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# Duke Energy Dual Fuel

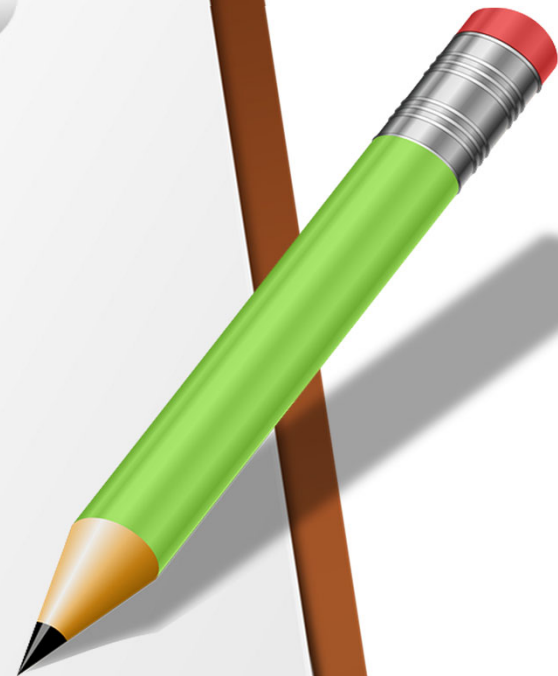
*Cliffside, Belews Creek and Marshall Natural Gas Firing Update*



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# AGENDA

- Goals of the Dual Fuel Programs
- Projects timelines
- Unit Designs
- Installations
- All unit's lessons learned
- Emissions challenges
- All units testing results



## 2016 Program Goals



### Reduce environmental footprint

- Reduced CO2
- Reduction in Fuel Oil usage and handling
- Reduction in coal usage

### Increase fleet flexibility to adapt to renewables

- Lowered Unit Minimum Load
- Increased Unit Ramp Rates



### Deliver savings to our customers

- Option to utilize lowest cost fuel on a daily basis
- Drive competition
- Respond to fuel procurement bottlenecks



# Projects Status

## Cliffside

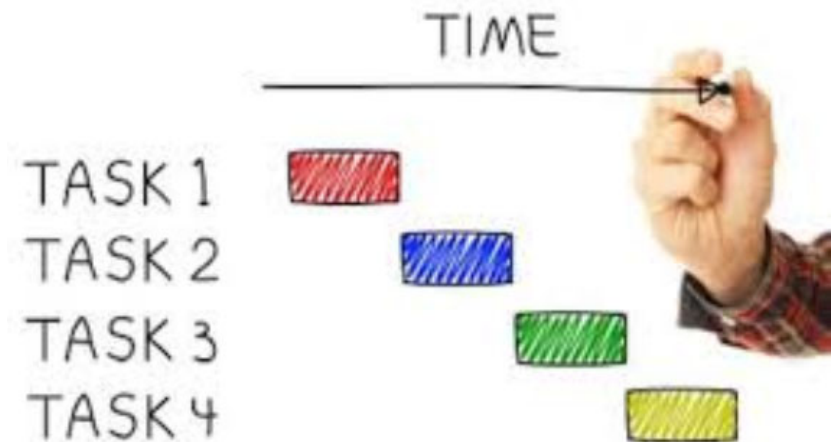
- Approved July 2016
- Feb 2018 - Engineering Complete
- Mar 2018 - Construction Start
- Unit 5 - Nov 2018 In Service
- Unit 6 - Dec 2018 In Service
- Unit 5 & 6 - Spring 2019 Performance Testing Complete
- **Firing Natural Gas or Coal based on Economics**

## Belews Creek

- Approved Aug 2017
- Oct 2017 – Engineering kick-off
- Nov 2018 – Engineering Complete
- Unit 1 – Fall 2019 In Service
- Unit 2 – Fall 2020 In Service
- Performance testing complete Unit 1 June 2020
- **Firing Natural Gas or Coal based on Economics**

## Marshall

- Approved Dec 2017
- Feb 2017 – Engineering kick-off
- Fall 2019 – Engineering Complete
- Units 3 & 4 – Fall 2020 In Service Date
- Units 1 & 2 – Fall 2021 In Service Date
- **Firing Natural Gas or Coal based on Economics**



## Unit Design

- Commercial in 1972
- 600 MWg
- Combustion Engineering Boiler
- 4 Corner T-Fired
- 24 coal burners
- 2400 psig (Sub-Critical)
- 1005 F SH / RH
- 100% MCR Heat Release 5910 mmBTU/hr
  
- SOFA
- CCOFA
- LOFIR

Environmental Controls include

- Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)
- Electrostatic Precipitator
- Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (WFGD)



