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# SELECTIVE NON-CATALYTIC REDUCTION (SNCR) FOR CONTROLLING NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS

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### PURPOSE

To comply with federal, state and local acid rain and ozone non-attainment rules, both regulators and regulated industry seek nitrogen oxide ( $NO_x$ ) controls which offer the greatest reliability and effectiveness at the least cost. One such  $NO_x$  control technology is selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR). Although SNCR will not be universally applicable, or always the most cost effective control strategy, in many cases it will meet the dual requirements of high performance and low cost, and so should be considered by affected sources and permitting authorities. To date, SNCR technology has been installed on over 30 units in the power generation industry and on more than 250 industrial units (see Appendix 1 for a partial installation list).

The SNCR Committee of the Institute of Clean Air Companies, Inc. (ICAC) prepared this white paper to educate all interested parties on the capabilities, limitations, and cost of SNCR.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) is a chemical process for removing nitrogen oxides  $(NO_x)$  from flue gas. In the SNCR process, a reagent, typically liquid urea or anhydrous gaseous ammonia, is injected into the hot flue gas, and reacts with the  $NO_x$ , converting it to nitrogen gas and water vapor. No catalyst is required for this process. Instead, it is driven by the high temperatures normally found in combustion sources.

SNCR performance depends on factors specific to each source, including flue gas temperature, available residence time for the reagent and flue gas to mix and react, amount of reagent injected, reagent distribution, uncontrolled  $NO_x$  level, and CO and  $O_2$  concentrations. However, reductions in emissions of 30-75% are possible. Using appropriately designed SNCR systems, these levels of control are not accompanied by excessive emissions of unreacted ammonia (ammonia slip) or of other pollutants, particularly using recent design upgrades demonstrated on commercial systems. Further, SNCR does not generate any solid or liquid wastes.

SNCR also may be combined with a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system or with gas reburn technologies to provide deeper emissions reductions for moderate capital investment. A combined SNCR/SCR system uses substantially less catalyst (typically installed "in-duct") than a conventional SCR, allowing higher overall  $NO_x$  reduction than SNCR alone and lower ammonia slip, but with a relatively small increase in capital cost.

SNCR is a proven and reliable technology. SNCR was first applied commercially in 1974, and significant advances in understanding the chemistry of the SNCR process since then have led to improved  $NO_x$  removal capabilities as well as better ammonia slip control. As a result, approximately 300 SNCR systems have been installed worldwide. Applications include utility and industrial boilers, process heaters, municipal waste combustors, and other combustion sources.

SNCR is not a capital-intensive technology. Low capital costs, ranging from 5-15/kWe on power generation units, make SNCR particularly suitable for use on lower capacity factor units, on units with short remaining service lives and for seasonal control. SNCR also is well suited for NO<sub>x</sub> "trimming" and for use in combination with other NO<sub>x</sub> reduction technologies. SNCR can provide 10-25% reductions in power generation boiler NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for total costs below 1 mill/kWh. Removal cost effectiveness values for SNCR center around \$1000 per ton of NO<sub>x</sub> removed.

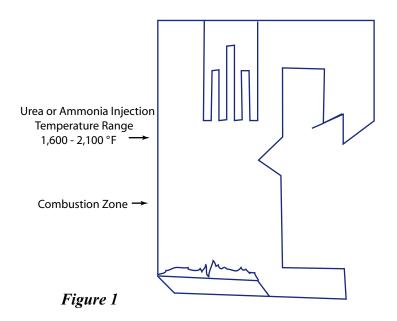
The performance and cost of SNCR make this technology attractive for export, including developing and former Communist countries.



### What is SNCR?

Selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) is a chemical process that changes nitrogen oxides  $(NO_x)$  into molecular nitrogen  $(N_2)$ , carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$  (if urea is used), and water vapor. A reducing agent, typically anhydrous gaseous ammonia or liquid urea, is injected into the combustion/process gases. At suitably high temperatures (1,600 - 2,100 °F)1, the desired chemical reactions occur. Other chemicals can also be added to improve performance, reduce equipment maintenance, and expand the temperature window within which SNCR is effective.

Conceptually, the SNCR process is quite simple. A gaseous or aqueous reagent of a selected nitrogenous compound is injected into, and mixed with, the hot flue gas in the proper temperature range. The reagent then, without a catalyst, reacts with the  $NO_x$  in the gas stream, converting it to harmless nitrogen gas, carbon dioxide gas (if urea is injected) and water vapor. SNCR is "selective" in that the reagent reacts primarily with  $NO_x$ . A schematic depicting the SNCR process is shown in Figure 1.<sup>2</sup>



No solid or liquid wastes are created in the SNCR process.

While either urea or ammonia can be used as the reagent, for most commercial SNCR systems, urea has become the prevalent reagent used. Urea is injected as an aqueous solution while ammonia is typically injected in either its gaseous or anhydrous form using carrier air as a dilutive and support medium.

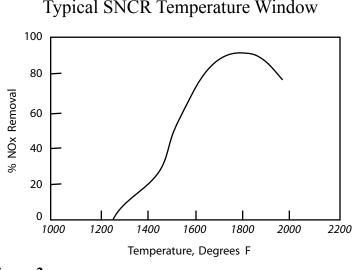
The principal components of the SNCR system are the reagent storage and injection system, which includes tanks, pumps, injectors, and associated controls, and often  $NO_x$  continuous emissions monitors. Given the simplicity of these components, installation of SNCR is easy relative to the installation of other  $NO_x$  control technologies. SNCR retrofits typically do not require extended source shutdowns.

### How much NO<sub>x</sub> can SNCR remove?

# While SNCR performance is specific to each unique application, $NO_x$ reduction levels ranging from 30% to more than 75% have been reported.

Temperature, residence time, reagent injection rate, reagent distribution in the flue gas, uncontrolled  $NO_x$  level, and CO and  $O_2$  concentrations are important in determining the effectiveness of SNCR.<sup>3</sup> In general, if  $NO_x$  and reagent are in contact at the proper temperature for a long enough time, then SNCR will be successful at reducing the  $NO_x$  level.

SNCR is most effective within a specified temperature range or window. A typical removal effectiveness curve, as a function of temperature within this window, is shown in Figure 2. At temperatures below the window, reaction rates are extremely low, so that little or no  $NO_x$  reduction occurs. As the temperature within the window increases, the  $NO_x$  removal efficiency increases because reaction rates increase with temperature. Residence time typically is the limiting factor for  $NO_x$  reduction in this range. At the plateau, reaction rates are optimal for  $NO_x$  reduction. A temperature variation in this range will have only a small effect on  $NO_x$  reduction.





A further increase in temperature beyond the plateau decreases  $NO_x$  reduction. On the right side of the curve, the oxidation of reagent becomes a significant path and competes with the  $NO_x$  reduction reactions for the reagent. Although the efficiency is less than the optimum, operation on the right side is practiced and recommended to minimize byproduct emissions. On the left side of the curve, there is also greater potential for ammonia slip for a given  $NO_x$  removal and residence time.

The effective temperature window becomes wider as the residence time increases, thus improving the removal efficiency characteristics of the process. Long residence times (>0.3 second) at optimum temperatures promote high  $NO_x$  reductions even with less than optimum mixing.



