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## INTRODUCTION

Since the beginning of time, mankind, flora, and fauna have been sustained by sunlight, fresh water, and clean air. But fly over many regions of the country today, and one will see our cities and mountains shrouded in a dull haze of pollutants. Look upon the horizon and see the sun's rays reflect a kaleidoscope of colors — grey for lead, yellow for sulphur, brown for nitrogen oxides.

From the Appalachian Mountains, where brown tree tops are brittle and burnt from acid rain, to the Great Lakes, where shorelines all too often appear rimmed by murky mist, to the San Gabriel Mountains, where a natural inversion of the atmosphere presses a blanket of smog upon Southern California, we can't escape the damage.

Carbon Monoxide, lead, nitrogen oxides, ozone, particulate matter, and sulfur, are now cited as the most insidious of pollutants. They are proven to contribute to respiratory illnesses in humans, damage to the environment and buildings and, ultimately, lead to higher costs for health care and environmental cleanup.

Over the past several decades, the culprit pollutants spewed into our environment at increasing rates. Thus, in the 1980s, alarmed environmental activists and coalitions began to pressure Congress for stiffer air pollution control regulations. The result: in 1990, Congress passed its most comprehensive piece of environmental legislation, the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA).

The Boiler Emissions Reference Guide is a multi-purpose tool, which is intended to give you a clearer understanding of how industrial boilers fit into the clean air equation.

In the first part, the guide discusses how federal and state actions are driving the air cleanup. It discusses air quality standards and areas of attainment and nonattainment for the pollutants. It describes how the government has set up emission limits for industrial boilers and other equipment. And, it looks at permitting, emission limitations, and BACT, RACT, LAER — the alphabet of control techniques.

The second part of the guide examines the six major pollutants in detail and discusses various control techniques. Emphasis is placed on combustion control for industrial boilers and how to choose the best technology.

The guide concludes with special appendices, which provide fingertip information — a must when dealing with a problem as complex as air pollution.

### **A word of caution...**

*The information conveyed in the appendix and figures 2, 3, 4 & 5 are dynamic and may change based on the latest requirements issued by the EPA. Visiting an EPA site such as <[epa.gov](http://epa.gov)> will assist you in keeping abreast of the latest requirements.*



## REGULATIONS

Air pollution regulations are enacted at the federal level or at the state and local level. Federal regulations, which primarily establish outdoor, or ambient, air quality standards, are the primary drivers behind state and local air pollution regulations. However, with a few exceptions, the New Source Performance Standards (see page 5 for more information), federal regulations only set the ambient air quality standards. They do not detail how to accomplish them. The necessary actions to accomplish the federal standards must be developed and implemented by state and local air quality agencies. It is the state and local actions, along with the Federal New Source Performance Standards, that directly impact industrial boilers.

### FEDERAL ACTIONS

#### The Clean Air Act

Nearly all air pollution regulations originate from the Clean Air Act, which was enacted in 1963. The act improved and strengthened pollution prevention programs and was the first major step toward more federal control of air pollution. The first major amendments to the Clean Air Act occurred in 1970. The 1970 amendments set national air quality standards and established performance standards for new sources of pollution. As a result of the 1970 amendments, standards were set for sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides for several sources, including boilers.

The next significant amendment to the Clean Air Act occurred in 1977. The 1977 amendment enhanced many aspects of the Clean Air Act by implementing a more comprehensive permit program, establishing emission limitations on existing sources, and imposing stricter emission standards on new sources. But most importantly, the 1977 amendment extended compliance deadlines because many geographical areas had not achieved compliance with the ambient air quality standards. After regulating air pollution for almost 15 years, nationwide compliance still had not been achieved.

The most recent amendment to the Clean Air Act occurred in 1990. The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendment has been labelled the most complex, comprehensive, and far-reaching environmental law Congress has ever enacted. The 1990 amendments consist of 11 titles. Some of the titles are revisions of existing titles and others are new titles. As a result, the Clean Air Act now encompasses most aspects of air pollution.

The act:

- Controls air pollution from stationary and mobile sources
- Controls the release of air toxins
- Controls acid rain pollutants (NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>)
- Establishes a massive permit program
- Sets-up enforcement provisions
- Establishes many miscellaneous programs

### The Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990

*The Clean Air Act, its interpretations and associated implications, are very complex. It would be impractical to list the details of the amendment and the requirements for future activity that the federal government dictates for state governments. For this reason, this section provides basic insight into the implications the act poses for fossil-fuel fired packaged boilers.*

As mentioned earlier, the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendment is comprised of 11 titles (see Figure 1). The provisions contained in the titles have the potential to affect nearly every source of air pollution. Although several titles affect industrial boilers, the title having the most impact is Title I, Attainment and Maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

### 1997 Changes to the Clean Air Act

EPA recently reviewed the current air quality standards for ground-level ozone (commonly known as smog) and particulate matter (or PM). Based on new scientific evidence, revisions have been made to both standards. At the same time, EPA is developing new programs to control regional haze, which is largely caused by particulate matter and mercury.

### Title I - National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are pollution standards set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Clean Air Act. The NAAQS set ambient pollutant standards to address seven 'criteria' pollutants (see Figure 2):

- Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)
- Carbon Monoxide (CO)
- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)
- Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)
- PM<sub>10</sub> (particulate matter with a diameter of less than 10 microns)
- Lead

## n 1990 CAAA Titles

**Title I - Attainment and Maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards:** Deals with attaining and maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for six criteria pollutants.

**Title II - Mobile Sources:** Establishes stricter emission standards for motor vehicles.

**Title III - Hazardous Air Pollutants:** Identifies and calls for reductions in 189 toxic pollutants.

**Title IV - Acid Deposition Control:** Addresses NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> reduction in large utility boilers (major sources). Regulations for industrial units will be developed shortly.

**Title V - Permits:** Establishes a comprehensive operating permit program for air emissions.

**Title VI - Stratospheric Ozone Protection:** Requires a complete phase-out of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halons.

**Title VII - Enforcement:** Gives the EPA more administrative enforcement penalties. It is now a felony to knowingly violate the Clean Air Act.

**Title VIII - Miscellaneous:** Addresses oil drilling and visibility provisions.

**Title IX - Clean Air Research:** Addresses air pollution research in the areas of monitoring and modeling, health effects, ecological effects, pollution prevention, emission control, and acid rain.

**Title X - Disadvantaged Business Concerns:** Requires that a portion of federal funds for air research go to disadvantaged firms.

**Title XI - Clean Air Employment Transition Assistance:** Provides additional unemployment benefits to workers for retraining who are laid off because of compliance with the Clean Air Act.

figure 1

## n National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Pollutant	Primary Standards	Averaging Times	Secondary Standards
Carbon Monoxide	9 ppm (10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	8-hour <sup>1</sup>	None
	35 ppm (40 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1-hour <sup>1</sup>	None
Lead	1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Quarterly Average	Same as Primary
Nitrogen Dioxide	0.053 ppm (100 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Annual (Arithmetic Mean)	Same as Primary
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup> (Arithmetic Mean)	Same as Primary
	150 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24-hour <sup>1</sup>	
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	150 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual <sup>3</sup> (Arithmetic Mean)	Same as Primary
	65 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24-hour <sup>4</sup>	
Ozone	0.08 ppm	8-hour <sup>5</sup>	Same as Primary
Sulfur Oxides	0.03 ppm	Annual (Arithmetic Mean)	–
	0.14 ppm	24-hour <sup>1</sup>	–
	–	3-hour <sup>1</sup>	0.5 ppm (1300ug/m <sup>3</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Not to be exceeded more than once per year.

<sup>2</sup> To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the weighted annual mean PM<sub>10</sub> concentration at each monitor within an area must not exceed 50ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the weighted annual mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration from single or multiple community-oriented monitors must not exceed 15.0ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile of 24-hour concentrations at each population-oriented monitor within an area must not exceed 65 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> To attain this standard, the 3-year average of the fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hor average ozone concentrations measured at each monitor within an area over each year must not exceed 0.08 ppm.

figure 2

The NAAQS are designed to protect humans and the environment from the adverse effects of air pollutants. Unlike emission limitations, which specify allowable pollutant releases from air pollution sources, ambient standards set forth maximum allowable concentrations of pollutants in the outdoor, or ambient, air. The Clean Air Act sets

specific deadlines for every area in the country not in compliance with the NAAQS to enact regulations for achieving these standards.

### Attainment and Nonattainment

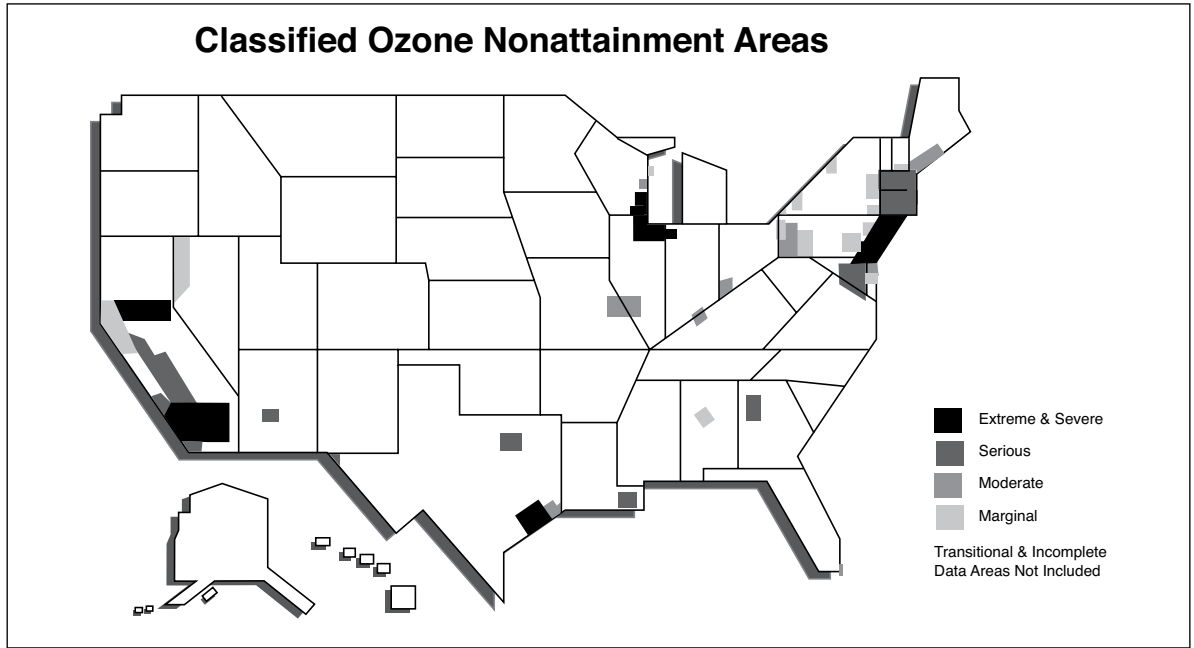


figure 3

Through the NAAQS, areas of the United States are designated as attainment and nonattainment. Simply put, areas with ambient pollutant levels below the NAAQS are in attainment. Areas with pollutant levels above the NAAQS are in nonattainment.

**Note:** Attainment/Nonattainment designation is made on a pollutant-by-pollutant basis for all pollutants included in the NAAQS. Therefore, an area can be designated as attainment and nonattainment because

it may be in compliance with the NAAQS for one pollutant but not another.

The most common pollutant for which the NAAQS are exceeded is ozone. Ozone is not emitted directly from smokestacks, tailpipes, or other pollution sources. Instead, it is formed by the reaction of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) in the presence of sunlight. NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs are released into the air by

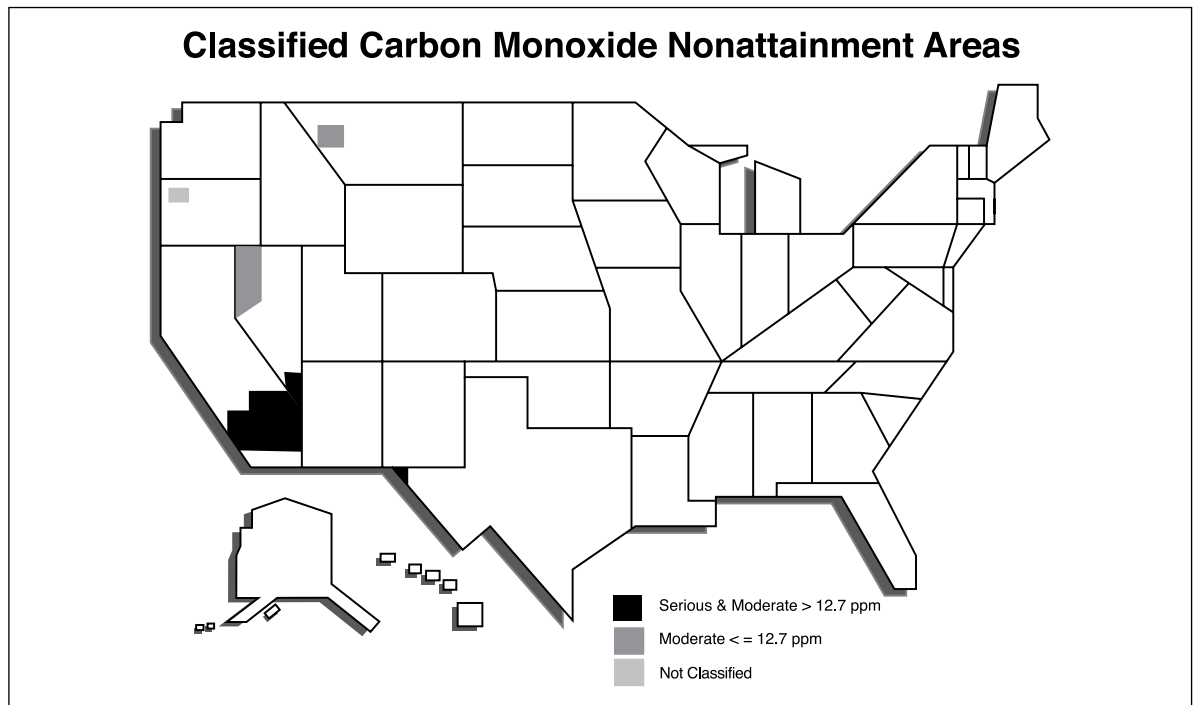


figure 4

automobiles, factories, and several other sources, including industrial boilers. As of January, 1994, there are 101 cities and towns violating the NAAQS for ozone (see Figure 3). Ozone nonattainment areas are classified into one of five categories, based on the amount by which the local ozone levels exceed the NAAQS. From highest to lowest degree of nonattainment, the categories are: extreme; severe; serious; moderate; and marginal.

The second most common nonattainment pollutant is carbon monoxide. As of January, 1994, 52 metropolitan areas exceed the NAAQS for carbon monoxide (see Figure 4). Carbon monoxide nonattainment areas are classified as serious and moderate, depending on the amount local CO levels exceed the NAAQS for CO.

Although the number of nonattainment areas are not as great as they are for ozone and carbon monoxide, there are several areas violating the NAAQS for PM<sub>10</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, and lead. Areas violating the NAAQS for PM<sub>10</sub> are subclassified as serious or moderate. There are no subclassifications for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, and lead.

