

Sludge Treatment Facility Stack Gas Monitoring Report August 2019

I. INTRODUCTION

This Monthly Report aims to provide a summary of environmental performance of the Sludge Treatment Facility (STF) over the monitoring period, which includes the air emission data collected by a Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS), and the periodic monitoring of heavy metals, dioxins and furans.

II. THE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

The STF is required to undertake regular checks on the air emission during the operation of the plant. There are four incineration trains, namely, Train AE, Train AF, Train BE and Train BF in the STF. Air emissions from the incineration trains under operation are closely monitored through a comprehensive management and monitoring programme to ensure that the plant is being operated safely and in an environmentally acceptable manner.

The CEMS on key parameters is installed in each incineration train to ensure combustion and air pollutant removal processes are functionally well. Furthermore, each incineration train is equipped with an automatic sludge feed cut-off system. In the event that the CEMS picks up any potential sign of exceedance of any of the control parameters, sludge feed to the incineration train will be stopped automatically.

In August 2019, three incineration trains AE, AF and BF were in operation.

For stack gas monitoring, emission rate of the key parameters are summarized in the tables below. All emission records and test results by the respective accredited laboratories have been checked and certified by the Consultants before publication. The results of stack gas monitoring are in compliance with all stack gas control parameters with respect to the mass emission limit.

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Stack AE

	Parameters	Emission Limits ⁽ⁱ⁾ (kg/hr)	Range (kg/hr)	Mean (kg/hr)	Compliance (Y/N)
(a)	Continuous Monitoring – Hourly Average (Measurement by CEMS)				
	Particulates ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	2.277	0.002 - 0.407	0.012	Y
	Total organic carbon	1.512	0.000 - 0.743	0.053	Y
	Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	4.545	0.022 - 0.218	0.121	Y
	Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	0.306	0.003 - 0.102	0.039	Y
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	15.147	0.106 - 5.893	2.574	Y
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	7.578	0.000 - 0.066	0.025	Y
	Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x) as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	30.303	0.987 - 9.616	2.774	Y
(b)	Continuous Monitoring – Daily Average (Measurement by CEMS)				
	Particulates ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	0.756	0.007 - 0.033	0.012	Y
	Total organic carbon	0.756	0.013 - 0.118	0.053	Y
	Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	0.756	0.058 - 0.159	0.121	Y
	Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	0.072	0.024 - 0.054	0.039	Y
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	3.789	2.271 - 3.069	2.573	Y
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	3.789	0.009 - 0.051	0.025	Y
	Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x) as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	15.147	1.815 - 5.743	2.771	Y

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	Parameters	Emission Limits ⁽ⁱ⁾ (kg/hr)	Result (kg/hr)	Compliance (Y/N)
(c)	Monthly Monitoring (Measurement by accredited laboratory)			
	Mercury	0.003789	<0.0004	Y
	Total Cadmium & Thallium	0.003789	<0.0016	Y
	Total Heavy Metals ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	0.0378	<0.007	Y
	Dioxins and Furans ^{(iv)(v)}	7.575×10^{-9}	$<7.793 \times 10^{-10}$	Y

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Stack AF

	Parameters	Emission Limits ⁽ⁱ⁾ (kg/hr)	Range (kg/hr)	Mean (kg/hr)	Compliance (Y/N)
(a)	Continuous Monitoring – Hourly Average (Measurement by CEMS)				
	Particulates ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	2.277	0.002 - 0.078	0.005	Y
	Total organic carbon	1.512	0.000 - 1.102	0.054	Y
	Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	4.545	0.055 - 0.241	0.158	Y
	Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	0.306	0.003 - 0.080	0.033	Y
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	15.147	0.010 - 7.604	2.407	Y
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	7.578	0.000 - 0.116	0.020	Y
	Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x) as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	30.303	0.481 - 8.500	2.086	Y
(b)	Continuous Monitoring – Daily Average (Measurement by CEMS)				
	Particulates ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	0.756	0.004 - 0.009	0.005	Y
	Total organic carbon	0.756	0.007 - 0.122	0.054	Y
	Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	0.756	0.112 - 0.208	0.158	Y
	Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	0.072	0.023 - 0.049	0.033	Y
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	3.789	2.169 - 2.587	2.407	Y
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	3.789	0.007 - 0.064	0.020	Y
	Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x) as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	15.147	1.212 - 3.842	2.091	Y

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(c)	Monthly Monitoring (Measurement by accredited laboratory)			
	Mercury	0.003789	<0.0003	Y
	Total Cadmium & Thallium	0.003789	<0.0013	Y
	Total Heavy Metals ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	0.0378	<0.0057	Y
	Dioxins and Furans ^{(iv)(v)}	7.575×10^{-9}	$<6.365 \times 10^{-10}$	Y

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Stack BF

	Parameters	Emission Limits ⁽ⁱ⁾ (kg/hr)	Range (kg/hr)	Mean (kg/hr)	Compliance (Y/N)
(a)	Continuous Monitoring – Hourly Average (Measurement by CEMS)				
	Particulates ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	2.277	0.001 - 0.106	0.004	Y
	Total organic carbon	1.512	0.005 - 0.665	0.070	Y
	Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	4.545	0.010 - 0.158	0.095	Y
	Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	0.306	0.002 - 0.052	0.028	Y
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	15.147	0.063 - 2.424	1.767	Y
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	7.578	0.001 - 0.126	0.044	Y
	Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x) as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	30.303	0.346 - 4.506	1.056	Y
(b)	Continuous Monitoring – Daily Average (Measurement by CEMS)				
	Particulates ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	0.756	0.002 - 0.010	0.004	Y
	Total organic carbon	0.756	0.009 - 0.159	0.070	Y
	Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	0.756	0.053 - 0.135	0.095	Y
	Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	0.072	0.016 - 0.038	0.028	Y
	Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	3.789	1.640 - 1.987	1.768	Y
	Carbon Monoxide (CO)	3.789	0.017 - 0.094	0.044	Y
	Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x) as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	15.147	0.640 - 1.938	1.059	Y

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	Mercury	0.003789	<0.0003	Y
	Total Cadmium & Thallium	0.003789	<0.0013	Y
	Total Heavy Metals ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	0.0378	<0.0056	Y
	Dioxins and Furans ^{(iv)(v)}	7.575×10^{-9}	$<6.314 \times 10^{-10}$	Y

Explanatory Notes

- (i) The results of measurements are standardized at the reference conditions of 0°C temperature, 101.325 kPa pressure, dry and 11% oxygen content conditions.
- (ii) The particulates mean the respirable suspended particulates, which are suspended particulates in air with a nominal aerodynamic diameter of 10 µm or smaller.
- (iii) Average values over a sampling period of a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of 8 hours, including Sb, As, Pb, Co, Cr, Cu, Mn, V and Ni.
- (iv) Average values over a sampling period of 6 to 8 hours.
- (v) Regarding the dioxins monitoring, the STF will send the gas samples to overseas laboratory for analysis which will take about a month for obtaining the test results. The STF will submit the laboratory test results of dioxins and other monitoring parameters to the Independent Consultant and Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for verification, which will then be released through EPD's website. Owing to the time for data verification and report compilation, the release of data in the Stack Gas Monitoring Report would generally be after a lapse of several months from the sampling date.