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Is Your Precipitator Ready for MATS?

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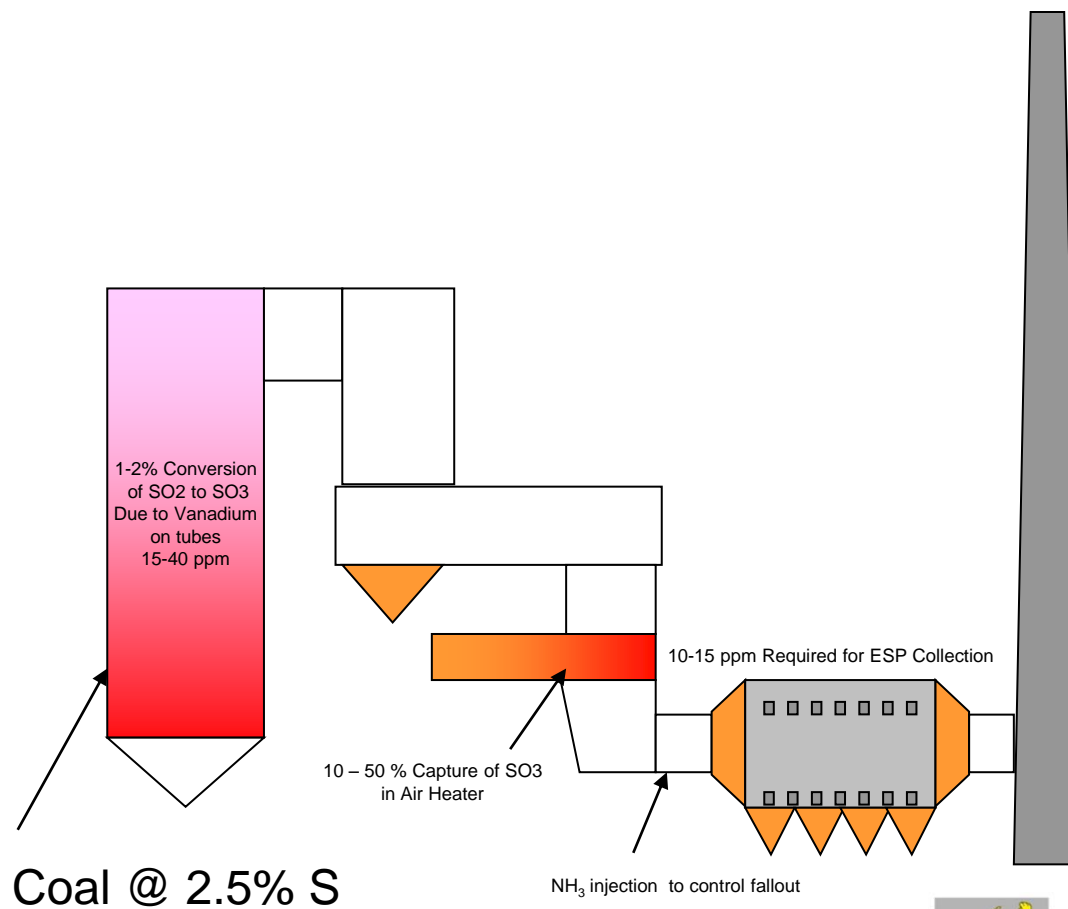
What are Sorbent Injection Effects on ESP Performance?

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Wasn't Life Simple Then?