A listing of the ozone, CO, PM<sub>10</sub>, and SO<sub>2</sub> nonattainment areas as of January, 1994 is included in Appendix A. The classifications of areas are constantly changing as air pollution levels are continuously under review for attainment/nonattainment designation. For the most current attainment/nonattainment classification, contact your local air pollution control agency.

## Offsets

If an owner or operator of a major source wants to release more of a criteria air pollutant, an offset (a reduction of the criteria air pollutant by an amount somewhat greater than the planned increase) must be obtained somewhere else, so that permit requirements are met and the nonattainment area keeps moving toward attainment. The company must also install tight pollution controls. An increase in a criteria air pollutant can be offset with a reduction of the pollutant from some other stack at the same plant or at another plant owned by the same or some other company in the nonattainment area. Since total pollution will continue to go down, trading offsets among companies is allowed. This is one of the market approaches to cleaning up air pollution in the Clean Air Act.

## State Implementation Plans

Through the NAAQS, the EPA has established pollution standards for six criteria pollutants. However, the NAAQS are only an interim step in the regulation of these pollutants. The ambient standards do not tell an individual polluter what must be done to control their emissions. Rather, Title I of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments delegates the responsibility to the states by requiring local nonattainment areas to develop a plan to reduce ambient pollution levels below the NAAQS.

Nonattainment characteristics vary by area and pollutant. A nonattainment area can be affected by weather, geography, demographics, and other forces. Therefore, regulations established for one area may not be effective in another area. This is why the Federal EPA does not establish general, source-specific regulations for all nonattainment areas. The responsibility is assigned to the states. The states are required to develop State Implementation Plans, or SIPs. SIPs include regulations addressing individual pollution sources in order to achieve the pollutant reductions necessary to comply with the NAAQS.

SIPs must address several elements of air pollution control as required by the EPA. The elements include:

- Attainment of the NAAQS within specified deadlines
- Emission limitations for individual sources
- Monitoring provisions
- Permit programs
- Several miscellaneous provisions

A SIP is developed as follows. State regulation developers draft the SIP. Then it undergoes public comment. Next, it is submitted to the EPA for review. The EPA has established submittal dates for the SIPs, which vary depending on the nonattainment status of the local area. Many states have missed the deadlines and are still developing their SIPs. Once the EPA reviews the SIP, it is either approved or, if it fails to fulfill all requirements, the plan could be returned to the state for revision, or the EPA could draft a plan or portions of the plan for the state.

**Note:** You can obtain a copy of the sections of any SIP applying to industrial boilers by contacting your state air quality agency. It is important to become familiar with the SIP in your state, as the provisions within the SIP may directly impact industrial boilers.

## New Source Performance Standards



One situation where the Federal EPA has established nationally uniform source-specific regulations is through the New Source Performance Standards, or NSPS. The standards, which set minimal requirements for individual sources, address approximately 65 categories of new or modified stationary sources, including industrial boilers. However, because the NSPS are not based on the nonattainment status of the local area, they may result in over control in some locations and under control in others.

The NSPS for industrial boilers regulate levels for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, and particulate matter. The regulated pollutants and requirements vary for different fuels and boiler sizes. There are currently three categories for the NSPS:

- Boilers with inputs greater than 250 MMBtu/hr
- Boilers with inputs between 100-250 MMBtu/hr
- Boilers with inputs between 10-100 MMBtu/hr

The current Small Boiler NSPS apply to all new, modified, or reconstructed boilers with inputs between 10-100 MMBTU/hr where construction, modification, or reconstruction commenced after June 9, 1989. They set emission standards for SO<sub>x</sub> and particulate matter for boilers firing coal, distillate and residual oil, and wood. The NSPS also dictate record keeping requirements regarding fuel usage for all fuels, including natural gas. Record keeping requirements and compliance standards for the different emissions depends on the type of fuel fired and on the boiler size. For a summary of the Small Boiler NSPS, see Figure 5.

Expect to hear more about the NSPS. The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require the EPA to review the current NSPS and modify the requirements to incorporate new technologies for several source categories addressed through the NSPS.

## STATE ACTIONS Nonattainment Areas

Air quality monitoring stations operate throughout the United States to assess local air quality. Readings are continuously taken from the stations to monitor the six criteria pollutants regulated through the NAAQS. The levels of the pollutants are continuously evaluated. If levels exceed the NAAQS, the area is classified as nonattainment.

States must determine the boundaries of nonattainment areas through the use of the data collected. The boundaries of nonattainment and attainment areas can be difficult to define. For example, because of the high population in the northeastern United States and the close proximity of major cities, an ozone nonattainment area may enact regulations to bring the area into compliance. But because of the influence of the surrounding cities, attainment may not be achieved. Ozone nonattainment areas in the northeast are forming alliances to develop regulations because of the influence of pollution from a broad area. For example, uniform regulations are being developed for eleven states (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont) in what is designated by the Federal EPA as the Northeast Ozone Transport Region.

## Emission Inventories

Once a nonattainment area is defined, the pollution sources are identified and the quantity of emissions from the sources are evaluated. To help states determine the types and levels of emissions for the various sources, the EPA has established the AP-42 Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors. The document indicates average emission levels emitted by various equipment and industries. Once the individual sources in a nonattainment area have been identified, the AP-42 can be used to determine the type and level of emissions. The emission inventory is a valuable tool, which can be used to evaluate different regulatory actions and to calculate the reduction of emissions and the impact on the total emissions.

The average emission levels in AP-42 have sometimes been used as a standard for equipment performance by regulators who are unfamiliar with the equipment. Using the AP-42 levels as pollution standards is not the intent of the AP-42. The AP-42 was developed to provide a “rule-of-thumb” to estimate emissions for a broad category of equipment. Specific emission levels for sites need to be evaluated on a site-specific basis, as the AP-42 states. And because the AP-42 is based on averages, half of the sites reviewed and half of the applications exceed the pollutant levels in the AP-42. In fact, few applications are below all the pollutant averages listed in the AP-42.

**Note:** Because few applications are below all the pollutant levels listed the AP-42, the AP-42 emission levels should not be used to permit boilers. The boiler/burner manufacturer should be contacted

# Summary of Federal EPA Rules

## NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS For Boilers 10-100 MMBtu/hr, built or modified after 6-9-1989

### RULES FOR SULFUR DIOXIDE (SO<sub>2</sub>) EMISSIONS

#### 1. Coal Firing

- 1.2 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/MMBtu Limit all 10-100 MMBtu.
- 90% SO<sub>2</sub> reduction required if > 75 MMBtu and > 55% annual coal capacity.
- Initial performance testing required within 180 days of start-up.
- 30 day rolling average used in calculations.
- Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) required except:
  - Fuel analysis may be used (before cleanup equipment).
  - Units < 30 MMBtu may use supplier certificate for compliance.

#### 2. Residual Oil Firing

- Limit of 0.5 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/MMBtu or 0.5% sulfur in fuel.
- CEMS required to meet SO<sub>2</sub> limit except fuel analysis can be used as fired condition before cleanup equipment.
- Fuel sulfur limit compliance can be:
  - Daily as fired fuel analysis.
  - As delivered (before used) fuel analysis.
  - Fuel supplier certificate for units < 30 MMBtu.
- Initial performance testing and 30 day rolling average required except for supplier certificate.

#### 3. Distillate Oil Firing (ASTM grades 1 and 2)

- Limit 0.5% sulfur in fuel (required in ASTM standard).
- Compliance by fuel supplier certificate.
- No monitoring or initial testing required.

### RULES FOR PARTICULATE MATTER (PM) EMISSIONS

#### 1. General

- Limits established only for units between 30-100 MMBtu.
- All coal, wood and residual oil fired units > 30 MMBtu must meet opacity limit of 20%, except one 6 minute/hour opacity of 27%. CEMS required to monitor opacity.

#### 2. Coal Firing

- 0.05 lb/MMBtu limit if > 30 MMBtu and > 90% annual coal capacity.
- 0.10 lb/MMBtu limit if > 30 MMBtu and < 90% annual coal capacity.
- 20% opacity (CEMS) and initial performance tests on both PM limit and opacity.

#### 3. Wood Firing

- 0.10 lb/MMBtu limit if > 30 MMBtu and > 30% annual wood capacity.
- 0.30 lb/MMBtu limit if > 30 MMBtu and < 30% annual wood capacity.
- Opacity limits and initial testing per above.

#### 4. Oil Firing

- All units > 30 MMBtu subject to opacity limit, only residual oil firing must use CEMS.
- Initial performance testing required.

### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Owners or operators of all affected units must submit information to the administrator, even if they are not subject to any emission limits or testing. Required reports include:
  - Information on unit size, fuels, start-up dates and other equipment information.
  - Initial performance test results, CEMS performance evaluation.
  - Quarterly reports on SO<sub>2</sub> and/or PM emission results, including variations from limits and corrective action taken.
  - For fuel supplies certificate, information on supplies and details of sampling and testing for coal and residual oil.
  - Records must be maintained for two years.



figure 5

to obtain the emissions levels that should be used to permit the boiler.

Appendix B shows the AP-42 emission levels for industrial boilers firing natural gas, distillate and residual oils, and propane.

### State Activities

All of the activities mentioned earlier eventually will result in some form of regulation for areas classified as nonattainment. While it is impossible to predict what any given state will do, it appears that many are following the lead of Southern California. Southern California has the worst air quality in the United States. Their efforts toward cleaner air are usually considered to be the basis for establishing regulations in other areas of the country in high degrees of ozone nonattainment.

Regulations will change as new technologies allow for lower emission levels. Also, adjustments will be made based on the improvements in air quality. It is necessary to stay involved with air quality regulations to keep apprised of any regulation changes.

The application of regulations can take several different forms and is often based on the degree of nonattainment. Required controls are based on the size of equipment, total emissions from a facility, type of fuels used, or a combination of factors. For example, in ozone nonattainment areas, the required measures depend on the nonattainment degree and total emissions from

the facility. Levels set by the EPA help identify 'major' sources of VOCs and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. If the total NO<sub>x</sub> or VOC emissions for a facility located in an ozone nonattainment area exceed the pre-established major source trigger levels, extensive computer modeling and stringent regulations may be necessary. The major source trigger levels are indicated in tons per year and apply to the total NO<sub>x</sub> or VOC emissions for all sources located at the facility. The major source trigger levels for the different ozone nonattainment classifications are shown in Figure 6.

To put this in perspective, a facility with three 800 horsepower boilers firing natural gas 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, would result in an uncontrolled NO<sub>x</sub> level of 57 tons per year (based on a NO<sub>x</sub> level of 0.13 lb/MMBtu). Referring to major source trigger levels specified in Figure 6, consider the following. If the facility is located in a moderate or marginal ozone nonattainment area, it is not a major source. But, if it is located in a serious, severe, or extreme ozone nonattainment area, it is a major source and would have specific air quality NO<sub>x</sub> control requirements. These requirements may include:

- An extensive permit application
- Dispersion modeling
- Procurement of emission offsets
- Stringent emission limitations

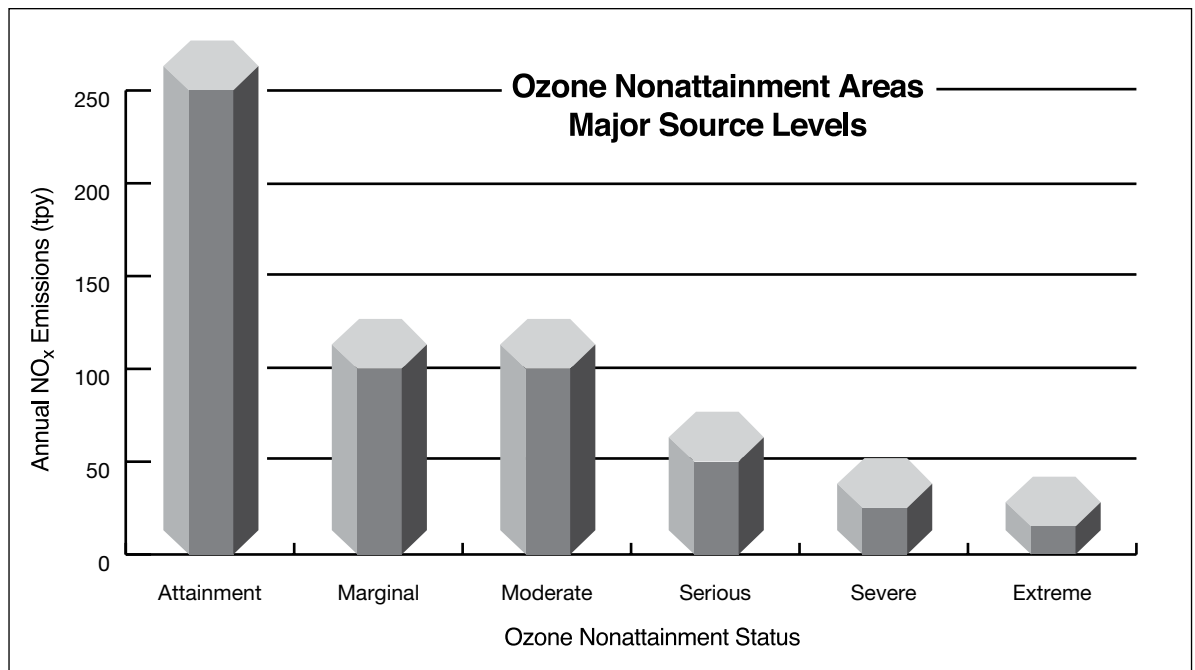


figure 6

- Continuous emission monitoring equipment
- Extensive emission controls
- Detailed fuel usage recording

## An Emission Alphabet

If a facility is classified as a major source, regulations may require technology equivalent to:

- Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT)
- Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER)
- Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT)

All three regulations are based on technology and do not directly specify an emission level requirement. Instead, they require an evaluation of each affected facility in order to determine the applicable emission and technology requirements. As new technologies are developed, which may result in greater emission reductions than currently available, they must be included in the evaluation. Technology-based regulations have been utilized for years and proven effective.

## Maximum Achievable Control Technology

Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) is a regulation requiring an evaluation of all current technologies to determine the emission limitation for a new source. It is established on a case-by-case basis for sources and takes into account energy, environmental, and economic impacts. MACT evaluates the optimum effectiveness of a control technology against the extremity of the environmental condition. In establishing MACT for a source, cost is not the only the driving factor. When cost is a consideration, the equipment (cost) is compared to the annual emission reductions in order to determine a figure in dollars per ton of pollutant removed (see Figure 7). The comparison is called the cost effectiveness of the technology.

The regulations requiring MACT set a maximum cost figure that the polluter can spend in order to meet local emission requirements. If the cost effectiveness of the technology is above the figure, the technology is not required and the next lower cost technology MACT is evaluated. The process of reviewing each technology in decreasing order of cost is called Top Down BACT. The Top Down BACT process assures that the source achieves the lowest emission level within the required cost effectiveness.

