

# Boiler MACT Compliance Overview

# Pathways to Compliance

## The Mandate

Existing boilers must be in compliance with 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DDDDD (Boiler MACT) by January 31, 2016.

- Control
- Repower
- Retire



Regulated Pollutants

# REQUIREMENTS

# Regulated Pollutants

- Particulates
- Mercury
- Acid Gases (HCl)
- Organic HAPs (CO)
- Sulfur Dioxide\*

\* Sulfur dioxide control is not part of Boiler MACT

Air quality control

# CONTROL

# Emission Limits

		Heat Input Basis		Alt. Steam Output Basis				
Subcategory	Pollutant	Limit	Units	Limit	Units		Limit	Units
Coal/Solid Fuel	Hg	5.7E-06	lb/MMBtu	6.4E-06	lb/MMBtu			
Coal/Solid Fuel	HCl	2.2E-02	lb/MMBtu	2.5E-02	lb/MMBtu			
Coal/Solid Fuel	Filterable PM (or TSM)	4.0E-02 (or 5.3E-05)	lb/MMBtu	4.2E-02 (or 5.6E-05)	lb/MMBtu	<b>OR</b>	4.9E-01 ( or 6.5E-04)	lb/MWh
Pulverized Coal	CO (or CEMS)	130 (or 320)	ppmvd @ 3% O <sub>2</sub>	0.11	lb/MMBtu	<b>OR</b>	1.4	lb/MWh
Stoker Coal	CO (or CEMS)	160 (or 340)	ppmvd @ 3% O <sub>2</sub>	0.14	lb/MMBtu	<b>OR</b>	1.7	lb/MWh
FB Coal	CO (or CEMS)	130 (or 230)	ppmvd @ 3% O <sub>2</sub>	0.12	lb/MMBtu	<b>OR</b>	1.4	lb/MWh
FBHE Coal	CO (or CEMS)	140 (or 150)	ppmvd @ 3% O <sub>2</sub>	1.3E-01	lb/MMBtu	<b>OR</b>	1.5	lb/MWh

**Notes:**

- 1) Emission limits must be met at all times excluding startups and shutdowns.
- 2) CO limits are based on a 3-run average of 1 hour samples.
- 3) CEMS limits for CO are based on a 30 day rolling average.

# Filtered PM (or TSM) Control

- Most common methods include fabric filters (bag houses), wet or dry ESPs, and wet scrubbers.
- Fabric Filters are the best choice for filterable PM.
- Wet Scrubbers or wet ESPs are preferred for condensable PM.



# Fabric Filters

- Very high control efficiencies: 98-99%
- Limited operating temperature ranges, typically less than 400 F.
- Utilize high efficiency PTFE membranes for maximum performance.
- Sized to accommodate loading from upstream equipment (PAC and DSI systems).