### Gas System Design

- Riley Design
- 40% Gas Firing Capacity
- 2 Levels of Wafer Style Gas Burners
  - Located in Auxiliary Air Ports
- Each Burner Heat Release = 271 mm BTU/hr
- 1 Level of Wafer Style Ignitor for LOFIR level
  - Located in Auxiliary Air Port
- Each Ignitor Heat Release = 40 mmBTU/hr
  
- Goal is to operate with 2 Gas Levels and 4 Coal levels in service at Full load if doing 40%
- When U6 operating at full load – only 10% available by gas supply contract.
- **Actual gas firing capacity 220 MW**

### Gas Emissions Targets @ MCR (60/40 co-fire)

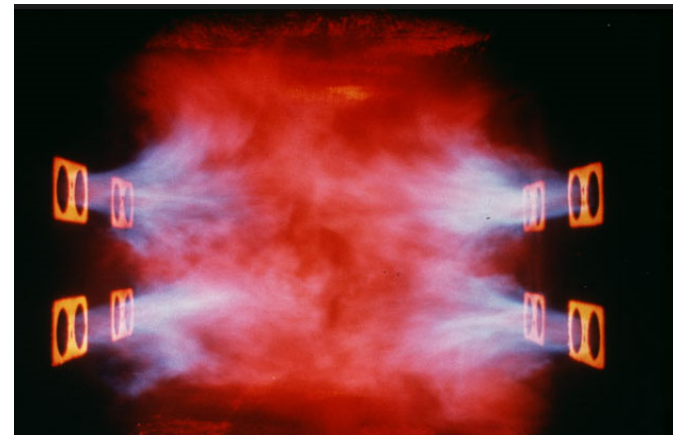
- NOx < Baseline
- CO < 0.08 lb/mmBTU
- 2170 mmBTU/hr Heat Input from Gas (40%)
- Baseline Excess Air (3% O3 wet)

## Unit Design

- Commercial in 2012
- 905 MWg
- Hitachi Boiler
- Opposed Wall Fired Spiral Furnace
- 30 coal burners / 3 Elevations per Wall
  - Full load on 25 burners
- 6 Pulverizers
- 3700 psig (Super-Critical)
- 1055 F SH / 1075 F RH
- Each Burner Heat Release = 320 mmBTU/hr
  
- OFA
- Side Air Ports

Environmental Controls include

- Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)
- Spray Dryer Absorber (SDA)
- Fabric Filter
- Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (WFGD)



### Gas System Design

- Riley Design
- 100% Gas Capacity
- 30 Gas Burners / 3 Elevations per Wall
  - 28 burners needed for full load
- Each Burner Heat Release = 263 mmBTU/hr
- Cane style gas burner located in Secondary Air Plenum of existing coal burners
- 1 Gas Flow Control Skid per burner level (Qty 6)
- Actual gas firing capacity 905 MW

### ▪ Gas Targets:

- $\text{NO}_x < 0.25 \text{ \#/mmBTU}$ ,
- $\text{CO} < 0.037 \text{ \#/mmBTU}$
- $\text{VOC} < 0.0023 \text{ \#/mmBTU}$
- Excess Air < 17%
- MCR, 100% Natural Gas

## Belews Creek Units 1 & 2

### Unit Design

- Babcock and Wilcox
- 1170 MWg
- Opposed Wall Fired
- 80 coal burners / 4 Elevations per Wall
  - Full load on 72 burners
- 3500 psig (Super-Critical)
- 1005 F SH / RH
- 100% MCR Heat Release = 10,590 mmBTU/hr
  
- OFA

### Gas System Design

- Riley Design
- 50% Gas Capacity (~70% with ignitors)
- 32 Gas Burners / 2 Elevations per Wall
- Each Burner Heat Release = 171 mmBTU/hr
- Cane style gas burner located in Secondary Air Plenum
- 1 Gas Pressure Control Skid per burner level (Qty 4)
  
- Goal is to operate with 4 gas levels and 4 pulverizer burner sets in service at full load
- Replacing fuel oil ignitors with natural gas ignitors on remaining 48 burners = 50 mmBTU/hr
- **Actual gas firing capacity 850 MW (72%)**

## Marshall Units 3 & 4

### Unit Design

- Combustion Engineering
- 700 MWg
- 8 Corner T-Fired
- 48 coal burners
- 3500 psig (Super-Critical)
- 1007 F SH / 1000 F RH
- 100% MCR Heat Release = 6930 mmBTU/hr
  
- SOFA
- CCOFA
- LOFIR

### Gas System Design

- Riley Design
- 50% Gas Capacity
- 2 Levels of Wafer Style Gas Burners
  - Located in Auxiliary Air Ports
- Each Burner Heat Release = 212 mmBTU/hr
- 1 Gas Pressure Control Skid per burner level (2)
  
