



# PETRO-CANADA OIL AND GAS

## FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM & Field Heater Audit Program



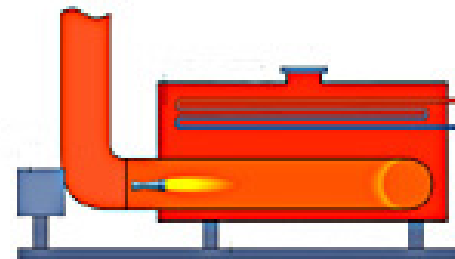
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# Overview: Top 5 Priorities, ER & EE



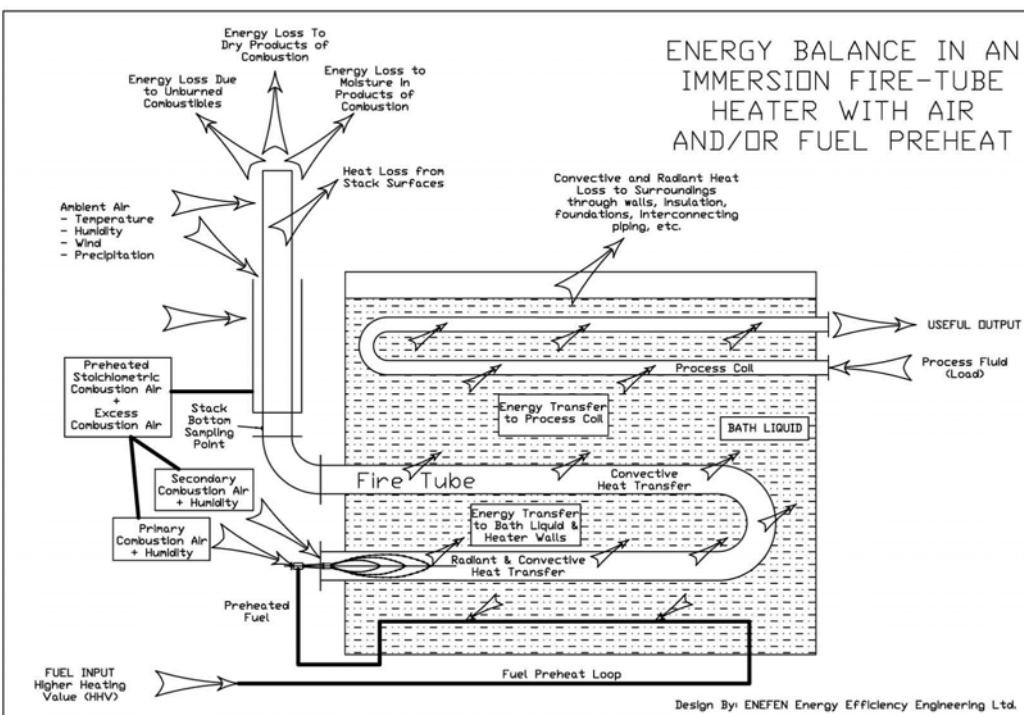
**PTAC - TERE Study 2004-2005: Top 5 Priorities for ER and EE**

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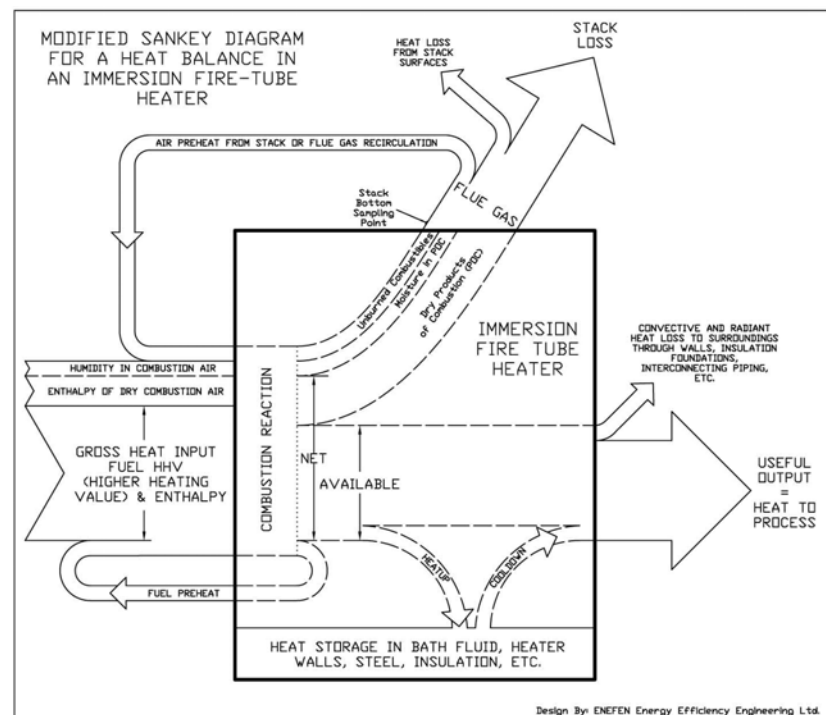
**– Technology for Emission Reduction and Eco-Efficiency**

- 1. Venting of Methane Emissions**
- 2. Fuel Consumption in Reciprocating Engines**
- 3. Fuel Consumption in Fired Heaters***
- 4. Flaring and Incineration**
- 5. Fugitive Emissions**

# FIRE-TUBE HEATER DESCRIPTION – SCHEMATIC AND SANKEY DIAGRAM (ENERGY STREAMS)



**FIGURE 1:** Schematic Energy balance in a typical fire-tube immersion heater (illustration is that of a lineheater).



**FIGURE 2:** Modified Sankey Diagram for Heat Balance of a Fire-tube Immersion Heater



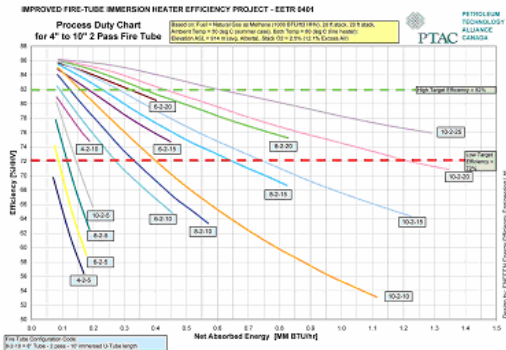
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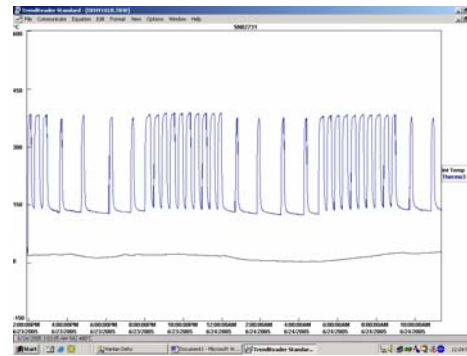
- Overview – Top 5 Priorities (PTAC – TEREЕ)
- PTAC – TEREЕ : the Origin of the “Fire-tube Heater Study”
- Combustion Efficiency. – Excess Air
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- Burner Duty Cycle
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- Heater Tune-up – Inspection Procedure
- Insulation
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- **Field Audit Program (NRCAN Energy Audit Incentive Program)**
- Conclusion, Q&A



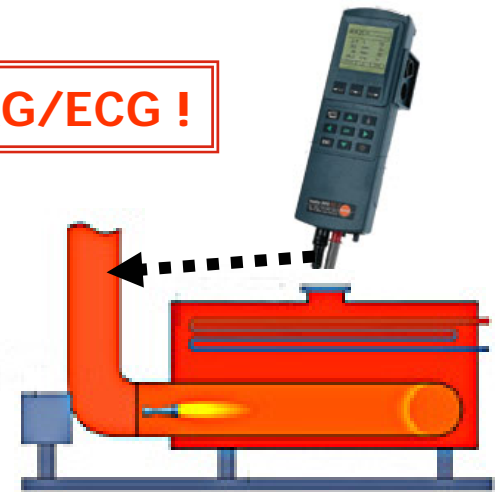
## - Fire-tube Design



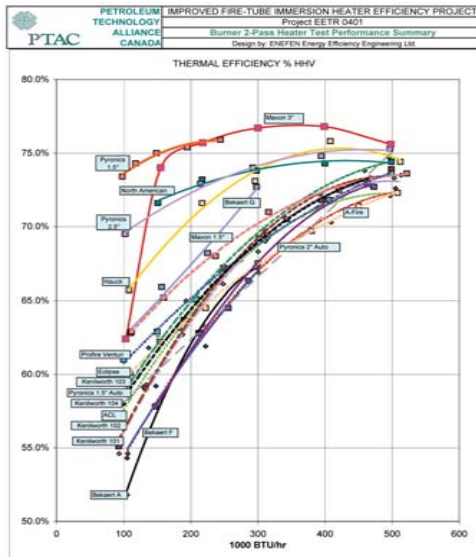
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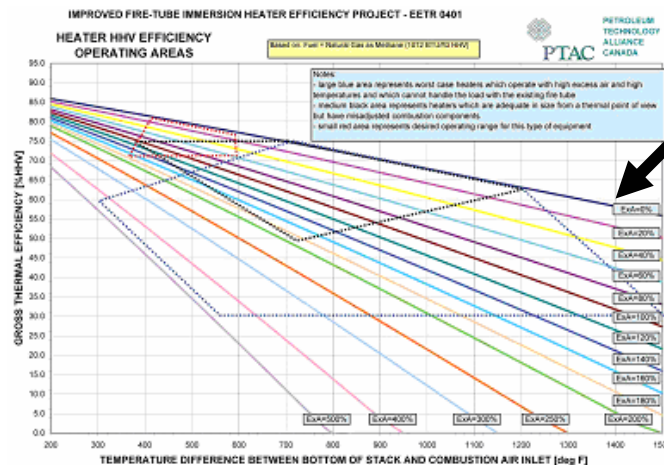
## EKG/ECG !



## Burner Selection



# FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER DESIGN & OPERATION



## Combustion Analysis

– 3 T's plus Excess 02

# Time – Temperature - Turbulence

**+ Excess O2: approx. 3%**

***Time at Temperature***

**“NEW” addition of the 4<sup>th</sup> T  
– Training!**





# PTAC Fire-tube Heater Study

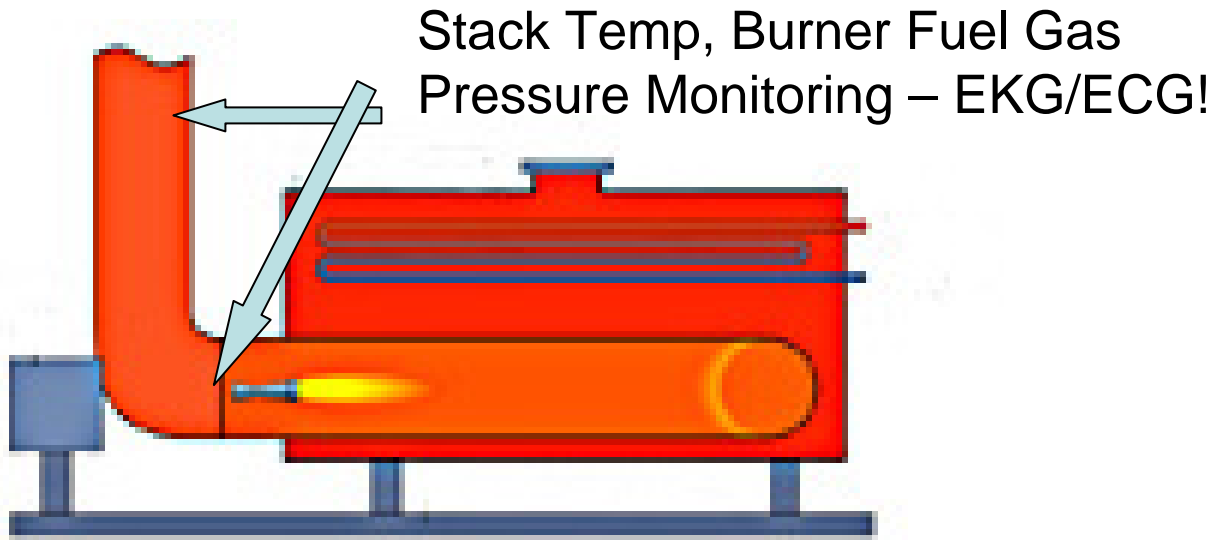
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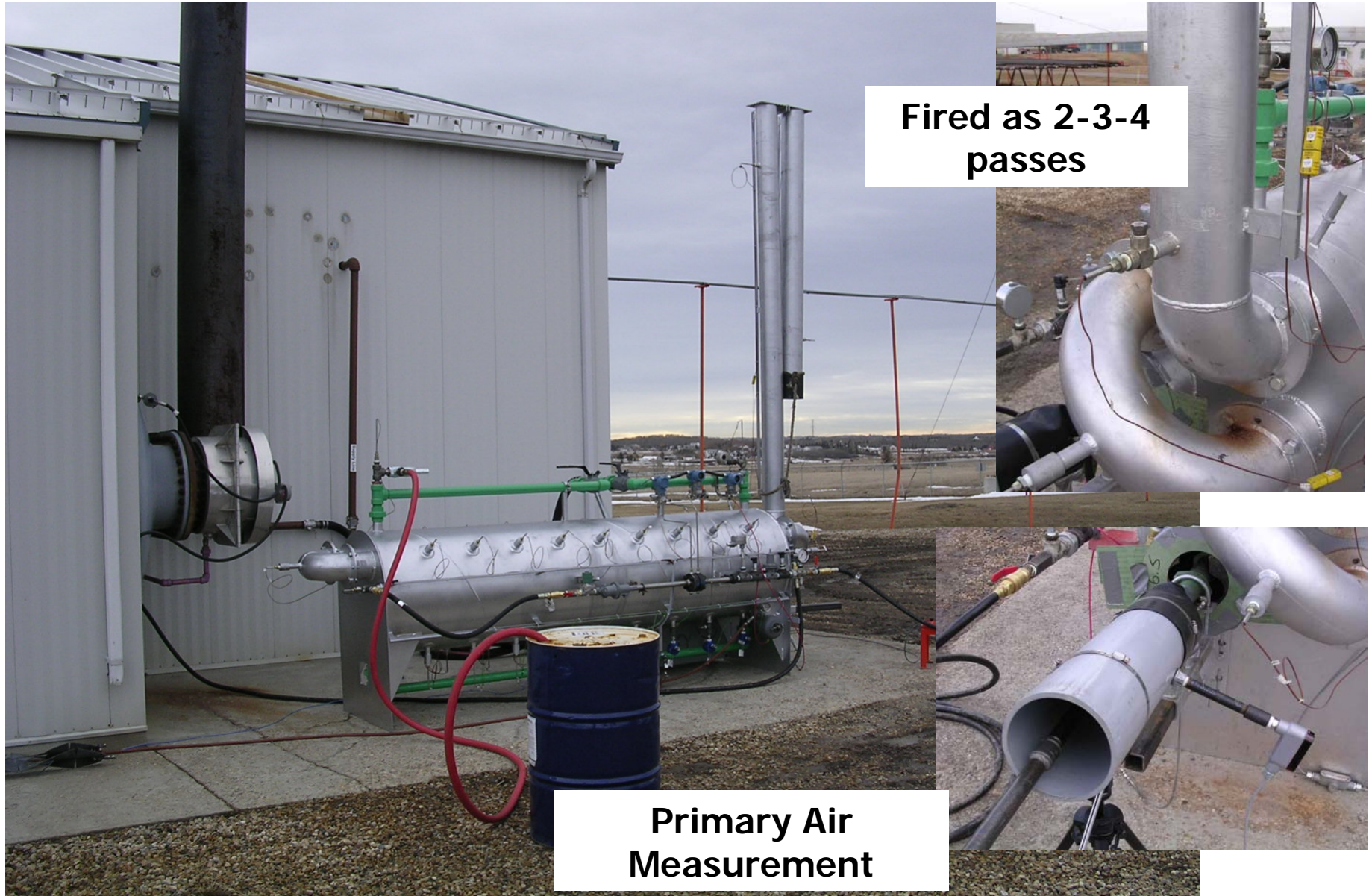


