



Compliance Test Report
Utility Flare Performance Test

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Northville, Michigan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The results of the performance evaluations were:

Parameter	Applicable Requirement	Average Test Result
Flare Exhaust Smoke Emissions (Visual Emissions in a 2-hour Period)	<5 minutes over 2 hours ¹	0 minutes, 0 seconds
Flare Inlet Gas Net Heating Value (MJ/scm)	>7.45 ²	14.38
Flare Exhaust Gas Exit Velocity (feet per second)	<60 ³	43.7
Maximum Permitted Velocity (V _{max} , feet per second)	<75.5 ⁴	43.7

MJ: megajoules
scm: standard cubic meter

¹ 40 CFR 60.18(c)(1)

² 40 CFR 60.18(c)(3)(ii)

³ 40 CFR 60.18(c)(4)(i)

⁴ 40 CFR 60.18(c)(4)(iii)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

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AQSI conducted the test program with methodologies outlined in 40 CFR 60.18, except that United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Method 3C, "Determination of Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrogen, and Oxygen from Stationary Sources," was employed for net heating value determination in lieu of Method 18 and ASTM D1946. Method 3C is the applicable method for utility flares at landfills, in accordance with Subpart WWW, 60.754(e).

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The name, address, and telephone number of the primary contact for further information about the tests and this test report is:

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2.0 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

On June 6, 2016, the new temporary utility flare operated at an average inlet volumetric flow rate of approximately 2,060 standard cubic feet per minute (scfm) as measured by USEPA Methods 1 and 2, or 1,740 scfm as averaged from the recorded process flow meter data.

The average test results for the utility flare were:

- 1) visible emissions: 0 minutes, 0 seconds (accumulated, total),
- 2) average net heating value of the gas being combusted: 14.38 megajoules per standard cubic meter (MJ/scm), and
- 3) average exhaust gas exit velocity: 43.7 feet per second (fps).

The performance criteria are less than 5 minutes visible emissions in a 2-hour period, a net heating value of greater than 7.45 MJ/scm, and an exit velocity less than 60 fps (or less than the maximum permitted velocity (V_{max}), calculated to be 75.5 fps).

The test results demonstrate that that utility flare meets the performance requirements of §60.18, and thus also satisfies the requirements of 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(B), at the test flow rate.

3.0 SOURCE DESCRIPTION

Arbor Hills Landfill is an active municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill. Anaerobic bacteria decompose the emplaced waste. The primary by-products of decomposition are methane (~45-55%, typical) and carbon dioxide (~35-45%, typical), with the remainder balance gases nitrogen, oxygen and trace amounts of non-methane organic compounds.

Arbor Hills Landfill employs a gas collection and control system to meet the requirements of Subpart WWW. Gas collection wells are installed in a grid pattern about the landfill. The wells are connected to a common header system. A blower produces a vacuum on the well field. Collected gas is routed to a treatment system for subsequent use by a third party landfill gas-to-energy (LFGTE) plant. BFI employs two (2) enclosed flares, and the utility flare, as backup / ancillary control devices in the event the LFGTE experiences downtime. For instance, the LFGTE was 'de-rated' to allow the utility flare to operate for this testing.

Advanced Disposal Services installed the new utility flare at Arbor Hills Landfill in March 2017, with formal start-up on March 14, 2017. The utility flare is designed to meet the requirements of 60.753(b)(2)(iii) at a flow rate of up to 3,000 scfm. The utility flare was tested at a flow meter flow rate of approximately 1,800 scfm, as that represents the maximum flow rate that Arbor Hills Landfill expects the flare will operate for any duration (the flare typically operates at 700 to 900 scfm).



The landfill gas flow rate is variable, and depends on gas production in the landfill. The composition of the landfill gas varies, but the average Method 3C values obtained on June 6, 2017, may be considered 'typical:' methane, 43.2%; carbon dioxide, 40.0%; oxygen, 0.9%; and nitrogen, 15.8%. The landfill gas temperature at the utility flare inlet averaged 133 °F.

The utility flare is equipped with a thermocouple to monitor for the presence of a flame, and an automatic shutdown software routine that activates if the presence of flame cannot be verified by the sensor.