- 1 Level of Wafer Style Ignitor for LOFIR level
  - 42 mmBTU/hr
  - Located in Auxiliary Air Port
  
- Goal is to operate with 2 Gas Levels and 4 Coal levels in service at Full load
- **Actual gas firing capacity 420 MW (60%)**

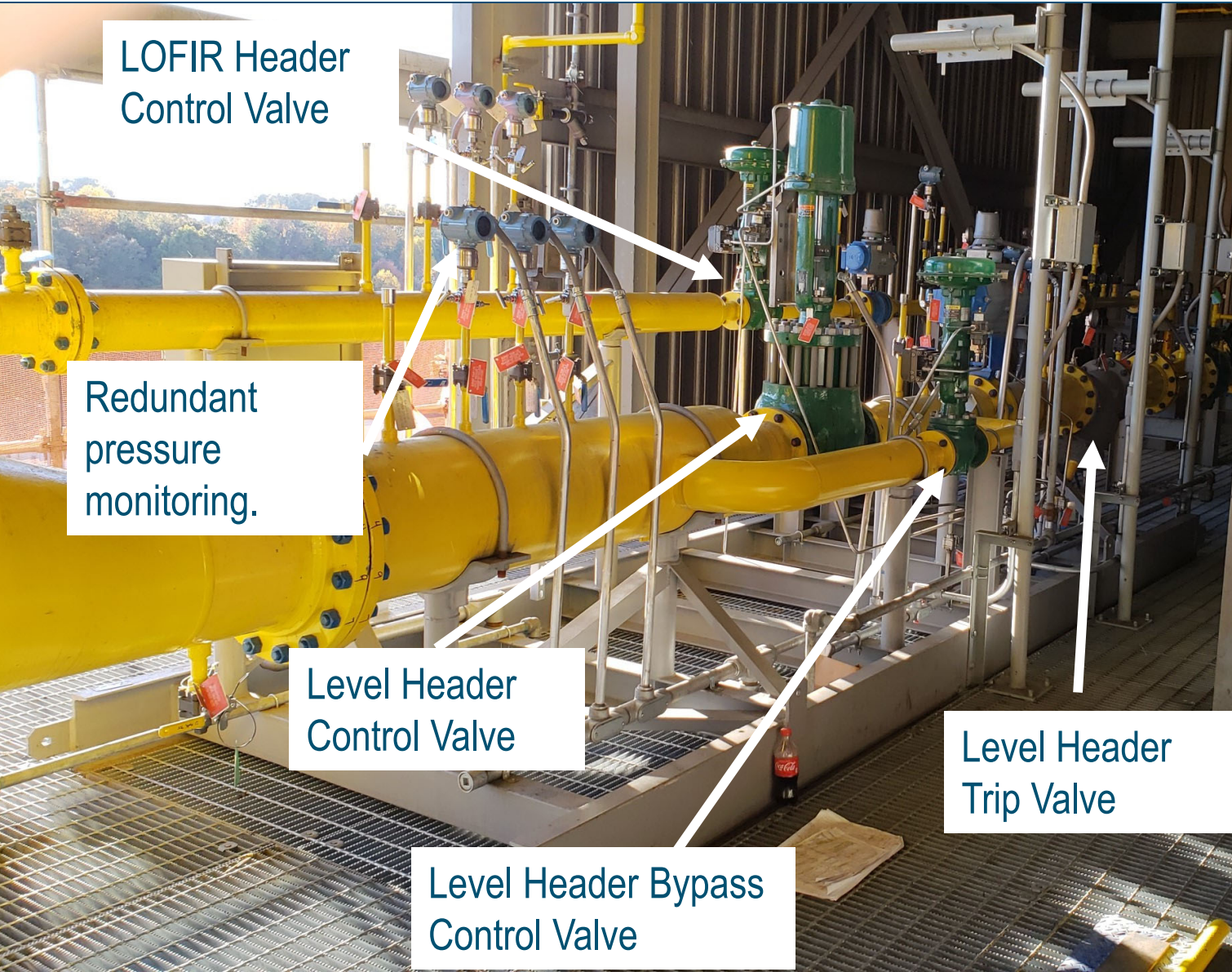
## Marshall Units 1 & 2

### Unit Design

- Combustion Engineering
- 400 MWg
- 8 Corner T-Fired
- 40 coal burners
- 2400 psig (Sub-Critical)
- 1050 F SH / 1000 F RH
- 100% MCR Heat Release = 3885 mmBTU/hr
  
- SOFA
- CCOFA

### Gas System Design

- Riley design
- 40% Gas Capacity
- 2 Levels of Wafer Style Gas Burners
  - Located in Auxiliary Air Ports
- Each Burner Heat Release = 90 mmBTU/hr
- 1 Gas Pressure Control Skid per unit
- 1 Level of Wafer Style Ignitor for LOFIR level
  - 18 mmBTU, Located in Auxiliary Air Port
- When Units 3 & 4 are utilizing maximum gas only 10% available for use on 1 & 2, 40% capacity provides flexibility for times when 3 & 4 are at reduced load or possibly offline
- **Actual gas firing capacity 185 MW (46%)**



LOFIR Header  
Control Valve

Redundant  
pressure  
monitoring.