Normal stoichiometric ratio (NSR) is the term used to describe the N/NO molar ratio of the reagent injected to the uncontrolled  $NO_x$  concentrations. In general, one mole of ammonia species will react with one mole of NO in the reduction reaction. If one mole of anhydrous ammonia is injected for each mole of  $NO_x$  in the flue gas, the NSR is one, as one mole of ammonia will react with one mole of  $NO_x$ . If one mole of urea is injected into the flue gas for each mole of  $NO_x$ , the NSR is two. This is because one mole of urea contains two ammonia radicals and will react with two moles of  $NO_x$ . For both reagents, the higher the NSR, the greater the  $NO_x$  reduction.<sup>3</sup> Increasing NSR beyond a certain point, however, will have a diminishing effect on  $NO_x$  reduction with a resultant increase in ammonia slip and reagent cost.

### Is SNCR a new technology?

### No. Commercial installations using SNCR have been in existence for more than 20 years.

The first commercial application of SNCR was in Japan in 1974.<sup>4</sup> This installation used anhydrous ammonia. At about the same time, the anhydrous ammonia injection process was patented in the U.S. by Exxon Research and Engineering Co. This process is commonly known as the Thermal DeNO<sub>x</sub> process.

Fundamental thermodynamic and kinetic studies of the  $NO_x$ -urea reaction occurred during 1976-1981 under the direction of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). Patents granted to EPRI for this process were licensed to Fuel Tech which, with its implementors and sub-licensees, has marketed the urea-based NOxOUT<sup>®</sup> process with improvements to the original patents.

### Is SNCR commercially demonstrated?

### SNCR systems are in commercial operation in the United States, as well as in Europe and Asia.

SNCR is a fully commercial  $NO_x$  reduction technology, with successful application of the urea- and ammonia-based processes at over 300 installations worldwide (see Appendix 1 and 2), covering a wide array of stationary combustion units firing an equally large number of fuels.

In the U.S., commercial installations or full-scale demonstrations include virtually every boiler configuration and fuel type, as well as other major  $NO_x$  emitting process units, such as cement kilns and incinerators. Urea-based SNCR has been applied commercially to sources ranging in size from a 60 MMBtu/hr (gross heat input) paper mill sludge incinerator to a 640 MWe pulverized coal-fueled, wall-fired electric utility boiler. The longest running commercial urea-based SNCR system in the U.S. was installed in early 1988 on a 614 MMBtu/hr CO boiler in a Southern California oil refinery. This SNCR system reduces  $NO_x$ emissions 65% from a baseline of 90 ppm.

Industrial boilers, process units, municipal and hazardous waste combustors, and power boilers make up the largest share of commercial SNCR installations in the U.S. This distribution is determined more by  $NO_x$  control regulations than by SNCR process limitations. Examples of commercial installations include:

- Two 75 MWe pulverized coal tangentially fired power boilers in California equipped with low  $NO_x$  burners and overfire air required the installation of SNCR to meet a 165 ppm permit limit.<sup>5</sup>
- SNCR systems installed on the coal-burning, wall-fired New England Power Company's Salem Harbor Station Units 1, 2 (84 MWe each), and 3 (156 MWe) in 1993, together with LNBs, can reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions 50-75% from a baseline of 0.85-1.12 lb/MMBtu.



- Commercial SNCR systems retrofit on 320 MWe wet-bottom, twin furnace boilers in New Jersey provide 30-35% NO<sub>x</sub> reductions.<sup>6</sup>
- Commercial SNCR systems retrofit on cyclone-fired boilers in New Jersey reduce  $NO_x$  emissions by 35-40%.
- SNCR is achieving compliance with RACT limits at coal-fired boilers in Massachusetts<sup>7</sup> and Delaware.<sup>8</sup>
- An SNCR system installed on a circulating fluidized bed boiler designed to produce 350,000 lb/hr of steam can reduce  $NO_x$  emissions from a baseline of 0.2-0.35 lb/MMBtu to below 0.15 lb/MMBtu over a load range of 40-100%.<sup>9</sup>

### Among significant demonstrations in the U.S.:

- A SNCR system on a 600 MW pulverized coal-fired boiler reduced NO<sub>x</sub> by 30% across the load range while maintaining ammonia slip near 5 ppm. The unit experienced very few operational difficulties.<sup>10</sup>
- SNCR, in conjunction with combustion tempering, is achieving  $NO_x$  reductions of nearly 60% on a 244 MW gas-fueled cyclone boiler.<sup>11</sup>
- SNCR, in conjunction with burner optimizations, reduced  $NO_x$  on coal over 70% on coal fired boilers.<sup>12</sup>
- SNCR provided an 80+% reduction from uncontrolled emissions of 3.5-6.0 lb NO<sub>x</sub> per ton of clinker in a demonstration at a West Coast cement kiln.
- A SNCR system in combination with a modified reburn process is meeting 0.2 lb/MMBtu on a 600 MW boiler firing Powder River Basin coal.

SNCR also has been commercially installed and demonstrated in Asia. For example, an SNCR system installed on a 331 MMBtu/hr pulverized coal-fired industrial boiler in Kaohsuing, Taiwan, in 1992 reduced  $NO_x$  emissions from this front-fired boiler from 300 to 120 ppm.

In addition, SNCR has been commercially installed throughout Europe. Installations include coal-fueled district heating plant boilers, electric utility boilers, municipal waste incinerators, and many package boilers.

In Germany, commercial SNCR systems installed on municipal waste incinerators in Hamm, Herten, and Frankfurt reduce  $NO_x$  emissions 40-75% from baselines of 160-185 ppm. SNCR also has been installed on more than 20 heavy oil-fired Standardkessel package boilers.

In Sweden, a commercial SNCR system on a 275 MMBtu/hr coal-fueled, stoker-fired boiler at the Linkoping P1 district heating plant reduces  $NO_x$  emissions 65% from a baseline of 300-350 ppm. At the Nykoping demonstration on a 135 MMBtu/hr coal-fueled circulating fluidized-bed boiler, SNCR achieves a 70%  $NO_x$  reduction from a 120-130 ppm baseline. Demonstrations of SNCR, in addition to municipal waste incinerators and wood- and coal-fueled district heating plant boilers, included a pulp and paper mill kraft recovery boiler, where a 60% reduction from uncontrolled emissions of 60 ppm was attained.<sup>13</sup>

To meet new environmental demands in Eastern Europe, SNCR systems were installed on five coal-fired industrial boilers in the Czech Republic since 1992.



### Are there applications for which SNCR is particularly suited?

# Yes. Some applications have combinations of temperature, residence time, unit geometry, uncontrolled $NO_x$ level, and operating modes which make them especially well-suited for cost-effective reduction of $NO_x$ by SNCR.

Certain applications are technically well-suited for the use of SNCR. These include combustion sources with furnace exit temperatures in the 1550-1950 °F range and residence times of one second or more, examples of which are many municipal waste combustors, sludge incinerators, CO boilers, and circulating fluidized bed boilers. Furnaces or boilers with high  $NO_x$  levels or which are not suited to combustion controls, e.g., cyclone-type or other wet bottom boilers and stokers and grate-fired systems, also are good candidates for SNCR.

Other applications are well-suited to the use of SNCR for economic reasons. For these applications, controls with reduced capital cost, even at the expense of somewhat higher operating costs, may be the least expensive to operate. Applications meeting these criteria include units with lower capacity factors, such as peaking and cycling boilers, and units requiring limited control, e.g., additional "trim" beyond combustion control or seasonal control.