# Typical Fabric Filter

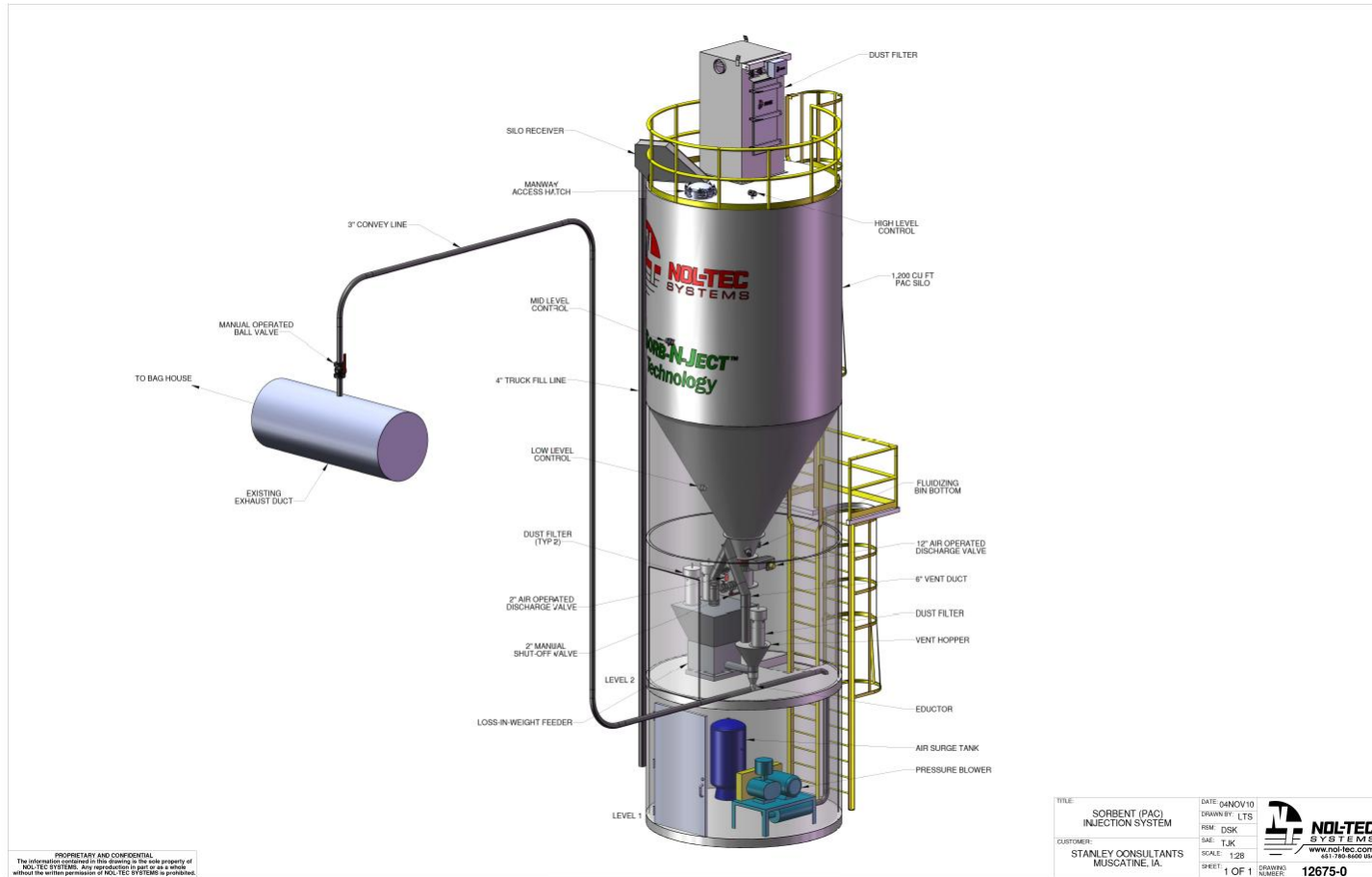


# Mercury Control

- Most common method is Powder Activated Carbon (PAC) aka Activated Carbon Injection (ACI).
- Effective for Hg, Dioxins/Furans, and VOC.
- Installed upstream of a baghouse or dry ESP.
- Silo or bulk bag system.
- Typically 90-95% Hg removal.