Typical regulations in areas of moderate and serious nonattainment for ozone require boiler owners to utilize NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies that result in a cost effectiveness figure between \$3,000-

### MACT/RACT Cost Effectiveness

#### Annualized Costs of Control Equipment\*

<b>Uncontrolled Emission Rate</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>Controlled Emission Rate</b>
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#### Example:

Uncontrolled Emission Rate	=	18 tons/year
Controlled Emission Rate	=	4 tons/year
Annualized Cost of Emission Control Method	=	\$70,000/year
$\frac{\$70,000}{18 \text{ tpy} - 4 \text{ tpy}} = \$5,000/\text{ton of NO}_x \text{ removed}$		

\* considering hardware, installation, operating and maintenance costs

figure 7

\$10,000 per ton of NO<sub>x</sub> removed. In severe and extreme ozone nonattainment areas, the required cost effectiveness can be as high as \$24,500 per ton of NO<sub>x</sub> controlled.

## Reasonably Available Control Technology

Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) is similar to BACT in that cost effectiveness is associated with the boiler owners' emission requirements. The difference is that RACT is utilized on existing sources while MACT is used on new or modified sources. The cost requirements for RACT are less and are intended to be available at a 'reasonable' cost.

Many states with ozone nonattainment areas have submitted proposed RACT regulations to the EPA for approval as part of the SIP requirements. Many of the regulations set emission limitations from industrial boilers that can be achieved through burning cleaner fuels (i.e., natural gas), utilizing low NO<sub>x</sub> technologies, or a combination of both. Owners of industrial boilers located in ozone nonattainment areas should be familiar with the RACT requirements in their states.

## Lowest Achievable Emission Rates

Some regulations require technology equivalent to the Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) be utilized in new major sources located in nonattainment areas. LAER is different from BACT in that it has no economic justification associated with its requirements. When required, technology equivalent to LAER must be installed regardless of costs impacts. It is the most stringent of all technology-based regulations.

## Permits

The permit program established under Title V of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments will undoubtedly affect the way each state conducts its permitting process. Title V requires a review (and most likely a revision) of each state's permitting program in order to ensure that the state's permit program meets all Federal EPA requirements. Elements of state permit programs that could be affected include:

- The permit application process
- Monitoring and reporting requirements

- Permit renewal process
- Several other permitting issues

By November of 1993, states were required to submit proposed permitting programs to the EPA. By November of 1994, the EPA must approve or disapprove the proposed permit programs. The new permit programs will go into effect when approved by the EPA or the EPA promulgates a program for states failing to submit a satisfactory program.

Currently, several states have implemented a two-stage permitting process. In the first stage, a permit to construct must be obtained. The permit usually requires a detailed description of the installation, including information such as the type and size of equipment and associated emissions. The second stage of the permit process consists of obtaining an operating permit. In some states, emission testing may be part of the requirement for obtaining an operating permit.

Although many states may have the same basic permitting structure, the details and requirements of the permitting process are different for each state. It is important to be aware of not only the state permitting requirements, but also any federal requirements (i.e., Small Boiler New Source Performance Standards) that may be applicable. It is particularly important to be familiar with the permitting process as the new federal and state programs are implemented. Nearly every source of air pollution will be affected. Any violators may face stiff penalties.

## POLLUTANTS AND CONTROL TECHNIQUES

A pollutant can be defined as matter that contaminates air, soil, or water. Air pollutants are airborne contaminants that produce unwanted effects on humans and the environment. They occur as solids, liquid droplets, gases, or combinations of these forms. Generally, air pollutants are classified into two major categories:

- Primary Pollutants - pollutants emitted directly from identifiable sources
- Secondary Pollutants - pollutants formed by interaction between two or more primary pollutants

To protect humans and the environment from the adverse effects of air pollutants, the EPA has established the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (see Figure 2, page 3). The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 require areas in noncompliance for one or more of the NAAQS pollutants to implement regulations to reduce ambient levels. All six pollutants addressed in the National Ambient Air Quality Standards are directly or indirectly related to the combustion process. The following sections describe the formation and control of the pollutants in industrial boilers, discuss their impact on humans and the environment, and describe the current emission control technologies.

### Nitrogen Compounds

Although there is evidence proving  $\text{NO}_x$ , in itself, is harmful to humans, the main reason  $\text{NO}_x$  is considered an environmental problem is because it initiates reactions that result in the production of ozone and acid rain. Ozone and acid rain can damage fabric, cause rubber to crack, reduce visibility, damage buildings, harm forests and lakes, and cause health problems. By controlling  $\text{NO}_x$  levels, along with other contributing primary pollutants, the levels of acid rain and ozone can be reduced.

The principal nitrogen pollutants generated by boilers are nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ ), collectively referred to as  $\text{NO}_x$ . The majority of  $\text{NO}_x$  produced during combustion is NO (95%). Once emitted into the atmosphere, NO reacts to form  $\text{NO}_2$ . It is  $\text{NO}_2$  that reacts with other pollutants to form ozone.

The contribution from different  $\text{NO}_x$  sources to the total  $\text{NO}_x$  levels varies among metropolitan areas. In general, the contribution of mobile

sources to the total  $\text{NO}_x$  level ranges from 60 to 80 percent: For stationary sources, it ranges between 20 and 40 percent. A significant portion of the  $\text{NO}_x$  from stationary sources can be attributed to residential, commercial, and industrial sources, including industrial boilers. In industrial boilers,  $\text{NO}_x$  is primarily formed in two ways; thermal  $\text{NO}_x$  and fuel  $\text{NO}_x$ .

#### **Thermal $\text{NO}_x$**

Thermal  $\text{NO}_x$  is formed when nitrogen and oxygen in the combustion air combine with one another at the high temperatures in a flame. Thermal  $\text{NO}_x$  makes up the majority of  $\text{NO}_x$  formed during the combustion of gases and light oils.

#### **Fuel $\text{NO}_x$**

Fuel  $\text{NO}_x$  is formed by the reaction of nitrogen in the fuel with oxygen in the combustion air. It is rarely a problem with gaseous fuels. But in oils containing significant amounts of fuel-bound nitrogen, fuel  $\text{NO}_x$  can account for up to 50% of the total  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions.

$\text{NO}_x$  emissions from boilers are influenced by many factors. The most significant factors are flame temperature and the amount of nitrogen in the fuel. Other factors affecting  $\text{NO}_x$  formation are excess air level and combustion air temperature.

While flame temperature primarily affects thermal  $\text{NO}_x$  formation, the amount of nitrogen in the fuel determines the level of fuel  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions. Fuel containing more nitrogen results in higher levels of  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions (see Figure 9). Most  $\text{NO}_x$  control technologies for industrial boilers, with inputs less than 100 MMBtu/hr, reduce thermal  $\text{NO}_x$  and have little affect on fuel  $\text{NO}_x$ . Fuel  $\text{NO}_x$  is most economically reduced in commercial and industrial boilers by switching to cleaner fuels, if available.

### **$\text{NO}_x$ Control Technologies**

$\text{NO}_x$  controls can be classified into two types; post combustion methods and combustion control techniques. Post combustion methods address  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions after formation while combustion control techniques prevent the formation of  $\text{NO}_x$  during the combustion process. Post combustion methods tend to be more expensive than combustion control techniques and generally are not used on boilers with inputs of less than 100 MMBtu/hr. Following is a list of different  $\text{NO}_x$  control methods.

## Effects of Fuel-Bound Nitrogen on NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions for Fuel Oils

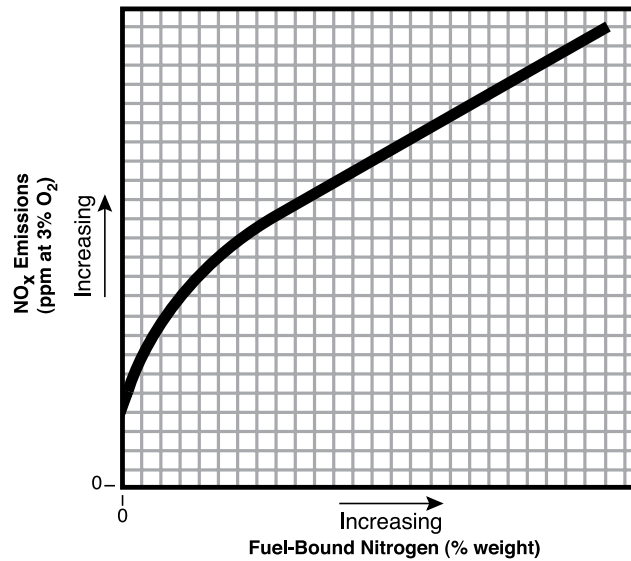


figure 8

### Post Combustion Control Methods

- Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction
- Selective Catalytic Reduction

### Combustion Control Techniques

- Low Excess Air Firing
- Low Nitrogen Fuel Oil
- Burner Modifications
- Water/Steam Injection
- Flue Gas Recirculation

Each method results in a different degree of NO<sub>x</sub> control. For example, when firing natural gas, low excess air firing typically reduces NO<sub>x</sub> by 10%, flue gas recirculation by 75%, and selective catalytic reduction by 90%.

### Post Combustion Control Methods

#### Selective Non-catalytic Reduction

Selective non-catalytic reduction involves the injection of a NO<sub>x</sub> reducing agent, such as ammonia or urea, in the boiler exhaust gases at a temperature of approximately 1400-1600°F (see Figure 10). The ammonia or urea breaks down the NO<sub>x</sub> in the exhaust gases into water and atmospheric nitrogen. Selective non-catalytic reduction reduces NO<sub>x</sub> up to 50%. However, the technology is extremely difficult to apply to industrial boilers that modulate frequently. This is because the ammonia (or urea) must be injected in the flue gases at a specific

flue gas temperature. And in industrial boilers that modulate frequently, the location of the exhaust gases at the specified temperature is constantly changing. Thus, it is not feasible to apply selective non-catalytic reduction to industrial boilers that have high turndown capabilities and modulate frequently.

#### Selective Catalytic Reduction

Selective catalytic reduction involves the injection of ammonia in the boiler exhaust gases in the presence of a catalyst (see Figure 11). The catalyst allows the ammonia to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> levels at lower exhaust temperatures than selective non-catalytic reduction. Unlike selective non-catalytic reduction, where the exhaust gases must be approximately 1400-1600°F, selective catalytic reduction can be utilized where exhaust gases are between 500° and 1200°F, depending on the catalyst used. Selective catalytic reduction can result in NO<sub>x</sub> reductions up to 90%. However, it is costly to use and rarely can be cost justified on boilers with inputs less than 100 MMBtu/hr.

### Combustion Control Techniques

Combustion control techniques reduce the amount of NO<sub>x</sub> emission by limiting the amount of NO<sub>x</sub> formation during the combustion process. This is typically accomplished by lowering flame temperatures. Combustion control techniques are more economical than post combustion methods and are frequently utilized on industrial boilers requiring NO<sub>x</sub> controls.

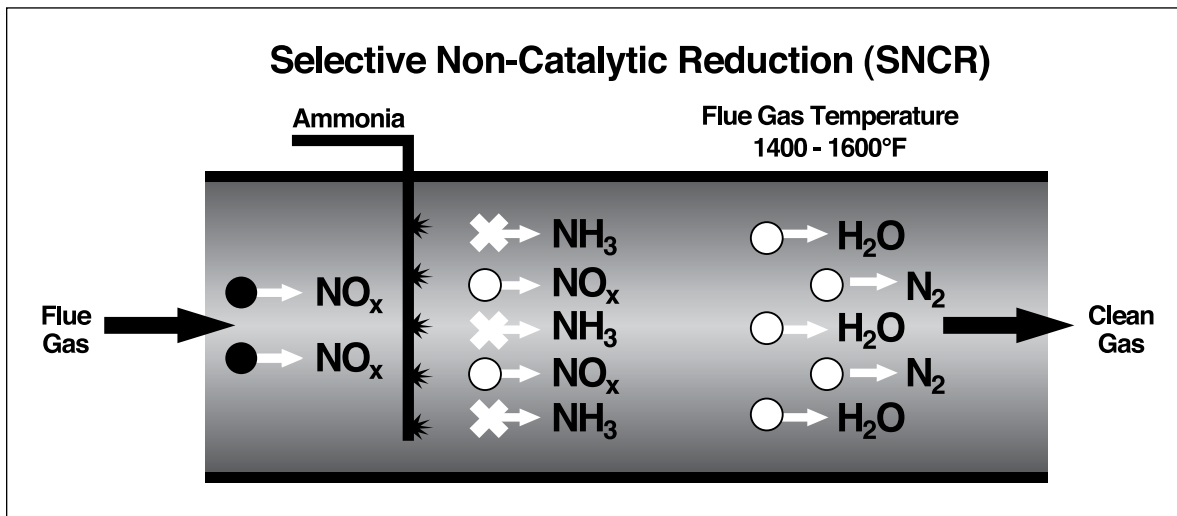


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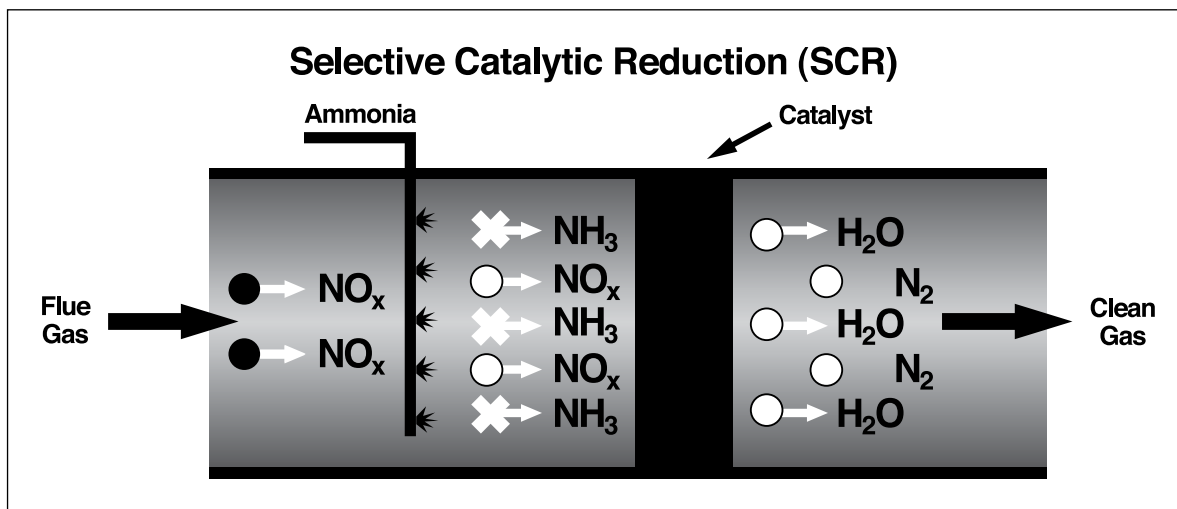


figure 10

#### Low Excess Air (LEA) Firing

As a safety factor to assure complete combustion, boilers are fired with excess air. One of the factors influencing  $\text{NO}_x$  formation in a boiler is the excess air levels. High excess air levels (>45%) may result in increased  $\text{NO}_x$  formation because the excess nitrogen and oxygen in the combustion air entering the flame will combine to form thermal  $\text{NO}_x$ . Low excess air firing involves limiting the amount of excess air that is entering the combustion process in order to limit the amount of extra nitrogen and oxygen that enters the flame. Limiting the amount of excess air entering a flame is usually accomplished through burner design and can be optimized through the use of oxygen trim controls. Low excess air firing can be used on most boilers and generally results in overall  $\text{NO}_x$  reductions of 5-10% when firing natural gas.