### How much does SNCR cost?

The capital cost of a selective non-catalytic reduction system is among the lowest of all  $NO_x$  reduction methods. Recent innovations in the control of reagent injection make SNCR operating costs also among the lowest of all  $NO_x$  reduction methods.

SNCR is an operating expense-driven technology, so that the absolute cost of applying SNCR varies directly with the  $NO_x$  reduction requirements.

Typical SNCR capital costs (including installation) for utility applications are \$5-15/kW, vendor scope, which corresponds to a maximum of \$20/kW if balance-of-plant capital requirements are included. For example, the total capital requirement for the commercial installation of SNCR at New England Electric's Salem Harbor Station (three pulverized coal-fired boilers) was \$15/kW.<sup>14</sup> Similarly, total capital requirements for Public Service Electric and Gas' Mercer Station Unit 2 and B.L. England Station Unit 1 were \$10.6/kW and \$15/kW, respectively.<sup>15</sup> Southern California Edison reported an even lower capital requirement of \$3/kW for installing "urea injection" on 20 units totaling 5600 MW<sup>16</sup>.

In the industrial sector, SNCR capital costs have been on the order of \$900/MMBtu/hr (equivalent to \$9/kWe on an electric utility boiler) for CO boilers, industrial power boilers, and waste heat boilers. Waste-to-energy plants and process heaters typically require \$1,500/MMBtu/hr (equivalent to \$15/kWe).

For similar type sources, the installed capital cost per unit of output (e.g., \$/kWe) decreases as the source size increases, i.e., due to economy of scale, total capital outlay increases less than linearly with increasing boiler capacity.

Given such low capital requirements, most of the cost of using SNCR will be operating expense. A typical breakdown of annual costs for utilities will be 25% for capital recovery and 75% for operating expense. For industrial sources, annual costs will be 15-35% for capital recovery and 65-85% for operating expense.



For an operating expense-driven technology, little cost will be incurred if the source is not operating, and cost effectiveness (the cost per ton of  $NO_x$  removed) will be relatively insensitive to capacity factor or duty cycle. This makes SNCR attractive for seasonal control of  $NO_x$  emissions. (For capital-intensive technologies, cost effectiveness becomes worse with decreasing capacity factor.)

Demonstrated cost-effectiveness values for SNCR are low, ranging from \$400 to \$2,000 per ton of  $NO_x$  removed, depending upon site-specific factors. For example, the cost effectiveness of SNCR at New England Electric's Salem Harbor Station unit 2 is \$670/ton.<sup>17</sup> The wide range exists because of differing conditions found across different facilities, even within the same industry. For utility boilers alone, cost effectiveness varies with factors such as uncontrolled  $NO_x$  level, required emission reduction, unit size, capacity factor (or duty cycle), heat rate (or thermal efficiency), degree of retrofit difficulty, and economic life of the unit.

Of primary interest to electric utilities is the cost of pollution controls per unit of electricity generated, expressed on a busbar basis (mills/kWh). For SNCR, the busbar cost varies directly with the amount of  $NO_x$  to be removed. Costs range from less than 1.0 mill/kWh for "trim reduction" on a coal-fired unit or RACT-level reduction on an oil-fired unit, to 3.5 mills/kWh for a 75% reduction on a unit with uncontrolled emissions greater than 1 lb  $NO_x/MMBtu$ . A commercial installation of urea-based SNCR on a New England Electric unit has a busbar cost of 2.7 mills/kWh, and a cost effectiveness of approximately \$1,000/ton. (To convert the busbar costs of SNCR to a cost increment relative to fuel price, 0.5-3.5 mills/kWh is roughly equivalent to \$0.05-0.35/MMBtu.)

Innovations in SNCR control systems and continued system optimization during operation have reduced reagent usage at commercial installations, thus decreasing operating costs further. At one coal-fired utility boiler, a control upgrade, including continuous ammonia and temperature monitors, improved control hardware and software, and additional injector pressure controls, allow over a 50% decrease in reagent use from baseline levels.<sup>18</sup> At a second coal- and oil-fired unit, system optimization after start-up has lowered reagent consumption 35% below predicted levels.<sup>19</sup> Given that the reagent dominates SNCR operating cost, such large reductions in reagent use translate into significant reductions in operating cost.

### What about ammonia slip?

# Ammonia slip, or emissions of ammonia which result from incomplete reaction of the $NO_x$ reducing reagent, typically can be limited to low levels.

Ammonia slip may result in one or more problems, including:

- Formation of ammonium bisulfate or other ammonium salts which can plug or corrode the air heater and other downstream components;
- Ammonia absorption on fly ash, which may make disposal or reuse of the ash difficult;
- Formation of a white ammonium chloride plume above the stack; and
- Detection of an ammonia odor around the plant.



Ammonia slip is controlled by careful injection of reagent into regions of the furnace or other source where proper conditions (temperature, residence time, and  $NO_x$  concentration) for the SNCR reaction exist. If the reagent reacts in a region where the temperature is too low for the  $NO_x$ -reducing reaction to occur in the available residence time, then some unreacted ammonia will be emitted. Further, if reagent is injected in such a way that some regions of the furnace are over treated, the excess reagent can lead to ammonia slip. Thus, it is critical that the SNCR injection system be designed to provide the appropriate reagent distribution.

The difficulty in controlling ammonia slip will vary from application to application. At many commercial installations, particularly in electric utilities, units have operated with ammonia slip levels equal to or less than 5 ppm upstream of the air heater to meet the requirements of owners or permitting authorities. This is a far more stringent criterion than stack emissions. In any case, ammonia concentrations at ground level will be well below thresholds for both odor and toxicity.

Control system upgrades and process optimization after installation can lower slip below guaranteed levels. Thus, at a commercial SNCR system on a coal-fired boiler, improved controls have lowered ammonia slip from 10-15 ppm to below 5 ppm, and have reduced ammonia on the fly-ash by half.

Use of a SCR downstream of a SNCR also optimizes the integration of SNCR to ammonia-sensitive units.

### Does SNCR have other limitations?

# As do all pollution control technologies, SNCR has limitations which must be understood in order to use it properly to optimize the control of $NO_x$ emissions.

**High temperature and critical NO**<sub>x</sub> **concentration.** As temperature increases, the "critical" or equilibrium NO<sub>x</sub> concentration at a given oxygen concentration increases. At high enough temperatures, any reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> to below the critical level by SNCR or other means will be counteracted by the rapid oxidation of nitrogen to re-form NO<sub>x</sub>. For this reason, at sufficiently high temperatures and baseline NO<sub>x</sub> levels below the critical concentration, injection of ammonia or urea into the flue gas will result in increased NO<sub>x</sub> levels. If, however, the baseline NO<sub>x</sub> concentration is above the critical level, NO<sub>x</sub> reduction will result. For typical coal- and oil-fired steam boilers, critical NO<sub>x</sub> levels are 70-90 ppm (ca. 0.1 lb/MMBtu) in the upper furnace.

**High furnace carbon monoxide concentration.** High CO concentrations can shift the temperature window of the SNCR process. When CO concentrations in the region of reagent injection are above 300 ppm, the critical  $NO_x$  level and SNCR reaction rate will increase above what they would have been had little CO been present, as if the temperature were slightly higher. Therefore, in some furnaces with high CO levels, it is preferable to inject reagent at lower temperatures to effect good  $NO_x$  control.