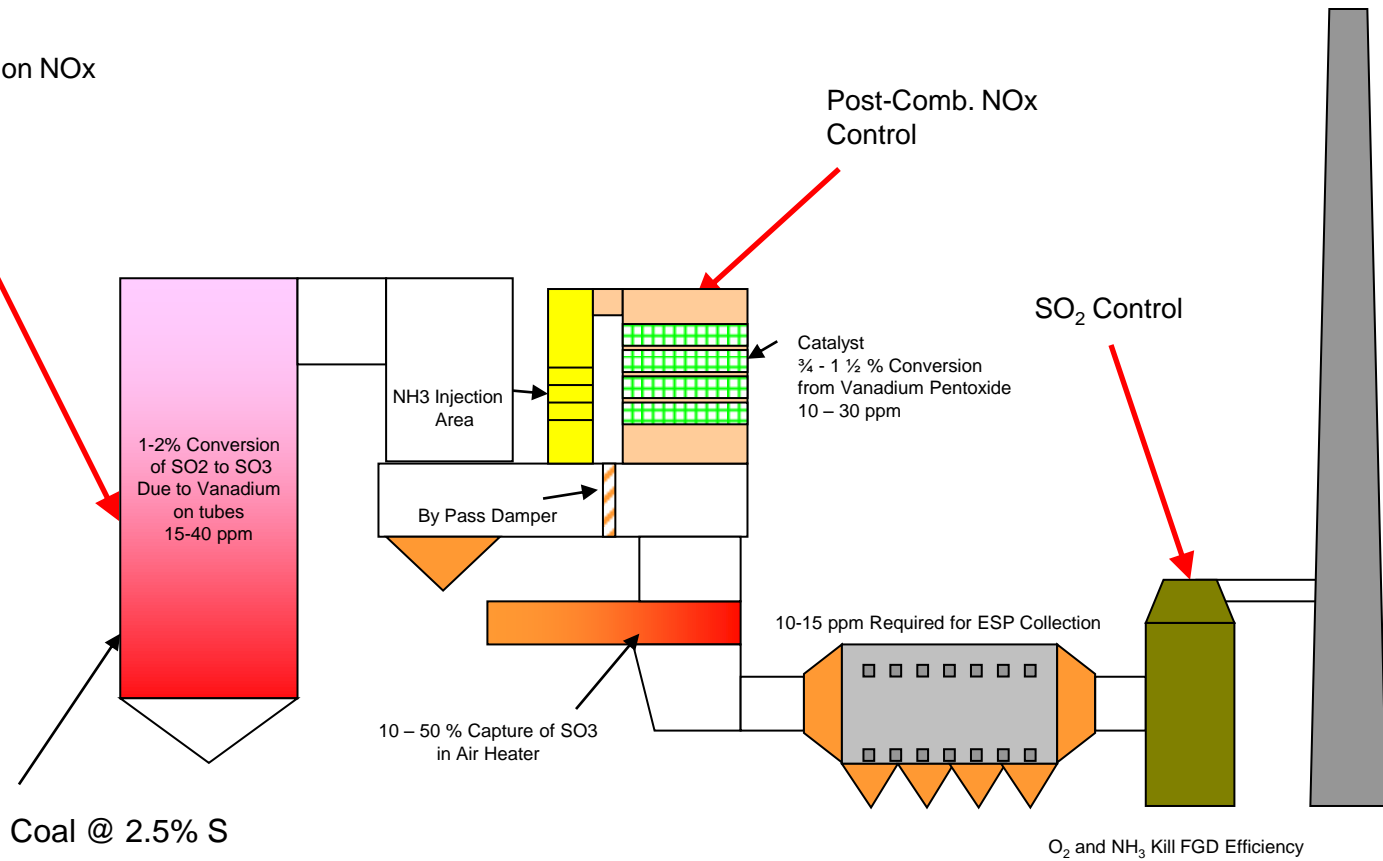


Before We Had These!

Combustion NOx Control

Post-Comb. NOx Control

SO₂ Control



Early Lessons Learned

- Plan Ahead
- Test, Test, Test
- Control Devices Are Not Islands
- What is Good for One is Not Good for ALL
- Temporarily One Can Save Another



What sorbents will you have to use for MATS compliance?

- DSI
- ACI
- Halogens
- Soda Ash



DSI

(Keep them dry)

- Hydrated Lime
(calcium based)
- Sodium Bicarbonate
- Trona
(Sodium Based)
Sticky around 380°F

Used to control SO_3 at several locations. So controlling SO_2 with these may starve the ESP of SO_3 .