#### Low Nitrogen Fuel Oil

When firing fuel oils,  $\text{NO}_x$  formed by fuel-bound nitrogen can account for 20-50% of the total  $\text{NO}_x$  level. Utilizing fuel oils with lower nitrogen contents results in lower  $\text{NO}_x$  levels. One method to reduce  $\text{NO}_x$  levels from boilers firing distillate oils is through the use of low nitrogen fuel oil. Low nitrogen oils can contain up to 15-20 times less fuel-bound nitrogen than standard No. 2 oil (less than 0.001% fuel-bound nitrogen). When low  $\text{NO}_x$  oil is fired in firetube boilers utilizing flue gas recirculation,  $\text{NO}_x$  reductions of 60%-70% over  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions from standard No. 2 oils have been achieved. Low nitrogen oil is currently used most frequently in Southern California.

## **Burner Modifications**

Burner modifications for NO<sub>x</sub> control involve changing the design of a standard burner in order to create a larger flame. Enlarging the flame results in lower flame temperatures and lower thermal NO<sub>x</sub> formation which, in turn, results in lower overall NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. The technology can be applied to most boiler types and sizes. It is most effective when firing natural gas and distillate fuel oil and has little effect on boilers firing heavy oil. To comply with the more stringent regulations, burner modifications must be used in conjunction with other NO<sub>x</sub> reduction methods, such as flue gas recirculation. If burner modifications are utilized exclusively to achieve low NO<sub>x</sub> levels (30 ppm), adverse affects on boiler operating parameters such as turndown, capacity, CO levels, and efficiency may result. It is important to address all aspects of NO<sub>x</sub> control when selecting NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies (see Side Bar, this page).

## **Water/Steam Injection**

Water or steam injection can be utilized to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> levels. By introducing water or steam into the flame, flame temperatures are reduced, thereby lowering thermal NO<sub>x</sub> formation and overall NO<sub>x</sub> levels. Water or steam injection can reduce NO<sub>x</sub> up to 80% (when firing natural gas) and can result in lower reductions when firing oils. There is a practical limit to the amount of water or steam that can be injected into the flame before condensation problems are experienced. Additionally, under normal operating conditions, water/steam injection can result in a 3-10% efficiency loss. Many times water or steam injection is used in conjunction with other NO<sub>x</sub> control methods such as burner modifications or flue gas recirculation.

## **Flue Gas Recirculation**

Flue gas recirculation, or FGR, is the most effective method of reducing NO<sub>x</sub> emission from industrial boilers with inputs below 100 MMBtu/hr. FGR entails recirculating a portion of relatively cool exhaust gases back into the combustion zone in order to lower the flame temperature and reduce NO<sub>x</sub> formation. It is currently the most effective and popular low NO<sub>x</sub> technology for firetube and watertube boilers. And, in many applications, it does not require any additional reduction equipment to comply with the most stringent regulations in the United States.

Flue gas recirculation technology can be classified into two types; external or induced.

*External flue gas recirculation* utilizes an external fan to recirculate the flue gases back into the

combustion zone. External piping routes the exhaust gases from the stack to the burner. A valve controls the recirculation rate, based on boiler input.

*Induced flue gas recirculation* utilizes the combustion air fan to recirculate the flue gases back into the combustion zone. A portion of the flue gases are routed by duct work or internally to the combustion air fan, where they are premixed with the combustion air and introduced into the flame through the burner. New designs of induced FGR that utilize an integral FGR design are becoming popular among boiler owners and operators because of their uncomplicated design and reliability.

Theoretically, there is no limit to the amount of NO<sub>x</sub> reduction with FGR; practically, there is a physical, feasible limit. The limit of NO<sub>x</sub> reduction varies for different fuels - 90% for natural gas and 25-30% for standard fuel oils.

The current trends with low NO<sub>x</sub> technologies are to design the boiler and low NO<sub>x</sub> equipment as a package. Designing as a true package allows the NO<sub>x</sub> control technology to be specifically tailored to match the boiler's furnace design features, such as shape, volume, and heat release. By designing the low NO<sub>x</sub> technology as a package with the boiler, the effects of the low NO<sub>x</sub> technology on boiler operating parameters (turndown, capacity, efficiency, and CO levels) can be addressed and minimized.

## **SIDE BAR:**

### **CHOOSING THE BEST NO<sub>x</sub> TECHNOLOGY FOR THE JOB**

What effect does NO<sub>x</sub> control technology ultimately have on a boiler's performance? Certain NO<sub>x</sub> controls can worsen boiler performance while other controls can appreciably improve performance. Aspects of the boiler performance that could be affected include turndown, capacity, efficiency, excess air, and CO emissions.

Failure to take into account all of the boiler operating parameters can lead to increased operating and maintenance costs, loss of efficiency, elevated CO levels, and shortening of the boiler's life.

The following section discusses each of the operating parameters of a boiler and how they relate to NO<sub>x</sub> control technology.

## **TURNDOWN**

Choosing a low NO<sub>x</sub> technology that sacrifices turndown can have many adverse effects on the boiler. When selecting NO<sub>x</sub> control, the boiler should have a turndown capability of at least 4:1 or more, in order to reduce operating costs and the number of on/off cycles. A boiler utilizing a standard burner with a 4:1 turndown can cycle as frequently as 12 times per hour or 288 times a day because the boiler must begin to cycle at inputs below 25% capacity.

With each cycle, pre- and post-purge air flow removes heat from the boiler and sends it out the stack. The energy loss can be reduced by using a high turndown burner (10:1), which keeps the boiler on at low firing rates.

Every time the boiler cycles off, it must go through a specific start-up sequence for safety assurance. It takes about one to two minutes to get the boiler back on line. If there is a sudden load demand, the response cannot be accelerated. Keeping the boiler on line assures a quick response to load changes.

Frequent cycling also deteriorates the boiler components. Maintenance increases, the chance of component failure increases, and boiler downtime increases. So, when selecting NO<sub>x</sub> control, always consider the burner's turndown capability.

## **CAPACITY**

When selecting the best NO<sub>x</sub> control, capacity and turndown should be considered together because some NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies require boiler derating in order to achieve guaranteed NO<sub>x</sub> reductions. For example, flame shaping (primarily enlarging the flame to produce a lower flame temperature - thus lower NO<sub>x</sub> levels) can require boiler derating, because the shaped flame could impinge on the furnace walls at higher firing rates.

However, the boiler's capacity requirement is typically determined by the maximum load in the steam/hot water system. Therefore, the boiler may be oversized for the typical load conditions occurring.

If the boiler is oversized, its ability to handle minimum loads without cycling is limited. Therefore, when selecting the most appropriate NO<sub>x</sub> control, capacity and turndown should be considered together for proper boiler selection and to meet overall system load requirements.

## **EFFICIENCY**

Some low NO<sub>x</sub> controls reduce emissions by lowering flame temperature, particularly in boilers with inputs less than 100 MMBtu/hr. Reducing the flame temperature decreases the radiative heat transfer from the flame and could lower boiler efficiency. The efficiency loss due to the lower flame temperatures can be partially offset by utilizing external components, such as an economizer. Or, the loss can be greatly reduced or eliminated by the boiler/burner design.

One technology that offsets the efficiency loss due to lower flame temperatures in a firetube boiler is flue gas recirculation. Although the radiant heat transfer could result in an efficiency loss, the recirculated flue gases increase the mass flow through the boiler - thus the convective heat transfer in the tube passes increases. The increase in convective heat transfer compensates for losses in radiative heat transfer, with no net efficiency loss. When considering NO<sub>x</sub> control technology, remember, it is not necessary to sacrifice efficiency for NO<sub>x</sub> reductions.

## **EXCESS AIR**

A boiler's excess air supply provides for safe operation above stoichiometric conditions. A typical burner is usually set up with 10-20% excess air (2-4% O<sub>2</sub>). NO<sub>x</sub> controls that require higher excess air levels can result in fuel being used to heat the air rather than transferring it to usable energy. Thus, increased stack losses and reduced boiler efficiency occur. NO<sub>x</sub> controls that require reduced excess air levels can result in an oxygen deficient flame and increased levels of carbon monoxide or unburned hydrocarbons. It is best to select a NO<sub>x</sub> control technology that has little effect on excess air.

## **CO EMISSIONS**

High flame temperatures and intimate air/fuel mixing are essential for low CO emissions. Some NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies used on industrial and commercial boilers reduce NO<sub>x</sub> levels by lowering flame temperatures by modifying air/fuel mixing patterns. The lower flame temperature and decreased mixing intensity can result in higher CO levels.

An induced flue gas recirculation package can lower NO<sub>x</sub> levels by reducing flame temperature without increasing CO levels. CO levels remain constant or are lowered because the flue gas is introduced into the flame in the early stages of



combustion and the air fuel mixing is intensified. Intensified mixing offsets the decrease in flame temperature and results in CO levels that are lower than achieved without FGR. Induced FGR lowers CO levels as well as NO<sub>x</sub> levels. But, the level of CO depends on the burner design. Not all flue gas recirculation applications result in lower CO levels.

## TOTAL PERFORMANCE

Selecting the best low NO<sub>x</sub> control package should be made with total boiler performance in mind. Consider the application. Investigate all of the characteristics of the control technology and the effects of the technology on the boiler's performance. A NO<sub>x</sub> control technology that results in the greatest NO<sub>x</sub> reduction is not necessarily the best for the application or the best for high turndown, adequate capacity, high efficiency, sufficient excess air, or lower CO. The newer low NO<sub>x</sub> technologies provide NO<sub>x</sub> reductions without affecting total boiler performance.

## Sulfur Compounds (SO<sub>x</sub>)

The primary reason sulfur compounds, or SO<sub>x</sub>, are classified as a pollutant is because they react with water vapor (in the flue gas and atmosphere) to form sulfuric acid mist. Airborne sulfuric acid has been found in fog, smog, acid rain, and snow. Sulfuric acid has also been found in lakes, rivers, and soil. The acid is extremely corrosive and harmful to the environment.

The combustion of fuels containing sulfur (primarily oils and coals) results in pollutants occurring in the form of SO<sub>2</sub> (sulfur dioxide) and SO<sub>3</sub> (sulfur trioxide), together referred to as SO<sub>x</sub> (sulfur oxides). The level of SO<sub>x</sub> emitted depends directly on the sulfur content of the fuel (see Figure 11). The level of SO<sub>x</sub> emissions is not dependent on boiler size or burner design.

Typically, about 95% of the sulfur in the fuel will be emitted as SO<sub>2</sub>, 1-5% as SO<sub>3</sub>, and 1-3% as sulfate particulate. Sulfate particulate is not considered part of the total SO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

Historically, SO<sub>x</sub> pollution has been controlled by either dispersion or reduction. Dispersion involves the utilization of a tall stack, which enables the release of pollutants high above the ground and over any surrounding buildings, mountains, or hills, in order to limit ground level SO<sub>x</sub> emissions. Today, dispersion

alone is not enough to meet more stringent SO<sub>x</sub> emission requirements; reduction methods must also be employed.

Methods of SO<sub>x</sub> reduction include switching to low sulfur fuel, desulfurizing the fuel, and utilizing a flue gas desulfurization (FGD) system. Fuel desulfurization, which primarily applies to coal, involves removing sulfur from the fuel prior to burning. Flue gas desulfurization involves the utilization of scrubbers to remove SO<sub>x</sub> emissions from the flue gases.

Flue gas desulfurization systems are classified as either nonregenerable or regenerable. Non-regenerable FGD systems, the most common type, result in a waste product that requires proper disposal. Regenerable FGD converts the waste byproduct into a marketable product, such as sulfur or sulfuric acid. SO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions of 90-95% can be achieved through FGD. Fuel desulfurization and FGD are primarily used for reducing SO<sub>x</sub> emissions for large utility boilers. Generally the technology cannot be cost justified on industrial boilers.

For users of industrial boilers, utilizing low sulfur fuels is the most cost effective method of SO<sub>x</sub> reduction. Because SO<sub>x</sub> emissions primarily

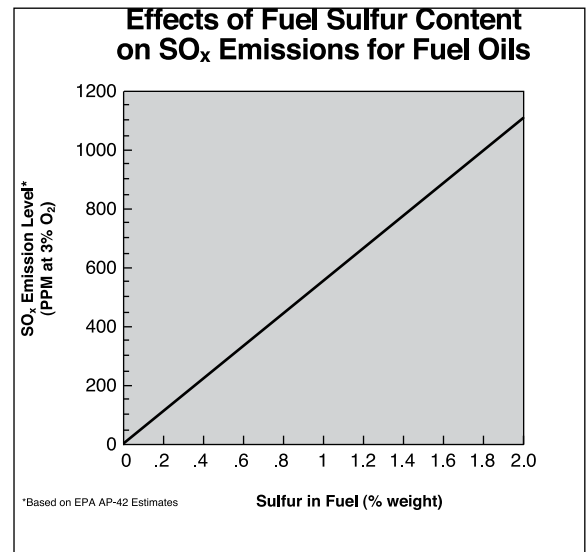


figure 11

depend on the sulfur content of the fuel, burning fuels containing a minimal amount of sulfur (distillate oil) can achieve SO<sub>x</sub> reductions, without the need to install and maintain expensive equipment.

## Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Carbon monoxide is a pollutant that is readily absorbed in the body and can impair the oxygen-carrying capacity of the hemoglobin. Impairment of

the body's hemoglobin results in less oxygen to the brain, heart, and tissues. Short-term over exposure to carbon monoxide can be critical, even fatal, to people with heart and lung diseases. It also may cause headaches and dizziness in healthy people.

During combustion, carbon in the fuel oxidizes through a series of reactions to form carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). However, 100 percent conversion of carbon to CO<sub>2</sub> is rarely achieved in practice and some carbon only oxidizes to the intermediate step, carbon monoxide.

Older boilers generally have higher levels of CO than new equipment because CO has only recently become a concern and older burners were not designed to achieve low CO levels. In today's equipment, high levels of carbon monoxide emissions primarily result from incomplete combustion due to poor burner design or firing conditions (for example, an improper air-to-fuel ratio) or possibly a compromised furnace seal. Through proper burner maintenance, inspections, operation, or by upgrading equipment or utilizing an oxygen control package, the formation of carbon monoxide can be controlled at an acceptable level.

## Particulate Matter (PM)

Emissions of particulate matter (PM) from combustion sources consist of many different types of compounds, including nitrates, sulfates, carbons, oxides, and any uncombusted elements in the fuel. Particulate pollutants can be corrosive, toxic to plants and animals, and harmful to humans.

Particulate matter emissions generally are classified into two categories, PM and PM<sub>10</sub>. PM<sub>10</sub> is a particulate matter with a diameter less than 10 microns. All particulate matter can pose a health problem. However, the greatest concern is with PM<sub>10</sub>, because of its ability to bypass the body's natural filtering system.

PM emissions primarily depend on the grade of fuel fired in the boiler. Generally, PM levels from natural gas are significantly lower than those of oils. Distillate oils result in much lower particulate emissions than residual oils.

When burning heavy oils, particulate levels mainly depend on four fuel constituents: sulfur, ash, carbon residue, and asphaltines. The constituents exist in fuel oils, particularly residual oils, and have a major effect on particulate emissions. By knowing the content of the components, the particulate emissions for the oil can be estimated.