- The study built a heater, fired it with several different burners!





# PTAC Lineheater Study



# Burner Vendors Participating

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- A-Fire
- ACL
- Bekaert (MCI) (3)  
7 combinations
- Eclipse
- Hauck
- Kenilworth (4)
- Maxon (3)
- North American
- Pro-Fire (2)
- Pyronics (4)



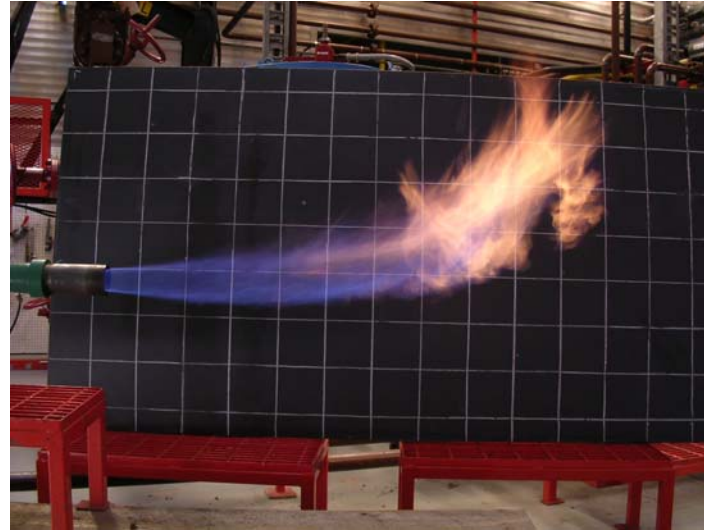
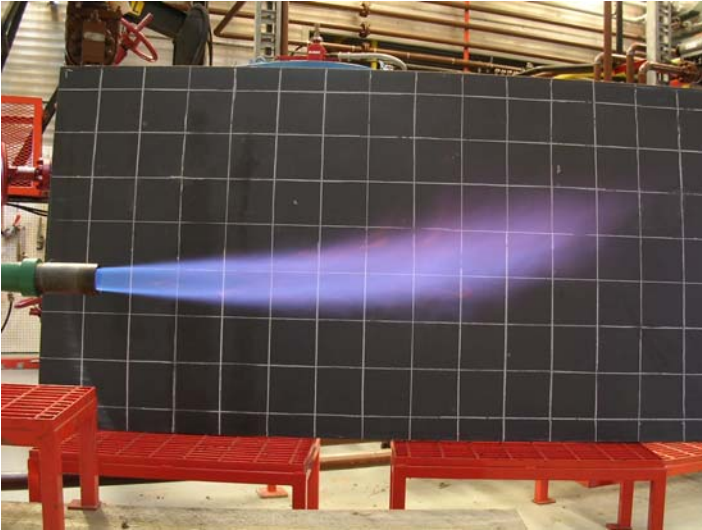
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10 burner vendors = 25 burners tested

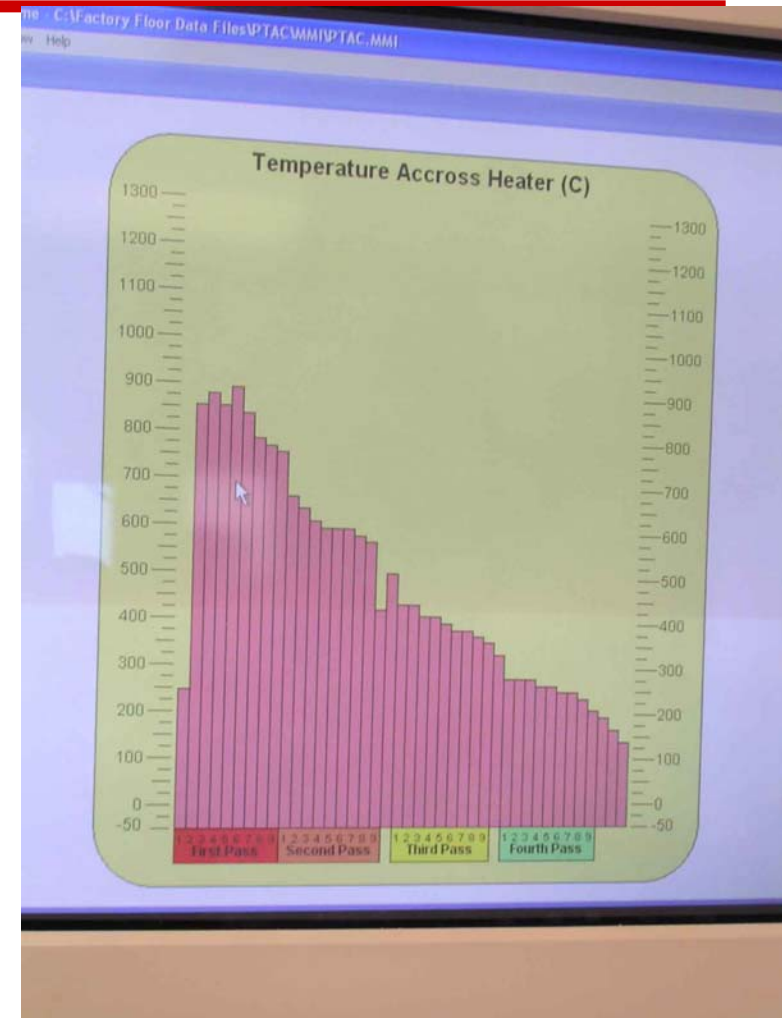


# TESTS – OPEN FLAME TESTS

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# HEATER TEST STAND - INSTRUMENTATION



DCS control and data recording

# Heat Transfer

## PTAC Test – Glycol, 2-3-4 passes

### - Fire-tube Design

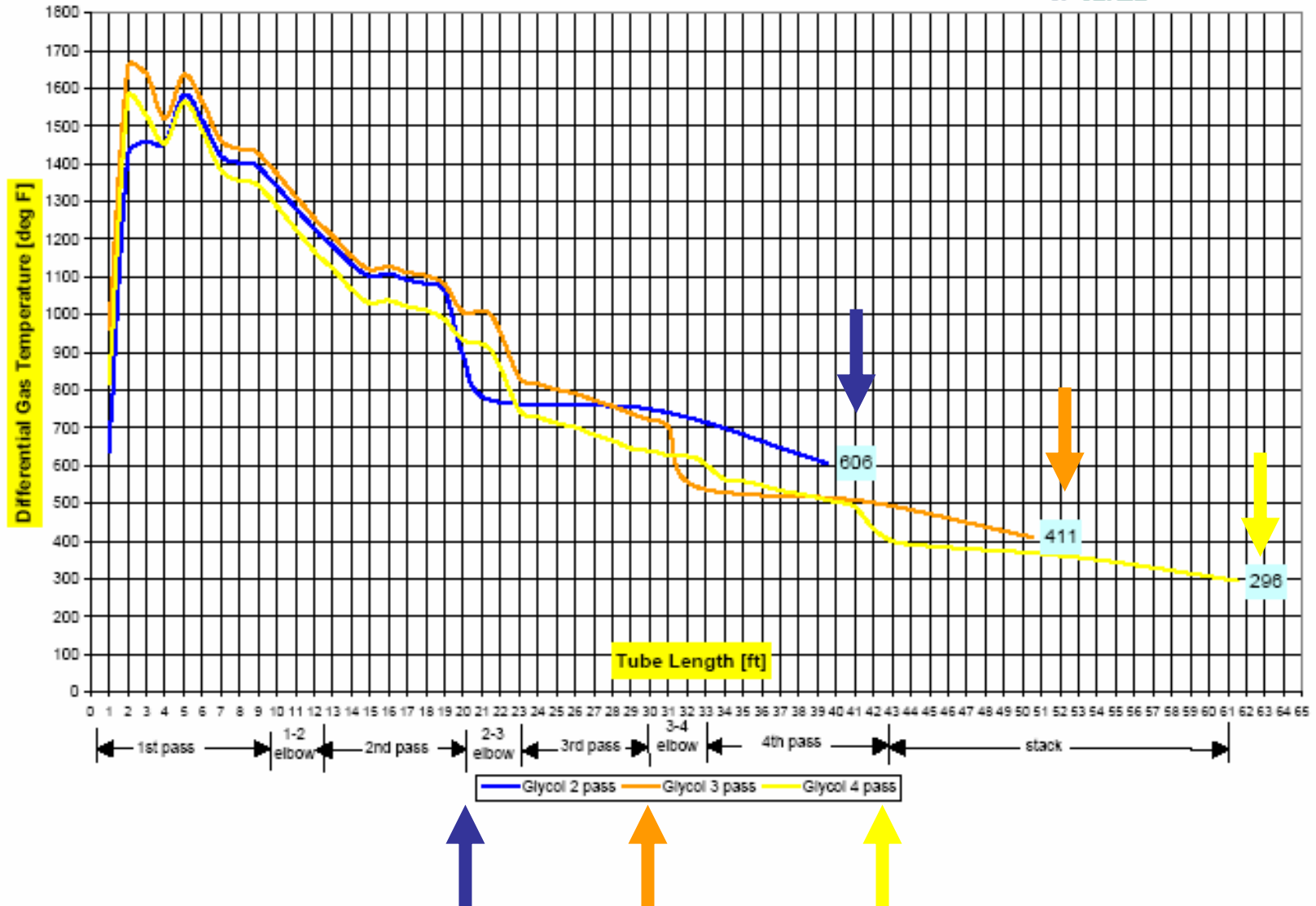
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Tube Temperature Profiles with Water - Gas Side - Hauck Burner at 500,000 BTU/hr HHV fuel input







# Combustion Efficiency – Excess Air

## The GOOD, the BAD & the UGLY!



IMPROVED FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT - CETR 9401

### HEATER HHV EFFICIENCY OPERATING AREAS

Based on Fuel = Natural Gas as Medium (1012 BTU/D101HHV)