ACI

- Average micron 16-20
- Effective Temperature 325°F+
- Moisture 12%

Collecting and rapper re-entrainment of ACI could be an issue.



Halogens

(to enhance the ACI)

- Potassium Bromide
- Calcium Bromide
- Hydrogen Bromide

Expected issue is leaching out into the water.



What aspects will sorbents effect?

Fundamental Design Factors

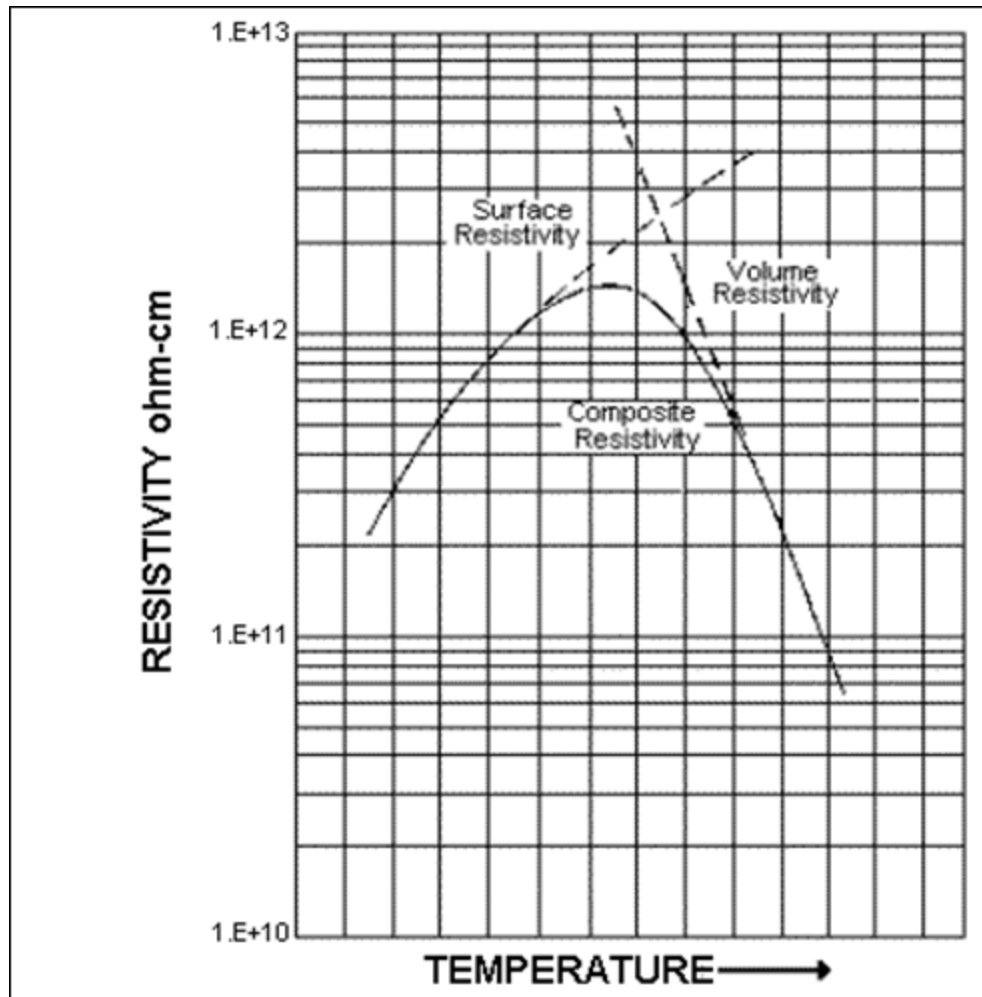
- Fly Ash
 - Resistivity
 - Particle Size
 - Chemical Composition
- Undersized Precipitator
- Sectionalization
- Rapping System
- FARS Capacity