**Carbon monoxide emissions.** In a well-controlled urea-based SNCR system, the carbon contained in the urea is fully oxidized to carbon dioxide. Normally, steps taken to control ammonia slip impose sufficient restrictions on reaction temperature to prevent substantial emissions of CO.

**Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) emissions.** Nitrous oxide is a by-product of the SNCR process, with urea-based systems typically producing more nitrous oxide than ammonia-based systems. At most, about 10% of the NO<sub>x</sub> reduced in urea-based SNCR is converted to nitrous oxide. With proper control, the nitrous oxide production rate may be limited to significantly lower levels. Nitrous oxide contributes to neither ground level ozone nor acid rain formation, and biogenic sources dominate the atmospheric budget of N<sub>2</sub>O.



### What are common misconceptions regarding SNCR?

### Several common misconceptions have slowed the acceptance of SNCR by utilities.

**Misconception:** As boiler size increases, SNCR efficiency decreases. As long as reagent can be distributed, there is no technical limitation to the size of boilers on which SNCR will be effective. This misconception arose in part from the earliest experiences at large utility boilers in California. These boilers were equipped with low  $NO_x$  combustion systems, had high furnace exit gas temperatures, and very rapid cooling of the gases in the boiler convective regions. Low baseline  $NO_x$  levels resulting from these natural gas-fired boilers and rapid cooling led to low  $NO_x$  control efficiencies and high ammonia slips using SNCR. Increased technical knowledge and experience have allowed better delineation of the limitations of the SNCR process, which since then has been used to achieve over 60%  $NO_x$  reductions on some electric utility boilers.

The commercial development of retractable multi-nozzle lances as well as advances in feed-forward controls has extended the applicability of urea-based SNCR technology. These advances enable delivery of reagent across the boiler, as has been demonstrated both in the U.S. and abroad. Recently, three utility units (each with a different type of combustion system) with capacity in excess of 600 MW each have successfully implemented the SNCR technology. The combustion systems for these units include opposed wall-, cell- and turbo-fired technologies.

**Misconception:** SNCR cannot be used on boilers equipped with low NO<sub>x</sub> combustion controls. SNCR has been installed commercially on boilers equipped with low NO<sub>x</sub> burners, overfire air, and flue gas recirculation, and has been shown to operate effectively with all of these technologies.<sup>20</sup>

**Misconception:** Use of SNCR on coal-fired plants results in fly ash which cannot be sold and the disposal of which is expensive. The tendency of fly ash to adsorb ammonia is a function of many factors in addition to the amount of ammonia slip. Ash characteristics such as pH, alkali mineral content, and volatile sulfur and chlorine content help to determine whether or not ammonia will be adsorbed readily by the fly ash. In most applications, properly designed SNCR systems will keep the ammonia slip levels low enough so that the salability of the ash should be unaffected.

### Can SNCR be used in combination with selective catalytic reduction (SCR)?

# Hybrid SNCR-SCR systems have been demonstrated at a number of utility plants, and are being commercially installed to meet post-RACT $NO_x$ limits.

SNCR may be combined with selective catalytic reduction (SCR). While achievable  $NO_x$  reductions using SNCR normally are limited by ammonia slip requirements, in a combined SNCR/SCR system, ammonia slip is generated intentionally as the reagent feed to the SCR catalyst, which provides additional  $NO_x$  removal. The quantity of catalyst required in a hybrid system is reduced from that in an SCR-only application, so that the hybrid system will have lower capital requirements. This hybrid approach has been demonstrated in several full-scale utility applications.

For example, at two gas-fired utility boilers in Southern California, hybrid systems gave emissions reductions of 72-91%.<sup>21</sup> At a wet bottom coal-fired boiler in New Jersey, a hybrid system reduced NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by up to 98%. A utility in Pennsylvania is installing a full-scale SCR/SNCR hybrid system on an 148 MW coal-fired boiler. A SNCR system currently operating at that boiler reduces emissions from 0.78 lb/MMBtu to 0.45 lb/MMBtu. With the installation of in-duct SCR catalyst, the utility expects to further reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions to below 0.35 lb/MMBtu, with less than 2 ppm ammonia slip.<sup>22</sup>



### What developments in SNCR technology are expected?

Efforts are in progress to optimize the combination of SNCR with other technologies for controlling  $NO_x$  and other air pollutants.

**SNCR Combination with Gas Reburn.** Reburning under fuel-rich conditions converts  $NO_x$  to reduced nitrogen-containing compounds.<sup>1</sup> During burnout, which occurs at lower temperatures than normal combustion, a substantial fraction of these compounds are converted to  $N_2$  (with the remainder oxidized back to  $NO_x$ ). Pilot scale demonstrations have shown that conditions in the burnout zone are appropriate for SNCR.<sup>2</sup> Thus, reburn and SNCR may be combined to achieve  $NO_x$  reductions of over 70%, and a full-scale demonstration with the electric utilities is underway. Recently, Fuel Lean Gas Reburn (FLGR) has reached commercial status and in combination with SNCR is known as Amine Enhanced Fuel Lean Gas Reburn (AE-FLGR). The first full-scale, commercial installation of this combined technology is achieving 60%  $NO_x$  control.<sup>23</sup>

**SNCR Combinations for Control of Other Pollutants.** Many sources must control flue gas constituents other than  $NO_x$ , such as  $SO_2$ , chlorides, heavy metals, and dioxins and furans. It has been found that co-injection of a lime slurry with aqueous urea provides effective control of  $SO_2$  and chlorides, in addition to  $NO_x$ .<sup>24</sup> With a reduction in chlorides, there is an associated reduction in dioxin and furan emissions.<sup>25</sup> In-furnace lime injection has also been shown to reduce emissions of heavy metals. Thus, the combination of SNCR and lime injection has the potential for simultaneous control of  $NO_x$ ,  $SO_2$ , HCl, heavy metals, and dioxins and furans.

**SNCR and Wastewater Disposal.** In many cases, the ability to discharge wastewater into local streams, rivers, and sewers is restricted, with no discharge allowed in sensitive locations. As an accessory pollution control program to SNCR using aqueous reagents, wastewater can be disposed of by injection into a furnace or other combustion source with simultaneous control of  $NO_x$ . The dilution or "motive" water needed to inject urea reagent ranges from 100-500% of the reagent flow. For larger sources, such as utility plants where 500-1000 gallons per hour reagent could be used, typical dilution water use is 1000-5000 gallons per hour or 20-85 gallons per minute, thus offering a significant opportunity for maintenance of plant water balance or wastewater minimization.

### How can SNCR be used to best advantage?

The features of being a low hazard, low capital cost, expense-driven technology that requires little space and little unit down-time to implement suggests various appropriate uses to comply with U.S. clean air regulations.

**Beyond-RACT Controls for Ozone Attainment.** States not meeting the ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard after application of RACT controls will require greater  $NO_x$  reductions from sources within their borders. Many states presume that these reductions will be based on the addition of post-combustion controls, including SNCR. In some cases, SNCR could be retrofit to units that already have implemented combustion modifications. Where SNCR has been used to meet RACT limits, the reagent use rate could be increased to meet new, lower limits.

