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PREPARATION AND REVIEW
OF
SITE-SPECIFIC EMISSION TEST PLANS

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PREFACE

This guideline document is made available to promote consistency in the preparation and review of site-specific emission test plans for emission test programs performed for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State and local agencies, and private sector interests.

The site specific test plan comprises written descriptions, summary tables, and figures that encompass all aspects of a planned emission test program at a particular facility location. After the test is performed, an emission test report is prepared to provide the information necessary to document the data collected and provide evidence that proper procedures were used to accomplish the test objectives. The emission test report presents the information gathered according to the emission test plan. Therefore, the contents of the test plan serve as the foundation for the test report.

This guideline document presents a standard format for preparing the test plan. The standard test plan contains a table of contents, nine sections, and appendices if needed. Rather than providing a general discussion of the standard format, this document lists the contents for each section. Then an example is given to illustrate the intent of each item in the list. The list at the beginning of each section serves a dual purpose: (1) as a guide to the preparer and (2) as a checklist for both the preparer and the reviewer of the test plan.

Readers may reproduce any part of this guideline.

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The site-specific test plan must contain:

- **Table of contents**
- **List figures**
- **List of tables**

***EXAMPLE:** At a minimum, the table of contents must include the items shown below:*

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particulate matter (CPM), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen
oxides (NO_x), hydrocarbons (HC), formaldehyde, other
aldehydes, and ketones (F/A/K), and volatile and
semivolatile organic compounds.

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1.2 TEST PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

In this section, include the following:

- Test program organizational chart with lines of communication
- Names and phone numbers of responsible individuals
- If necessary, a discussion of the specific organizational responsibilities

EXAMPLE:

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1.2 TEST PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

Figure 1-1 presents the OSB test program organization, major lines of communication, and names and phone numbers of responsible individuals.

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- Logs are slashed, debarked, cut into shorter lengths, and sliced into thin wafers.
- The wafers are dried, classified, blended and mixed with resin, oriented, and formed into a mat.
- The formed mats are separated into desired lengths, heated, and pressed to activate the resin and bond the wafers into a solid sheet.
- Sheets are trimmed, edge treated, and packaged for shipping.

At this **[Plant]**, the wood mix is about 60 percent soft wood (e.g., pine), 30 percent soft hardwood (e.g., sweet gum), and 10 percent hardwood. Two 12-foot diameter dryers process 30,000 to 32,000 lb/hr of flakes. The moisture content of the flakes leaving the dryer is about 3 to 4 percent. Inlet temperatures to the dryer run about 750 to 900 F and the exit temperatures about 235 to 255 F. A McConnel burner fired with recycled waste, such as wood trim, fines, and resinated sander dust, heats the dryers. An oil-fired Wellens burner serves as a backup.

The emission test points are EFB inlet and outlet (stack) and the roof vents from the press (see Figure 2-1).

Figure 2-1.

Figure 2-2.

TABLE 3-1. [PLANT, LOCATION] TEST MATRIX

Sampling Location	No. of Runs	Sample/Type Pollutant ^a	Sampling Method ^b	Sampling Org	Sample Run Time (min)	Analytical Method ^c	Analytical Laboratory
Outlet Stack	3	PM/CPM	M202 (M5 Filter and Backup Filter) ^d	Ctr-A	60	Gravimetric (PM-M5, CPM-M202, Backup Filter-ODEQ M7)	PM/CPM-Ctr-A Backup Filter-Trade Org
Outlet Stack	3	O ₂ /CO ₂	M3 (bag)	Ctr-A	60	Orsat (M3)	Ctr-A
Outlet Stack	3	CO	M10 (CEM)	Ctr-A	60	NDIR (M10)	Ctr-A
Outlet Stack	3	NO _x	M7E (CEM)	Ctr-A	60	Chemiluminescence (M7E)	Ctr-A
Outlet Stack	6 ^e	THC	M25A (CEM)	Ctr-A	60	FID (M25A)	Ctr-A
Outlet Stack	6 ^e	TGNMO (dual train)	M25	Trade Org	60	Catalysis, GC/FID, NDIR (M25)	Trade Org
Outlet Stack	3	Formaldehyde/ Aldehydes/ Ketones	SW-846 M0011	Ctr-A	60	HPLC (M0011)	Lab-A
Outlet Stack	3	VOC ^f	SW-846 M0010 (MM5)	Ctr-A	60	HRGC/LRMS (M8270), HPLC	Lab-B/ Lab-A
Outlet Stack	3	VOC ^g	SW-846 M0030 (VOST)	Ctr-A	60	HRGC/LRMS (M5040 and M8240)	Lab-B
Outlet Stack	3 ^h	TOC	Evacuated Cylinder	Ctr-B	60	Catalytic FID	Ctr-B
Inlet	3	PM/CPM	M202 (M5 Filter and Backup Filter) ^d	Ctr-A	60	Gravimetric (PM-M5, CPM-M202, Backup Filter-ODEQ M7)	PM/CPM Ctr-A Backup Filter-Trade Org
Inlet	6 ^e	O ₂ /CO ₂	M3	Ctr-A	60	Orsat (M3)	Ctr-A
Inlet	6 ^e	THC	M25A (CEM)	Ctr-A	60	FID (M25A)	Ctr-A
Inlet	3	TGNMO (dual train)	M25	Trade Org	60	Catalysis, GC/FID (M25)	Trade Org