Operational Factors

- Improper Adjustment of Rapper Intensity or Frequency
- Air Heater Pluggage



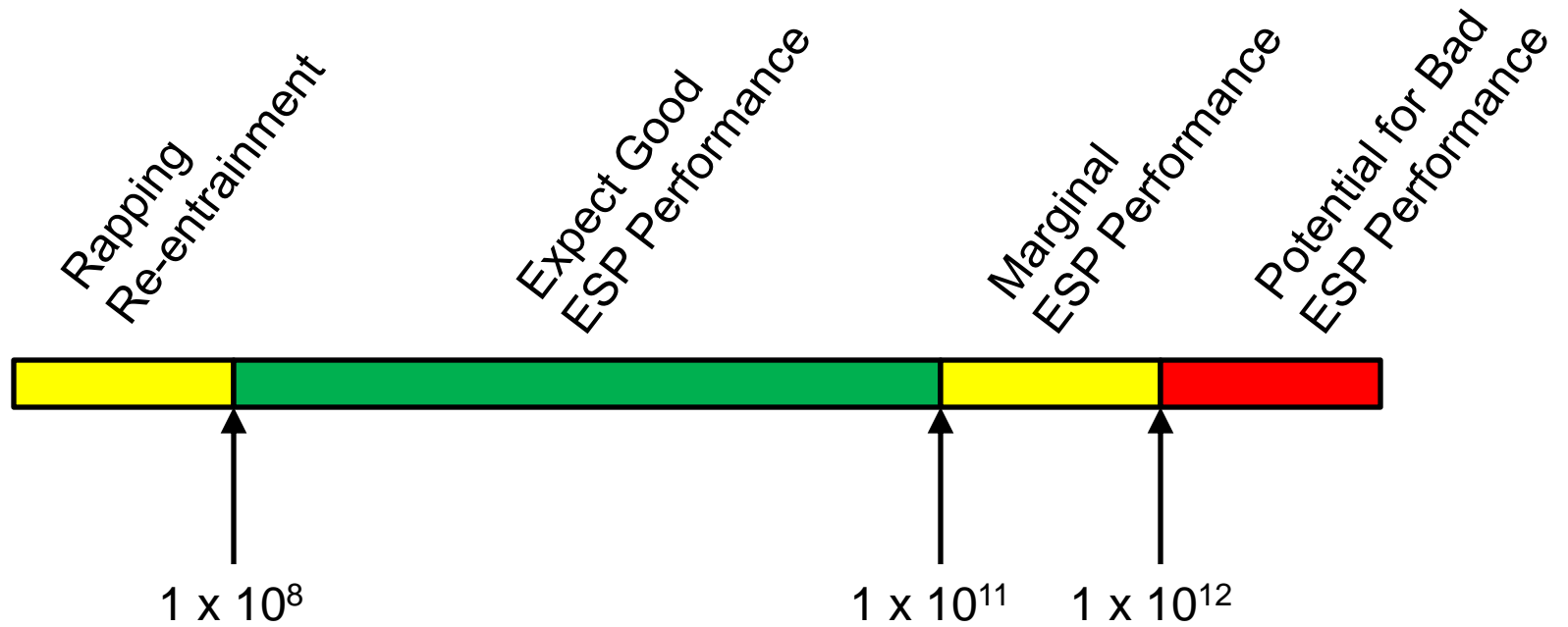
Fly Ash Resistivity/Conduction Mechanisms



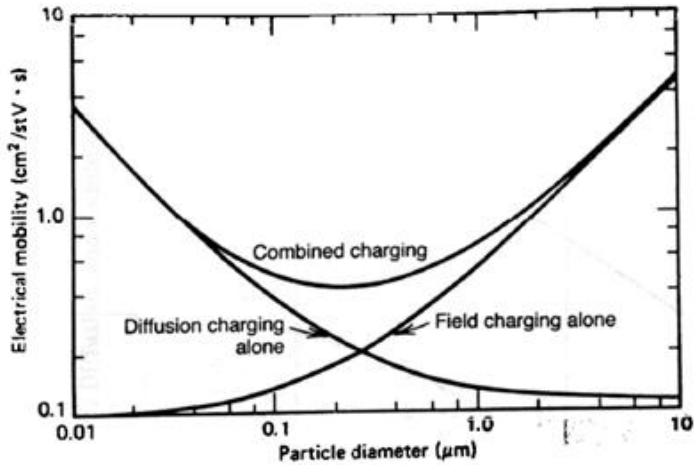
- Fly ash resistivity/conductivity determined by two independent mechanisms
 - Volume resistivity/conduction
 - Surface resistivity/conduction
- Volume resistivity due to conduction through the bulk of the fly ash
- Volume resistivity dominates at higher temperatures