**Seasonal Controls for Ozone Attainment.** In a seasonal approach,  $NO_x$  reductions beyond RACT would be required only during the "ozone season" (May through September) when exceedances normally occur. For example, the states of the northeast Ozone Transport Region have committed to a plan calling for control of



ozone precursors only during the May-September ozone season to help meet regional ozone attainment goals. SNCR is particularly well-suited for seasonal control in that it may provide deep reductions in  $NO_x$  emissions, but incurs little cost when the system is not in use. For urea-based SNCR, the incremental cost of control during the ozone season would be on the order of \$0.30/MMBtu on a unit without low- $NO_x$  burners, expressed as a fuel cost adder relative to the "off" season.

Acid Rain Control. Under the acid rain provisions (Title IV) of the Clean Air Act Amendments,  $NO_x$  limits for Group 2 coal-fired utility boilers, which include cyclones, wet-bottom wall-fired boilers, cell-burner-fired boilers, stoker-fired units, and roof-fired boilers were promulgated in 1996 based upon the capabilities and costs of available control technologies.

SNCR technology has been successfully installed on cell-, pulverized-coal wet bottom-, cyclone-, and stoker-fired units as well as on circulating fluidized bed boilers.

**Overcontrol.** The low capital cost and ease of retrofit of SNCR suggest its use as an add-on to other  $NO_x$  control technologies to provide overcontrol, or control to below permit limits. Overcontrol can be useful where the marginal cost of control on one unit is lower than on other units, and where averaging or trading emissions or emissions reductions is permitted. Trading provisions of the U.S. EPA's  $NO_x$  SIP Call regulation (10/27/98), the Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) instituted by the California South Coast Air Quality Management District, the acid rain  $NO_x$  rule, and proposed rules for generation of emissions reduction credits<sup>3</sup> all authorize strategies based on overcontrol.

In an overcontrol strategy, a second SNCR system may be used to provide insurance: If the overcontrolled unit in the averaged group is forced out of service, the insurance system is available to provide the requisite emissions reductions on a second unit. When the overcontrolled unit is in service, the cost of the insurance SNCR system is limited to a relatively low capital charge.

**BACT/New Source Controls.** SNCR has been utilized to fulfill best achievable control technology (BACT) requirements for new stoker units in Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Virginia, among other states. In North Carolina, a new pulverized coal-fired unit was permitted recently with SNCR to meet a 0.17 lb/MMBtu  $NO_x$  emission limit.



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Company/Location (1),(2)	UNIT TYPE	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOx Baseline (ppm)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
WOOD-FIRED IPP/CO-GEN	<b>P</b> LANTS				
Black & Veatch Grayling, MI	Zurn Stoker	440	Biomass	150	60
Georgia Pacific Brookneal, VA	Wellons 4-Cell	236	Mixed Wood	0.33 (4)	38
Georgia Pacific Mr. Hope, GA	Cell-fired	240	Bark/Dust	144.00	20
I.P. Masonite Towanda, PA	B&W	242.5	Sludge/Wood Waste, Coal	0.404 (4)	48
Ridge Generating Auburndale, FL	Zurn Stoker	550	Wood	0.35 (4)	57
Sierra Pacific Lincoln, CA	Cell-fired	2@130	Biomass	200	46-57
LFC Hillman, MI	Grate-fired	190	Biomass, Tires	170	35
Kenetech Energy Fitchburg, MA	Riley Stoker	225	Wood	210	47
Alternative Energy, Inc. Cadillac, MI	Zurn Stoker	500	Wood	128	50
Alternative Energy, Inc. Livermore Falls, ME	Zurn Stoker	500	Wood	128	50
Alternative Energy, Inc. Ashland, ME	Zurn Stoker	500	Wood	128	50
Ryegate Power Station Ryegate, VT	Riley Stoker	300	Wood	0.2-0.3 (4)	30-50
Zachry Energy Hurt, VA	Riley Stoker	3@390	Wood	0.20 (4)	50
ABB Okeelanta Okeelanta, FL	Grate-fired Stoker	660	Bagasse, Wood, Coal	0.2-0.4 (4)	40-60
ABB Osceola Osceola, FL	Grate-fired Stoker	660	Bagasse, Wood, Coal	110-200	40-60
Black & Veatch Genessee, MI	ABB-CE Stoker	473	Wood	0.47 (4)	60
McMillan Bloedel Clarion, PA	EPI Fluid Bed Combustion	291,000 #/hr steam	Wood Waste, Hog Fuel	100	42

## APPENDIX 1: SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF UREA-BASED SNCR, BY INDUSTRY



Company/Location (1),(2)	UNIT TYPE	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOX BASELINE (PPM)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
UTILITY BOILERS					
American Electric Power - Cardinal Station Unit #1	B&W Universal Press.	5347	Coal	0.57 (4)	30
Carolina Power & Light Asheville #1 - AEFLGR	Riley Front Wall-Fired	2173	Coal	426	50 AEFLGR 25 - SNCR
Cinergy Miami Fort Unit #6 Northbend, Ohio	Tangential Fired C.E.	1490	Coal	0.55 (4)	35
First Energy Unit #3 East Lake, Ohio	T-Fired CE with Division Wall	1470	Emerald or Powhatan Coal	255	20 - 32.5
First Energy Unit #2 Sammis, Ohio	FW Steam Generator	1735	Coal	0.450 (4)	25 - 30
GPU Genco Sweard Station Seward, PA - (Cascade)	Tangential Fired C.E.	1457	Coal	0.78 (4)	55
Korean Electric Power Co. Honam Station, Korea	Front & Rear Wall-Fired	2474	Coal	0.654 (4)	40
Middletown Unit #3 Middletown, CT	Cyclone-Fired	2455	Gas	0.34 (4)	25
NEPCO Unit 1 Salem Harbor, MA	Front-fired	84 MWe	Coal	1.0±0.1 (4)	66 (5)
NEPCO Unit 2 Salem Harbor, MA	Front-fired	84 MWe	Coal	1.0±0.1 (4)	66 (5)
NEPCO Unit 3 Salem Harbor, MA	Front-fired	156 MWe	Coal	1.0±0.1 (4)	66 (5)
WEPCO Valley Power Plt. Milwaukee, WI - (D)	Wall-fired	70 MWe	Coal	725	60
LILCO - (D) Port Jefferson, NY - (D)	T-fired T-fired	185 MWe 108 MWe	Oil #6 Oil	250 0.354 (4)	50 35-60
Atlantic Electric (3 units) Mays Landing, NJ	Cyclone Cyclone T-fired	138 MWe 160 MWe 160 MWe	Coal Coal #6 Oil	1.31 (4) 1.40 (4) 0.31 (4)	31 36 35
PSE&G of New Jersey Mercer Station - (SNCR)	Front Wall-Fired Wet Bottom	2@320 MWe Twin Furnace	Pulverized Coal, Gas	2 (4)	35
PSNH, Schiller - (SNCR)	Wall-Fired	80 MW	oil	0.40 (4)	50.00
PSE&G Hudson Station Unit #2 Jersey City, NJ	Foster Wheeler Opposed Wall	6017 6000	Coal Natural Gas	0.65 (4) 0.35 (4)	2,525.00



