



EUBIOGASFLARE Emissions Test Report

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Executive Summary

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1.0 Introduction

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1.1 Purpose of Test

The testing was performed pursuant to requirements contained in Michigan Renewable Operating Permit MI-ROP-B3692-2015. Specifically, Special Condition No. VI.5 of FGBIOGASSYSTEM requires that PCA monitor the H₂S content of the scrubber biogas routed to EUBIOGASFLARE once per year. Special condition No. VI.1 of EUBIOGASSYSTEM requires that PCA monitor the heat content of the biogas annually.

1.2 Test Date

This test program was performed on May 28, 2015.

1.3 Project Contact Information

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1.4 Summary of Results

A summary of H₂S results is presented in Table 1. Detailed results can be found appended to this report.

**Table 1
Summary of EUBIOGASFLARE Scrubber Outlet Concentrations**

Sampling Location	Target Analyte	H₂S Concentration (ppm_v)	Permit Concentration (ppm_v)
SVBIOGASFLARE	H ₂ S	3.01	50

ppm_v: parts per million by volume

The average higher heating value (HHV) of the biogas was measured to be 748 British thermal units per dry standard cubic foot (Btu/dscf). Detailed results are contained in Appendix B.



2.0 Process Description

PCA operates the biogas flare as part of the FGBIOGASSYSTEM that is used to combust biogas during upset or malfunction conditions that may occur with the biogas generating system or the combustion boilers. If no upset conditions occur in the process, the biogas is directed to Boiler No. 4 (EUBOILER4A) and combined with natural gas to generate steam for various mill process operations, and for electrical generation.

3.0 Reference Methodologies

Triplicate fifty (50)-minute test runs were performed on the biogas flare scrubber outlet in accordance with specifications stipulated in ASTM D-5504 and in accordance with MDEQ requirements.

A minimum vacuum of 5 inches of mercury is required on the evacuated summa canister to ensure proper sample collection. All test runs were stopped once the minimum vacuum was attained.

3.1 Hydrogen sulfide

Hydrogen Sulfide concentrations were determined following ASTM guidelines as described in ASTM D-5504. The samples were extracted using evacuated summa canisters with low flow regulators. The sample stream was vented and aspirated to the summa canister for collection. Samples were labeled and immediately shipped for analysis within the required 24-hour period.

4.0 Quality Assurance

Each promulgated method described above is accompanied by a statement indicating that to obtain reliable results, persons using these methods should have a thorough knowledge of the techniques associated with each. To that end, BTEC attempts to minimize any factors in the field that could increase error by implementing a quality assurance program into every testing activity segment.

5.0 Discussion of Results


No problems were encountered during testing. Operations appeared normal with no apparent problems. The measured average biogas flare H₂S emission rate meets ROP No. MI-ROP-B3692-2015 requirements.



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Tables

Table 2
EUBIOGASFLARE H₂S Concentration (ppmv)
May 28, 2015

	Time EST	H ₂ S Concentration ppmv
Run 1	9:35-10:25	2.90
Run 2	10:35-11:25	3.04
Run 3	11:35-12:25	3.08
Average H ₂ S Concentration		3.01

ppmv: parts per million by volume