# Typical PAC System



# Acid Gases (HCl) Control

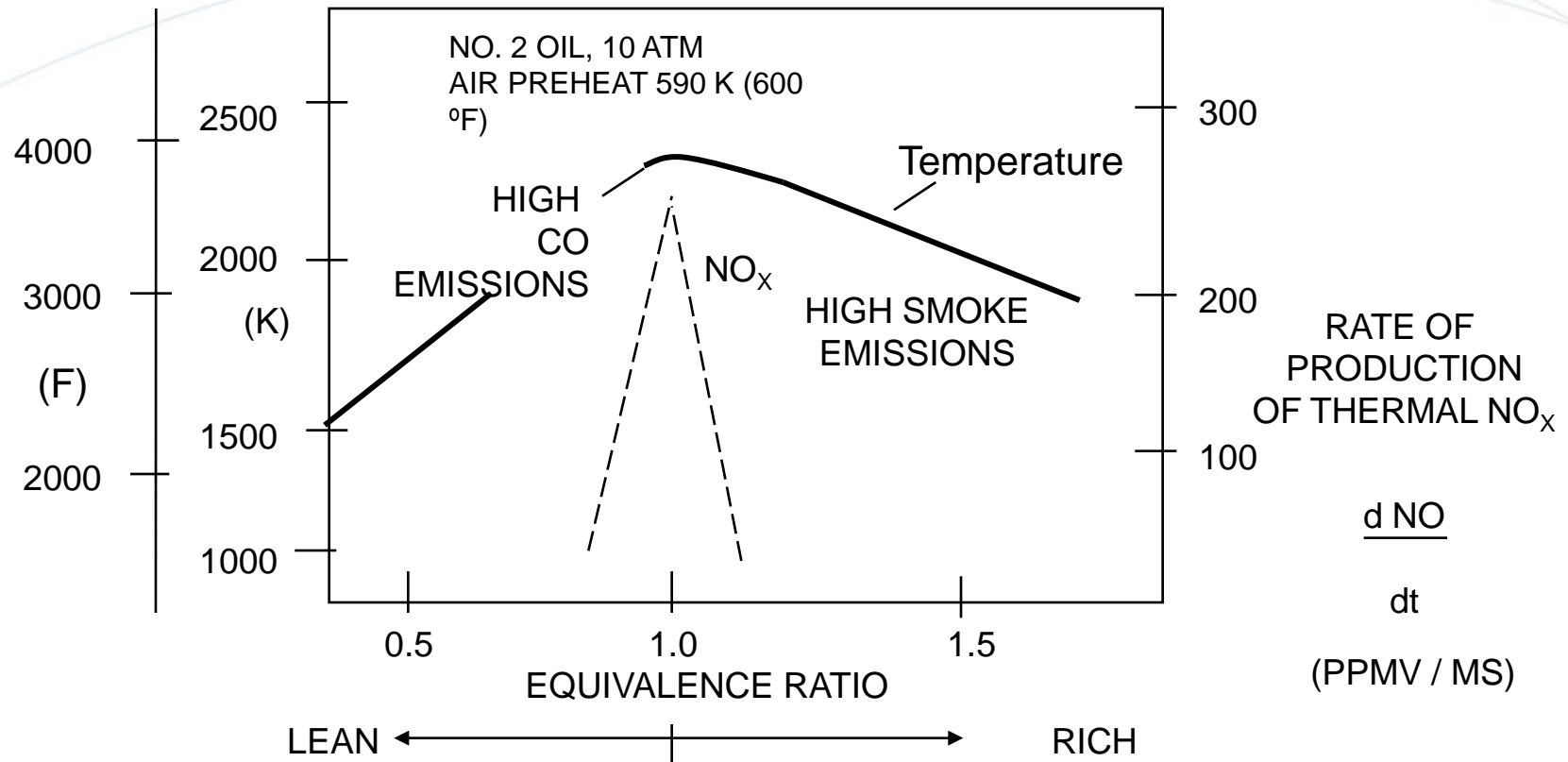
- Most common method is Dry Sorbent Injection with one of the following:
  - Hydrated Lime (calcium hydroxide):  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$
  - Baking Soda (sodium bicarbonate):  $\text{NaHCO}_3$
  - Trona (sodium sesquicarbonate):  
 $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot \text{NaHCO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Also provides  $\text{SO}_2$  and (minimal)  $\text{NO}_x$  control.
- Installed upstream of a baghouse or dry ESP.
- Silo or bulk bag system.
- Typically 80-90% HCl removal.







# NO<sub>x</sub> Production Rate versus Equivalence Ratio



# Carbon Monoxide Control

- Most boilers will be able to meet the CO limits with proper Operation and Maintenance.
  - Good combustion practices.
    - Proper temp, air/fuel ratios, and residence time.
  - Burner maintenance.
  - Oxygen control packages.
- Post combustion control technologies include:
  - Catalytic oxidation systems.
  - Thermal oxidation.

# Work Practice Standards

- Units shall conduct a boiler tune-up annually as specified in 63.7540 as a work practice for dioxins/furans.
- Must have a one-time energy assessment performed by a qualified energy assessor per the requirements in 63.7575.
- Adhere to startup and shutdown requirements in Table 3 to Subpart DDDDD.





Unit Repowering

# REPOWER

# Repowering Options

- Consider fuel switching (e.g., biomass)
- Consider boiler/burner conversions to NG.
- Consider cogeneration utilizing Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSGs).



Unit Retiring versus New Replacement.

# RETIRE

# Retirement of Assets

- Replace steam needs through alternate means:
  - NG package boilers
  - HRSGs
  - Purchase from co-located utility
- If feasible, eliminate steam entirely and convert plant HVAC to direct-fired NG.



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