Company/Location (1),(2)	Unit Type	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOX BASELINE (PPM)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
PSE&G Mercer Station Furnace #11 & #12 Unit 1 - (AEFLGR)	Front Wall-Fired Wet Bottom	320 MW Twin Furnace	Pulv. Coal	1.4 (4)	60.00
PSE&G Mercer Station Furnace #21 & #22 Unit 2 - (AEFLGR)	Front Wall-Fired Wet Bottom	320 MW Twin Furnace	Pulv. Coal	1.4	60.00
Pennsylvania Electric Co. Comby Station	B&W Divided Furnace	1480	Coal	0.5 (4)	25.00
Wisconsin Electric Power Co. Pleasant Prarie Unit #1 - (AEFLGR)	Riley Turbo	6260 (620 Mwg)	Coal	0.45 (4)	56.00
Eastern Utilities Somerset, MA	Tilting T-Fired Boiler	410-1120	Coal, Oil	0.49-0.89 (4)	28-60
NYSEG Milliken (DOE) Milliken, NY - (D)	CE T-Fired, LNCFS III	150 MWe	Coal, Oil	0.37-0.4 (4)	30
Northeast Utilities Norwalk Harbor Station Norwalk Harbor, CT	CE Twin T-fired	172 MW 182 MW	Oil	< 0.4 (4)	< 0.25 (4)
Penelec Seward #15 Seward, PA	CE T-fired	1457	Coal	0.78 (4)	35
Delmarva Power Wilmington, DE	T-fired	84 MWe	Coal	0.54 (4)	30
TIRE BURNERS					
Oxford Energy Sterling, CT	Grate-fired	2@170	Tires	80	50
Oxford Energy Modesto, CA - (D)	Moving Grate Incinerator	75	Tires	85	40
Chewton Glen Energy	Grate-fired	240.00	Shredded Tires	0.195 (4)	60
PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY					
S. D. Warren Skowhegan, ME	CE Grate-fired	900	Oil, Bark, Biomass	235	50
P. H. Glatfelter Neenah, WICombustor	Sludge	60	Paper Sludge	570	50
Garden State Paper Garfield, NJ	Front-fired Ind. Boiler	72	Paper	355	50



Company/Location (1),(2)	Unit Type	SIZE (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOX BASELINE (PPM)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
Garden State Paper Garfield, NJInd. Boiler	Front-fired	172	Fiber Waste	374	50
Boise Cascade International Falls, MN - (D)	Hydrogate Stoker	395	Bark, Gas	117-136	35
Sodra Skogsagarna Sweden - (D)	Recovery Boiler	900	Black Liquor	60	60
.P. Masonite Гowanda, PA	Towerpak Boiler	204	Wood Waste	0.404 (4)	53
Energy Products of Idaho italy	BFB	70.2	Paper/Landfill Sludge	0.587 (4)	60.5
Westvaco Phase I (Lukemill) Luke, MDCyclone	B&W	550	Coal	1.15 (4)	50
Potlach Bemidji, MN	Wellons 4-Cell Boiler	232	Wood Waste	0.30 (4)	57
lefferson Smurfit Jacksonville, FL	CE Grate-Fired	540	Coal, Bark, Oil	0.55-0.70 (4)	< 0.45 (4)
Minergy Fox Valley Neenah, WI	B&W Cyclone	350	Paper Sludge, Natural Gas	0.8 (4)	62
Refinery Process Units an	ND INDUSTRIAL BOILER	<u>s</u>			
MAPCO Petroleum Memphis, TN	Bottom-fired Process Htr	177	Refinery Gas, NG	75	60
MAPCO Petroleum Memphis, TN	Bottom-fired Process Htr.	50	Refinery Gas, NG	65	50-75
Babcock and Wilcox Bowater, Calhoun, TN	BFB	821	Wood/Sludge	0.35 (4)	62.00
Chambers Medical Waste, Incinerators (2 units) Chambers County, Texas	Simonds Incinerator	221	Medical and Municipal	0.48 (4)	67.80
Corn Products North Carolina	Gasifier	262	Wood	163.00	20.00
Pennzoil Shreveport, LA	CO Boiler/Thermal Oxidizer	-	CO, Refinery Gas	-	-
Pennzoil Shreveport, LA	CO Boiler Thermal Oxidizer	243	Natural Gas & Regen. Gas	0.27 (4)	74.00



COMPANY/LOCATION (1),(2)	UNIT TYPE	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOX BASELINE (PPM)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
Powerine Santa Fe Springs, CA	Package Boiler	31-62	Refinery Fuel Gas	105	60
Powerine Santa Fe Springs, CA	CO Boiler	31-62	Refinery Fuel Gas	105	40
Mobil Oil Paulsboro, NJ	GT - HRSG	630	Refinery Gas	75	50
Mobil Oil Torrance, CA	CO Boiler	614	Refinery Gas	90	65
Shell Oil Martinez, CA	CO Boiler	3@222	Refinery Gas	230	65
Total Petroleum Alma, MI	CO Boiler	197	CO, Refinery Gas	1.2 (4)	67
Mobil Oil/Macchi Yanbu, Saudi Arabia	Package Boiler	3@265	Vac. Tower Bottoms, Propane	0.4 (4)	25.00
ARCO CQC Kiln Los Angeles, CA - (D)	Calciner HRSG	-	Petroleum Coke	25	34
UNOCAL Santa Maria, CA - (D)	Calciner HRSG	-	Petroleum Coke	45	53
UNOCAL Los Angeles, CA - (D)	CO Boiler	400	Refinery Gas	140	68
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY					
North American Chemical Corp. Trona, CA	T-fired	2@75 MWe	Coal	200	40
Formosa Plastics Kaohsiung, Taiwan	Front-fired	331	Coal	500	60
Miles, Inc. Kansas City, MO	Carbon Furnace Afterburner	16	Chemical Waste	150	35
BP Chemicals Green Lake, TX - (D)	AOG Incin. HRSG	34	Waste Gas	330	80+
BP Chemicals (3 units) Green Lake, TX	AOG Incin. HRSG 238 (lb flue gas/hr)	399 399 -	Absorber Off Gas 150	238 238 50	50 50



Company/Location (1),(2)	UNIT TYPE	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOX BASELINE (PPM)	<b>REDUCTION</b> (%) (3)
COAL-FIRED INDUSTRIAL AND	IPP CO-GENERATION	N BOILERS			
Cogentrix Richmond, VA	CE Stoker	8@28 MWe	Coal	350	40
Michigan State Univ. East Lansing, MI	CFB	460	Coal	247	57
Standardkessel	Packaged Firetub	31@ 10-20 MWe	Heavy Oil	700-800 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>	40-50
Strakonice Czech Republic	High Front- Wall Fired, Low Grate Fired	2@36-40	Lignite, Brown Coal	600 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>	50
Tekniskaverken Linkoping P1, Sweden	Stoker	275	Coal	300-350	65
Tekniskaverken Linkoping P3 - (D)	Stoker	-	Wood	200	50
Nykoping, Sweden	CFB	135	Coal	120-130	70
Far East Textiles Hsihpu, Taiwan	Stork Boiler	190	Coal	550 @ 6% O <sub>2</sub>	50.00
Sonoco Huntsville, SC	Foster-Wheeler/ Pyropower CFB	145	Coal	195	67.00
Riley Ultrasystems II Weldon, NC	Riley Front-Fired	505	Pulverized Coal	0.33 (4)	50
General Electric Lynn, MA - (D)	B&W Packaged D-Type	236	#6 Oil, Gas	0.28-0.31 (4)	40-60
FT GmbH	Fire Tube Package Boilers	5@10-20 MWe	Heavy Oil	700-800 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>	40-50
MUNICIPAL WASTE COMBUSTO	DRS				
New Hanover County Wrightsville Beach, NC	Volund MWC	108	MSW	300	60
Hamm Germany	Moving Grate	3@528	MSW	170	41
Herten Germany (shutdown)	Moving Grate	2@242	MSW	185	60
Frankfurt Germany	Moving Grate	4@660	MSW	170	70