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Inlet	3	Formaldehyde/ Aldehydes/ Ketones	SW-846 M0011	Ctr-A	60	HPLC (M0011)	Lab-A
Press Vents	3 ⁱ	Formaldehyde/ Aldehydes/ Ketones	SW-846 M0011	Ctr-A	60	HPLC (M0011)	Lab-A
	3	O ₂ /CO ₂	M3	Ctr-A	60	Orsat	Ctr-A

^a PM-particulate matter, CPM - condensible particulate matter, TGNMO - total gaseous nonmethane organics, VOC - volatile organic compounds, TOC - total organic carbon.

^b M - EPA Method, CEM - EPA Instrumental Method using continuous emission monitors.

^c NDIR - Nondispersive infrared, FID - flame ionization detector, GC - gas chromatograph, HPLC - high performance liquid chromatography.

^d Backup filter to approximate Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Method 7.

^e Three additional runs are tentatively planned following the main test program; if possible, the process parameters will be varied during this additional testing.

^f Semivolatile organic compounds, including target compounds and tentatively identified compounds, plus oxygenated compounds caught in aqueous fractions.

^g Volatile organic compounds.

^h To be conducted with final three of six runs for M25 and M25A; sample acquisition to evaluate proposed analytical technique for total organic carbon measurements.

ⁱ Each run will be conducted on two of eight vents.

TABLE 3-2. MEASUREMENTS AT EACH TEST LOCATION

RUNS 1, 2, AND 3	
EFB Inlet	EFB Outlet
PM/CPM (M-202)	PM/CPM (M-202)
O ₂ /CO ₂ (M-3)	O ₂ /CO ₂ (M-3)
HC (M-25A)	HC (M-25A)
TGNMO (dual) (M-25)	TGNMO (dual) (M-25)
F/A/K (M-0011)	F/A/K (M-0011)
	CO (M-10)
	NO _x (M-7E)
	TOC (Evac. Cont.)
RUNS 4, 5, AND 6	
	HC (M-25A)
	TGNMO (dual) (M-25)

RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
Press Vents 2 & 3	Press Vents 4 & 5	Press Vents 6 & 7
F/A/K (M-0011)	F/A/K (M-0011)	F/A/K (M-0011)
O ₂ /CO ₂ (M-3)	O ₂ /CO ₂ (M-3)	O ₂ /CO ₂ (M-3)

Note: All sampling trains are to be conducted simultaneously within each run. For example, during Run 1, all trains under EFB inlet, EFB outlet, and Press Vents 2&3 are to be run simultaneously.

4.0 SAMPLING LOCATIONS

4.1 FLUE GAS SAMPLING LOCATIONS

In this section:

- Provide a schematic of each location. Include:
 - duct diameter
 - direction of flow
 - dimensions to nearest upstream and downstream disturbances (include number of duct diameters)
 - location and configuration of the sampling ports
 - nipple length and port diameters
 - number and configuration of traverse points
- Confirm that the sampling location meets EPA criteria. If not, give reasons and discuss effect on results.
- Discuss any special traversing or measurement schemes.

EXAMPLE:

4.1 FLUE GAS SAMPLING LOCATIONS

Emission sampling will be conducted at: (1) the EFB inlet on dryer No. 1, (2) the EFB outlet stack on dryer No. 1, and (3) the press vents. Figures 4-1, 4-2, and 4-3 are schematics of these sampling locations.

4.1.1 EFB Inlet. See Figure 4-1. Four 4-inch ports will be installed at Sections XX and YY as shown. Because of obstructions around the site, Section XX was the only practical location for Methods 202 and 0011. Method 1 requires that Section XX have 24 traverse points; each point will be sampled for 2.5 minutes for a total time of 60 minutes. One train will traverse into the duct while the other traverses out. At Section YY, about 2 feet below Section XX, one port will be used for the paired Method 25 single-point sampling and the second for Methods 25A and 3.

4.1.2 EFB Outlet. See Figure 4-2. The outlet stack for the EFB presently has two 4-inch sampling ports A and B. Additional 4-inch ports C through H will be installed as shown. Methods 202, 0011, and MM5 will be conducted at Section XX at 24 points (2.5 minutes at each point), the VOST train will be conducted at port E, and Methods 25 (dual), 10, 7E, and 3 will be conducted at Section YY.

