

### An Update on the FMC NOx Abatement Technology Using Hydrogen Peroxide

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#### Agenda

- Introduction
- Hydrogen Peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)
- Status of technology
- Full scale demonstration equipment
  Path Forward



#### Introduction

 Regulatory requirements are creating a need for coal fired boilers to further reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions

- A technology void exists for units seeking NO<sub>x</sub> reductions of 40-80% with minimal capital investment
- FMC is developing a cost effective NO<sub>x</sub> control technology that also reduces Hg

# **NO<sub>X</sub> Control Technologies**



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## **FMC NO<sub>x</sub> Technology**

- NASA Kennedy Space Center (KSC) developed an air pollution control technology with University of Central Florida
- FMC Corporation is the exclusive licensee for US Patent # 6,676,912
- Use of hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) to oxidize NO and Hg° to forms for capture in downstream equipment



## Hydrogen Peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)

- Strong, environmentally friendly oxidizing agent
- Major end uses: pulp & paper, chemicals, food, hair treatment, antiseptic, and electronics

Product provided in various grades and concentrations



## Hydrogen Peroxide Chemistry

(1) Decomposition Reaction

 $H_2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O + \frac{1}{2}O_2 \uparrow$ 

(2) Catalytic activation  $H_2O_2 \rightarrow 2 OH^{\circ} \text{ or } H_2O_2 \rightarrow OOH^{\circ} + H$ 

(3) Simplified radical reactions with NOx in the flue gas

 $NO + OOH \rightarrow NO_2 + OH \rightarrow$ 

 $NO_2 + OH^- \rightarrow HNO_3$ 

 $NO + OH' \rightarrow HNO_2$ 



#### Nitrogen Species Capture Options

- Wet lime/limestone/sodium scrubbers
- Circulated Fluidized Bed (CFB) scrubbers
- Spray dryer absorbers (SDA)
- Other dry/semi-dry scrubbers

Dry injection (lime/trona) with ESP or FF



## Summary of Results

- Oxidation of NO up to 80% has been achieved in laboratory, pilot, and full scale demonstrations
- Key to technology is capture of nitrogen species in downstream FGD equipment
- Further evaluation in on-going

# FMC NOx Capture Program

- URS project focused on NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>3</sub> and Hg<sup>+2</sup> capture (wet chemistry)
- EERC project focused on NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>3</sub> and Hg<sup>+2</sup> capture (dry chemistry)
- Working to identify additional trial sites, particularly to demonstrate dry and semi-dry capture



## **FMC Trial Scope**

- Peroxide storage tank & containment
- Chemical delivery system
  - Pumps
  - Valves
  - Controllers
  - Interconnecting piping
- Spray lances and nozzles
- Contracted testing services



#### **Storage Tank**





#### **Injection Skid and Control**





#### **Spray Lances**





#### **Injection Ports**





#### Summary

- Significant progress has been made towards commercialization of the technology
- Final technical hurdle is NOx capture. Getting results from R+D programs with final results expected by end of Q2 2011
- Optimistic that technology can fill the void for units seeking 40-80% NO<sub>x</sub> reduction with minimal capital investment



## Applications

- Stand alone system
- In conjunction with
  - Low NOx burners (LNB)
  - SNCR
  - Over-fired air systems
  - SCR
    - FMC has a patent application on destruction of NH3 using hydrogen peroxide



## Thank you !

### **Questions** ?

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