Methods of particulate control vary for different types and sizes of boilers. For utility boilers, electrostatic precipitators, scrubbers, and baghouses are commonly utilized. For industrial and commercial boilers, the most effective method is to utilize clean fuels. The emission levels of particulate matter can be lowered by switching from a residual to a distillate oil or by switching from a distillate oil to a natural gas. Additionally, through proper burner set-up, adjustment and maintenance, particulate emissions can be minimized, but not to the extent accomplished by switching fuels.

## Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)

Ozone is a highly reactive form of oxygen. Ground level ozone is a secondary pollutant formed by the reaction of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) with nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) in the presence of sunlight. Ozone formed at the ground level is the main component of smog. It is known to irritate the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs, and also cause damage to crops. Ground level ozone should not be confused with ozone in the upper atmosphere.

Since ozone is formed by the reaction of VOCs and NO<sub>x</sub>, methods of ozone reduction focus on the control of these two pollutants. Recent studies show that reducing NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in several ozone nonattainment areas would be beneficial in meeting federal ozone standards.

Sources of VOCs are automobiles, solvents, paints, domestic products and, in nature, decomposition of organic materials such as wood and grass. Although a major source of VOCs is automobiles, the ozone standards also address stationary sources; including boilers. Regulations limiting VOC emissions from stationary combustion sources are relatively new. The regulations originally applied only to large utility boilers, but now are beginning to address industrial boilers. These regulations are primarily at the state level and vary among states.

VOCs are compounds containing combinations of carbon, hydrogen and sometimes oxygen. They can be vaporized easily at low temperatures. They often are referred to as hydrocarbons and generally are divided into two categories — methane and non-methane hydrocarbons.

VOCs can result from poor combustion but, more commonly, result from vaporization of fuels and paints. Leaks in oil or gas piping, and even the few drops of gasoline spilled when filling an automobile, are sources of VOCs.



Control of VOC emissions is best accomplished by maintaining proper combustion conditions. The use of controls to maintain proper air-to-fuel ratios and periodic burner maintenance checks should result in reducing VOC emissions below imposed limits.

**Note:** If a boiler is operated improperly or is poorly maintained (incorrect air/fuel ratio, inadequate atomizing pressure for oil burners, and improper air and fuel pressures), the concentration of VOCs may increase by several orders of magnitude.

## Lead

Lead poisoning can lead to diminished physical fitness, fatigue, sleep disturbance, headache, aching bones and muscles, and digestive upset, including anorexia. Lead poisoning primarily involves the gastrointestinal tract and the peripheral and central nervous systems.

Lead emissions are primarily a result of gasoline combustion in automobile engines and depend highly on the lead content of the fuel. Efforts to reduce lead emissions have focused on the use of lead-free fuels, particularly in automobiles. New blends of gasoline containing lower levels of lead additives continue to be introduced.

The impact of lead emission regulations in industrial boilers that burn standard fuels has been minimal because the fuels generally contain little or no lead. Boilers that fire alternate fuels containing lead are subject to stringent federal, state, and local regulations. For example, under the Federal Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA), waste oil to be burned as fuel in an industrial boiler must contain less than 50 ppm lead. As a result of such strict regulations, the use of fuel containing lead in industrial boilers is limited.

## CONCLUSION

We hope you have a better grasp of how federal, state, and local governments are regulating air pollution. We also hope you have a better understanding of NO<sub>x</sub> and CO emissions and industrial boiler control technologies.

When you need to specify or purchase an industrial boiler with emission control technology, your local Cleaver-Brooks authorized representative is available to discuss control technology options and how you can achieve the lowest possible emissions.

If at any time you need more information, please don't hesitate to contact your local Cleaver-Brooks representative.

# CLASSIFIED OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREAS (JANUARY 1994)

## ALABAMA(Region IV)

### Birmingham, AL (Subpart 1)

Jefferson Co [m\*]  
Shelby Co [m\*]

## ARIZONA(Region IX)

### Phoenix-Mesa, AZ (Subpart 1)

Maricopa Co (P) [n\*]  
Pinal Co (P) [\*]

## ARKANSAS(Region VI)

### Memphis, TN-AR (Marginal)

Crittenden Co

## CALIFORNIA(Region IX)

### Amador and Calaveras Cos (Central Mtn), CA (Subpart 1)

Amador Co  
Calaveras Co

### Chico, CA (Subpart 1)

Butte Co [n\*]

### Imperial Co, CA (Marginal)

Imperial Co [n\*]

### Kern Co (Eastern Kern), CA (Subpart 1)

Kern Co (P) [m\*]

### Los Angeles South Coast

### Air Basin, CA (Severe 17)

Los Angeles Co (P) [n\*]  
Orange Co [n\*]  
Riverside Co (P) [n\*]  
San Bernardino Co (P) [n\*]

### Los Angeles-San Bernardino Cos

### (W Mojave),CA (Moderate)

Los Angeles Co (P) [n\*]  
San Bernardino Co (P) [n\*]

### Mariposa and Tuolumne Cos (Southern Mtn),CA (Subpart 1)

Mariposa Co  
Tuolumne Co

### Nevada Co. (Western Part), CA (Subpart 1)

Nevada Co (P)

### Riverside Co, (Coachella Valley), CA (Serious)

Riverside Co (P) [n\*]

### Sacramento Metro, CA (Serious)

El Dorado Co (P) [n\*]  
Placer Co (P) [n\*]  
Sacramento Co [n\*]  
Solano Co (P) [n\*]  
Sutter Co (P) [n\*]  
Yolo Co [n\*]

### San Diego, CA (Subpart 1)

San Diego Co (P) [m\*]

### San Francisco Bay Area, CA (Marginal)

Alameda Co [n\*]  
Contra Costa Co [n\*]  
Marin Co [n\*]  
Napa Co [n\*]  
San Francisco Co [n\*]  
San Mateo Co [n\*]  
Santa Clara Co [n\*]  
Solano Co (P) [n\*]  
Sonoma Co (P) [n\*]

### San Joaquin Valley, CA (Serious)

Fresno Co [n\*]  
Kern Co (P) [n\*]  
Kings Co [n\*]  
Madera Co [n\*]  
Merced Co [n\*]  
San Joaquin Co [n\*]  
Stanislaus Co [n\*]  
Tulare Co [n\*]

### Sutter Co (Sutter Buttes), CA (Subpart 1)

Sutter Co (P) [n\*]

### Ventura Co, CA (Moderate)

Ventura Co (P) [n\*]  
That part of Ventura County excluding the Channel Islands of Anacapa and San Nicolas Islands.

## COLORADO(Region VIII)

### Denver-Boulder-Greeley-Ft Collins-Love., CO (Subpart 1 EAC)

Adams Co [m\*]  
Arapahoe Co [m\*]  
Boulder Co [m\*]  
Broomfield Co [m\*]  
Denver Co [m\*]  
Douglas Co [m\*]  
Jefferson Co [m\*]  
Larimer Co (P) [\*]  
Weld Co (P) [\*]

## CONNECTICUT(Region I)

### Greater Connecticut, CT (Moderate)

Hartford Co [n\*]  
Litchfield Co [n\*]  
New London Co [n\*]  
Tolland Co [n\*]  
Windham Co [n\*]

### New York-N. New Jersey-Long Island,NY-NJ-CT (Moderate)

Fairfield Co [n\*]  
Middlesex Co [n\*]  
New Haven Co [n\*]

## DELAWARE(Region III)

### Philadelphia-Wilmin-Atlantic Ci,PA-NJ-MD-DE (Moderate)

Kent Co [n\*]  
New Castle Co [n\*]  
Sussex Co [n\*]

## CLASSIFIED OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREAS (DATE ???)

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Region III)

Washington, DC-MD-VA (Moderate)  
Entire District [n\*]

### GEORGIA(Region IV)

**Atlanta, GA (Marginal)**  
Barrow Co [n\*]  
Bartow Co [n\*]  
Carroll Co [n\*]  
Cherokee Co [n\*]  
Clayton Co [n\*]  
Cobb Co [n\*]  
Coweta Co [n\*]  
De Kalb Co [n\*]  
Douglas Co [n\*]  
Fayette Co [n\*]  
Forsyth Co [n\*]  
Fulton Co [n\*]  
Gwinnett Co [n\*]  
Hall Co [n\*]  
Henry Co [n\*]  
Newton Co [n\*]  
Paulding Co [n\*]  
Rockdale Co [n\*]  
Spalding Co [n\*]  
Walton Co [n\*]

**Chattanooga, TN-GA (Subpart 1 EAC)**  
Catoosa Co

**Macon, GA (Subpart 1)**  
Bibb Co  
Monroe Co (P)

**Murray Co (Chattahoochee Nat Forest), GA (Subpart 1)**  
Murray Co (P)

### ILLINOIS(Region V)

**Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN (Moderate)**

Cook Co [n\*]  
Du Page Co [n\*]  
Grundy Co (P) [n\*]  
Aux Sable Township,  
Goose Lake Township  
Kane Co [n\*]  
Kendall Co (P) [n\*]  
Oswego Township  
Lake Co [n\*]  
Mc Henry Co [n\*]  
Will Co [n\*]

**St Louis, MO-IL (Moderate)**  
Jersey Co [m\*]  
Madison Co [m\*]  
Monroe Co [m\*]  
St Clair Co [m\*]

### INDIANA(Region V)

**Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN (Moderate)**  
Lake Co [n\*]  
Porter Co [n\*]

### Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN (Subpart 1)

Dearborn Co (P)  
Lawrenceburg Township

### Evansville, IN (Subpart 1)

Vanderburgh Co [m\*]  
Warrick Co

### Fort Wayne, IN (Subpart 1)

Allen Co

### Greene Co, IN (Subpart 1)

Greene Co

### Indianapolis, IN (Subpart 1)

Boone Co  
Hancock Co  
Hendricks Co  
Johnson Co  
Madison Co  
Marion Co [m\*]  
Morgan Co  
Shelby Co

### Jackson Co, IN (Subpart 1)

Jackson Co

### La Porte, IN (Marginal)

La Porte Co

### Louisville, KY-IN (Subpart 1)

Clark Co [m\*]  
Floyd Co [m\*]

### Muncie, IN (Subpart 1)

Delaware Co

### South Bend-Elkhart, IN (Subpart 1)

Elkhart Co [m\*]  
St Joseph Co [m\*]

### Terre Haute, IN (Subpart 1)

Vigo Co

### KENTUCKY(Region IV)

#### Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN (Subpart 1)

Boone Co [m\*]  
Campbell Co [m\*]  
Kenton Co [m\*]

#### Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY (Subpart 1)

Christian Co

#### Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY (Subpart 1)

Boyd Co [m\*]

#### Louisville, KY-IN (Subpart 1)

Bullitt Co [m\*]  
Jefferson Co [m\*]  
Oldham Co [m\*]

### LOUISIANA(Region VI)

#### Baton Rouge, LA (Marginal)

Ascension Par [n\*]

East Baton Rouge Par	[n*]	<b>Springfield (Western MA), MA (Moderate)</b>	
Iberville Par	[n*]	Berkshire Co	[n*]
Livingston Par	[n*]	Franklin Co	[n*]
West Baton Rouge Par	[n*]	Hampden Co	[n*]
		Hampshire Co	[n*]
<b>MAINE(Region I)</b>		<b>MICHIGAN(Region V)</b>	
<b>Hancock, Knox, Lincoln &amp; Waldo Cos, ME (Subpart 1)</b>		<b>Allegan Co, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
Hancock Co (P)	[m*]	Allegan Co	[m*]
Knox Co (P)	[n*]	<b>Benton Harbor, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
Lincoln Co (P)	[n*]	Berrien Co	
Waldo Co (P)	[m*]	<b>Benzie Co, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
<b>Portland, ME (Marginal)</b>		Benzie Co	
Androscoggin Co (P)	[n*]	<b>Cass Co, MI (Marginal)</b>	
Cumberland Co (P)	[n*]	Cass Co	
Sagadahoc Co	[n*]	<b>Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI (Marginal)</b>	
York Co (P)	[n*]	Lenawee Co	
<b>MARYLAND(Region III)</b>		Livingston Co	[m*]
<b>Baltimore, MD (Moderate)</b>		Macomb Co	[m*]
Anne Arundel Co	[n*]	Monroe Co	[m*]
Baltimore (City)	[n*]	Oakland Co	[m*]
Baltimore Co	[n*]	St Clair Co	[m*]
Carroll Co	[n*]	Washtenaw Co	[m*]
Harford Co	[n*]	Wayne Co	[m*]
Howard Co	[n*]	<b>Flint, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
<b>Kent and Queen Anne's Cos, MD (Marginal)</b>		Genesee Co	[m*]
Kent Co	[m*]	Lapeer Co	
Queen Annes Co	[m*]	<b>Grand Rapids, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
<b>Philadelphia-Wilmin-Atlantic Ci,PA-NJ-MD-DE (Moderate)</b>		Kent Co	[m*]
Cecil Co	[n*]	Ottawa Co	[m*]
<b>Washington Co (Hagerstown), MD (Subpart 1 EAC)</b>		<b>Huron Co, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
Washington Co		Huron Co	
<b>Washington, DC-MD-VA (Moderate)</b>		<b>Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
Calvert Co	[n*]	Calhoun Co	
Charles Co	[n*]	Kalamazoo Co	
Frederick Co	[n*]	Van Buren Co	
Montgomery Co	[n*]	<b>Lansing-East Lansing, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
Prince George's Co	[n*]	Clinton Co	
<b>MASSACHUSETTS(Region I)</b>		Eaton Co	
<b>Boston-Lawrence-Worcester (E. MA), MA (Moderate)</b>		Ingham Co	
Barnstable Co	[n*]	<b>Mason Co, MI (Subpart 1)</b>	
Bristol Co	[n*]	Mason Co	
Dukes Co	[n*]	<b>Muskegon, MI (Marginal)</b>	
Essex Co	[n*]	Muskegon Co	[m*]
Middlesex Co	[n*]	<b>MISSOURI(Region VII)</b>	
Nantucket Co	[n*]	<b>St Louis, MO-IL (Moderate)</b>	
Norfolk Co	[n*]	Franklin Co	[m*]
Plymouth Co	[n*]	Jefferson Co	[m*]
Suffolk Co	[n*]	St Charles Co	[m*]
Worcester Co	[n*]	St Louis	[m*]
		St Louis Co	[m*]



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**NEVADA(Region IX)**

**Las Vegas, NV (Subpart 1)**

Clark Co (P) [n\*]

**NEW HAMPSHIRE(Region I)**

**Boston-Manchester-  
Portsmouth(SE),NH (Moderate)**

Hillsborough Co (P) [n\*]  
Merrimack Co (P) [n\*]  
Rockingham Co (P) [n\*]  
Strafford Co (P) [n\*]

**NEW JERSEY(Region II)**

**New York-N. New Jersey-  
Long Island,NY-NJ-CT (Moderate)**

Bergen Co [n\*]  
Essex Co [n\*]  
Hudson Co [n\*]  
Hunterdon Co [n\*]  
Middlesex Co [n\*]  
Monmouth Co [n\*]  
Morris Co [n\*]  
Passaic Co [n\*]  
Somerset Co [n\*]  
Sussex Co [n\*]  
Union Co [n\*]  
Warren Co [n\*]