4.0 SAMPLE AND ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

AQSI conducted measurements in accordance with USEPA Reference Test Methods, as presented in 40 CFR 60, Appendix A. The sample collection and analytical methods used in the test program are listed in the table below. Figure 1 depicts the sample site.

<u>Sample Method</u>	<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Analysis</u>
USEPA Methods 1A & 2C	Stack Gas Velocity and Volumetric Flow Rate	Field Data
USEPA Method 3C	Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrogen, Oxygen, and moisture fraction	Gas Chromatography / Thermal Conductivity Detector (GC/TCD)
USEPA Method 22	Visible Emissions	Field Observation

4.1 Stack Gas Velocity and Volumetric Flow Rate (USEPA Methods 1A and 2C)

AQSI used Method 1A to determine the appropriate number and location of traverse points on the utility flare inlet duct. AQSI selected traverse points based on division of the stack cross-section into equal areas, and the number of upstream and downstream stack diameters from the sample ports to the nearest flow disturbance. Figure 2 depicts a representative flare inlet cross-section and traverse point locations.

AQSI used Method 2C to measure stack gas velocity pressure and temperature at each traverse point. AQSI positioned a standard pitot tube, with a baseline coefficient of 0.99, at each traverse point. The velocity pressure and temperature were measured and recorded. Velocity pressure measurements were read from an inclined water-column manometer with increments of 0.1 inches of water column.

The raw field data, and computer-generated velocity and volumetric flow rate spreadsheets are presented in Appendix A.



The average stack gas velocity is a function of the average velocity pressure, absolute stack gas pressure, average stack gas temperature, stack gas wet molecular weight, and pitot tube coefficient. AQSI derived the average stack gas velocity from equations presented in Method 2.

AQSI calculated the stack gas flow rate by multiplication of the stack gas velocity and the cross-sectional area of the stack.

AQSI used the measured inlet flow rate from each individual test to calculate the corresponding exhaust exit velocity for that test.

4.2 Determination of Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrogen, and Oxygen from Stationary Sources (Method 3C)

AQSI used Method 3C to determine the net heating value of the landfill gas. AQSI collected three, 30-minute (minimum), integrated tank samples of landfill gas from the utility flare inlet (downstream of the blower).

AQSI submitted the samples to Triangle Environmental Services, Inc. (TES), Hillsborough, North Carolina for analysis. TES analyzed each tank for carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrogen (N₂), and oxygen (O₂) concentration and moisture fraction. Figure 3 depicts the Method 3C sample train.

TES followed the analytical procedures of Method 3C by using a gas chromatograph (GC), with appropriate separation column for the expected parameters, equipped with a thermal conductivity detector (TCD). The TES laboratory analytical report, and the letter of approval from USEPA for use of Method 3C, is presented in Appendix B.

AQSI used the Method 3C analytical results to calculate stack gas molecular weight (for use in stack gas velocity calculation), and to calculate the net heating value of the gas being combusted per §60.18(f)(3). The reported net heating value is the arithmetic average of three valid test runs.

AQSI calculated the dry molecular weight of the stack gas based on the assumption that the primary constituents were methane, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, and oxygen (other compounds present have a negligible relative concentration). The stack gas dry molecular weight is equal to the sum of stack gas constituent concentrations (%) multiplied by the corresponding molecular weight of that constituent. TES calculated stack gas moisture content by Equation 3C-1 of Method 3C.



4.3 Visual Determination of Fugitive Emissions from Material Sources and Smoke Emissions from Flares (Method 22)

AQSI conducted a single, 120-minute, non-continuous observation of the utility flare exhaust for smoke emissions. AQSI observed continuously for 15 to 20 minutes, then took a break for at least 5 – but no more than 10 minutes, and then resumed observation in this pattern until a full 120-minute period of observation time had accrued. A copy of the Method 22 observation data is presented in Appendix A.

5.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

On June 6, 2017, AQSI observed an accumulated total of 0 minutes, 0 seconds of visible emissions from the utility flare exhaust. The limit for visible emissions is less than 5 minutes per 2-hour time period [60.18(c)(1)].

On June 6, 2017, the average net heating value of the gas being combusted in the utility flare was 14.38 MJ/scm. The requirement for net heating value is >7.45 MJ/scm [60.18(c)(3)(ii)].

