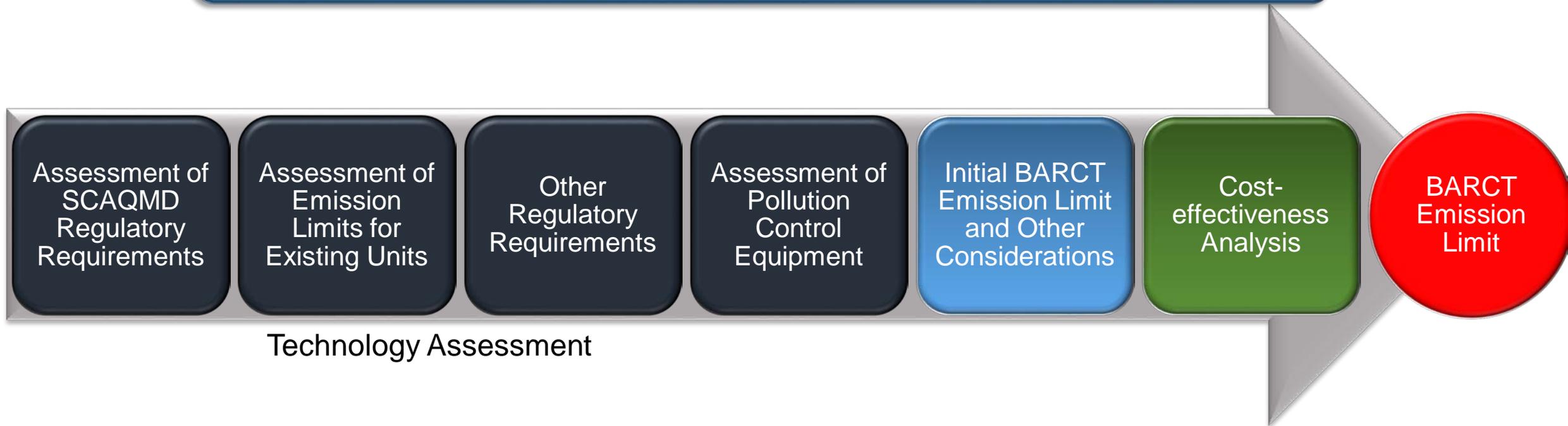


One  
Sodium  
Silicate  
Facility



- One sodium silicate furnace

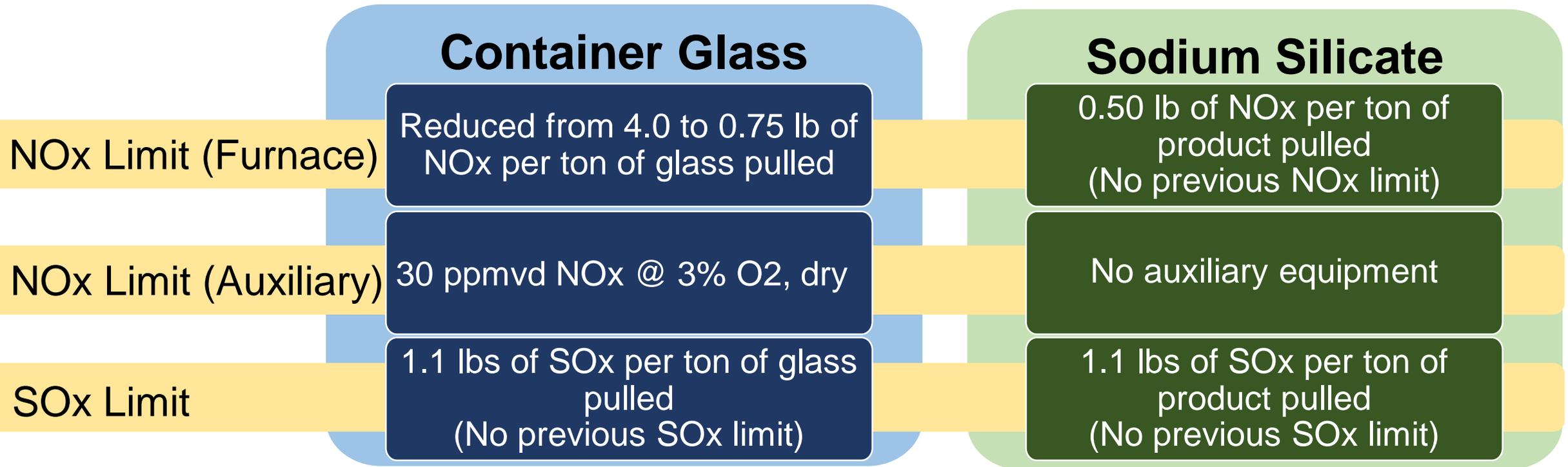
# BARCT Assessment



- In 2017, both facilities installed Selective Catalytic Reduction technology that uses ceramic filter elements
- Technology represents BARCT for both container glass and sodium silicate furnaces
- Facilities have reduced NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by approximately 90% from 2016 emission levels
- No key issues remaining

# Key Proposed Amendments to Rule 1117

- PAR 1117 codifies emission levels demonstrated for container glass and sodium silicate furnaces



- Duration limits added to startup, shutdown, and idling activities to minimize emissions

# Emission Reductions and Cost-Effectiveness

NOx Emission Reductions (tons per day)	Cost Effectiveness (\$/ton)
0.57	\$22,700

- Cost-effectiveness calculation includes:
  - Capital costs for the installation of the pollution control systems
  - Operational costs of the air pollution control equipment including oxy-fuel costs (if applicable)
- Cost data provided by the facilities

# Staff Recommendation

- Adopt resolution:
  - Determining that PAR 1117 is exempt from the requirements of CEQA
  - Amending Rule 1117