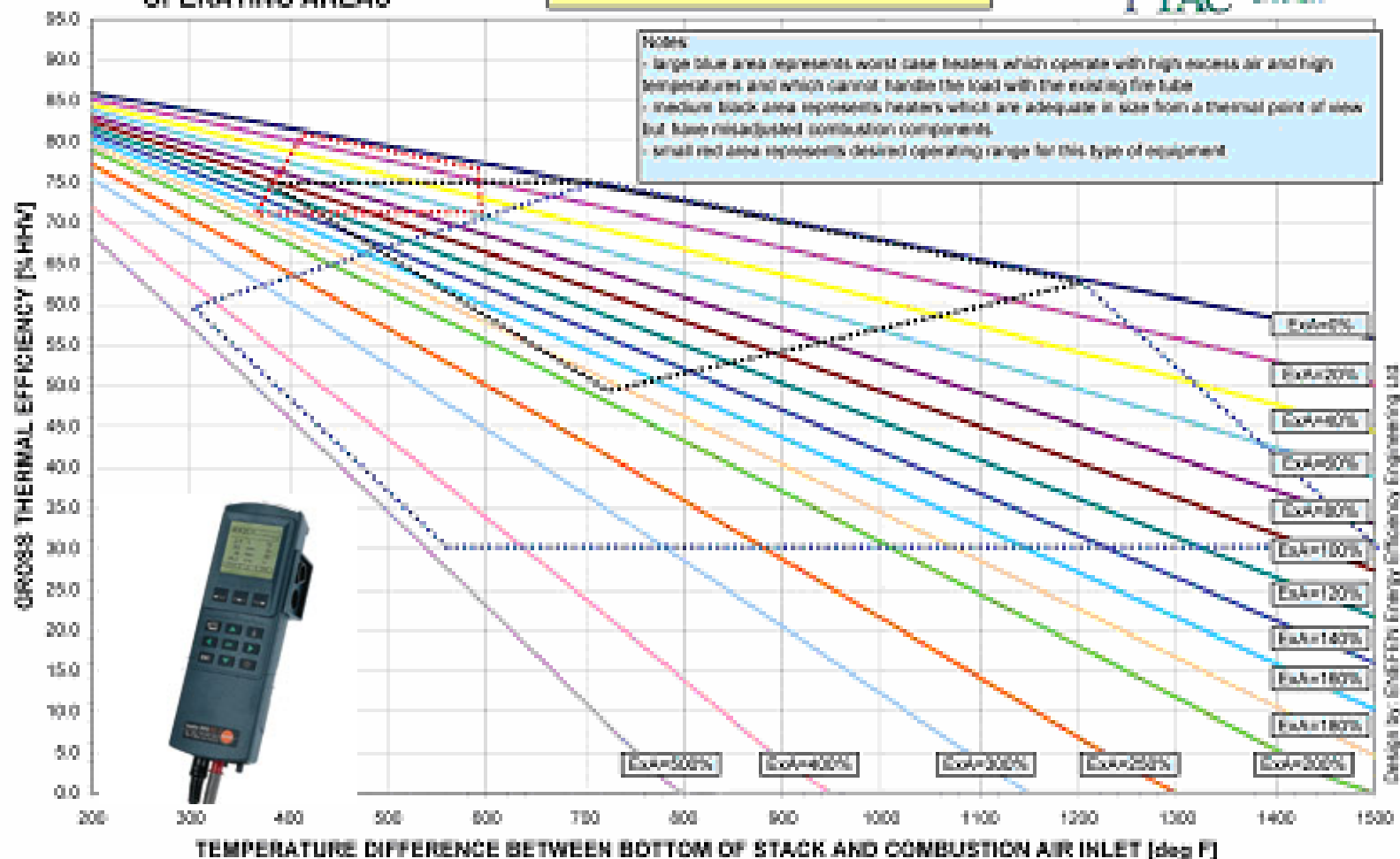


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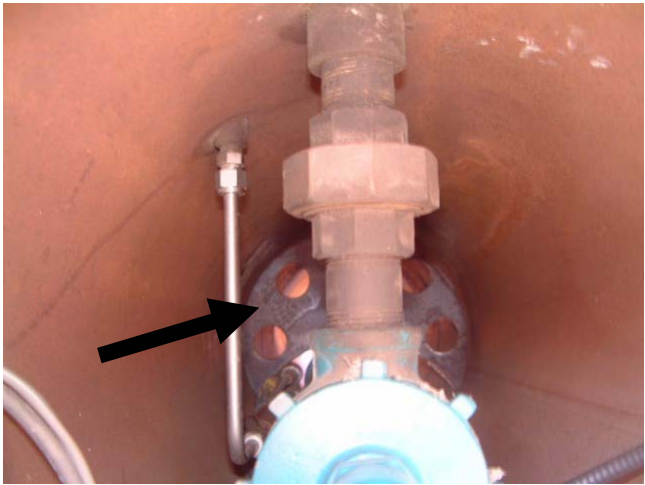
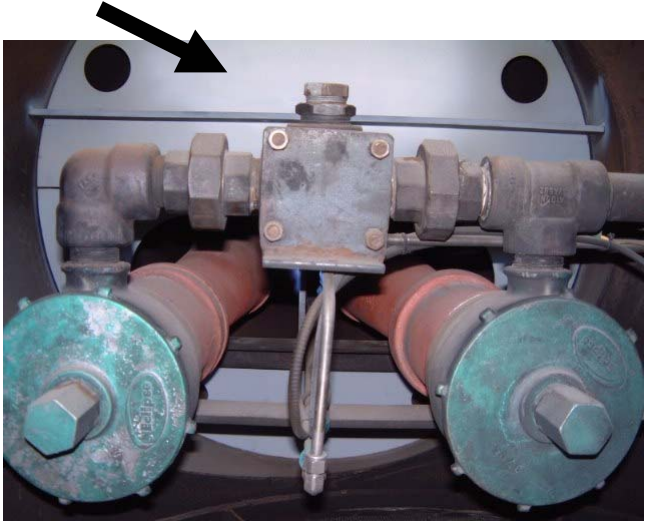
#### NOTES

- large blue area represents worst case heaters which operate with high excess air and high temperatures and which cannot handle the load with the existing fire tube
- medium black area represents heaters which are adequate in size from a thermal point of view but have misadjusted combustion components
- small red area represents desired operating range for this type of equipment



Design by: Shell Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd

# Combustion Air Control



Excess air baffles!



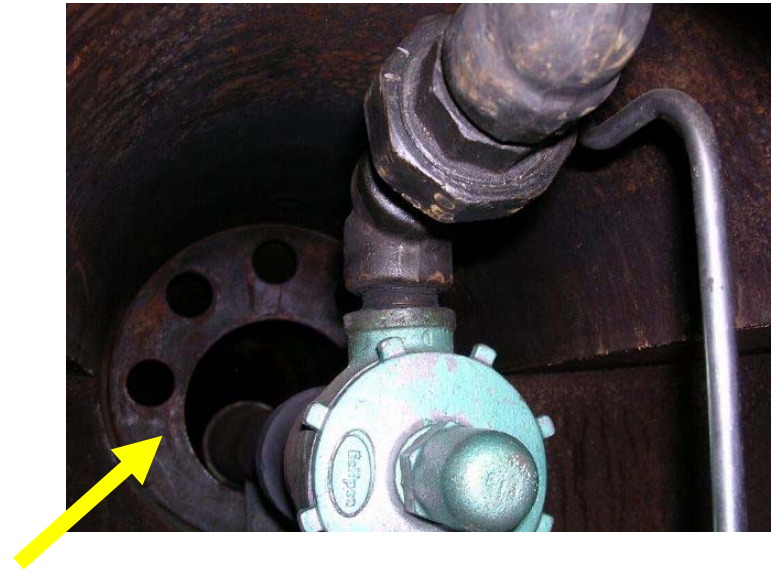
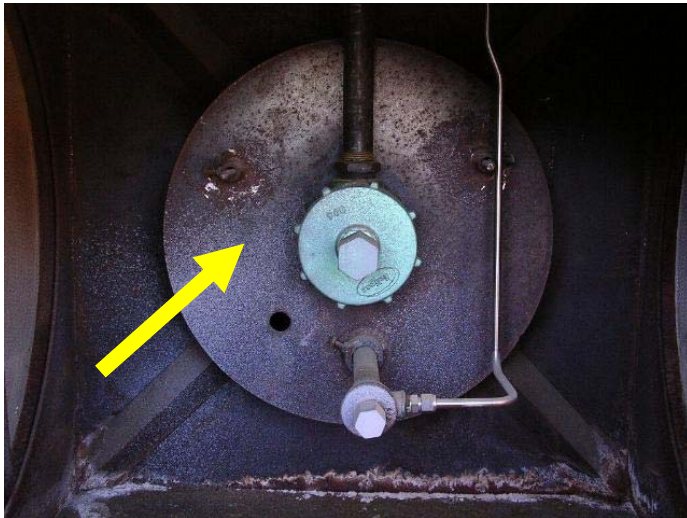
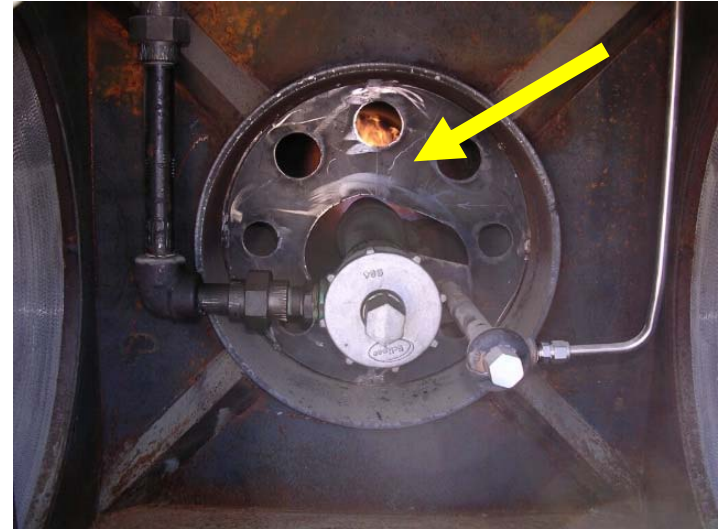
As found: fouled flame cell!

Excess air 0.0%

Stack CO >110,000 ppm !

**Flame cells are not filters!**

# Excess Air/O<sub>2</sub> Control







Improved Design

A close-up photograph of a mechanical assembly. A white circular cap is at the top. Below it, a red circular component with multiple rectangular slots is visible. A blue cable and a red cable are connected to a central metal part. The entire assembly is mounted on a brown, textured surface.



Boundary Lake Salt Bath

A close-up photograph of a mechanical assembly. A central metal shaft with a rounded end is surrounded by a circular metal plate with several rectangular slots. The assembly is mounted on a brown, textured surface.



Preliminary Design

A close-up photograph of a mechanical assembly. A red cylindrical component is mounted on a red circular base with several rectangular slots. A red cable is connected to the side of the cylinder. The assembly is mounted on a brown, textured surface.



WCH 5-13 "Long and Skinny"

A photograph of a large, cylindrical mechanical component, likely a wellhead or valve, with a green-painted flange. The component is mounted on a metal frame. In the background, two workers in blue uniforms and hard hats are visible, one standing and one kneeling. The scene is outdoors under a clear sky.

# COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY

## - IMPACTED BY FIRE-TUBE SELECTION (SENSIBLE HEAT RECOVERY!)

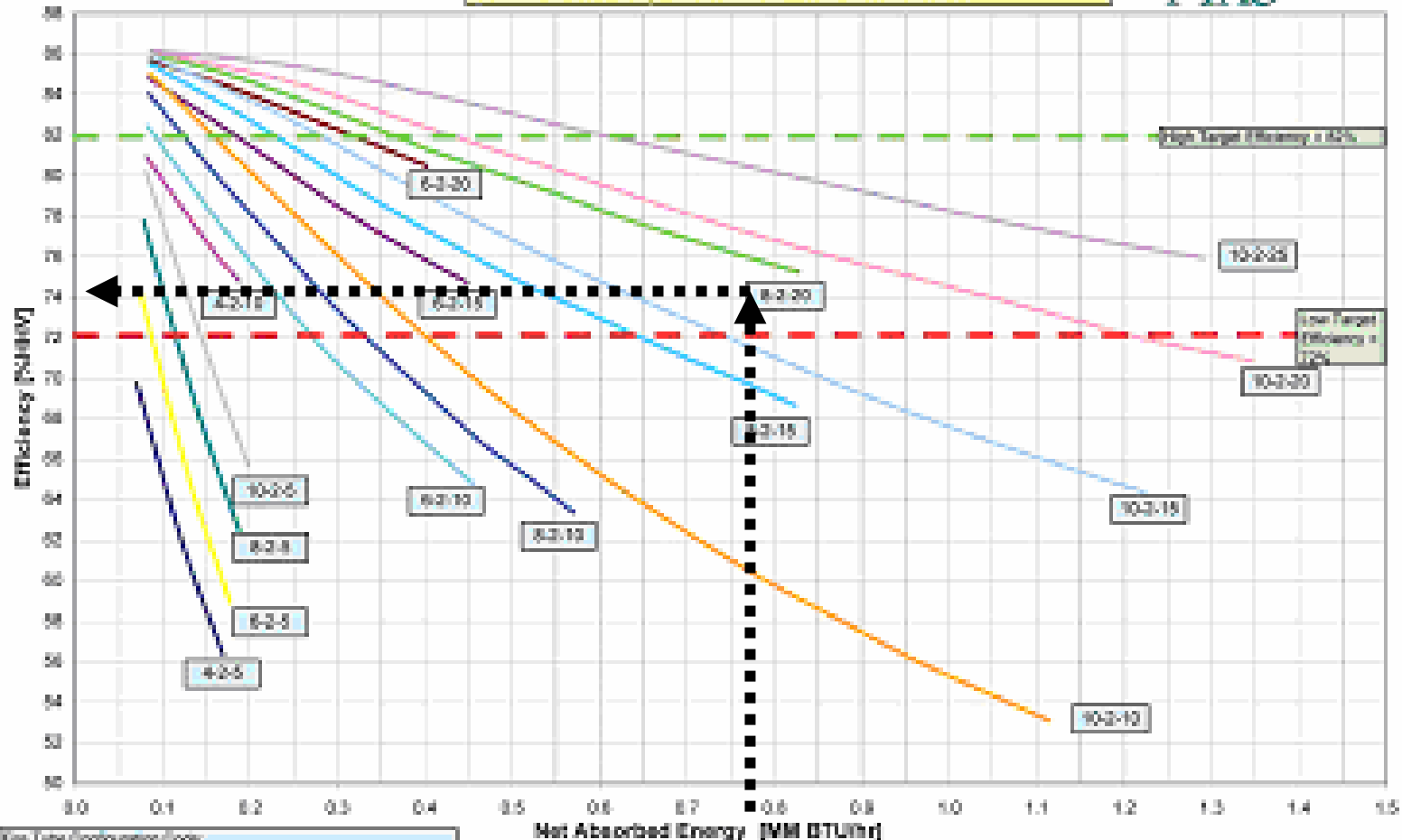
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Process Duty Chart  
for 4" to 10" 2 Pass Fire Tube

Based on: Fuel = Heavy Gas oil (Methane 1000 BTU/lb (419), 20 ft stack, 20 ft stack,  
Ambient Temp = 50-deg C (summer case), Bath Temp = 60-deg C (flow heater),  
Elevation ASL = 914 m (avg. Alberta), Stack Gas = 2.1% (10-15% Excess Air)



Design by: ENDTM Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd.

# COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY

## - IMPACTED BY FIRE-TUBE HEAT FLUX RATE

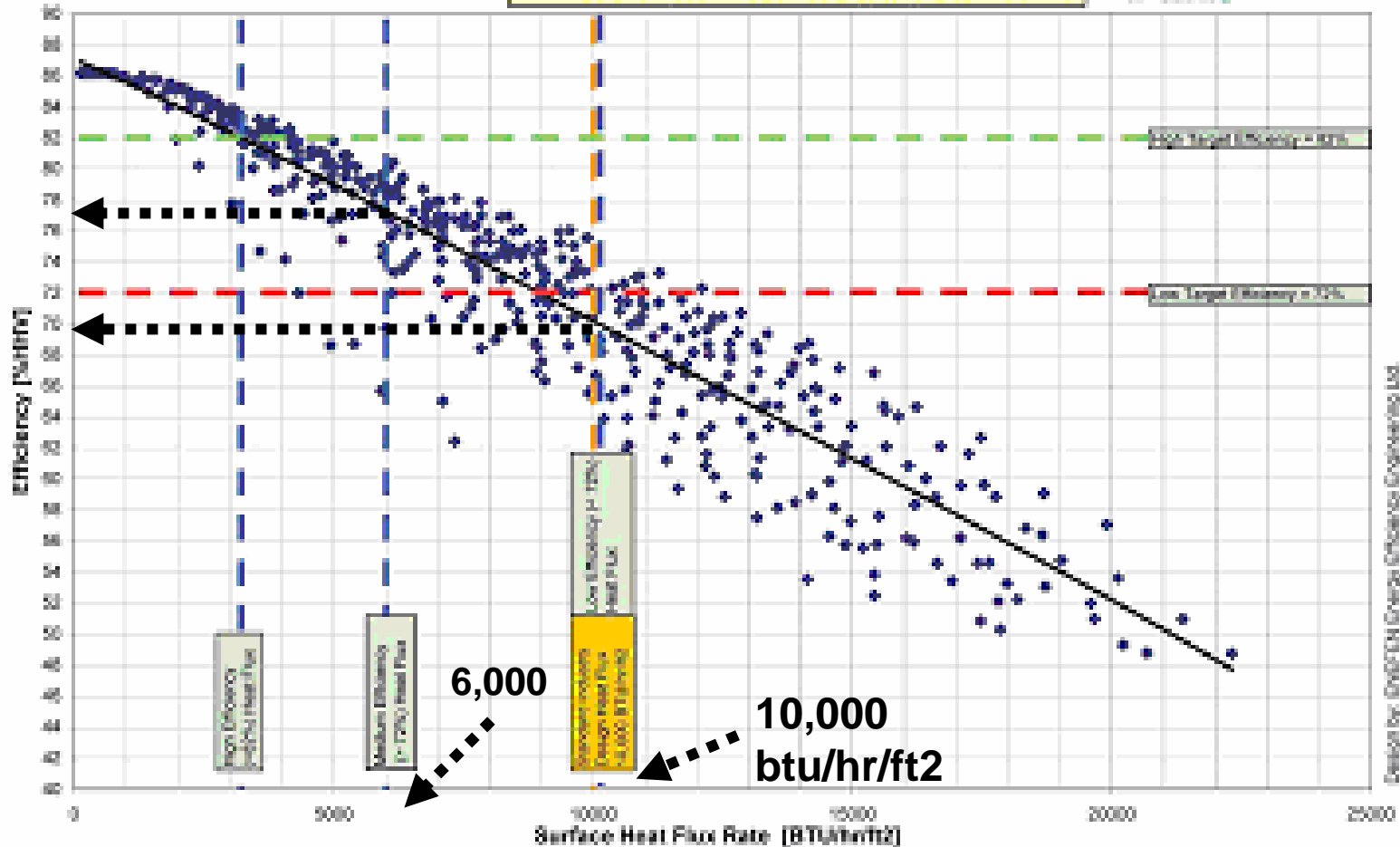
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Average Surface Heat Flux Charts  
for 4" to 36" 2 Pass Fire Tubes









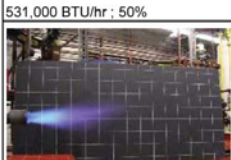
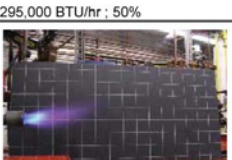
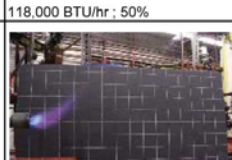


Notes on Fuel = Natural Gas as Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) 87.5% HHV, 12.5% peak,  
Ambient Temp = 60 deg C (summer peak), Bath Temp = 60 deg C (single heater),  
Elevation ASL = 2-14 m (avg. Alberta), Stack CO = 0.05% (12.1% Excess Air)



# Burner Selection

- HIGH PRIMARY AIR INSPIRATION, TURNDOWN, FUNCTIONALITY
- MAXON VENTITE

 <b>PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE CANADA</b>		<b>IMPROVED FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT</b> Project EETR 0401 <b>Burner Characteristics</b>	
Design by: ENEFEN Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd.		Address: 6375 Dixie Road, Unit 3	
Manufacturer:	Maxon Large	City, Province, Code:	Mississauga, ON L5T 2E1
Description:	3" Ventite	Telephone / Fax:	(905) 795-0717/(905) 795-1819
Orifice:	1/8"	Web Site:	<a href="http://www.maxoncorp.com">http://www.maxoncorp.com</a>
Overall Length:	21"	General Arrangement	
		Compact burner assembly features gas nozzle, venturi, mixer, and primary air shutter combination. Heavy duty cast iron components.	
		<b>Gas Nozzle</b>  Heavy duty cast iron nozzle includes internal flame retention device with large main gas orifice and 8 smaller holes located around its perimeter. Available with integral pilot and flame rod mount (PilotPak).	
		<b>Gas Mixer &amp; Primary Air Adjustment</b>  Gas mixer features a low entrance loss bell shaped inlet. Heavy duty cast iron "register" type shutter includes a locking screw. Gas Connection through the back of the mixer. Simple rear access to the orifice by unbolting the back plate of the register.	
		<b>Secondary Air Adjustment</b>  No secondary air adjustment incorporated	













 <b>PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE CANADA</b>		<b>IMPROVED FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT</b> Project EETR 0401 <b>Burner Open Flame Tests</b>	
Design by: ENEFEN Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd.			
Manufacturer:	Maxon Large		
Description:	3" Ventite		
Orifice:	1/8"		
Date:	16-Mar-05		
			
524,000 BTU/hr ; 100%		304,000 BTU/hr ; 100%	
			
148,000 BTU/hr ; 100%			
			
531,000 BTU/hr ; 50%		295,000 BTU/hr ; 50%	
			
118,000 BTU/hr ; 50%			
			
530,000 BTU/hr ; 28%		289,000 BTU/hr ; 28%	
			
117,000 BTU/hr ; 28%			
			
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# BURNER SELECTION

## - ECLIPSE

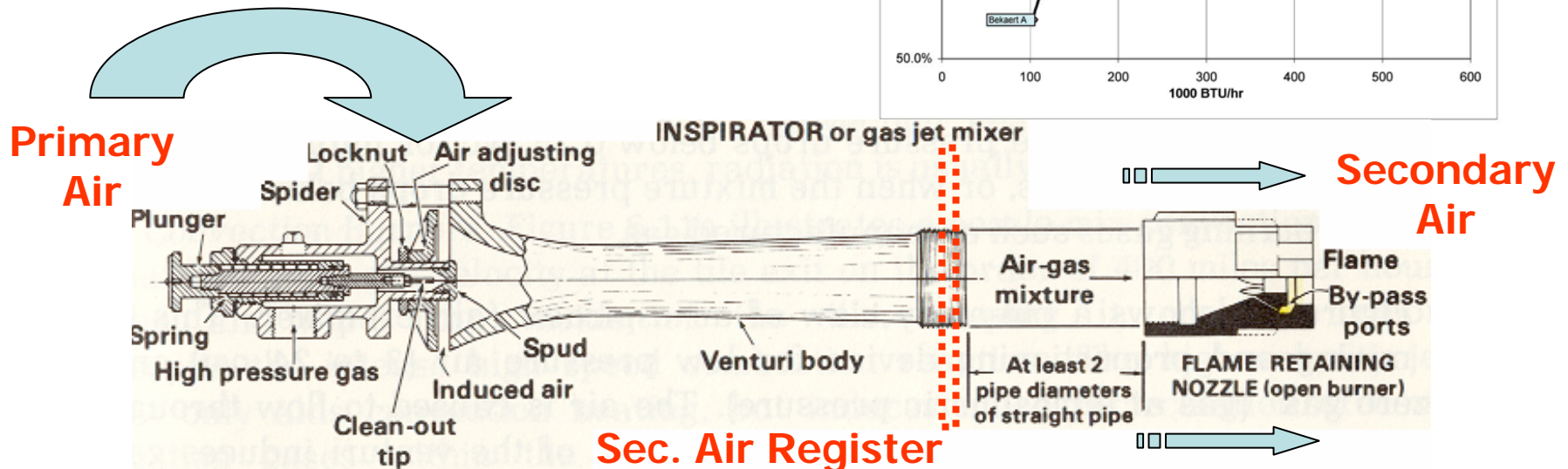
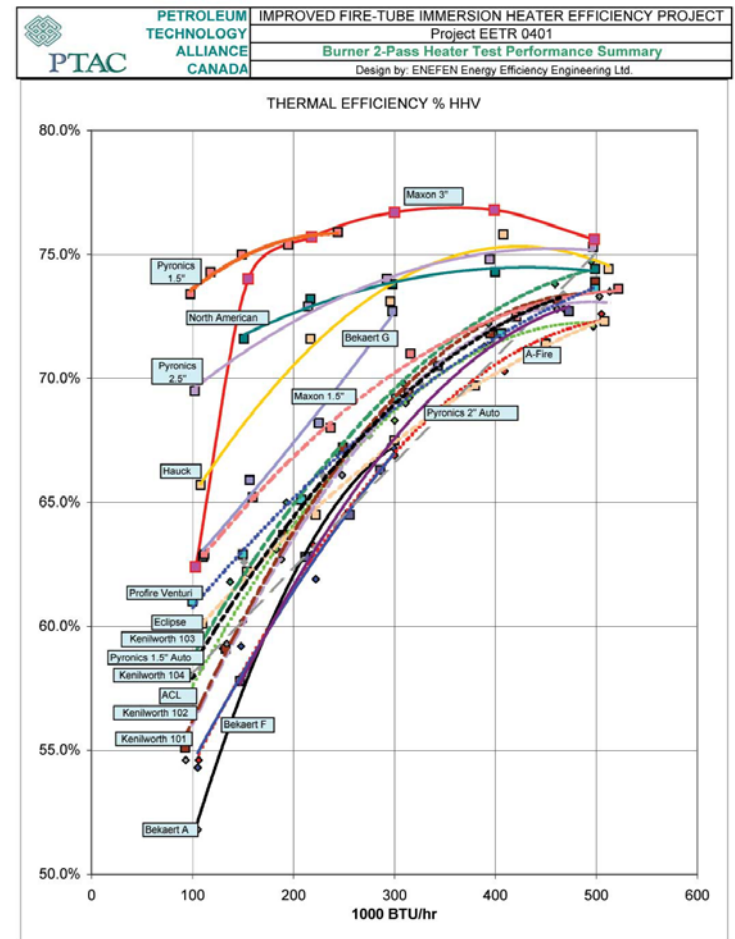
		<b>PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE CANADA</b> IMPROVED FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT Project EETR 0401 <b>Burner Characteristics</b> Design by: ENEFEN Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd.	
Manufacturer:	Eclipse	Address:	#5,3530-11A Street N.E.
Description:	1-1/2" Eclipse Mixer, With 1-1/2" Compound Barrel, 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" Venturi, 2-1/2" Nozzle	City, Province, Code:	Calgary, AB T2E 6M7
Orifice:	1/8"	Telephone / Fax:	(403) 291-9211/(403) 291-9214
Overall Length:	30"	Web Site:	<a href="http://www.eclipsenet.com">www.eclipsenet.com</a>
		General Arrangement  Typical complete assembly of Eclipse burner common in the industry. Assembly consists of a mixer, compound barrel, Venturi, and gas nozzle.	
		Gas Nozzle  Eclipse Ferrox Nozzle with built-in flame retention feature. Nozzle produces long and narrow flame pattern as compared to a wider flame available with Sticktite nozzles.	
		Gas Mixer & Primary Air Adjustment  Eclipse mixer commonly used in the industry also by some of the other burner manufacturers. Basic mixer features cast iron body with gas orifice and primary air shutter. Also supplied with the burner is a needle valve which allows fine adjustment to the orifice opening. The optional compound barrel is used to enhance fuel/air mixing, and is recommended for heavier fuel gases.	
		Secondary Air Adjustment  No secondary air adjustment incorporated	

		<b>PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE CANADA</b> IMPROVED FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER EFFICIENCY PROJECT Project EETR 0401 <b>Burner Open Flame Tests</b> Design by: ENEFEN Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd.	
Manufacturer:	Eclipse		
Description:	1-1/2" Eclipse Mixer, With 1-1/2" Compound Barrel, 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" Venturi, 2-1/2" Nozzle		
Orifice:	1/8"		
Date:	14-Mar-05		
			
496,000 BTU/hr ; 100% open		353,000 BTU/hr ; 100% open	224,000 BTU/hr ; 100% open
			
497,000 BTU/hr ; 2 turns		212,000 BTU/hr ; 2 turns	119,000 BTU/hr ; 2 turns
			
497,000 BTU/hr ; 0.5 turns		320,000 BTU/hr ; 0.5 turns	198,000 BTU/hr ; 0.5 turns
			