**Philadelphia-Wilmin-  
Atlantic Ci,PA-NJ-MD-DE (Moderate)**

Atlantic Co [n\*]  
Burlington Co [n\*]  
Camden Co [n\*]  
Cape May Co [n\*]  
Cumberland Co [n\*]  
Gloucester Co [n\*]  
Mercer Co [n\*]  
Ocean Co [n\*]  
Salem Co [n\*]

**NEW YORK(Region II)**

**Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY  
(Subpart 1)**

Albany Co [n\*]  
Greene Co [n\*]  
Montgomery Co [n\*]  
Rensselaer Co [n\*]  
Saratoga Co [n\*]  
Schenectady Co [n\*]  
Schoharie Co [n\*]

**Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY (Subpart 1)**

Erie Co [n\*]  
Niagara Co [n\*]

**Essex Co (Whiteface Mtn), NY  
(Subpart 1)**

Essex Co (P) [n\*]

**Jamestown, NY (Subpart 1)**

Chautauqua Co

**Jefferson Co, NY (Moderate)**

Jefferson Co [n\*]

**New York-N. New Jersey-  
Long Island,NY-NJ-CT**

**(Moderate)**

Bronx Co [n\*]  
Kings Co [n\*]  
Nassau Co [n\*]  
New York Co [n\*]  
Queens Co [n\*]  
Richmond Co [n\*]  
Rockland Co [n\*]  
Suffolk Co [n\*]  
Westchester Co [n\*]

**Poughkeepsie, NY**

**(Moderate)**

Dutchess Co [n\*]  
Orange Co [n\*]  
Putnam Co [n\*]

**Rochester, NY (Subpart 1)**

Genesee Co  
Livingston Co  
Monroe Co  
Ontario Co  
Orleans Co  
Wayne Co

**NORTH CAROLINA(Region IV)**

**Charlotte-Gastonia-  
Rock Hill, NC-SC**

**(Moderate)**

Cabarrus Co  
Gaston Co [m\*]  
Iredell Co (P)  
Davidson Township Coddle  
Creek Township  
Lincoln Co  
Mecklenburg Co [m\*]  
Rowan Co  
Union Co

**Fayetteville, NC (Subpart 1 EAC)**

Cumberland Co

**Greensboro-Winston Salem-  
High Point, NC (Marginal EAC)**

Alamance Co  
Caswell Co  
Davidson Co [m\*]  
Davie Co [m\*]  
Forsyth Co [m\*]  
Guilford Co [m\*]  
Randolph Co  
Rockingham Co

**Haywood and Swain Cos  
(Great Smoky NP), NC (Subpart 1)**

Haywood Co (P)  
Great Smoky Mountain National Park  
Swain Co (P)  
Great Smoky Mountain National Park

**Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir, NC  
(Subpart 1 EAC)**

Alexander Co  
Burke Co (P)  
Unifour Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Boundary  
Caldwell Co (P)  
Unifour Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Boundary  
Catawba Co

**Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC  
(Subpart 1)**

Chatham Co (P)  
Baldwin Township, Center Township, New  
Hope Township, Williams Township  
Durham Co [m\*]  
Franklin Co  
Granville Co [m\*]  
Johnston Co  
Orange Co  
Person Co  
Wake Co [m\*]

**Rocky Mount, NC (Subpart 1)**

Edgecombe Co  
Nash Co

**OHIO(Region V)**

**Canton-Massillon, OH (Subpart 1)**

Stark Co [m\*]

**Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN  
(Subpart 1)**

Butler Co [n\*]  
Clermont Co [n\*]  
Clinton Co [m\*]  
Hamilton Co [n\*]  
Warren Co [n\*]

**Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH (Moderate)**

Ashtabula Co [m\*]  
Cuyahoga Co [m\*]  
Geauga Co [m\*]  
Lake Co [m\*]  
Lorain Co [m\*]  
Medina Co [m\*]  
Portage Co [m\*]  
Summit Co [m\*]

**Columbus, OH (Subpart 1)**

Delaware Co [m\*]  
Fairfield Co  
Franklin Co [m\*]  
Knox Co  
Licking Co [m\*]  
Madison Co

**Dayton-Springfield, OH (Subpart 1)**

Clark Co [m\*]  
Greene Co [m\*]  
Miami Co [m\*]  
Montgomery Co [m\*]

**Lima, OH (Subpart 1)**

Allen Co

**Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH  
(Subpart 1)**

**Washington Co**

**Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV  
(Subpart 1)**

Jefferson Co [m\*]

**Toledo, OH (Subpart 1)**

Lucas Co [m\*]  
Wood Co [m\*]

**Wheeling, WV-OH (Subpart 1)**

Belmont Co

**Youngstown-Warren-Sharon, OH-PA  
(Subpart 1)**

Columbiana Co [m\*]  
Mahoning Co [m\*]  
Trumbull Co [m\*]

**PENNSYLVANIA(Region III)**

**Allentown-Bethlehem-  
Easton, PA (Subpart 1)**

Carbon Co [n\*]  
Lehigh Co [n\*]  
Northampton Co [n\*]

**Altoona, PA (Subpart 1)**

Blair Co [n\*]

**Clearfield and Indiana Cos, PA  
(Subpart 1)**

Clearfield Co  
Indiana Co

**Erie, PA (Subpart 1)**

Erie Co [n\*]

**Franklin Co, PA (Subpart 1)**

Franklin Co [n\*]

**Greene Co, PA (Subpart 1)**

Greene Co [n\*]

**Harrisburg-Lebanon-  
Carlisle, PA (Subpart 1)**

Cumberland Co [n\*]  
Dauphin Co [n\*]  
Lebanon Co [n\*]  
Perry Co [n\*]

**Johnstown, PA (Subpart 1)**

Cambria Co [n\*]

**Lancaster, PA (Marginal)**

Lancaster Co [n\*]



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**Philadelphia-Wilmin-Atlantic Ci,PA-NJ-MD-DE (Moderate)**

- Bucks Co [n\*]
- Chester Co [n\*]
- Delaware Co [n\*]
- Montgomery Co [n\*]
- Philadelphia Co [n\*]

**Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA (Subpart 1)**

- Allegheny Co [m\*]
- Armstrong Co [m\*]
- Beaver Co [m\*]
- Butler Co [m\*]
- Fayette Co [m\*]
- Washington Co [m\*]
- Westmoreland Co [m\*]

**Reading, PA (Subpart 1)**

- Berks Co [m\*]

**Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, PA (Subpart 1)**

- Lackawanna Co [n\*]
- Luzerne Co [n\*]
- Monroe Co [n\*]
- Wyoming Co [n\*]

**State College, PA (Subpart 1)**

- Centre Co

**Tioga Co, PA (Subpart 1)**

- Tioga Co

**York, PA (Subpart 1)**

- Adams Co [n\*]
- York Co [n\*]

**Youngstown-Warren-Sharon, OH-PA (Subpart 1)**

- Mercer Co [n\*]

**RHODE ISLAND(Region I)**

**Providence (All RI), RI (Moderate)**

- Bristol Co [n\*]
- Kent Co [n\*]
- Newport Co [n\*]
- Providence Co [n\*]
- Washington Co [n\*]

**SOUTH CAROLINA(Region IV)**

**Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC (Moderate)**

- York Co (P)
- Portion along MPO lines

**Columbia, SC (Subpart 1 EAC)**

- Lexington Co (P)
- Richland Co (P)

**Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC (Subpart 1 EAC)**

- Anderson Co
- Greenville Co
- Spartanburg Co

**TENNESSEE(Region IV)**

**Chattanooga, TN-GA (Subpart 1 EAC)**

- Hamilton Co
- Meigs Co

**Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY (Subpart 1)**

- Montgomery Co

**Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN (Subpart 1 EAC)**

- Hawkins Co
- Sullivan Co

**Knoxville, TN (Subpart 1)**

- Anderson Co
- Blount Co
- Cocke Co (P)  
(Great Smoky Mtn Park)
- Jefferson Co
- Knox Co [m\*]
- Loudon Co
- Sevier Co

**Memphis, TN-AR (Marginal)**

- Shelby Co [m\*]

**Nashville, TN (Subpart 1 EAC)**

- Davidson Co [m\*]
- Rutherford Co [m\*]
- Sumner Co [m\*]
- Williamson Co [m\*]
- Wilson Co [m\*]

**TEXAS(Region VI)**

**Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX (Marginal)**

- Hardin Co [n\*]
- Jefferson Co [n\*]
- Orange Co [n\*]

**Dallas-Fort Worth, TX (Moderate)**

- Collin Co [n\*]
- Dallas Co [n\*]
- Denton Co [n\*]
- Ellis Co
- Johnson Co
- Parker Co
- Rockwall Co
- Tarrant Co [n\*]

**Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX (Moderate)**

- Brazoria Co [n\*]
- Chambers Co [n\*]
- Fort Bend Co [n\*]
- Galveston Co [n\*]
- Harris Co [n\*]
- Liberty Co [n\*]
- Montgomery Co [n\*]
- Waller Co [n\*]

**San Antonio, TX (Subpart 1 EAC)**

- Bexar Co
- Comal Co
- Guadalupe Co

**VIRGINIA(Region III)****Frederick Co, VA (Subpart 1 EAC)**

Frederick Co  
Winchester

**Fredericksburg, VA (Moderate)**

Fredericksburg  
Spotsylvania Co  
Stafford [n\*]

**Madison and Page Cos (Shenandoah NP), VA (Subpart 1)**

Madison Co (P)  
Page Co (P)

**Norfolk-Virginia Beach-  
Newport News (HR),VA (Marginal)**

Chesapeake [m\*]  
Gloucester Co  
Hampton [m\*]  
Isle Of Wight Co  
James City Co [m\*]  
Newport News [m\*]  
Norfolk [m\*]  
Poquoson [m\*]  
Portsmouth [m\*]  
Suffolk [m\*]  
Virginia Beach [m\*]  
Williamsburg [m\*]  
York Co [m\*]

**Richmond-Petersburg, VA (Marginal)**

Charles City Co [m\*]  
Chesterfield Co [m\*]  
Colonial Heights [m\*]  
Hanover Co [m\*]  
Henrico Co [m\*]  
Hopewell [m\*]  
Petersburg  
Prince George Co  
Richmond [m\*]

**Roanoke, VA (Subpart 1 EAC)**

Botetourt Co  
Roanoke  
Roanoke Co  
Salem

**Washington, DC-MD-VA (Moderate)**

Alexandria [n\*]  
Arlington Co [n\*]  
Fairfax [n\*]  
Fairfax Co [n\*]  
Falls Church [n\*]  
Loudoun Co [n\*]  
Manassas [n\*]  
Manassas Park [n\*]  
Prince William Co [n\*]

**WEST VIRGINIA(Region III)****Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, WV (Subpart 1 EAC)**

Berkeley Co  
Jefferson Co

**Charleston, WV (Subpart 1)**

Kanawha Co [m\*]  
Putnam Co [m\*]

**Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY (Subpart 1)**

Cabell Co [m\*]  
Wayne Co [m\*]

**Parkersburg-Marietta, WV-OH (Subpart 1)**

Wood Co [m\*]

**Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV (Subpart 1)**

Brooke Co [\*]  
Hancock Co [\*]

**Wheeling, WV-OH (Subpart 1)**

Marshall Co  
Ohio Co

**WISCONSIN(Region V)****Door Co, WI (Subpart 1)**

Door Co [m\*]

**Kewaunee Co, WI (Subpart 1)**

Kewaunee Co [m\*]

**Manitowoc Co, WI (Subpart 1)**

Manitowoc Co [m\*]

**Milwaukee-Racine, WI (Moderate)**

Kenosha Co [n\*]  
Milwaukee Co [n\*]  
Ozaukee Co [n\*]  
Racine Co [n\*]  
Washington Co [n\*]  
Waukesha Co [n\*]

**Sheboygan, WI (Moderate)**

Sheboygan Co [m\*]

**Key**

**n = county in current 1-hr Ozone Non-attainment area**

**m = county in current 1-hr Ozone Maintenance area**

**P = a portion of the county is located within the area**

**\* = county in 1-Hr Ozone, CO or PM-10 non-attainment or maintenance area**



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<b>Alaska</b>		Camden County – Philadelphia	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
Anchorage	Moderate>12.7 ppm		
Fairbanks	Moderate≤12.7 ppm		
<b>Arizona</b>		<b>New Mexico</b>	
Phoenix	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Albuquerque	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
<b>California</b>		<b>New York</b>	
Chico	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	New York – N. New Jersey – Long Island	Moderate>12.7 ppm
Fresno	Moderate>12.7 ppm	Syracuse	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
Lake Tahoe South Shore	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	<b>North Carolina</b>	
Los Angeles South Coast Air Basin	Serious	Raleigh – Durham	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
Modesto	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Winston – Salem	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
Sacramento	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	<b>Ohio</b>	
San Diego	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Cleveland	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
San Francisco – Oakland – San Jose	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	<b>Oregon</b>	
Stockton	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Grants Pass	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
<b>Colorado</b>		Klamath Falls	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
Colorado Springs	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Medford	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
Denver – Boulder	Moderate>12.7 ppm	Portland – Vancouver	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
Fort Collins	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
Longmont	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Philadelphia – Camden County	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
<b>Connecticut</b>		<b>Tennessee</b>	
Hartford – New Britain - Middletown	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Memphis	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
New York – N. New Jersey – Long Island	Moderate>12.7 ppm	<b>Texas</b>	
Parts of Fairfield and Litchfield Counties		El Paso	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
<b>District of Columbia</b>		<b>Utah</b>	
Entire District	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Ogden	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
<b>Maryland</b>		Provo	Moderate>12.7 ppm
Baltimore	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	<b>Virginia</b>	
Washington D.C.	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Washington D.C.	
Montgomery and Prince George's Counties		Alexandria City, Arlington County	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
<b>Massachusetts</b>		<b>Washington</b>	
Boston	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Vancouver – Portland	Moderate≤12.7 ppm
<b>Minnesota</b>		Seattle – Tacoma	Moderate>12.7 ppm
Duluth	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	Spokane	Moderate>12.7 ppm
Minneapolis – St. Paul	Moderate≤12.7 ppm	<b>NOTE:</b> If there is no listing for a state, there are no classified carbon monoxide nonattainment areas located in the state.	
<b>Montana</b>			
Missoula	Moderate≤12.7 ppm		
<b>Nevada</b>			
Las Vegas	Moderate>12.7 ppm		
Reno	Moderate≤12.7 ppm		
<b>New Jersey</b>			
N. New Jersey – New York – Long Island	Moderate>12.7 ppm		

**CLASSIFIED PM<sub>10</sub>  
NONATTAINMENT AREAS (JANUARY 1994)**

**Arizona**

Ajo  
Douglas  
Hayden/Miami  
Nogalas  
Paul Spur  
Phoenix  
Rillito  
Yuma

**Arkansas**

Eagle River  
Juneau

**California**

Coachella Valley  
Imperial Valley  
Mammoth Lake  
Owens Valley  
San Joaquin Valley  
Searles Valley  
South Coast Basin

**Colorado**

Aspen  
Canon City  
Denver Metro  
Lamar  
Pagosa Springs  
Telluride

**Connecticut**

New Haven

**Idaho**

Boise  
Bonner County  
Pinehurst  
Pocatello

**Illinois**

Granite City  
Lyons Township, McCook  
Oglesby  
Southeast Chicago

**Indiana**

Lake County  
Vermillion County

**Maine**

Presque Isle

**Michigan**

Detroit

**Minnesota**

Rochester  
St. Paul

**Montana**

Butte  
Columbia  
Kalispell  
Lame Deer  
Libby  
Missoula  
Polson  
Ronan

**Nevada**

Las Vegas  
Reno

**New Mexico**

Anthony

**Ohio**

Cuyahoga County  
Mingo Junction

**Oregon**

Grant Pass  
Klamath Falls  
La Grand  
Medford  
Springfield/Eugene

**Pennsylvania**

Clairton

**Texas**

El Paso

**Utah**

Salt Lake County  
Utah County

**Washington**

Kent  
Olympia/Tumwater/Lacey  
Seattle Spokane  
Tacoma  
Walla  
Yakima

**West Virginia**

Follansbee

**Wyoming**

Sheridan

**NOTE:** If there is no listing for a state, there are no classified PM-10 nonattainment areas located in the state.



## CLASSIFIED SULFUR DIOXIDE NONATTAINMENT AREAS (JANUARY 1994)

### Alabama

Colbert Co.  
Lauderdale Co.