On June 6, 2017, the average stack gas exit velocity from the utility flare, calculated from field data, was 43.7 fps. The limit is <60 fps [60.18(c)(4)(i)], or less than the Maximum Permitted Velocity, V_{max} , calculated to be 75.5 fps [60.18(c)(4)(iii)].

The results demonstrate that the utility flare meets the performance requirements of §60.18, and thus satisfies 40 CFR 60.752(b)(2)(iii). All test results are consistent and repeatable.

AQSI did not note any variations and/or anomalies in normal sample collection procedures, nor any control equipment upset conditions over the test period.


Mr. Tom Maza with MDEQ reviewed the Test Plan, and had no objections. Mr. Maza and Ms. Dianne Kavanaugh-Vetort with MDEQ witnessed the test program

AQSI quality assurance (QA) procedures included:

- 1) leak-check of the velocity measurement system (pitot tube through manometer), prior to each test,
- 2) leak-check of the Method 3C train, prior to each test, and,
- 3) verification of sufficient evacuation of each Method 3C canister prior to initiation of each sample collection.



Raw field and computer-calculated data used in the determination of the utility flare average exit velocities and net heating values, visible emissions observation data, and recorded process flow meter data, are presented in Appendix A. The Method 3C laboratory analytical results and chain-of-custody forms are presented in Appendix B. Sample calculations are presented in Appendix C.

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Table 1

Utility Flare Inlet Volumetric Flow Rate and Flare Exit Velocity
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AQSI Project No. 17F1003
June 6, 2017

Parameter	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Average
Inlet Volumetric Flow Rate (scfm) – Measured Field Data	2,052	2,048	2,075	2,058
Exit Tip Diameter (inches)	12	12	12	
Exit Tip Cross-Sectional Area (ft ²)	0.785	0.785	0.785	
Allowable Exit Velocity (fps) ¹	60	60	60	60
Maximum Permitted Velocity, V _{max} (fps) ²	73.5	76.4	76.6	75.5
Exit Velocity (fps)	43.5	43.5	44.0	43.7

¹ 40 CFR 60.18(c)(4)(i)

² 40 CFR 60.18(c)(4)(iii)

scfm: standard cubic feet per minute

ft²: square feet

fps: feet per second



Table 2

Utility Flare Inlet Gas Net Heating Value
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Parameter	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Average
Flare Inlet Gas Methane Content (ppm)	421,300	436,916	438,409	432,208
Flare Inlet Gas Methane Content (%)	42.13	43.69	43.84	43.22
Methane, Molecular Weight (lb/lb mole)	16	16	16	
Methane, Heating Value (kcal/g) ¹	11.9533	11.9533	11.9533	
Methane, Heating Value (kcal/g mole)	191.25	191.25	191.25	
Minimum Net Heating Value (MJ/scm) ²	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.45
Flare Inlet Gas Net Heating Value (MJ/scm)	14.02	14.54	14.59	14.38

¹ USEPA Office of Air Quality Planning And Standards' Control Cost Manual
² 40 CFR 60.18(c)(3)(ii)

ppm: parts per million
 %: percent
 lb/lb mole: pounds per pound-mole
 kcal/g: kilocalories per gram
 kcal/g mole: kilocalories per gram-mole
 MJ/scm: megajoules per standard cubic meter