Company/Location (1),(2)	UNIT TYPE	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOX BASELINE (PPM)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
SEMASS Rochester, MA	Riley Stoker	375	MSW	220	50
Emmenspitz Zuchwil, Switzerland (D)	Moving Grate	121	MSW	200	68
Emmenspitz Zuchwil, Switzerland (D)	Detroit Stoker	137.5	MSW	110	60
City of Berlin Berlin, Germany (D)	Moving Grate	-	MSW	160	69
City of Berlin Berlin, Germany (D)	Zurn Stoker	167	MSW	275	75
Tekniskaverken Garstad, Sweden (D)	Moving Grate	-	MSW	-	-
American Ref-Fuel - (3 units) Hempstead, Long Island, NY	Deutshe Babcock Grate-Fired	320	MSW 768 tpd	260	35
Baltimore/Resco/WAPC (3 units) Stoker Fired Baltimore, MD	Burning Grate	325	MSW	0.50 (4)	30
CRRA - Units 11 & 12 Hartford, CT	C.E. VU 40	326	RDF	0.52 (4)	40
DB Riley, Central Wayne Dearborn, MI (3 units)	Municipal Waste Combustor	115 138	MSW	0.47 (4) 0.48 (4)	50
Dong Bu (2 units) Kwang Myong, Korea	Municipal Waste Combustor	150 tpd	MSW	0.59 (4)	65
Falls Township Falls Township, PA	B&W Stoker	(2) 325	MSW	330 Max 285 Typ	50 Max 40 Typ
North Andover, Massachusetts	-	351	750 tpd	300	32
Pinellas County/WAPC Combustor	Municipal Waste	200 tpd	MSW	0.53 (4)	65
Regional Waste Systems Maine, Units 1 & 2	Steinmuller	120	MSW	0.40 (4)	33 43 - Design
Seoul Metro Gov't Mok-Dong - Seoul, Korea	Municipal Waste Combustor	62	MSW	100-150	50-67
Westchester County/WAPC (3 units)	Municipal Waste Combustor	325	MSW	0.50 (4)	30
Wheelabrator Millbury, MA	Moving Grate Incinerator	325	MSW	240 dry, 7% O <sub>2</sub>	65



yong Chun yung Chon City, Korea avannah Energy Systems 2 units) avannah, GA merican Ref-Fuel liagara Falls, NY CCRA - Unit 13	Municipal Waste Combustor Municipal Waste Combustor	200 tpd	MSW	0.53 (4)	
2 units) avannah, GA American Ref-Fuel Jiagara Falls, NY CCRA - Unit 13		115			65
Jiagara Falls, NY CCRA - Unit 13		115	MSW	0.71 (4)	50
	Riley Grate	2@414	RDF, MSW	300	50
Iartford, CT	CE VU 40	325	RDF, Coal	0.33-0.52 (4)	35-40
Montenay Resource Recovery Facility Montgomery, PA	Steinmuller MWC	2@260	-	0.385 (4)	50
Robbins Resource Recovery Facility Robbins, IL	Foster-Wheeler CFB	2@309	-	0.39 (4)	48.72
Ewang Myung Lorea	Steinmuller MWC	2@58	MSW	200	65
De Canderas Cremona, Italy	MWC	-	MSW, RDF	250 @11% O <sub>2</sub>	60
avenna, Italy	MWC	45,000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr	MSW	400	62.5
fort Lewis	MWC	60 tons/day	MSW	230 @7% O <sub>2</sub>	65
PROCESS UNITS					
alcan (2 units) Berea, KY	Decoater/ Afterburner	30,000 lb cans/hour	Gas	90-130	50-80+
allis Minerals Dak Creek, WI	Rotary Kiln Incinerator	60	Paper Sludge	0.48 (4)	57
Collins Environmental Deer Park, TX (D)	Hazardous Waste Incinerator	185	Chlorinated Chemical Waste, Soil	60-250	35-50
fort Lewis	MWC	60 tons/day	MSW	230 @7% O <sub>2</sub>	65
ndustrial/Steel Industry					
China Steel Units 7&8 Republic of China (Taiwan)	C.E. VU 40	156.8	Coal	0.568 (4)	42.9
MHIA National Steel Portage, IN - (Cascade)	Direct Fired Furnace	47.9	Natural Gas	0.3 (4)	85



COMPANY/LOCATION (1),(2)	UNIT TYPE	SIZE (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOX BASELINE (PPM)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
NKK - Steel Engineering National Steel Ecorse, MI - (SCR)	Cont. Galv. Line	-	-	-	-
NKK - Steel Engineering National Steel CGL #1 - (SCR)	Radiant Tube Furnace	117	Natural Gas	0.26 (4)	90
Nucor Steel Hickman, AR - (SNCR and SCR)	Preheat Radiant	46.7 14.6	Natural Gas	0.32 (4) 0.46 (4)	75.5 78.9
Nucor Steel Hugor, S.C (SNCR and SCR)	Preheat Radiant	50.8 20	Natural Gas	0.44 (4) 0.31 (4)	82 89
Protec/US Steel, CGL #2 Leipsic, Ohio - (SCR)	Radiant	76.8	Natural Gas	0.253 (4)	90
Selas/BHP Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Cont. Galv. Line	29	Natural Gas	105 (4)	65
WAPC Iron Dynamics Butler, Indiana	Rotary Hearth	435	Natural Gas	0.374 (4)	30
<u>Cement Kilns</u>					
Korean Cement Dong Yang (D) Cement, Korea	New Suspension Calciner	-	Coal	1.27 (4)	45
Taiwan Cement Units #3, #5, #6	Cement Kiln/ Pre-calciner	260 697 658	Coal Coal Coal	1.29 (4) 1.58 (4) 0.92 (4)	50 45 25
Wulfrath Cement Germany - (D)	Cement Kiln	140	Lignite	1000 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> 500	90
Ash Grove Cement Seattle, WA - (D)	Precalciner	160 tons solids/hr	Coal, Gas	350-600 lb/hr	> 80

(1) All units listed are commercial installations, unless otherwise indicated. Commercial includes units in the design and installation phases.

(2) Company/Locations which are not named are requirements of Confidentiality Agreements. (D) Denotes "Demonstration."

(3)  $NO_x$  Reduction values are not necessarily the limit of the technology. These values may be the guaranteed limits.