### Arizona

Cochise Co. (Douglas)  
Gila Co. (Miami/Globe)  
Greenlee Co. (Morenci)  
Pima Co. (Ajo)  
Pinal Co. (Hayden)  
Pinal Co. (San Manuel)

### Illinois

Peoria Co.  
Tazwell Co.

### Indiana

Lake Co.  
Laporte Co.  
Marion Co.  
Vigo Co.  
Wayne Co.

### Kentucky

Boyd Co.  
Muhlenberg Co.

### Maine

Penobscot Co.  
Millinocket

### Minnesota

Minneapolis-St. Paul.  
Olmsted Co. (Rochester)

### Montana

Lewis and Clark Co.  
Yellowstone Co. (Laurel)

### New Jersey

Warren Co.

### New Mexico

Grant Co.

### Nevada

White Pine Co.

### Ohio

Coshocton Co.  
Cuyahoga Co. (part)  
Gallia Co. (Addison Twnshp.)  
Jefferson Co. (part)  
Lake Co. (part)  
Lorain Co. (part)  
Lucas Co. (part)  
Morgan Co. (Center Twnshp.)  
Washington Co.

### Pennsylvania

Allegheny Co.  
Armstrong Co.  
Warren Co.

### Tennessee

Benton Co.  
Humphreys Co.  
Polk Co.

### Utah

Salt Lake Co.  
Tooele Co. (part)

### Wisconsin

Brown Co. (Green Bay)  
Dane Co. (Madison)  
Marathon Co. (Rothschild)  
Milwaukee Co. (Milwaukee)  
Oneida Co. (Rhineland)

### West Virginia

Hancock Co. (part)

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## AP-42 Uncontrolled Emission Factors for Propane Combustion

lb/MMBtu						
Boiler Type	Particulate Matter (lb/MMBtu)	Sulfur Dioxide (lb/MMBtu)	Carbon Monoxide (lb/MMBtu)	Nitrogen Oxides (lb/MMBtu)	Volatile Organic Compounds	
					Nonmethane (lb/MMBtu)	Methane (lb/MMBtu)
Industrial	0.00098-0.0048	0.812 (%S)	0.034	0.136	0.0027	0.003
Commercial	0.00098-0.0048	0.812 (%S)	0.02	0.096	0.005	0.0026

ppm						
Boiler Type	Particulate Matter (ppm)	Sulfur Dioxide (ppm)	Carbon Monoxide (ppm)	Nitrogen Oxides (ppm)	Volatile Organic Compounds	
					Nonmethane (ppm)	Methane (ppm)
Industrial	N/A	475 (%S)	45	111	6.8	7.5
Commercial	N/A	475 (%S)	27	78	12.5	6.5

Notes: Estimated HHV of Propane: 91,500 Btu/gal

Industrial Boilers: 10-100 MMBtu/hr  
Commercial Boilers: 0.5-10 MMBtu/hr

## AP-42 Uncontrolled Emission Factors for Natural Gas Combustion

lb/MMBtu						
Boiler Type	Particulate Matter (lb/MMBtu)	Sulfur Dioxide (lb/MMBtu)	Carbon Monoxide (lb/MMBtu)	Nitrogen Oxides (lb/MMBtu)	Volatile Organic Compounds	
					Nonmethane (lb/MMBtu)	Methane (lb/MMBtu)
Industrial	0.00095-0.0048	0.00057	0.033	0.133	0.0027	0.0029
Commercial	0.00095-0.0048	0.00057	0.019	0.095	0.005	0.0023

ppm						
Boiler Type	Particulate Matter (ppm)	Sulfur Dioxide (ppm)	Carbon Monoxide (ppm)	Nitrogen Oxides (ppm)	Volatile Organic Compounds	
					Nonmethane (ppm)	Methane (ppm)
Industrial	N/A	0.34	46	112	6.8	7.3
Commercial	N/A	0.34	26	80	13	5.8

Notes: Estimated HHV of Natural Gas: 1050 Btu/FT<sup>3</sup>

Industrial Boilers: 10-100 MMBtu/hr  
Commercial Boilers: 0.5-10 MMBtu/hr

## AP-42 Uncontrolled Emission Factors for Fuel Oil Combustion

lb/MMBtu							Volatile Organic Compounds	
Boiler Type	Particulate Matter (lb/MMBtu)	Sulfur Dioxide (lb/MMBtu)	Sulfur Trioxide (lb/MMBtu)	Carbon Monoxide (lb/MMBtu)	Nitrogen Oxides (lb/MMBtu)	Nonmethane (lb/MMBtu)	Methane (lb/MMBtu)	
<b>Industrial:</b>								
Residual	0.0649(%S) + 0.0195	1.02(%S)	0.013(%S)	0.0325	0.357*	0.0018	0.0065	
Distillate	0.0143	1.01(%S)	0.013(%S)	0.0325	0.143	0.0014	0.0004	
<b>Commercial:</b>								
Residual	0.0649(%S) + 0.0195	1.02(%S)	0.013(%S)	0.0325	0.357*	0.0073	0.0031	
Distillate	0.0143	1.01(%S)	0.013(%S)	0.0325	0.143	0.00124	0.0015	

\*Nitrogen oxide emissions from residual oil combustion in industrial and commercial boilers are strongly related to fuel nitrogen content.  
 The emissions can be more accurately predicted by the empirical relationship:  
 $2.6(\%N) \wedge 2 + 0.143 \text{ lb/MMBtu } (\%N \text{ in fuel } < 0.5\%)$   
 For residual oils having nitrogen content (>0.5%) use 0.779 lb/MMBtu as an emission factor.

Notes:  
 Estimated HHV of #2 Oil: 140,000 Btu/gal  
 Estimated HHV of #6 Oil: 154,000 Btu/gal  
 Industrial Boilers: 10 - 100 MMBtu/hr  
 Commercial Boilers: 0.5 - 10 MMBtu/hr

## AP-42 Uncontrolled Emission Factors for Fuel Oil Combustion

ppm						Volatile Organic Compounds	
Boiler Type	Particulate Matter (ppm)	Sulfur Dioxide (ppm)	Sulfur Trioxide (ppm)	Carbon Monoxide (ppm)	Nitrogen Oxide (ppm)	Nonmethane (ppm)	Methane (ppm)
<b>Industrial:</b>							
Residual	N/A	549(%S)	7(%S)	42	273*	3.6	13
Distillate	N/A	544(%S)	7(%S)	42	107	2.8	0.8
<b>Commercial:</b>							
Residual	N/A	549(%S)	7(%S)	42	273*	14.6	6.2
Distillate	N/A	544(%S)	7(%S)	42	107	4.8	3

\*Nitrogen oxide emissions from residual oil combustion in industrial and commercial boilers are strongly related to fuel nitrogen content.  
 The emissions can be more accurately predicted by the empirical relationship:  
 $1,940(\%N) \wedge 2 + 107 \text{ ppm } (\%N \text{ in fuel } < 0.5\%)$   
 For residual oils having nitrogen content (>0.5%) use 595 ppm as an emission factor.

Notes:  
 Estimated HHV of #2 Oil: 140,000 Btu/gal  
 Estimated HHV of #6 Oil: 154,000 Btu/gal  
 Industrial Boilers: 10 - 100 MMBtu/hr  
 Commercial Boilers: 0.5 - 10 MMBtu/hr

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Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire,  
Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island

## REGION 2

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New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, U.S.  
Virgin Islands

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Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West  
Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia

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South Carolina, Kentucky Tennessee,  
Mississippi

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Wisconsin

## REGION 6

Dallas, TX 214/655-7200  
Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New  
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American Samoa, Guam, Trust Territories of  
the Pacific

## REGION 10

Seattle, WA 206/422-4152  
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## ACRONYMS/DEFINITIONS

### **ABMA American Boiler Manufacturer's Association**

A group of manufacturer's representing the boiler industry of which Cleaver-Brooks is a member

### **APCD Air Pollution Control District**

Usually refers to a local air quality agency controlling pollution in a given district

### **AQCR Air Quality Control Region**

Generally refers to one of the ten EPA regional offices throughout the U.S.

### **AQMD Air Quality Management District**

Refers to an area or region where air quality is regulated by a local agency

### **ARAC Acid Rain Advisory Committee**

A committee established by the EPA to focus efforts on the various aspects of Title IV (Acid Deposition Control) of the Clean Air Act

### **ARB Air Resource Board**

An air quality agency usually responsible for pollution control at the state level

### **BACT Best Available Control Technology**

An emission limitation based on the maximum degree of reduction, which the permitting authority has determined is achievable and cost effective

### **BARCT Best Available Retrofit Control Technology**

A retrofit equipment emission limitation based on the BACT principles - but developed for retrofitting existing equipment

### **CEM Continuous Emission Monitoring**

An emission monitoring system used for measuring emission levels without interruption - required in many local districts and NSPS for certain applications

### **CFR Code of Federal Regulations**

A codification of the rules published in the Federal Register by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government

### **EPA Environmental Protection Agency**

A federal agency responsible for pollution control at the national level

### **ESP Electrostatic Precipitators**

Emission control equipment used to control particulate matter on large utility boilers

### **FGD Flue Gas Desulfurization**

Emission control method used to control sulfur dioxide emissions

### **FGR Flue Gas Recirculation**

NO<sub>x</sub> emission control technique - involves returning a portion of the flue gases to the combustion zone

### **LAER Lowest Achievable Emission Rate**

The most stringent emission limitation contained in any SIP or achieved in practice for a given class of equipment

### **MACT Maximum Available Control Technology**

Emission standard requiring the maximum degree of emission reduction that has been demonstrated achievable

### **NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards**

EPA established air quality standards for ambient outdoor emission levels

### **NESHAP National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants**

Standards established by the EPA for regulation of air toxins

### **NSPS New Source Performance Standards**

Regulations established by the EPA for emissions from equipment, including boilers. Many state regulations are more stringent than the NSPS

### **NSR New Source Review**

A review performed during the permitting process for a new major installation in a nonattainment area

### **PSD Prevention of Significant Deterioration**

A review performed during the permitting process for a new major installation in an attainment area

### **RACT Reasonably Available Control Technology**

A set of recommended levels of emission controls applicable to specific sources or categories located in nonattainment areas

### **SCAQMD South Coast Air Quality Management District**

The air pollution control agency for the Los Angeles, CA area - emission regulations enacted in this district generally set the trends for other local regulations throughout the U.S.

### **SCR Selective Catalytic Reduction**

A NO<sub>x</sub> control method in which ammonia or urea is injected into the exhaust gases in the presence of a catalyst

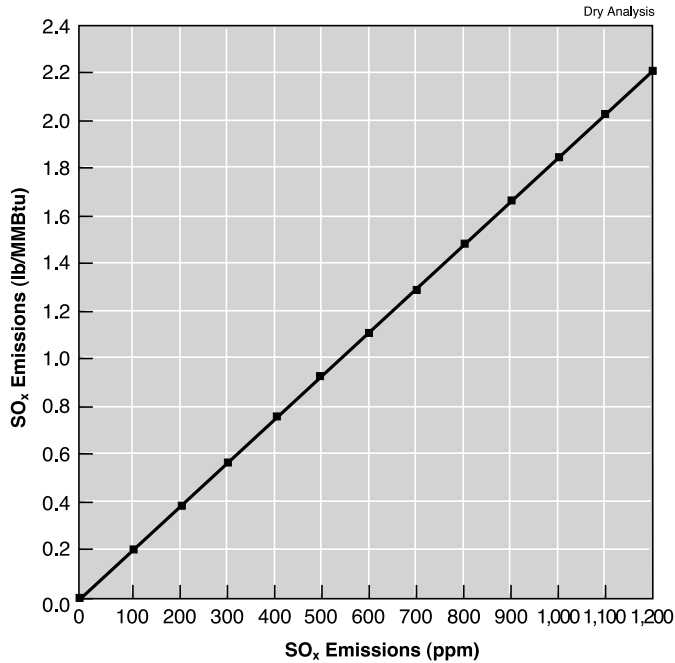
### **SIP State Implementation Plan**

An EPA approved emission control plan to attain or maintain NAAQS

### **SNCR Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction**

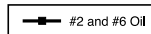
A NO<sub>x</sub> control method where ammonia or urea is injected into the stack and where the exhaust gases are approximately 1600 degrees Fahrenheit

## SO<sub>x</sub> Emissions Conversion Curves 15% Excess Air (3% O<sub>2</sub>)

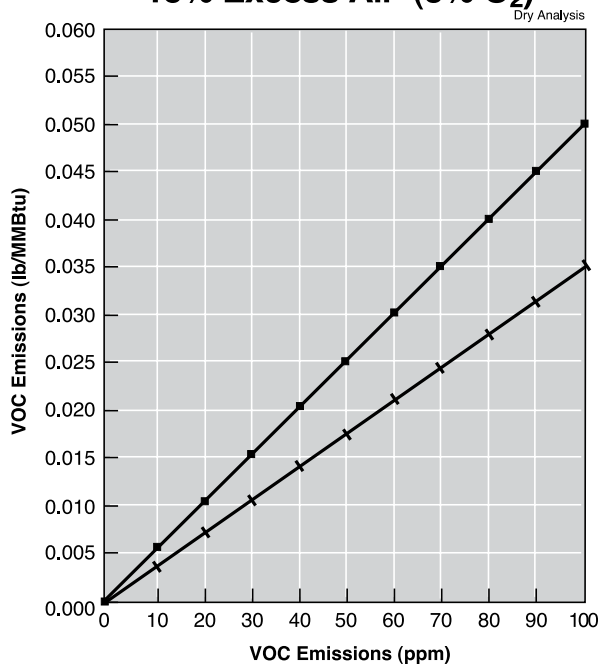


### Conversion Equations

#2 and #6 Oil:  
 $\text{ppm} = (\text{lb/MMBtu}) * 540$   
 $\text{lb/MMBtu} = (\text{ppm}) / 540$