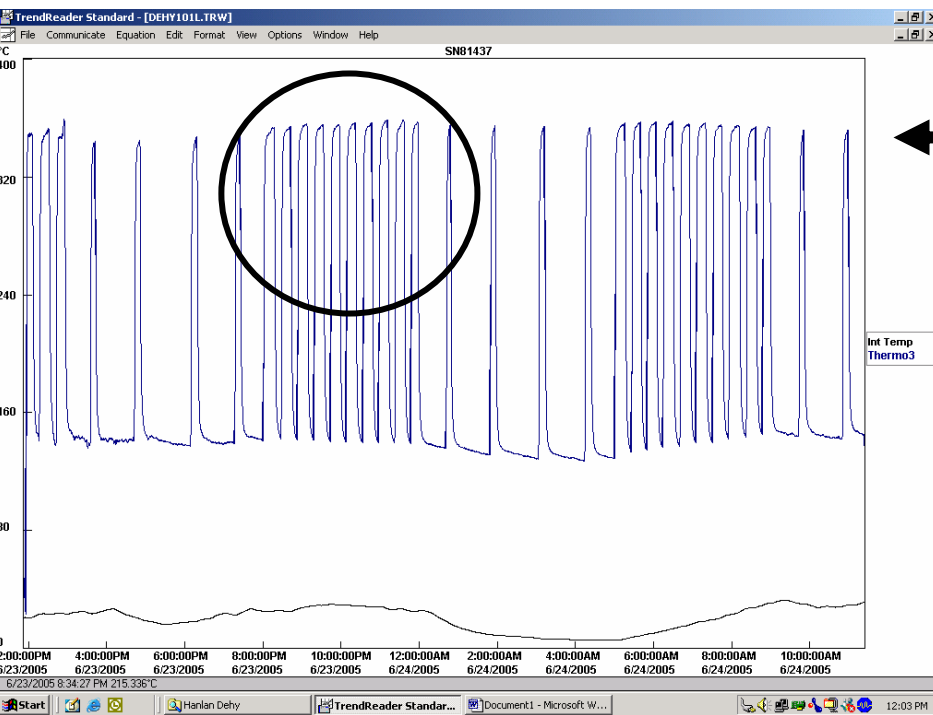
# BURNER SELECTION

- HIGH PRIMARY AIR INSPIRATION,  
TURNDOWN,  
FUNCTIONALITY



# Burner Duty Cycle Management


- short duty cycle at high firing rate vs. the longer duty cycle firing at a lower rate



**Duty Cycle to the Extreme** - This is the consequence of an **extremely low main burner duty cycle**, only the pilot ran, **condensing moisture in "Products of Combustion"**. Water accumulates and freezes at the flame cell as it tries to drain out. Level rises until even the pilot is extinguished! This is a concern for oversized heaters, more common a problem than we accept.




# Combustion Efficiency, Emission and Reliability Guidelines 4 Pages

IMMERSION HEATER FIELD INSPECTION AND EFFICIENCY EVALUATION REPORT	
COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY, EMISSIONS AND RELIABILITY GUIDELINES	
 <b>PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE CANADA</b>	
Design by: ENEFEN Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd.	
1	<p><b>EFFICIENCY DEFINITION:</b> Efficiency is defined as the percentage of gross BTU input that is realized as useful BTU output of a heater. There are two ways of calculating this efficiency: the HHV efficiency uses the higher heating value of fuel input, and the LHV efficiency uses lower heating value of fuel input.</p>
2	<p><b>LHV AND HHV BASED EFFICIENCY CALCULATIONS</b> For example pure methane HHV = 1012 BTU/cuft and LHV = 911 BTU/cuft, and the difference is the amount of energy used to evaporate water produced during the combustion process from the hydrogen contained in the fuel. Hence for the same combustion process using methane as a fuel the LHV efficiency value is about 10% higher than the HHV efficiency value. Where the LHV efficiency is easier to use for evaluation of traditional style heaters which do not condense water out of the products of combustion, it cannot be meaningfully used for newer condensing type heaters. In addition, since fuel is measured and sold based on its HHV value, only the HHV based efficiency should be used for the economic evaluation of the heater performance. LHV based efficiency is typically used in the US and the HHV efficiency is more commonly used in Canada. All regulatory requirements in Canada related to burner and fuel controls rating are based on HHV of fuel. Since many heater specifications and many combustion analyzers do not clearly state the basis for efficiency calculations, caution should be exercised when using these efficiency values.</p>
3	<p><b>COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY - OVERALL COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY - FUEL EFFICIENCY - HEATER THERMAL EFFICIENCY:</b> These terms are used in the industry interchangeably, although with a fair amount of confusion. To clarify: any of these efficiency terms is based on the calculation of 100% of energy input into the heater (expressed in either LHV or HHV terms) <u>minus</u> the summation of all the losses from that heater, which <u>equals to</u> the useful heat output to the process load. The losses can be either combustion related or heater design specific.</p>
4	<p><b>COMBUSTION LOSSES FROM THE HEATER:</b> These losses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- latent heat of evaporation to moisture in the stack formed from oxidation of hydrogen in the fuel</li> <li>- unburned fuel (VOC's in the stack) including hydrocarbons, CO, soot (free carbon), H<sub>2</sub>S or any other combustible compound which did not get oxidized to form CO<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>O</li> <li>- sensible heat lost to heat the product of combustion above the ambient air temperature. Products of combustion include also nitrogen, excess oxygen and H<sub>2</sub>O vapour from ambient air humidity and possibly the unburned fuel which do not take part in the combustion process but are also heated to the stack temperature. Note that besides combustion air, ambient tramp air can also infiltrate the heater through cracks and openings, however that tramp air would be then included in the products of combustion.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>HEATER DESIGN SPECIFIC LOSSES:</b> These losses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- wall / piping / insulation losses - the energy which radiates out of the heater into the surroundings and is carried away by air (wind), foundations, or connecting equipment. Note that only the heat loss from the portion of the stack surface below the location of the thermocouple used for the efficiency measurement would be considered as a loss for this calculation.</li> <li>- opening losses include any products of combustion leaks from the heater other than stack gas.</li> <li>- conveyor losses include heat carried away by any form of process "conveyor" which does not stay in the process "product". This would also include heat loss through the piping connecting process to the heater.</li> <li>- heat storage losses - the energy which is stored in the heater steel, insulation, heat transfer medium, connected equipment, foundation, etc. For heaters, which operate continuously the amount of stored energy remains constant after the initial heatup. For heaters which operate in batch mode or which cycle on/off, the amount of stored heat changes and must be replenished every time the heater is refilled and restarted.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>STACK OXYGEN:</b> Stack oxygen level should be maintained between 2% and 4%, which corresponds to between 9.5% and 21.1% excess air. Below 2% oxygen, sharp increase in CO emissions is expected; above 4% oxygen additional excess air "taking a free ride" through the heater decreases the combustion efficiency.</p>
7	<p><b>STACK CO:</b> Stack CO levels should be maintained below 400 ppm safety ceiling. Ideally, in a properly tuned system CO levels below 100 are desirable. Typically, depending on the burner design, CO readings increase at low (below 2%) or high (above 11%) oxygen levels. High CO readings indicate incomplete combustion due to insufficient air flow or due to flame quenching with too much air.</p>
8	<p><b>STACK NOx:</b> Stack NOx levels are a function of burner design and specifically flame shape and temperature. Smaller and hotter flames tend to produce higher NOx levels. Also burners with a single fuel injection port tend to produce higher NOx levels than those with multiple smaller and spread out ports (fuel staging effect). Typically, properly designed natural draft burners produce between 60 ppm and 80 ppm corrected to 3% oxygen (V/V dry basis) in the stack. Within a given burner design NOx formation is pretty well fixed and cannot be changed by regular tune up techniques.</p>



# Heater Tune-up / Inspection Procedure

## 2 Pages

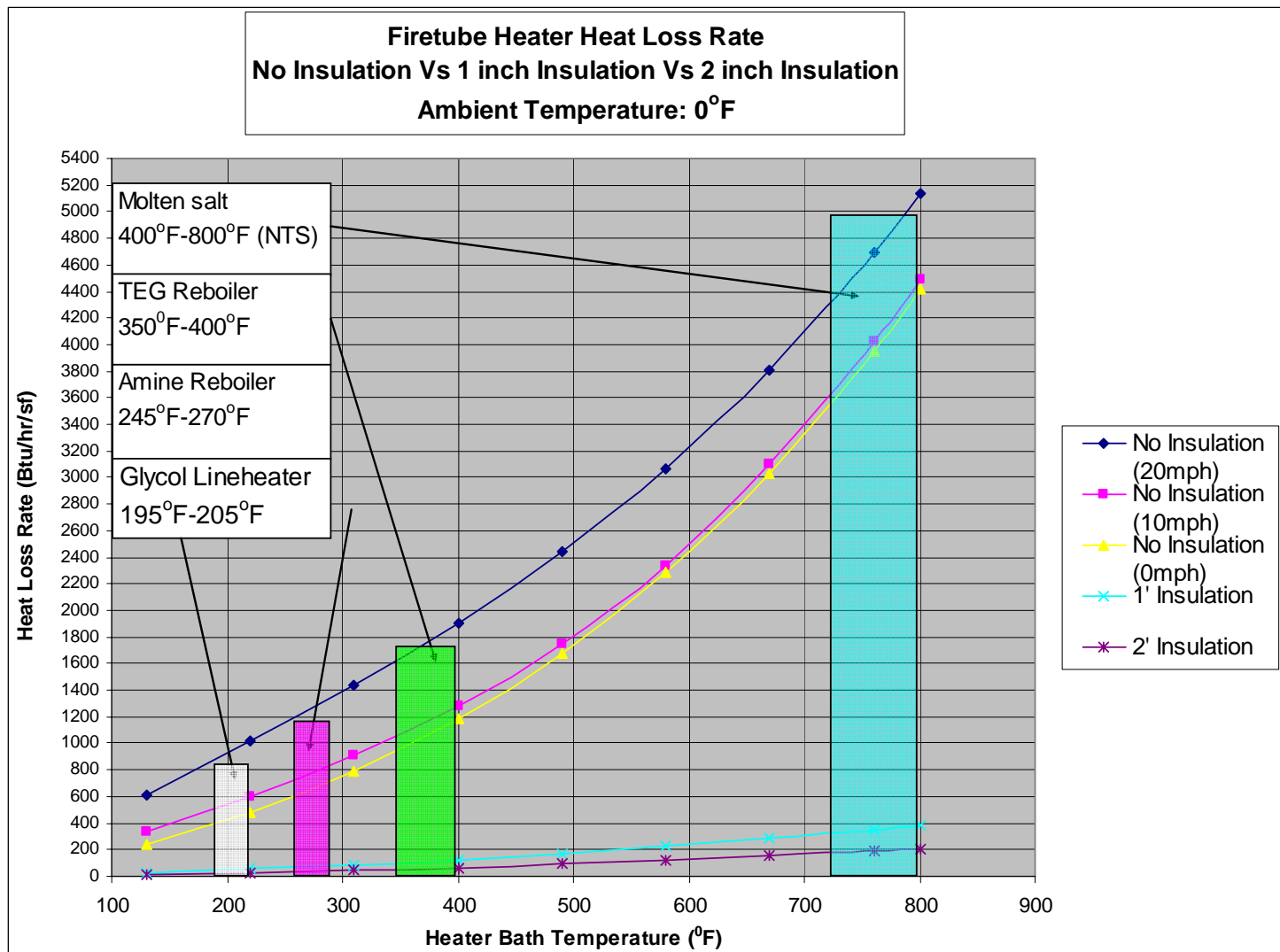
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HEATER TUNE UP / INSPECTION PROCEDURE		
Design by: ENEFEN Energy Efficiency Engineering Ltd.		

1	<b>Gas Leak Test:</b> Check area around the heater and inside the fuel train or control enclosure (if present) for safe H <sub>2</sub> S, O <sub>2</sub> and LEL levels
2	<b>Visual Inspection:</b> Inspect heater for obvious signs of deterioration, corrosion, damage to instrumentation or fuel train components
3	<b>Pilot observation:</b> Check if heater main burner is firing. If not, check if the pilot is on. If pilot is not on check if the fuel to the pilot is turned on and if so turn the pilot fuel off and wait a few minutes for the fire tube to ventilate. Check with the control room if there is any reason why the heater is turned off. Once safe to do so, turn the main burner manual fuel valve off, relight the pilot and observe. The pilot should be at least 4" to 8" in length, if smaller, try to increase fuel flow to pilot until "solid" pilot is established.
4	<b>Record Heater Data:</b> Record heater data such as make, model, year built, serial number, design process duty, burner type and size, burner orifice size, fire tube OD and length, stack OD and height, etc. as per enclosed inspection and evaluation report sheet.
5	<b>Main flame observation:</b> Check all heater permissives such as liquid level LO, temperature HI shutdown, bath temperature setpoint. If everything is OK, open the main burner manual valve. Observe main flame shape, colour, stability, anchoring, noise, impingement on the tube surface.
6	<b>Fuel Pressure Measurement:</b> Measure and record fuel gas supply pressure, and main burner pressure (after regulation) while it is firing.
7	<b>Fuel Flow Measurement:</b> If available measure fuel gas flow to the main burner by timing the gas meter or measuring pressure drop across the fuel metering orifice. Another simple method is the measurement of the burner gas orifice size and calculation of the gas flow using orifice pressure drop charts. Since the mixture pressure inside the burner Venturi is typically negligible compared to the burner inlet pressure, the burner inlet pressure can be used as an approximation of the pressure drop in the charts. Note, that this method cannot be utilized if the fuel gas orifice is used in conjunction with an adjusting needle valve as it is often the case with Eclipse mixers.
8	<b>Heater bath temperature check:</b> Locate bath temperature gauge and record bath temperature. Record also the temperature control setpoint of the temperature controller.
9	<b>Stack Measurements:</b> Locate sampling port in the straight length of stack above the fire tube exit from the heater. If no port is available, drill and tap 3/8"UNC hole in the stack. Using combustion analyzer take reading of: Flue Temperature, O <sub>2</sub> , CO, NO <sub>x</sub> and efficiency. Record also the ambient air temperature. After taking the sample install a 3/8" bolt using high temperature anti-seize compound or a brass bolt.
10	<b>HI CO / LOW O<sub>2</sub> with air passages closed:</b> If CO reading is high (in thousands of ppm) and O <sub>2</sub> reading very low (close to zero), the heater is being fired substoichiometrically without sufficient oxygen. Remove sample probe from the stack immediately to prevent damaging the CO analyzer cell. Let analyzer purge the cell until CO reading drops to zero. Open access port in the flame arrestor to allow more air flow. Insert analyzer probe back into the stack and observe CO readings. If readings have improved, with the access port open, there is a good possibility that the flame cell is plugged up and needs cleaning. Check also position of any secondary air control devices to make sure that they are not blocking the air flow into the burner.
11	<b>HI CO / LOW O<sub>2</sub> with air passages open.</b> Burner primary air is misadjusted and must be opened. Open slowly watching the analyzer CO readings until CO levels are low. If there is no or slow reaction, reduce fuel gas pressure to main burner gradually also watching for changes in CO. On some burner models (Eclipse) there could be also a fuel needle valve present which could be adjusted. Note that overfiring of the heater without sufficient combustion air does not increase the heat transfer and it may even decrease it through tube sooting or decrease in the flame temperature. It is also unsafe and may lead to a premature heater failure.
12	<b>HI CO / HIGH O<sub>2</sub></b> The indication is that there is too much combustion air. Reduce the primary and secondary air down to 3 to 4% oxygen in the stack.