(4) lb/MMBtu

(5) Actual limit = 0.33 lb/MMBtu

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Company/Location (1),(2)	UNIT TYPE	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOx Baseline (ppm)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
STOKER-FIRED AND PULVE	RIZED COAL-FIRED BOIL	ERS			
KMW Mainz, Germany	Pulverized Coal	2@450	Coal	600	83
STEAG Herne, Germany	Pulverized Coal	4500	Coal	250	55
Showa Denko Oita, Japan	Pulverized Coal	1000	Coke	315	57
Modesto, CA	Stoker Fired	2@204	Tires	N/A	78
Atavista, VA	Stoker Fired	2@380	Wood/Coal	321	50-65
Hopewell, VA	Stoker Fired	2@385	Coal	324	54-66
Buena Vista	Stoker Fired	2@385	Coal	324	54-66
COAL-FIRED BOILERS					
Veba Kraftwerke A.G. Gelssenkirchen, Germany	Cyclone	730	Coal	-	38
Kraftwerke Mainz Wiesbaden/Deutsche Babcock Anlagen AG Germany	Cyclone	2@433	Coal	-	83
Northeast Utilities Merrimack Station Unit 1 Bow, New Hampshire	Cyclone	-	Coal	-	-
Rio Bravo Jasmin Rio Bravo, CA	Circulating Fluid Bed	391	Coal	-	80
Rio Bravo Poso Rio Bravo, CA	Circulating Fluid Bed	391	Coal	-	80
Stockton Cogen Stockton,CA	Circulating Fluid Bed	620	Coal	-	N/A
STOKER-FIRED WOOD-FUE	led Boilers				
Sacramento, CA	Stoker Fired	164	Wood	220	59
Long Beach, CA	Stoker Fired	200	Wood	325	60
Terra Bella, CA	Stoker Fired	158	Wood	100	50

## APPENDIX 2: SELECTED APPLICATIONS OF AMMONIA-BASED SNCR, BY INDUSTRY



Company/Location (1),(2)	Unit Type	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOx BASELINE (PPM)	<b>REDUCTION</b> (%) (3)
Burney, CA	Stoker Fired	2@478	Wood	116	52
Shasta, CA	Stoker Fired	3@903	Wood	75-90	40-52
Susanville, CA	Stoker Fired	500	Wood	130	58
Tracy, CA	Stoker Fired	275	Wood	310	75
Brawley, CA	Stoker Fired	250	Wood	400	60
CIRCULATING FLUIDIZED AN	D BUBBLING BED BOIL	LERS			
Chinese Station, CA	Bubbling Bed	315	Wood	125	80
Fresno, CA	Fluidized Bed	350	Wood	120	76
Mendota, CA	Fluidized Bed	349	Wood	120	80
Woodland, CA	Fluidized Bed	330	Wood	120	76
Rocklin, CA	Fluidized Bed	340	Wood	120	76
El Nido, CA	Bubbling Bed	175	Wood	-	-
Chowilla, CA	Bubbling Bed	152	Wood	-	-
Madera, CA	Bubbling Bed	384	Wood	-	-
Poso, CA	Fluidized Bed	394	Coal	150	80
Jasmine, CA	Fluidized Bed	394	Coal	150	80
Colmac, CA	Fluidized Bed [2 units]	590 total	-	Coal	-
Stockton, CA	Fluidized Bed	620	Coal	-	-
Combustion Power, CA	Fluidized Bed	-	Coal, Coke	-	-
Municipal Solid Waste In	NCINERATORS				
Commerce	-	300 (3)	-	200	60
Long Beach, CA	-	3@470(3)	-	200	70
Stanislaus County	-	2@400(3)	-	200	67
Unit "M"	-	750 (3)	-	320	65
Minneapolis	-	2@600(3)	-	240	60



COMPANY/LOCATION (1),(2)	UNIT TYPE	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOX BASELINE (PPM)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
Spokane	-	2@400(3)	-	300	45
Munich, Germany	-	930 (3)	-	190	70
Huntington, Long Island	-	3@480(3)	-	350	60
Essex County	-	3@770 (3)	-	190	60
Bremerhaven, Germany	-	-	-	-	-
Union County	-	3@480(3)	-	350	70
VAPOR, SLUDGE, AND HAZAR	DOUS WASTE INCINE	RATORS			
Carson, CA	-	2@204	Sludge	350	65
Deepwater, NJ	-	2@103	Sludge	265	77
Gaviota, CA	-	20	Vapor	112	70
Gladstone, Australia	-	57	Vapor	2000	91
Germany	-	Vapor	-	-	-
Gas- and Oil-Fired Indust	rial Boilers				
TSK Kawasaki, Japan	-	215	Oil/Gas	-	55
TSK Kawasaki, Japan	-	1135	Oil/Gas	-	57
TSK Kawasaki, Japan	-	1135	Oil/Gas	-	55
Mitsui Petrochemical Japan	-	340	Oil	-	53
Tonen Kawasaki, Japan	-	400	CO/Gas	-	50
Chanselor-Western Oil Santa Fe Springs, CA	-	50	Crude	-	65
Champlin Petroleum Wilmington, CA	-	-	Oil/Gas	-	65
Mohawk Petroleum Bakersfield, CA	-	[2 units]	Oil/Gas	-	60-70



Company/Location (1),(2)	Unit Type	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOx Baseline (ppm)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
Oxnard Refinery Oxnard, CA	-	18.5	Crude	-	30
Santa Fe Energy Santa Fe Springs, CA	-	3@150	Crude	-	-
Getty Oil California	-	-	Crude	-	-
TSK Kawasaki, Japan	-	574	Oil/Gas	-	65
Golden West Refinery Santa Fe Springs, CA	-	60	СО	-	75
GLASS MELTING FURNACES					
PPG Industries Fresno, CA	-	150	Gas	-	60
LOF Glass Lathrop, C	-	200	Gas/Oil	-	51A
AGF Industries Los Angeles, CA	-	125	Gas	-	61
Sierra Envr. & GAF Irwindale, CA	-	29	Gas	-	70
SHOTT Germany	-	-	-	-	-
OIL- AND GAS-FIRED HEATERS					
Tonen Kawaski, Japan	-	515 and 190	Gas	-	63
Kyokuto Petroleum Chiba, Japan	-	2@250	Oil/Gas	-	51 to 53
Champlin Petroleum Wilmington, CA	-	627 total [13 units]	Oil/Gas	-	50 to 60
Mohawk Petroleum Bakersfield, CA	-	349 total [4 units]	Oil/Gas	-	60 to 70
Fletcher Oil and Refining Wilmington, CA	-	47 total [2 units]	Gas	-	45 to 65



Company/Location (1),(2)	Unit Type	Size (MMBtu/hr)	FUEL	NOx Baseline (ppm)	REDUCTION (%) (3)
Independent Valley Energy Bakersfield, CA	-	165 total [4 units]	Gas	-	65 to 75
Chevron Research San Francisco, CA	-	315	Gas	-	69
Monsanto Carson, CA	-	23	Oil	-	43
PPG Industries Fresno, CA	Glass Furnace	150	Gas	-	60
LOF Glass Stockton, CA	Glass Furnace	200	Gas/Oil	-	51
Mendota Biomass Mendota, CA	Circ. Fluid Bed	349	Wood	-	72
Rocklin Circ. Rocklin, CA	Fluid Bed	340	Wood	-	76
Sierra Envr. and GAF Irwindale, CA	Glass Furnace	29	Gas	-	70
SHOTT Germany	Glass Furnace	-	Gas	-	-

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(2) NOx Reduction values are the guarantees

(3) Tons/day