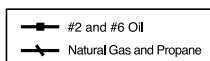
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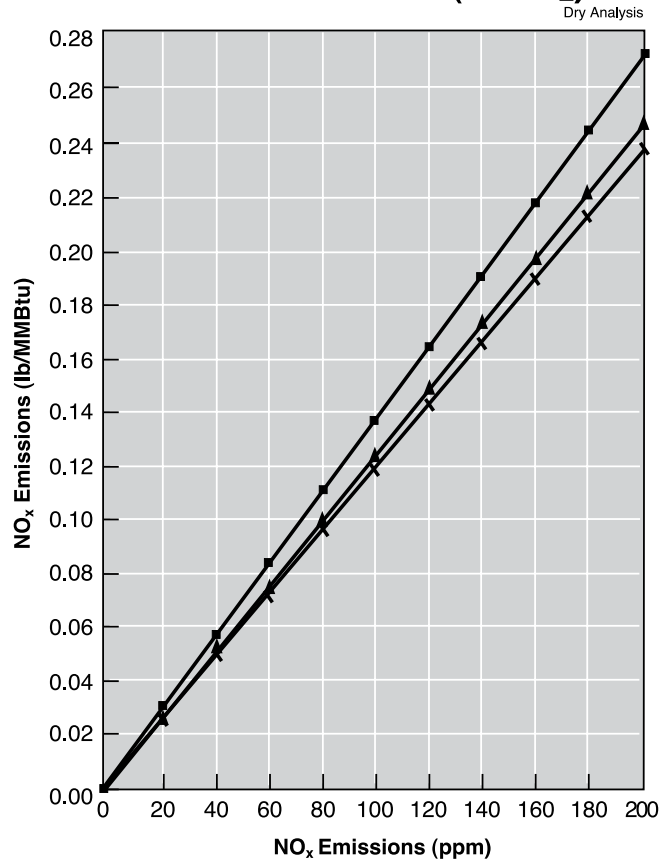
### Conversion Equations

#2 and #6 Oil:  $\text{ppm} = (\text{lb/MMBtu}) * 2000$   
 $\text{lb/MMBtu} = (\text{ppm}) / 2000$

Natural Gas and Propane:  $\text{ppm} = (\text{lb/MMBtu}) * 2500$   
 $\text{lb/MMBtu} = (\text{ppm}) / 2500$

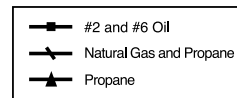


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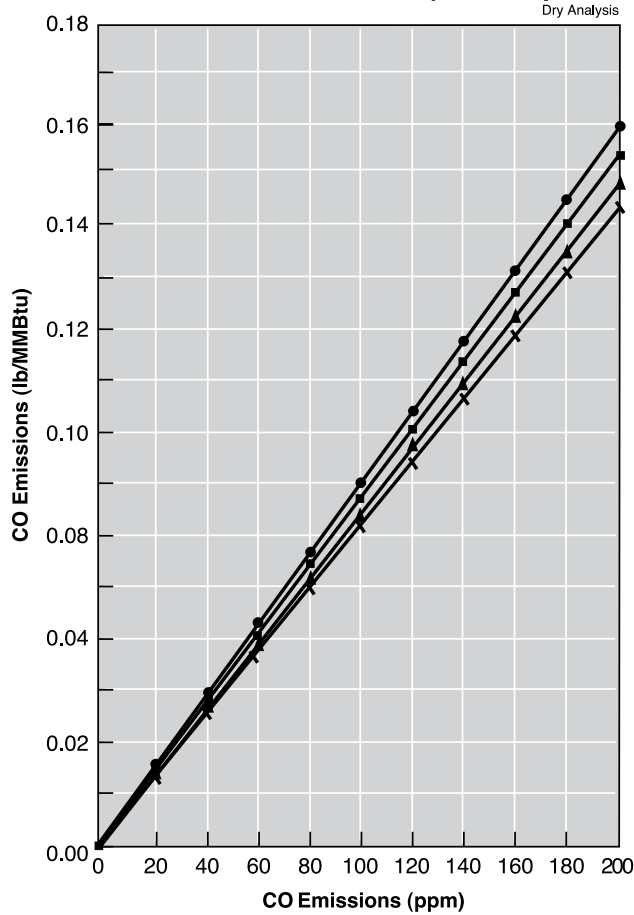


### Conversion Equations

#2 and #6 Oil:	Natural Gas:
ppm = (lb/MMBtu)*750	ppm = (lb/MMBtu)*850
lb/MMBtu = (ppm)/750	lb/MMBtu = (ppm)/850
Propane:	
ppm = (lb/MMBtu)*810	
lb/MMBtu = (ppm)/810	

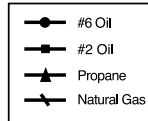


## CO Emissions Conversion Curves 15% Excess Air (3% O<sub>2</sub>)



### Conversion Equations

#2 Oil:	Natural Gas:
ppm = (lb/MMBtu)*1290	ppm = (lb/MMBtu)*1370
lb/MMBtu = (ppm)/1290	lb/MMBtu = (ppm)/1370
#6 Oil:	Propane:
ppm = (lb/MMBtu)*1260	ppm = (lb/MMBtu)*1340
lb/MMBtu = (ppm)/1260	lb/MMBtu = (ppm)/1340



## Correcting Emission Readings to 3% Oxygen

$$\text{ppm (@3\%)} = \frac{21 - 3}{21 - \text{O}_2 \text{ (actual)}} \times \text{ppm (actual)}$$

**Example:** What is the NO level corrected to 3% oxygen for a measured level of 12 ppm at 7.1% oxygen?

$$\text{ppm (@3\%)} = \frac{21 - 3}{21 - 7.1} \times 12 = 15.5 \text{ ppm NO}_x$$

## CALCULATION OF ANNUAL EMISSIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL BOILERS

Many provisions of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments assess the impact of pollution sources based on the potential annual emissions (usually expressed as tons per year, or tpy). When addressing industrial boilers, the potential annual emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> are of concern and frequently must be calculated. Following is an example of how to calculate the potential annual NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for industrial boilers.

To determine the annual NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for an industrial boiler, three items must be known:

1. The NO<sub>x</sub> emission factor for the boiler.
2. The maximum rated input for the boiler.
3. The maximum allowable hours of operation for the boiler.

Once the information above is obtained, the following equation can be used to determine annual emissions.

$$\text{Boiler Input} \times \text{Emission Factor} \times \text{Annual Hours of Operation} = \text{Total Annual Emissions}$$

For example, the calculation of the total annual NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for an 800 hp boiler operating 24 hours/day, 365 days/year and having a NO<sub>x</sub> level of 110 ppm would be as follows.

- Boiler Input = 33.5 MMBtu/hr (Based on 80% Efficiency)
- Emission Factor = 0.13 lb/MMBtu (110 ppm = 0.13 lb/MMBtu)
- Annual Hours of Operation = 8760 hours/year (24 hours/day x 365 days/year)

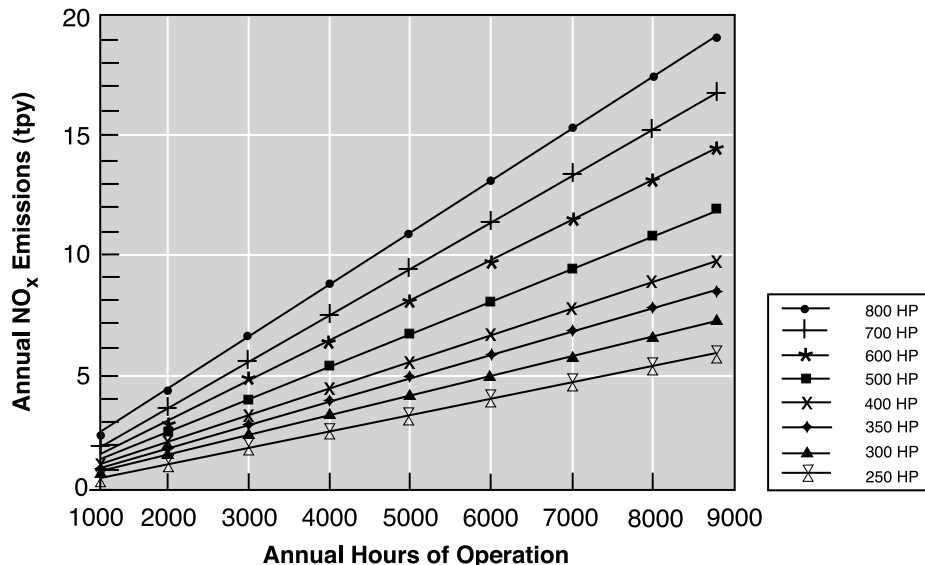
Substituting this data into the equation above yields:

$$\frac{0.13 \text{ lb NO}_x}{\text{MMBtu}} \times \frac{33.5 \text{ MMBtu}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{8760 \text{ hrs}}{\text{year}} \times \frac{1 \text{ ton}}{2000 \text{ lb}} = 19.1 \text{ tpy NO}_x$$

The annual NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for this specific boiler is 19.1 tpy.

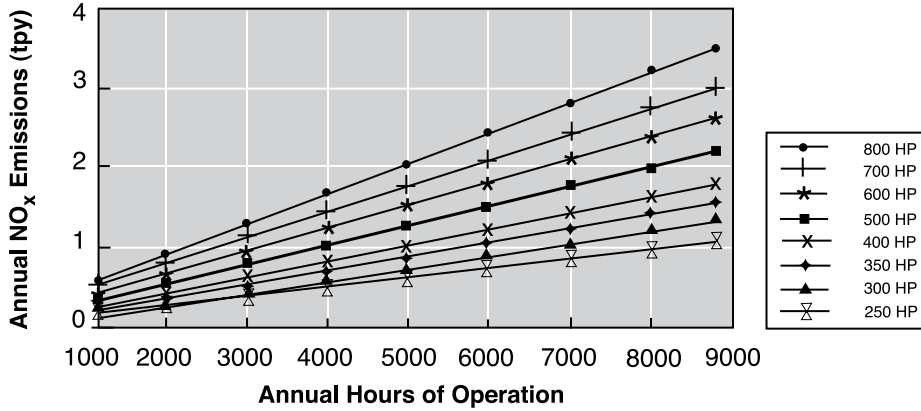
The following graphs indicate the annual NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for boiler sizes 250-800 horsepower firing natural gas at maximum input operating 24 hours/day, 365 days/year. There are for NO<sub>x</sub> emission levels of 110, 60, 30, 25, and 20 ppm.

**Annual NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions for  
250-800 Horsepower Boilers  
NO<sub>x</sub> = 110 ppm\***



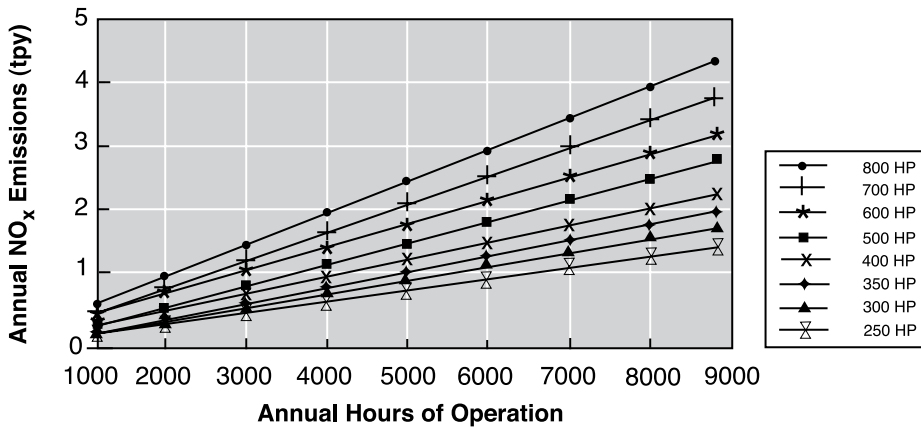
Efficiency = 80%  
\*ppm corrected to 3% oxygen

### Annual NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions for 250-800 Horsepower Boilers NO<sub>x</sub> = 20 ppm\*



Efficiency = 80%  
\*ppm corrected to 3% oxygen

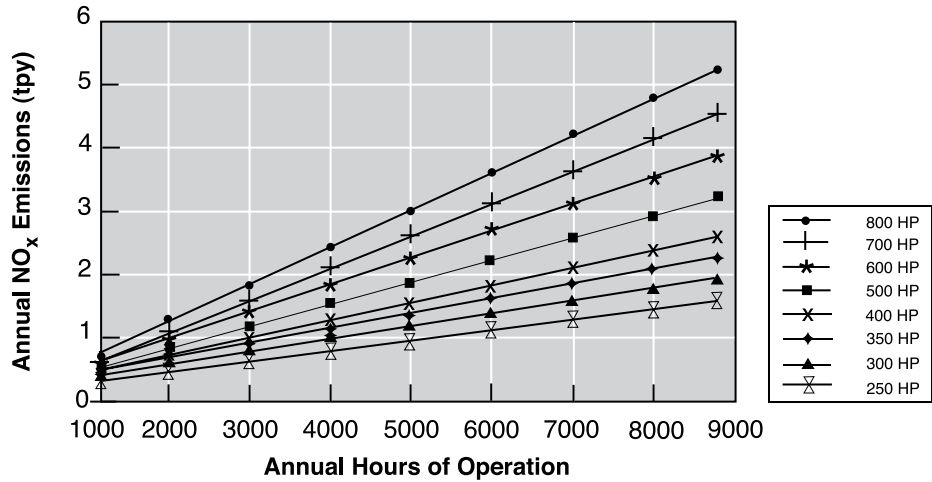
### Annual NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions for 250-800 Horsepower Boilers NO<sub>x</sub> = 25 ppm\*



Efficiency = 80%  
\*ppm corrected to 3% oxygen

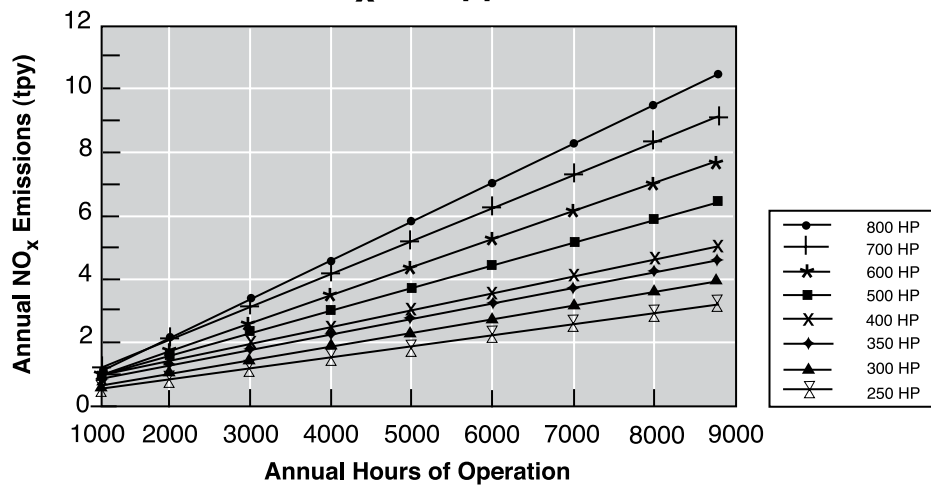


### Annual NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions for 250-800 Horsepower Boilers NO<sub>x</sub> = 30 ppm\*



Efficiency = 80%  
\*ppm corrected to 3% oxygen

### Annual NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions for 250-800 Horsepower Boilers NO<sub>x</sub> = 60 ppm\*



Efficiency = 80%  
\*ppm corrected to 3% oxygen



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