# Insulation Heat Loss from Vessel Shell

- reduction in lost heat (demand) is a 100% saving, adjustments to appliance efficiency, etc. is only partial





# PCOG Fire-tube Immersion Heater Optimization Program



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## FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM

*"When you can measure what you are speaking about, and express it in numbers; you know something about it, when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meager and unsatisfactory kind."*

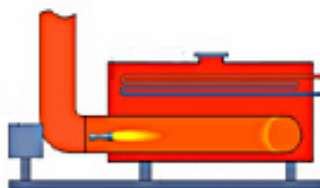
*Lord Kelvin (1801)*

*"If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it."*

*Lord Kelvin (1805)*

*"You cannot manage what you do not measure."*  
*Commonly used today!*

FR  
FL  
FT



**"You cannot manage  
what you do not measure."**

Philip J. Croteau - P.Eng.  
Gerald Hewitt - Operations  
Harley Siebold - Operations  
Rev. Mar 27, 2006  
DRAFT



# Essential Elements of a Heater Optimization Program



## Executive Summary

- quantify your number of heaters
- identify/understand their service
- quantify how much fuel they are thought to consume
- make assumptions of their current efficiency
- identify the potential efficiency target and savings
- identify how to get there

## Statement of Commitment

- Body of the Program Document

## Conclusions

**TRAINING, AUDITING, MAINTENANCE  
& TAKING ACTION TO IMPROVE!**





# Overview: Fire-tube Heater Survey



***Just how many fire-tube heaters do we/you fire!***

- *Following is an ~ count of both PCOG and third party. If we don't steward the third party heaters, who will.*
- *Do we/you have heaters operated by third party?*

195	FR – Reboilers: Amine, Glycol ...
510	FL – Lineheaters: Glycol, Salt Bath ...
11	FT - Treaters
716	

***Target is to audit 1/3 of heaters per year on 3 yr rotation.***



# PCOG Statement of Commitment



*- excerpt from "Fire-tube Immersion Heater Optimization Program"*

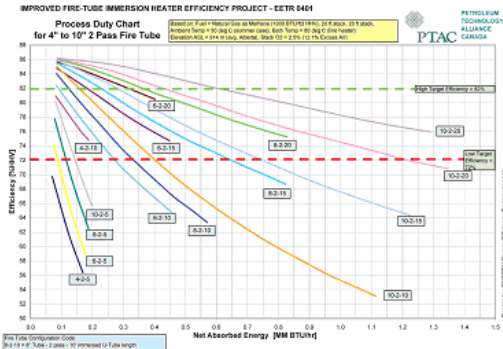
## Statement of Commitment:

Through our TLM program, Petro-Canada focuses on improvements in the elements of **safety, environment, reliability, economics and the general management** of our facilities.

As one of the areas of focus, Petro-Canada had recently committed resources and funding to participate in a study to review and improve our understanding in the **design and operation of fire-tube immersion heaters** and follow-up with implementation to optimize that equipment. Management is committed to improving the performance of these heaters through expectations of support from **Operations, Maintenance and Engineering (OME)**.

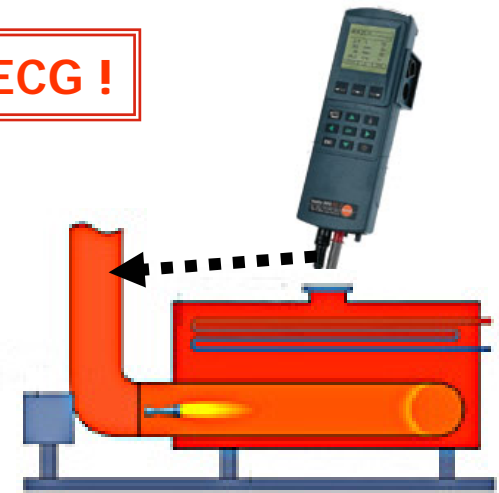
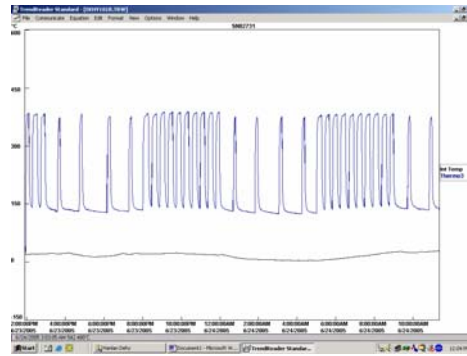
# Heat Transfer

## - Fire-tube Design



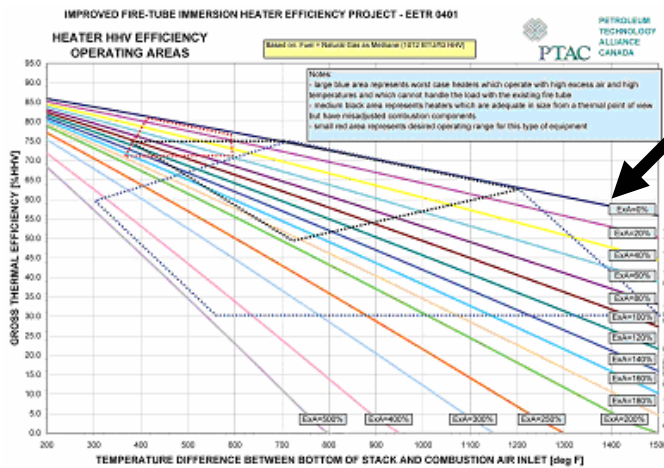
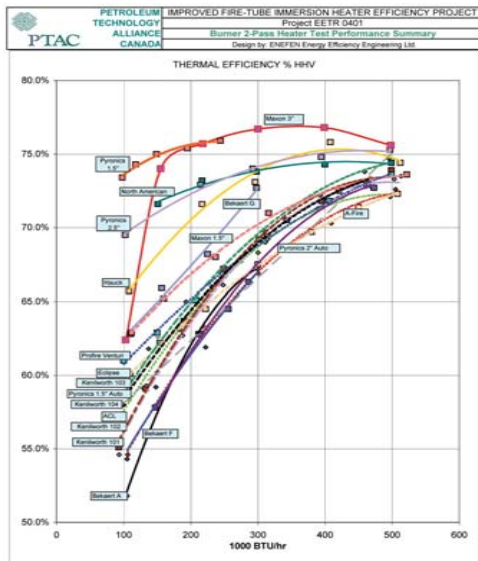
# Duty Cycle

EKG/ECG !



# FIRE-TUBE IMMERSION HEATER DESIGN & OPERATION

## Burner Selection



## Combustion Analysis

– 3 T’s plus Excess O2

Time – Temperature - Turbulence

+ Excess O2: approx. 3%

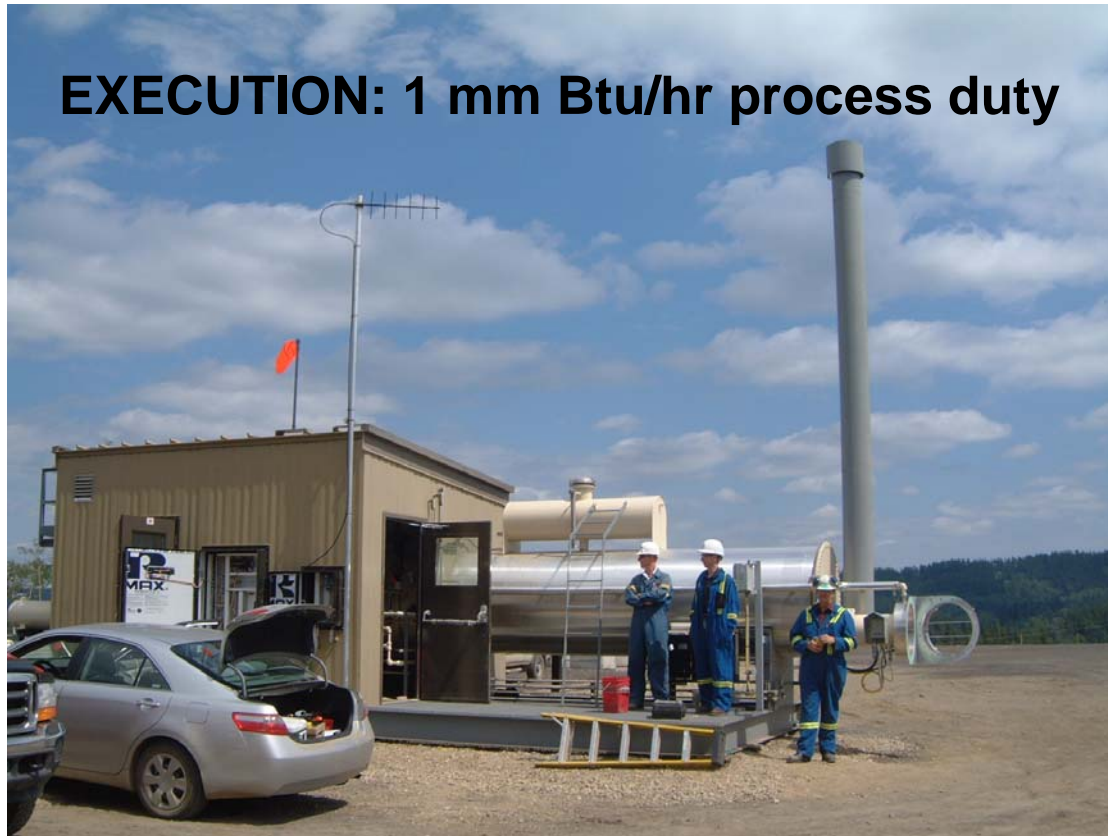
Time at Temperature

“NEW” addition of the 4<sup>th</sup> T – Training!



## Long and Skinny Fire-tube to Improve Heat Transfer

Sept 2006 test heater built, **Wildcat Hills Choke Heater**  
6' was added to standard fire-tube Flux = 7,000 Btu/hrft<sup>2</sup>



**EXECUTION:** 1 mm Btu/hr process duty

*- Longer, more slender fire-tube is not new, many older heaters were built this way and exhibited better efficiency!*

**Vendor made the fire-tube, shell and process coils longer (with fewer return bends, lowering coil press drop!) shell dia. finished smaller.**

**Fabricated cost of steel ended up similar to standard design.**



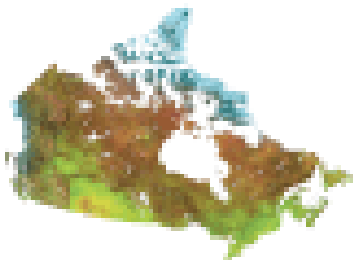
# PCOG Fire-tube Heater Field Audits



- Petro-Canada has been actively participating in **several applications** pursuing fire-tube heater efficiency improvements.
- Assisted by the NRCAN audit process PCOG is attempting to assess 1/3 of our heater fleet/yr. on an ongoing cycle.

## NRCAN Industrial Energy Audit Incentive Program

This incentive is designed to help defray the cost of hiring a professional energy auditor to conduct an on-site [audit](#) at an industrial facility.