Figure 4-1

Figure 4-2

Figure 4-3

Figure 5-2.

<u>PROBE & NOZZLE</u>	<u>FRONT HALF OF FILTER HOLDER</u>	<u>FILTER</u>	<u>BACK HALF OF FILTER HOUSING</u>	<u>1ST, 2ND, & 3RD IMPINGERS (DI WATER)</u>	<u>FRONT HALF OF BACKUP FILTER HOUSING</u>	<u>BACKUP FILTER</u>	<u>LAST IMPINGER</u>
Rinse with acetone	Brush and rinse with acetone	Carefully remove and place in petri dish		Measure impinger contents		Carefully remove and place in petri dish	
Brush liner and rinse with acetone		Brush loose particulate onto filter		Empty contents into sample container		Seal petri dish	
		Seal petri dish		Rinse 2X with DI water	Rinse 2X with DI water	Rinse 2X with DI water	
			Rinse 2X with MeCl ₂	Rinse 2X with MeCl ₂	Rinse 2X with MeCl ₂		Weigh silica gel for moisture
AR Container 2		F Container 1	IMP Container 4		MeCl ₂ Container 5	BU-F Container 6	SG Container 3

Figure 5-3. Sample recovery scheme for particulate/condensable samples.

CONTAINER 1
FILTER

CONTAINER 2
ACETONE RINSE

CONTAINER 4
IMPINGERS

CONTAINER 5
MECL₂

CONTAINER 6
BACK-UP FILTER

Determine
total sample
volume

Determine
total sample
volume

Determine
total sample
volume

Transfer contents
to tared
beaker

Combine contents in
1000-ml separatory
funnel

Mix, allow to
separate, drain
(save)
most of MeCl₂ phase
into MeCl₂
sample container

Add 75 ml of MeCl₂ to
separatory funnel and
repeat above
procedure

Repeat above

Place H₂O in a
pre-cleaned container
and evaporate to 50
ml
on a hot plate
or equivalent

Transfer MeCl₂
contents to tared
beaker

Allow to
evaporate at room
temperature
under a hood

Desiccate and
weigh to
constant
weight

Desiccate and
weigh to
constant
weight

Place in a tared
beaker
and evaporate to
dryness
in a 105 C oven

Desiccate and
weigh to
constant weight

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Figure 5-4. Analytical scheme for particulate/condensibles samples.

6.0 QA/QC ACTIVITIES

6.1 QC PROCEDURES

In this section, provide the following for each test method:

- Data sheets
- QC check lists, which could be part of the data sheets
- QC control limits
- Discussion of any special QC procedures

Examples of QC checks would be calibration of instruments, matrix spikes, duplicate analyses, internal standards, blanks, linearity checks, drift checks, response time checks, and system bias checks.

***EXAMPLE:** Examples for Method 1 and Method 2 are provided below. Other examples of data sheets/QC check lists may be obtained through EMTIC.*

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6.1 QC PROCEDURES

Data sheets that also act as QC check lists and include QC control limits for Methods 1 and 2 are shown in Figures 6-1 and 6-2.

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6.2 QA AUDITS

For each of the test methods for which an audit is to be conducted, list (if applicable) the following:

- Type of audits to be conducted
- Limits of acceptability
- Supplier of audit material
- Audit procedure
- Audit data sheet/QC check list

***EXAMPLE:** An example for Method 5 dry gas meter is provided below. Other examples of data audit sheets/QC check lists may be obtained from EMTIC.*

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6.2 QA AUDITS

Calibrated critical orifices (about 0.5 cfm) supplied by EPA will be used to audit the Method 5 dry gas meter calibration. The dry gas meter value must agree to within ±5 percent of the critical orifice value. The

procedure in Section 7.2 of Method 5 will be used. The data sheet provided by EPA will be used.

Figure 6-1

FIGURE 6-2. EXAMPLE VELOCITY DATA SHEET

Date _____ Run No. _____ Test Location _____

Plant _____
 Operator _____

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Schematic: Cross-Section

P i t o t I D N o .

Pitot coeff: C_p = _____

Last calibrated: Date:

P i t o t c o n d i t i o n :

Gauge sensitivity:

Req'd _____

in. H₂O

Actual _____

in. H₂O

Calibration:

Pre-test _____

Post-test _____

Leak check: (None)

Pre-test: _____

Post-test: _____

Port/ Trav. Pt.)p in. H ₂ O	Stk temp. F

Temp. ID No. _____
Temp. calibration: (1.5% abs)
Pre-test _____
Post-test _____

Barometric pressure gauge calibration:
(0.1 in. Hg)
Pre-test _____
Post-test _____

Barometric pressure: $P_b =$ _____ in. Hg

Static pressure: $P_s =$ _____ in. Hg

Pitot configuration/assembly:
Sketch/dimensions

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Checked for completeness by (Signature/Title)

Figure 6-3. Example sample labels.