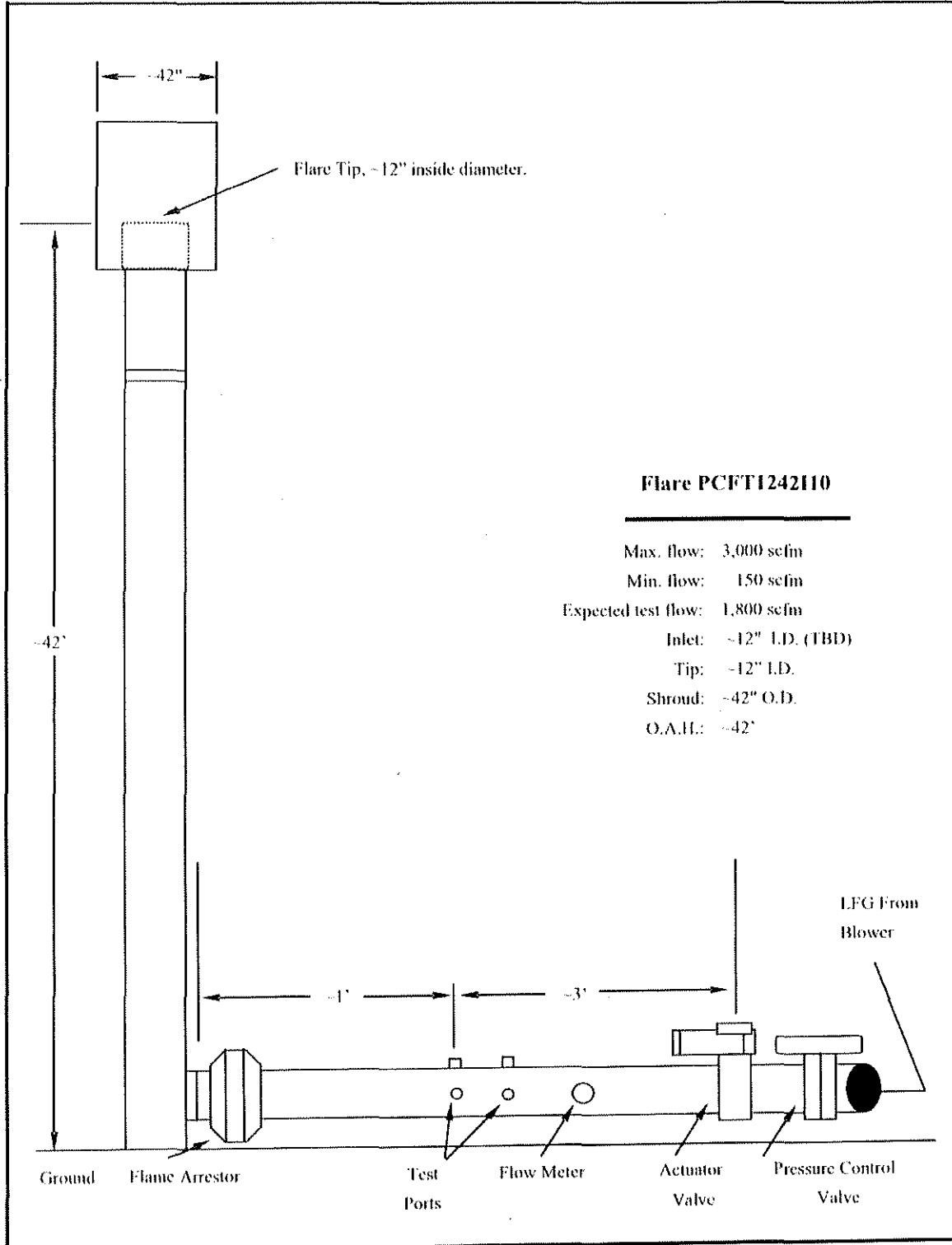
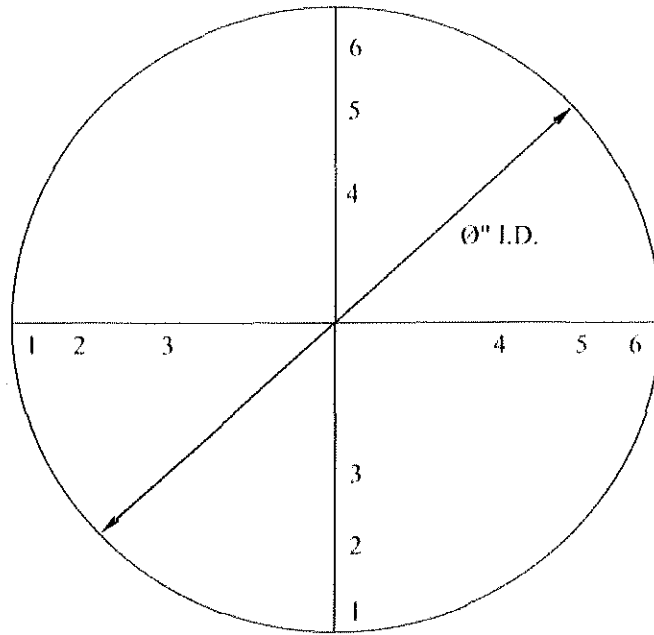


Figure 1
 Representative utility flare duct and stack arrangement, approximate test port locations, Arbor Hills Landfill, in Northville, Michigan.