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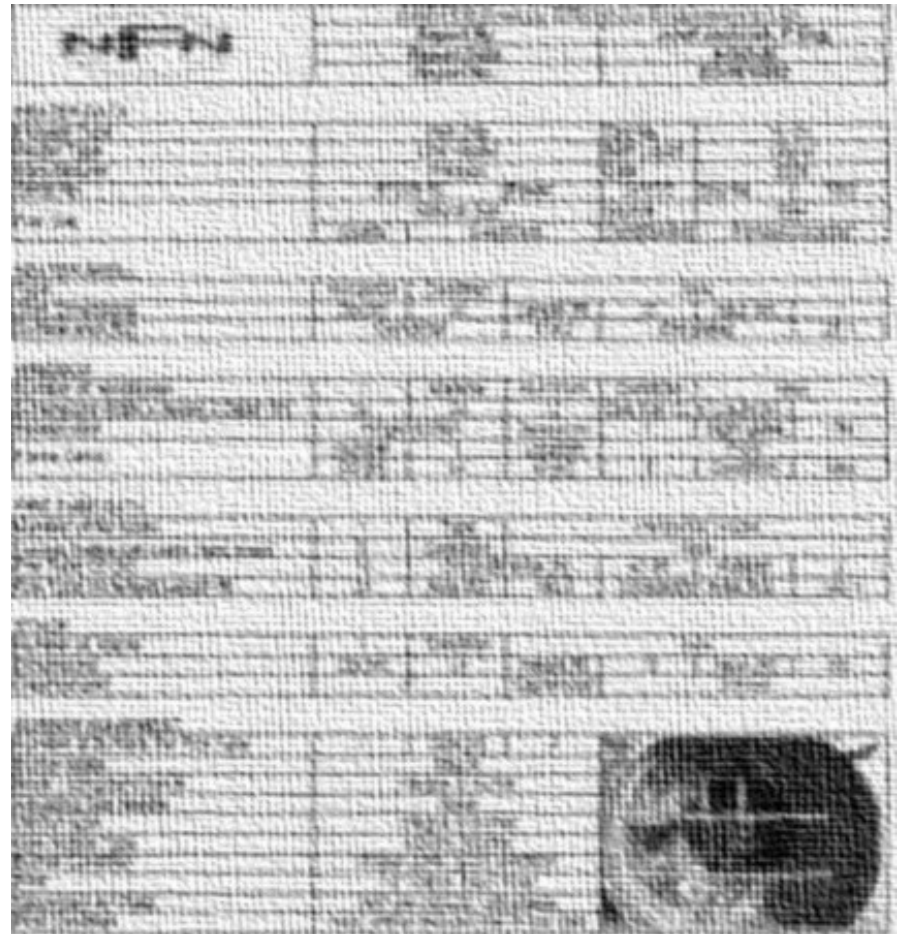
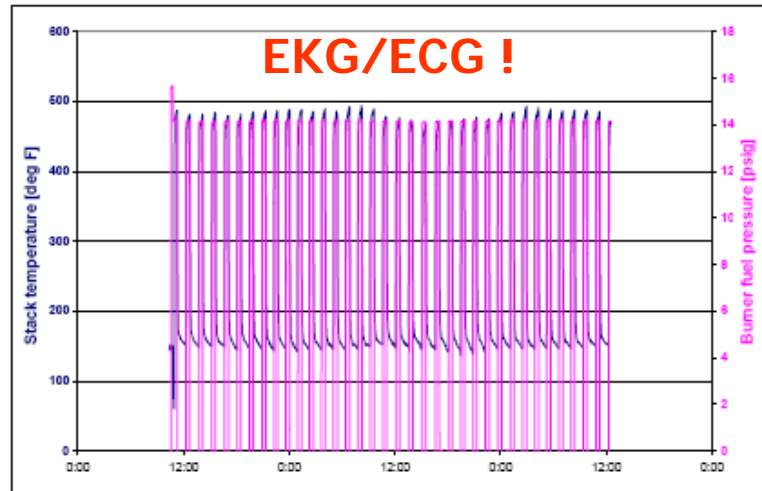


# Fire-tube Heater "Field Audit" Program



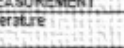
		
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<b>CUSTOMER DATA</b>		
Client:	Petro Canada Oil and Gas	
Plant:	Wildcat Hills Gas Plant	
Area:	Viking Field	
LSD:	05-13-28-07-W5	
Contact:	Phil Croteau	
Phone Number:	403-296-5977	
Date:	4-Oct-06	
		

## HEATER TREND DATA



- Stack temp and fuel gas pressure to burner orifice are key variables!

## efficiency, ambient, bath and stack temp,

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<b>STACK MEASUREMENT</b>			
Bath Temperature	deg F	95.00	
	deg C	35.00	
Ambient Temperature	deg F	45.40	
	deg C	8.00	
Stack Temperature	deg F	600.00	Stack temperature too high
	deg C	260.00	
Oxygen (O2)	%	9.45	Stack oxygen high
Excess Air (EA)	%	81.3	Excess air high
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	ppm	9	CO within dead range
Nitrogen Oxide (NOx)	ppm	40	
Analyzer Measured Efficiency	%	77.50	Efficiency within acceptable range
Calculated Efficiency	%	74.58	Based on stack O2, CO, and temperature
Exhaust Efficiency	%	82.16	Based on interpolation of data kit results
Achieve Efficiency	%	85.46	Based on optimized burner size & setup
<b>DATA KIT HEATER PERFORMANCE TRENDRG</b>			
Data Quality Check			
# of Samples Collected	-	12336	
Invalid Temperature Readings	-	0	
Invalid Pressure Readings	-	0	
First Valid Sample Row #	-	3	
Last Valid Sample Row #	-	12337	
# of Valid Continuous Samples	-	12336	
Tolerances			
Fuel PT drift threshold	psig	0.1	Pressure transmitter drift below which flow=0
Burner Stability Threshold (BST)	psig	1.0	Fuel pressure below which burner is unstable
# of times heater switched ON	-	36	in excess of 30 seconds
# of times heater switched OFF	-	36	in excess of 30 seconds
Total number of ON/OFF switches	-	72	
Temperature Control Stability	-	100%	Percent of cycles > 30 seconds long
Measured Time			
Total Sampling Time	hours	50.138	
Shortest ON Time	hours	0.277	
Longest On Time	hours	0.692	
Average On Time	hours	0.433	
Total On Time	hours	13.575	
Shortest OFF or below BD* Time	hours	0.138	
Longest OFF or below BD* Time	hours	1.100	
Average OFF or below BD* Time	hours	0.987	
Total Time Below BD*	hours	0.008	BST = Burner Stability Threshold
Total OFF Time	hours	34.554	
DUTY CYCLE = ON / Total Time	%	31.065	at fuel pressure above BD* pressure
Measured Temperatures			
Maximum Stack Temperature	deg F	494.32	
Minimum Stack Temp during OFF time	deg F	136.6	
Average Cooling Time	minutes	45.5	To within 10% of the minimum stack temperature



# Heater Utilization – **New Equip Performance Validation**, in this case the heater was only firing 31% duty at < 1/3 design firing rate. **Only 10% design utilization, not ideal for a new heater!**

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## DATA KIT HEATER PERFORMANCE TRENDING Cont'd

<b>Measured Fuel Flows</b>			
Total Fuel Consumed During Test	SCF	2154.6	
Fuel wasted below BSG pressure	SCF	0.9	BSG = Burner Stability Threshold
Fuel Used effectively for heating	SCF	6833.3	Based on effective efficiency computation
% Wasted Fuel	%	0.0%	
Maximum Fuel Flow	SCFH	482.8	
Average Fuel Flow During ON TIME	SCFH	438.7	
Average Fuel Flow below BSG	SCFH	12.7	
Constant Equivalent Fuel Flow	SCFH	198.3	
Constant Pilot Fuel Flow (nominal)	SCFH	31.0	
Constant Total Fuel Flow	SCFH	166.3	

## THERMAL PERFORMANCE

<b>Current Peak Condition</b>			
Fuel Peak Input (incl. pilot)	MM BTU/hr	0.49	
Process Peak Heat Input	MM BTU/hr	0.40	
Fire-Tube Surface Heat Flux Rate	BTU/hr-ft <sup>2</sup>	2135	
Cross-sectional Heat Flux	BTU/hr-in <sup>2</sup>	2855	
<b>Equivalent Continuous Flow</b>			
Constant Equivalent Fuel Input	MM BTU/hr	0.17	
Process Heat Requirement	MM BTU/hr	0.13	
Fire-Tube Surface Heat Flux Rate	BTU/hr-ft <sup>2</sup>	691	
Cross-sectional Heat Flux	BTU/hr-in <sup>2</sup>	904	
<b>Fire-Tube Rating</b>			
Heat input (plate rating) per tube	MM BTU/hr	1.50	
Original rating based on 10% heat flux	MM BTU/hr	1.20	
Utilization of Original Rating	%	6.9%	Heater designed for 7000 BTU/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> heat flux 9.7% based on 7500 BTU/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> heat flux

## BURNER SIZING ANALYSIS

<b>Burner Capacity Assessment</b>			
Extra Burner Capacity	in	4	
Total Required Fuel Input	MM BTU/hr	0.21	
Less pilot capacity	MM BTU/hr	0.03	
Main Burner Fuel Input	MM BTU/hr	0.18	
<b>Existing Burner(s)</b>			
Number of burners per fire-tube		1	
Existing Burner Size	in	4	
<b>Required Burner Sizing - single burner evaluation</b>			
Fire-Tube Size	in	14	
Maximum allowable burner size	in	4	Limited by fire-tube diameter
Burner size to meet capacity	in	1.9	Burner size less than maximum
Maximum nominal burner capacity	BTU/hr	212,500	
Minimum nominal burner capacity	BTU/hr	63,100	
% Maximum Burner Fire	%	83.90	
Nominal maximum burner pressure	psig	29.00	
Orifice size required	in	0.0746	
Closest Orifice #	#	840	
Drill Diameter	in	0.0760	

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## UPGRADE RECOMMENDATIONS


Urgency of upgrades: 3 = high 2 = medium 1 = low

<b>Process Improvements</b>		
1. Target Efficiency (% HHV)	85.5	Based on optimized burner size & setup
2. Review Process Requirements	3	Gross mismatch between firing rate & process demand
3. Lower Burn Temperature		
4. Shut heater off when not needed		
5. Review temp. sensor location		
6. Review external heat losses		
7. Repeat data logging		
8. Repeat stack analysis		
9. Other process improvement		
<b>Maintenance Improvements</b>		
2.1 Clean flame cell		
2.2 Clean fire-tube		
2.3 Fix fire-tube		
2.4 Adjust combustion air		
2.5 Adjust fuel gas pressure		
2.6 Clean burner		
2.7 Clean pilot		
2.8 Set up control loop		
2.9 Test flame arrester		
2.10 Other maintenance improvement		
<b>Minor Modifications</b>		
3.1 Add / modify secondary air plate	3	Necessary to control excess air
3.2 Replace burner	3	Improper burner size, arrangement or condition
3.3 Replace pilot		
3.4 Align burner		
3.5 Align pilot		
3.6 Change burner orifice		
3.7 Remove burner adjusting needle		
3.8 Add view port		
3.9 Replace flame cell		
3.10 Install burner union		
3.11 Install housing couplings		
3.12 Install wiring seal on windbox		
3.13 Change regulator spring		
3.14 Change regulator orifice		
3.15 Replace pressure gauges		
3.16 Change TSH to SH to snap acting		
3.17 Other minor modification		
<b>Major Modifications</b>		
4.1 Install / replace LHM option flame detector		
4.2 Install power source		
4.3 Modify to inter-uptible pilot		
4.4 Add / replace safety shutoff valve(s)		
4.5 Add / replace manual valve(s)		
4.6 Add / replace LCL		
4.7 Add / replace TSH / TSHH		
4.8 Add fuel gas PSOH / PSOL		
4.9 Address other safety issue		

**Opportunity to save capital building heaters smarter, smaller!**



# Summary Sheet of Expected Savings

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UPGRADE RECOMMENDATIONS		Urgency of upgrades: 2 = high 2 = medium 1 = low	
Major modifications (total 0)			
4.10 Add FULG/OFF control			
4.11 Add modulating control			
4.12 Upgrade venting system			
4.13 Change pressure regulator(s)			
4.14 Modify instrument gas system			
4.15 Replace burner housing			
4.16 Insulate heater			
4.17 Insulate stack			
4.18 Add stack height			
4.19 Add stack thermometer			
4.20 Replace fire-tube			
4.21 Add lighting / view port to fire tube			
4.22 Other major modification			
ESTIMATE OF SAVINGS			
Measured Constant Total Fuel Flow	SCFH	155.3	
Seasonal Fuel Flow Correction	%	25.00	To compensate for winter demand
Annual Fuel Consumption	SCF	1,820,698	Based on 8760 hrs/yr operation
(Based on constant 1000 BTU / SCF HHV)	m3	81,963	constant total fuel flow
	MM BTU	182.1	
	GJ	192.1	
Effective Efficiency	%	82.16	
Achievable efficiency	%	85.46	
Improvement in efficiency	%	3.30	
	%	3.96	
Annual Fuel Savings Due to Efficiency Improvement	SCF	70,276	
	m3	1,950	
	MM BTU	70	
	GJ	74	
	SCF	154	
Annual Fuel Savings Due to Elimination of Fuel Pressures below BBT	m3	5	
	MM BTU	0	
	GJ	0	
	SCF	70,440	
Total Annual Fuel Savings	m3	1,955	
	MM BTU	70	
	GJ	74	
Annual CO2 Emission Reduction	tons/year	3.7	



The means to achieve improved heater efficiency is as simple as:

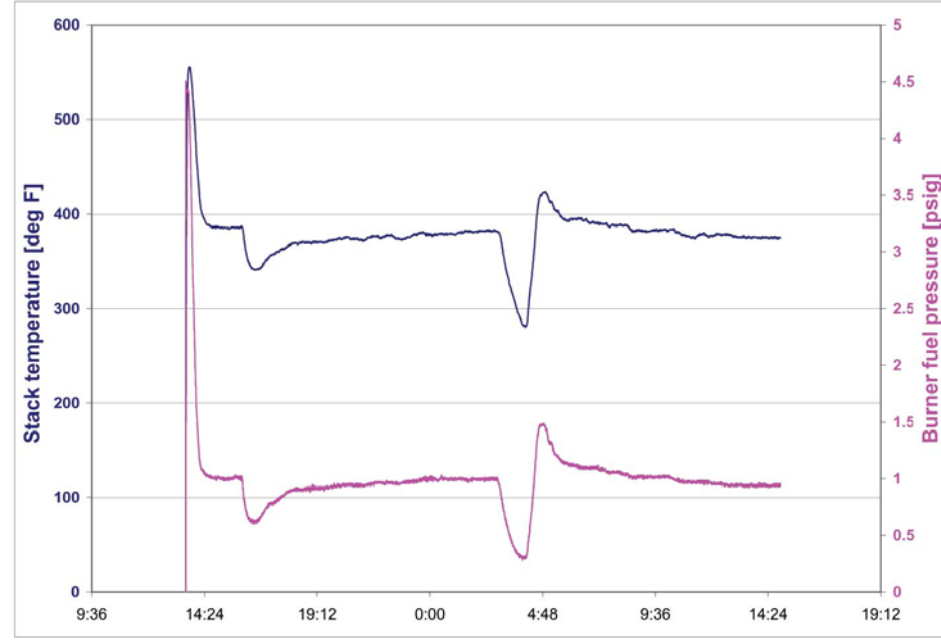
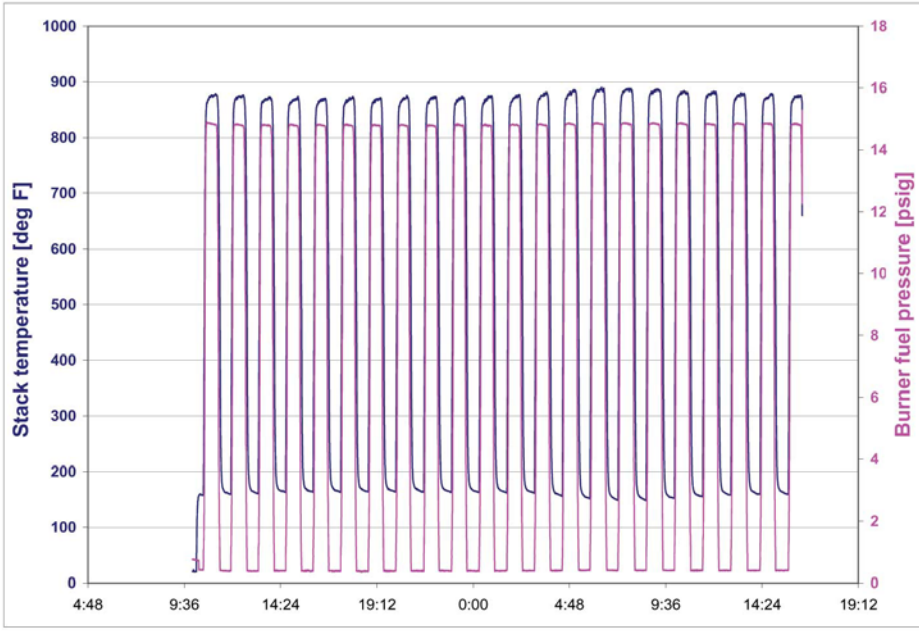
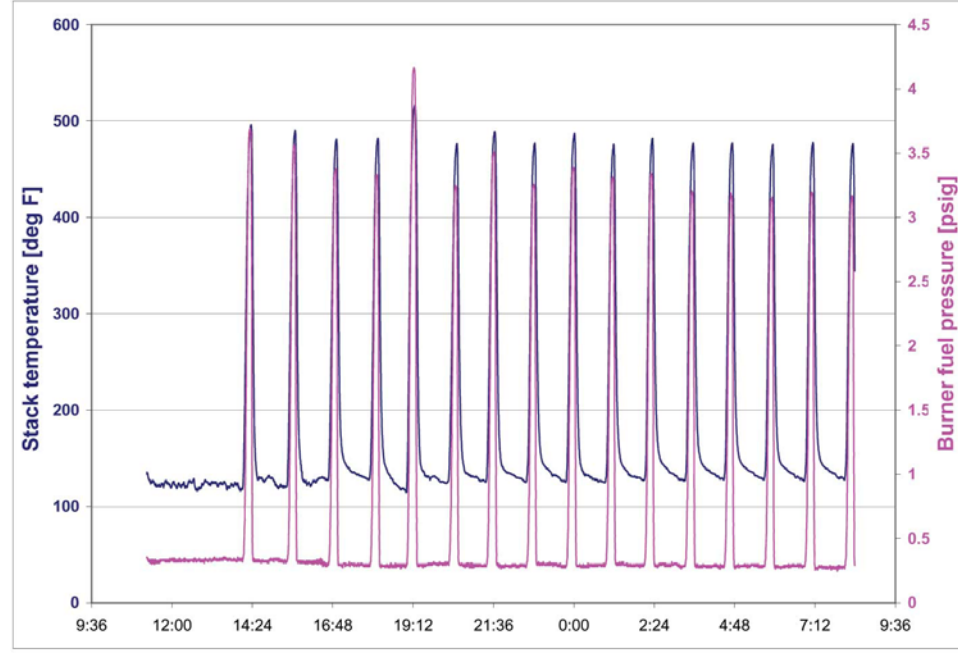
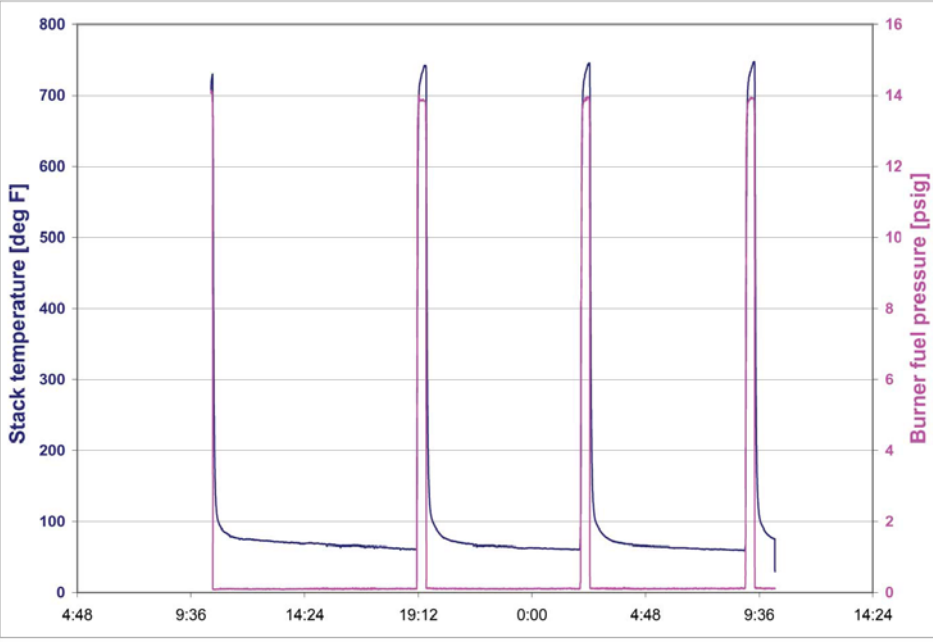
- **training** – theory, operations, combustion testing with analyzer, CMMS (EMPAC)
- manage **excess air** in combustion
- manage the burner **duty cycle**
- strive for 82% **combustion efficiency** (depends on service, i.e. bath approach temp)
- provide adequate **insulation** to reduce energy demand (reduction is a 100% improvement)
- steward regular **combustion analysis** and **inspection** of heaters spring and fall, focusing on duty cycles, CO in combustion, excess air and stack temperature (fire-tube exit temp)
- **integrate** burner duty with **process demand** where possible
- **design** new equipment to address the items above (burners and fire-tubes)
- maintain **CMMS records** of fired equipment
- **DESIGN YOUR HEATER TO MEET THE SERVICE – DUTY, FIRING MODE, ENGAGE (OME), PRODUCTION AND PROJECT GROUPS!**



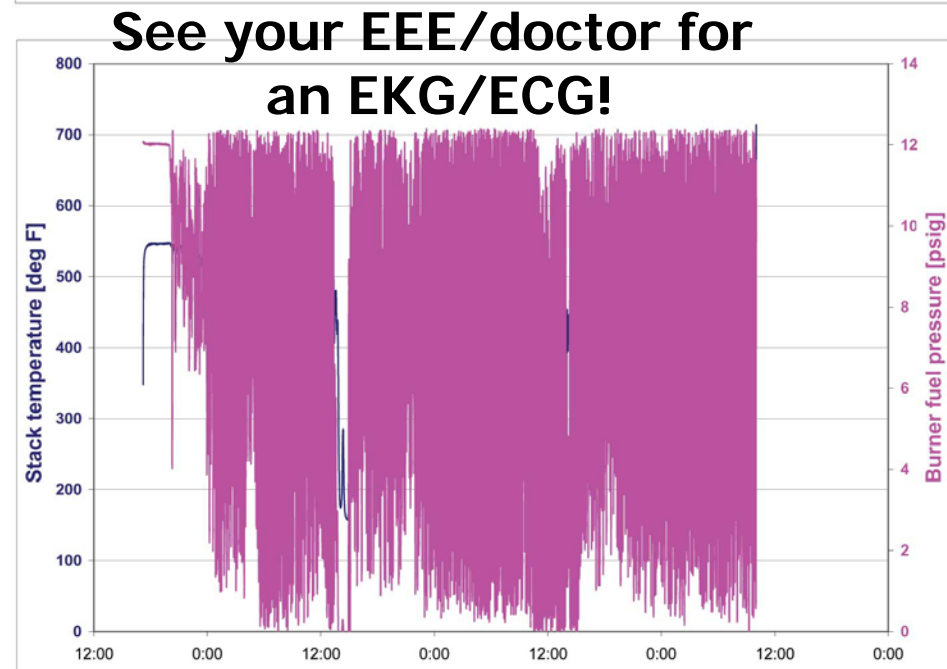
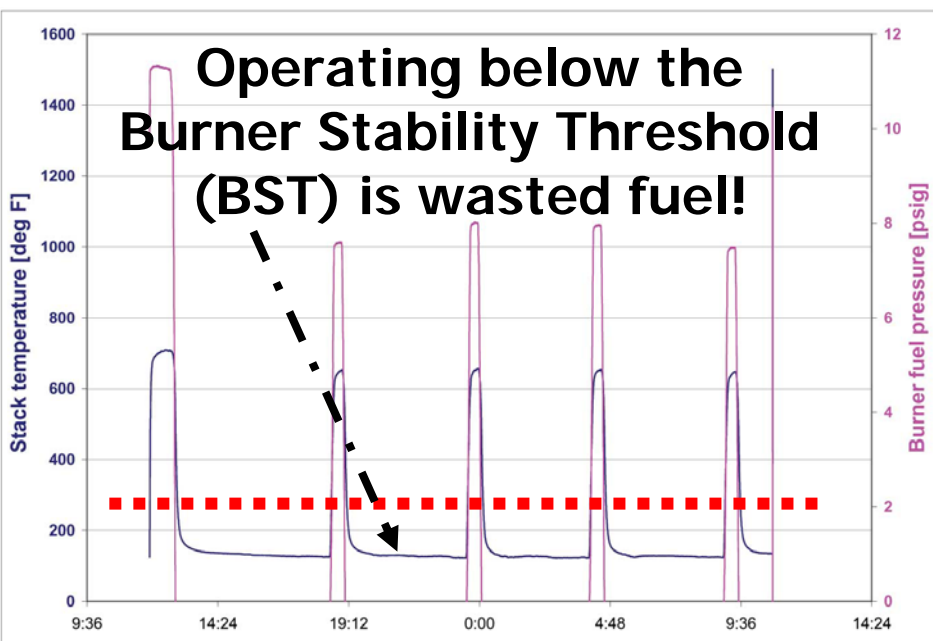
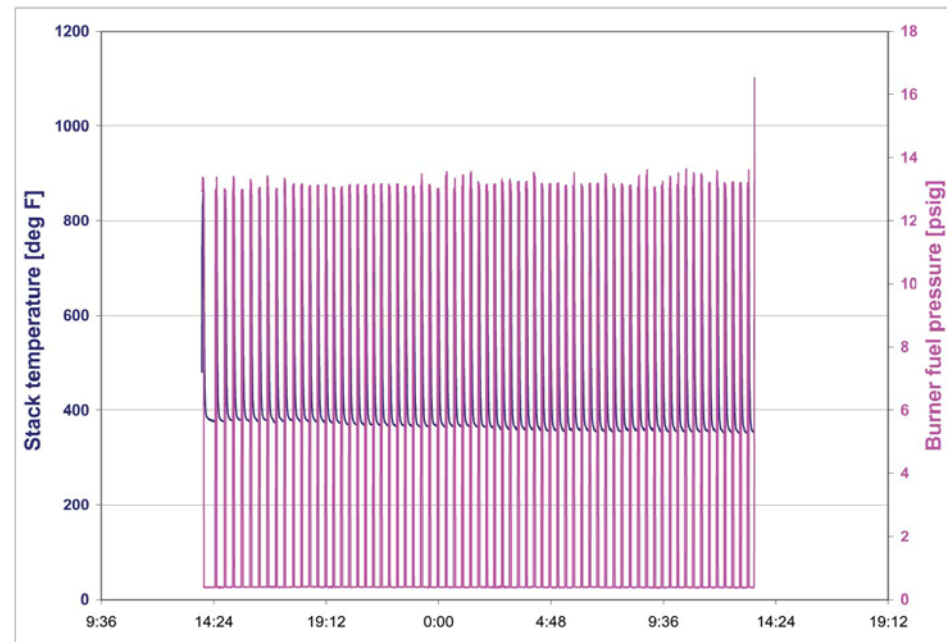
## *Operating With Excellence - **Overcoming Gas Processor Challenges***



- *Operating with Excellence begins with:*
  - ***Overcoming Joint Venture Challenges!***
  - *Working co-operatively with JV partners and Third Party is essential to improving the Operation and Energy Efficiency of all equipment (both the Operator of Record, JV and Third Party), to reduce associated Green House Gases (GHG's) and facility Production Carbon Intensities (PCI).*
  - ***Recently announced carbon taxes** (\$15/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>e) are in effect mid 2007 for large emitters (≥100 kilotonnes/yr per facility) and operating beyond their allocated reduced PCI levels. This will lead to penalties that can only be **effectively challenged and equitably allocated** when all operating companies take on the “efficiency challenge”.*







**See your EEE/doctor for  
an EKG/ECG!**

## Hanlan Field Dehy

– Mole Sieve Regen Gas Heaters (SALT BATH) (SALT BATH), 2 heaters/train, one of each of these heaters/train.

**Top Heater**, the fire-tube is rapidly firing ON & OFF at higher rate wasting energy, exhibits higher stack temp.

**Bottom Heater**, the fire-tube fires more consistent at a lower rate, exhibits both better heat transfer and lower stack temp.