Figure 6-4. Example field sample quality control sheet.

Figure 6-5. Example sample inventory sheet.

Figure 6-6. Example chain-of-custody form.

Figure 8-1. On-Site Emergency Response Procedures*

Project: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____ By: _____

Evacuation Signal: _____

When it sounds: _____

Gather with other test personnel at (location): _____

All clear signal: _____

First aid station location and phone number: _____

Ambulance phone number: _____

Fire Department phone number: _____

Hospital phone number: _____

* Post or secure at your work station for easy reference in the event of an emergency.

- If a mobile recovery area or laboratory is used, installation location, dates for installation, and responsible group

EXAMPLE:

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9.2 TEST PREPARATIONS

9.2.1 Construction of Special Sampling and Analytical Equipment. There are no equipment modifications or special analytical equipment required for this site.

9.2.2 Modifications to Facility. The [Plant] crew will install additional 4-inch ID sampling ports as shown in Figures 4-1 and 4-2. In addition, the decking at the outlet stack will be extended to circumvent the stack to allow access to the new sampling port locations. All work will be completed during the scheduled plant shutdowns on July 11 and 25, 1991.

9.2.3 Services Provided by Facility. The [Plant] agreed to furnish additional temporary 110 volts, 20 amp power as follows:

- EFB inlet
5 outlets
- EFB outlet stack
5 outlets
- Press vents
2 outlets
- Mobile CEM lab
5 outlets

[Contractor] will provide all other services.

9.2.4 Access to Sampling Sites. There are no special problems or safety issues in gaining access to the testing locations.

9.2.5 Sample Recovery Areas. [Contractor] will provide an office trailer (32 ft, 2 foot tongue) and a smaller trailer for sample recovery areas. The office trailer requires a single phase 220 volt power supply for lighting and air conditioning and the smaller trailer requires two 110 volt, 20 amp circuits. The sample recovery task leader will be responsible for locating both sample recovery units in areas as free as possible from ambient dust contamination. The office unit will be used for recovering the M202 and MM5 samples, and the smaller unit will be used for the M0011 (formaldehyde) samples.

TABLE 9-2. DETAILED TEST SCHEDULE

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Crew Member Activity
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Monday, July 29

1 - 17	Travel to [City, State]
1	Contact [Plant Contact] EPA Work Assignment Manager, and [Trade Organization] representative.
1	Establish communications between the test team, EPA, [Trade Organization] , and the plant.
2,3,4	Prepare the inlet sampling location for testing and set-up the equipment. Conduct preliminary measurements.
5,6,7,8,9,10	Prepare the outlet stack sampling location for testing and set-up the equipment. Conduct preliminary measurements.
13,14	Prepare the press vent sampling location for testing and set-up the equipment. Conduct preliminary measurements.
11	Set-up and calibrate the M7E and M10 monitoring equipment at the outlet stack. Warm up and check all monitoring and data acquisition systems for M7E and M10. Coordinate with M25A team leader and manual methods testing team.
12	Set-up and calibrate the monitoring systems for Method 25A at the inlet and outlet stack locations. Coordinate with M7E/M10 team leader and manual methods testing team.
15,16	Set-up the sample recovery areas and inventory all reagents and glassware.
17	Locate points for gathering process data. Establish communications with appropriate plant personnel.

Tuesday, July 30

SET-UP

1	Contact [Plant Contact] and EPA Work Assignment Manager. Review plant and testing status. Prepare for tests.
2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,13,14	Perform initial calibrations and daily QC checks. Set-up trains and leak check. Warm-up all equipment and prepare for testing.
11,12	Perform all initial calibrations and QC checks. Check all probe locations, condensers, etc. Verify that the data acquisition system is functioning properly.
15,16	Prepare sampling trains for first run.
17	Prepare to collect process data. Assist others as needed.

TESTING

2,4	M0011 train - 2 runs at the inlet.
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MONDAY July 29, 1991	TUESDAY July 30, 1991	WEDNESDAY July 31, 1991	THURSDAY August 1, 1991
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Travel to site •Establish test team/ Plant communications •Set up test locations •Conduct preliminary measurements •Set up lab for sample recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Complete 2 test runs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Complete 3rd test run •Pack up all but Methods 25 and 25A equipment •Conduct 2 additional Method 25/25A runs •Collect 2 evacuated cylinder samples •Rest of staff drive home •Afternoon: contingency test day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Conduct 1 additional Method 25/25A run •Collect 1 evacuated cylinder sample •Restore sites •Remaining staff drive home •Contingency test day

Figure 9-1. Proposed daily test schedule for [Plant] test program.