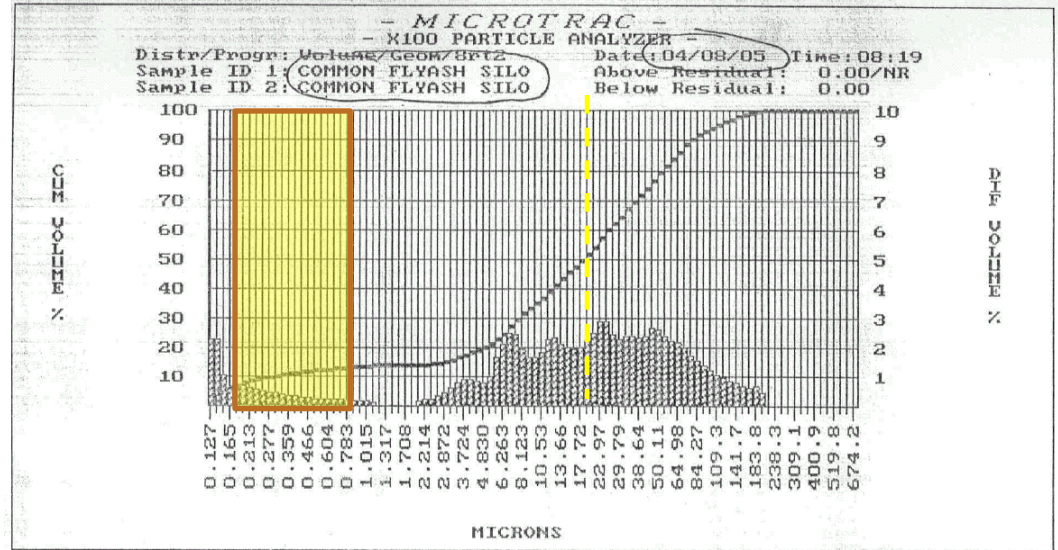
Resistivity Ranges



Fly Ash Particle Size



Courtesy of Univ. of FL



Particle Size (micron)	Volume Fraction	Cumulative Volume %
1	0.12	12
5	0.08	20
15	0.25	45
35	0.23	68
75	0.20	88
160	0.12	100

ESP Collection Efficiency

(Deutsch-Anderson Equation)

$$\eta = 1 - e^{-\frac{A}{V}\omega}$$

Calculated from the known geometry of the ESP and the process design data

A - Collecting Electrode Surface Area

V - Volumetric Flow Rate

ω - Drift or Migration Velocity

$$\omega = \frac{E_o E_p a}{2 \pi g}$$

E_o - Charging Field

E_p - Collecting Field

a - Particle Radius

g - Gas Viscosity



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Sorbent Burden on ESP

- Calcium based sorbents may increase resistivity
- Sodium based sorbents will decrease resistivity
- Increased emissions
- Increased spark rate
- Need for increased rapping interval
- Potential for increased erosion
- Increased hopper fill rate



ACI like Increase in LOI

- Increased spark rate
- Increased re-entrainment
- Potential for insulator tracking
- Potential for hopper fires
- Inability to sell fly ash
- Decreased effectiveness of activated carbon
- Potential increased dust resistivity



What are the numbers?

