

Using Petroleum Coke (Petcoke) as Fuel Air Enforcement

#### What is Petcoke?

# Waste product of the refining industry.



Residue of Coker

#### **Petcoke Properties**

- High in heavy metals
- Higher heat content than coal
- High Sulfur
- Varying Hardness
- Cheap Fuel
- Low in Volatility

## Increased Petcoke Production

#### World Petroleum Coke Production

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### Where is Petcoke Produced?



### Who Uses Petcoke as a Fuel?

#### Cement Kilns:

- Consumes up to 40% of all petcoke nationally.
- Utilizes petcoke to replace natural gas and coal in kilns.
- Utility Boilers:
  - Cyclone and CFB boilers can replace up to 20% of their coal with petcoke.
- Steel Coke Ovens:
  - Adds in high sulfur petcoke with input coal.
- Many Others: Steel electric arc furnaces, refinery heaters, calcium carbide mfg., etc.



### Utility Companies Who Utilize Petcoke (List Not Exhaustive)

- New York State E & G (Region 2)
- Pennsylvania Power Co. (Region 3)
- Florida Power Corp. (Region 4)
- Lakeland Electric & Power (Region 4)
- Jacksonville Electric Authority (Region 4)
- ComEd (Region 5)
- Indianapolis Power & Light (Region 5)
- San Antonio Public Service (Region 6)
- Houston Lighting & Power (Region 6)
- IES Utilities (Region 7)
- Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power (Region 9)



### Cement Companies Who Utilize Petcoke (List not exhaustive)

- Lehigh Portland Cement (Regions 2,3,4,5, 6 and 9)
- Coplay Cement (Region 3)
- Essroc Cement (Regions 3 and 5)
- Lafarge Corp. (Regions 3,4,5,6,7 and 10)
- Holcim Cement (Regions 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8)
- Lonestar Cement (Region 5 and 6)
- Ash Grove Cement (Regions 6,7,8 and 10)
- Continental Cement Co. (Region 7)
- Southwestern Cement (Region 9)
- Calaveras Cement (Region 9)
- Mitsubishi Cement (Region 9)



### **Environmental Issues**

Increases SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions:

**A** High sulfur in petcoke will convert to SO<sub>2</sub>.

#### May increase PM-10, NOx, SO3 & H2SO4:

- Higher heat input may cause additional "hot spots," creating thermal NOx.
- High Vanadium levels in petcoke will oxidize some SO<sub>2</sub> into particulate SO<sub>3</sub>.
- Additional SO3 may convert to H2SO4.

#### **NSR/PSD** Theory

#### Regulatory Hook:

- If the source was not designed to burn petcoke before 1975, the intent of the regulations show that a source cannot use the capable of accomodating exemption to avoid PSD.
- Physical changes made to the unit due to petcoke can strengthen the position.

### **Regulatory Hooks**

Physical or operational changes to combustion and/or crushing/grinding equipment may trigger PSD.

NSPS

Physical or operational changes to burn petcoke may trigger NSPS.

- **SIP** 
  - ▲ SIP limits may be exceeded if petcoke significantly increases emissions.
  - Permit Conditions