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Traversal Point Number	Distance From Wall (percent of diameter)
1	4.4%
2	14.6%
3	29.6%
4	70.4%
5	85.4%
6	95.6%

Figure 2
 Traversal point numbers and locations on the utility flare inlet
 at Arbor Hills Landfill in Northville, Michigan.

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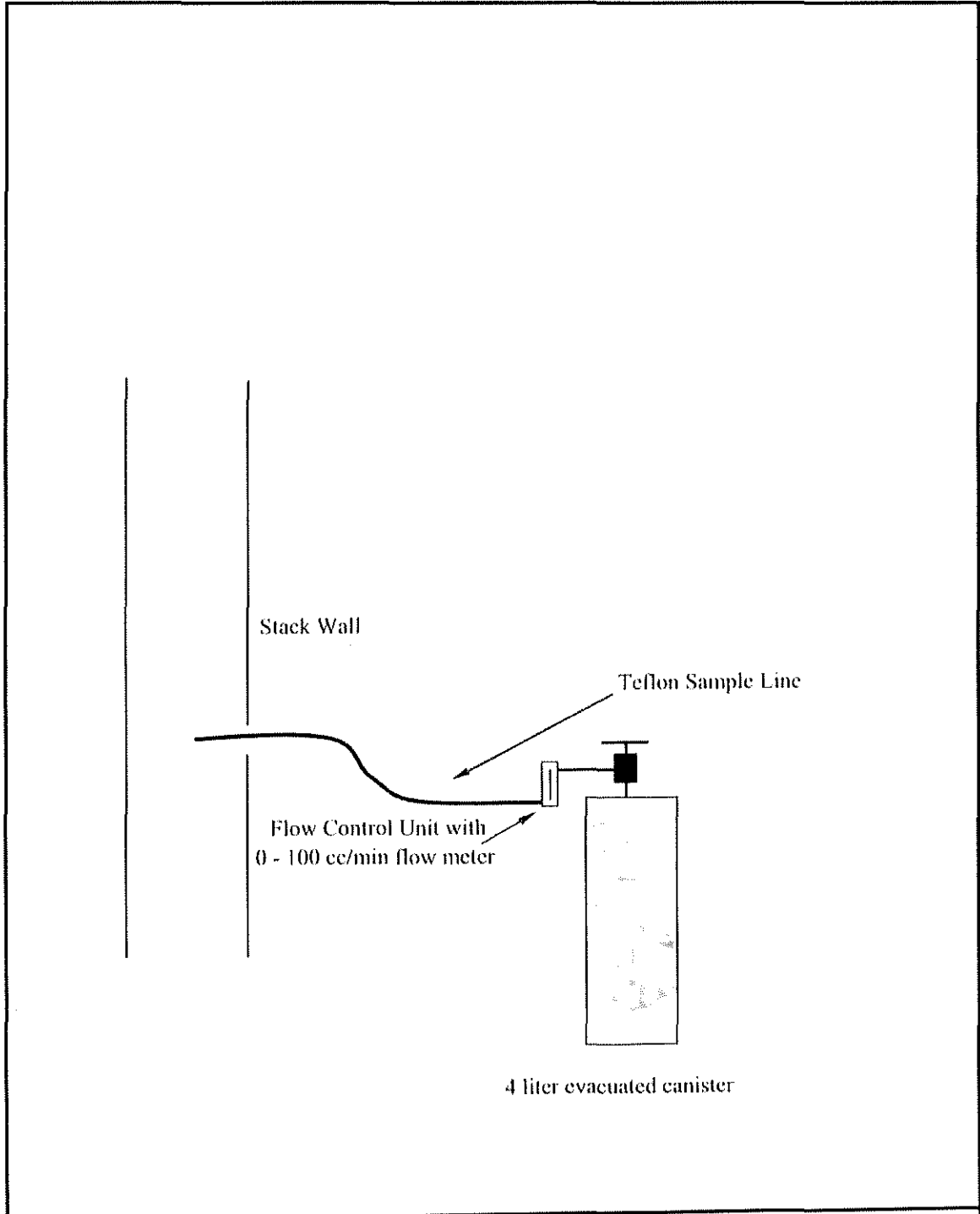


Figure 3
USEPA Method 3C sample train used at the utility flare inlet duct
at Arbor Hills Landfill in Northville, Michigan.

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