	250 MW		600 MW		800 MW		1300 MW		1300 MW
	East / MS	East / MS	East / LS	East / HS	East / LS	East / LS	East / HS	East / HS	PRB
Coal (Tons/yr)	523000	523000	1063000	1063000	1832000	1832000	3785000	3785000	5618000
BTU	12050	12050	12163	12163	12112	12112	11989	11989	8801
Ash in Coal	11.5%	11.5%	12.0%	12.0%	11.9%	11.9%	9.1%	9.1%	6.2%
# Ash/MMBTU	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	7.6	7.6	7.0
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# SO2/MMBTU	1.98	1.98	1.18	4.69	1.18	1.18	6.06	6.06	0.73
Ton of Ash from Coal	60145	60145	127560	127560	218008	218008	344435	344435	345507
Conversion to Fly Ash	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	85%
Fly ash to ESP	48116	48116	102048	102048	174406	174406	275548	275548	293681
ESP Collection Eff	99.75%	99.75%	99.75%	99.75%	99.75%	99.75%	99.75%	99.75%	99.75%
Ash Emitted	120	120	255	255	436	436	689	689	734
NSR Trigger (tons/yr)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Injection to Trigger NSR *	10000*	10000*	10000*	10000*	10000*	10000*	10000*	10000*	10000*
Percent of Increase to ESP	21%	21%	10%	10%	6%	6%	4%	4%	3%
Post-Combustion Controls									
SCR		Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö
ESP	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö
Wet FGD		Ö		Ö		Ö		Ö	
DSI	0.10	0.10	0.18	0.32	0.25	0.25	1	1	0 tons/hr
	842	842	1617	2830	2156	2156	8760	8760	tons/yr
ACI w/Halogens	5	0	5		5	0	5	0	5 lb/Macf
	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3.2	3.2	5.1	5.1	5.1 Macfm
	7.5	0	12.5	0	16	0	25.5	0	25.5 lb/m
	1971	0	3285	0	4205	0	6701	0	6701 tons/yr
Total Injected Tons	2813	842	4902	2830	6361	2156	15461	8760	6701
Potential NSR Trigger	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

* - 10,000 Tons is back calculated assuming the DSI and ACI does not change the ESP efficiency.



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Sectionalization

If your ESP is or becomes marginal can you easily resectionalize?

- Do you have dual busing TR Sets?
- Can the high voltage frames be easily divided?
- Do you have the room for more TR Sets either conventional or high frequency?
- Do you have the electrical infrastructure for additional TR sets?



Rapping System

- CE Ratio SQ-FT/Rapper (12-15K)
- DE Linear FT/Rapper
 - Top Rap (RDE -1500, WW-3000)
 - Tumbling Hammer 500
- Low resistivity re-entrainment
 - Rapper Tuning
 - Re-sectionalize
- Power off rapping



FARS

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- The Forgotten System!!!
 - Misunderstood philosophy
 - Extremely Abused
 - Temperature extremes up to 32 times/day
 - Abrasive material
 - Beaten to make behave

New Challenges

- What is the System Capacity?
- Injection burden will be greatest in the inlet!



Mechanical Factors Affecting Performance

New Issues Directly Related to Injection

- FARS (Full Hoppers)
- Ash Deposits on Gas Distribution Devices
- Excessive Ash Deposits on Electrodes

Existing Problems Exacerbated

- Poor Electrode Alignment
- Vibrating or Swinging Electrodes
- Distorted Collecting Plates
- Air Inleakage
- Gas Sneakage Through Hoppers and Around ESP Zones



DSI Darker Sides



Plate build-up



Inlet Turning Vane
and Nozzle Pluggage



Perforated Plate
Pluggage

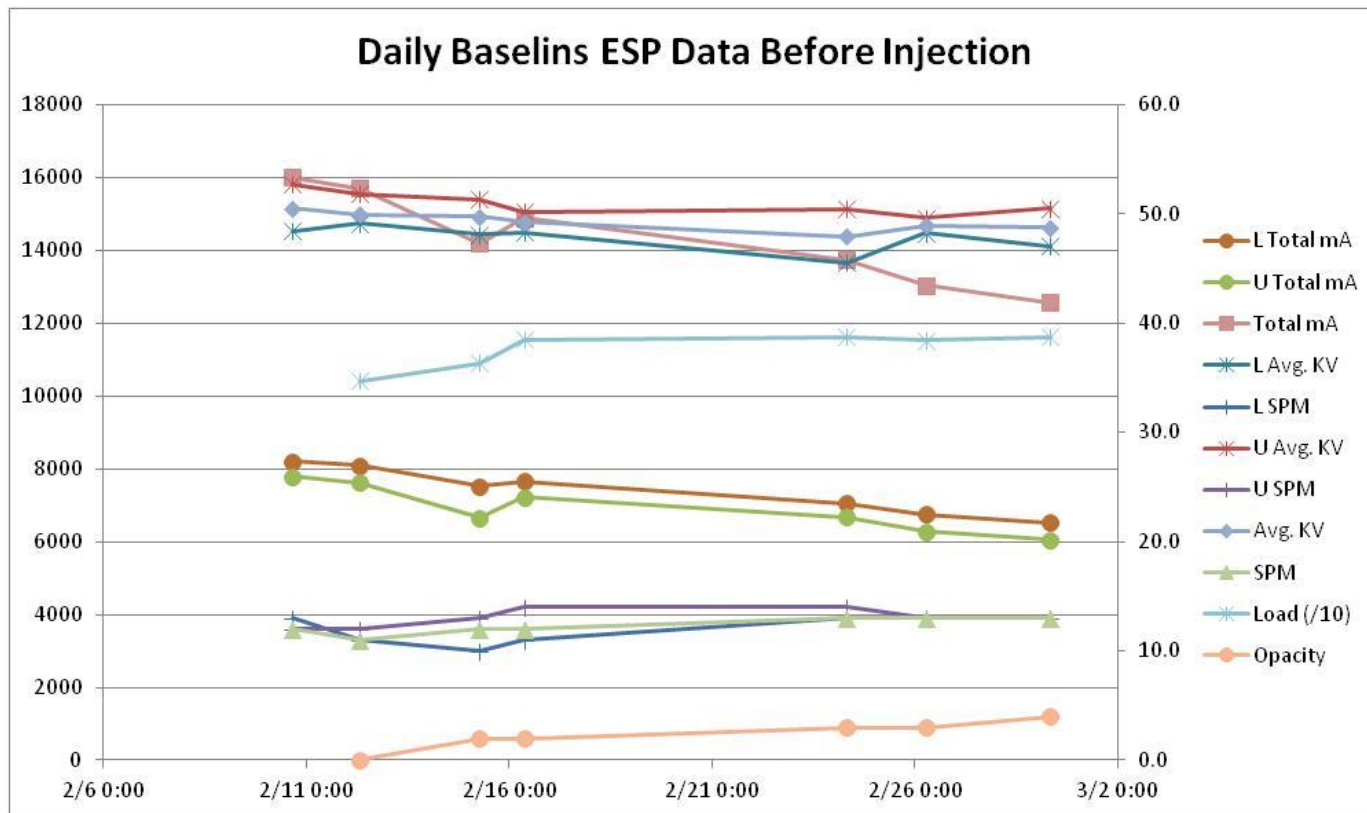


Testing of Sorbent Products

- It is highly recommended, but it is not a 100% guarantee if successful.
- A 3 week test is a minimum for the ESP.
- The test should be continuous with a pre and post ESP inspection.
- The more ESP and opacity data the better.
- A PM test during the testing is a must.
- Be aware of what changes are made during the test.



ESP Data During Trona and PAC Testing



Suggestion for Pre MATS

- Pretest Sorbents to be used.
- Fix known ESP problems up front.
- Check your FARS capacity.
- Upgrade your ESP
 - Sectionalize ESP/Rappers
 - Eliminate Weighted Wires
- How old are your TR sets? Does their replacement play into your game plan?
- Install taps to collect delta-Ps across GDS devices



Operating a Power Plant No Longer Like Driving on a Super Highway



Power Plant Driving
Before 1990 CAA



Upcoming Power Plant Driving
Deadly if you drop off either edge!



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