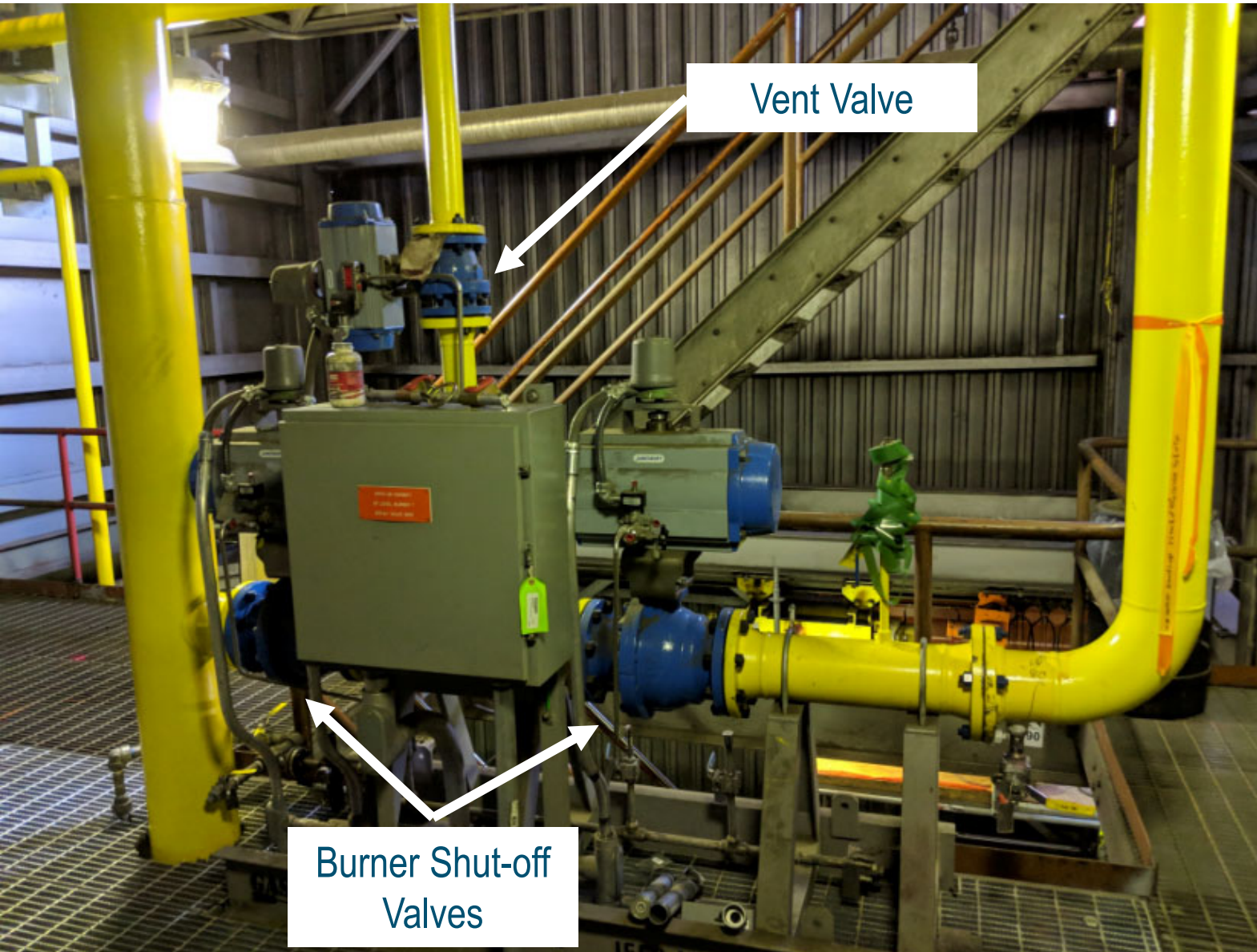
Level Header  
Control Valve

Level Header Bypass  
Control Valve

Level Header  
Trip Valve

Cliffside Unit 5  
Fuel Control Skid

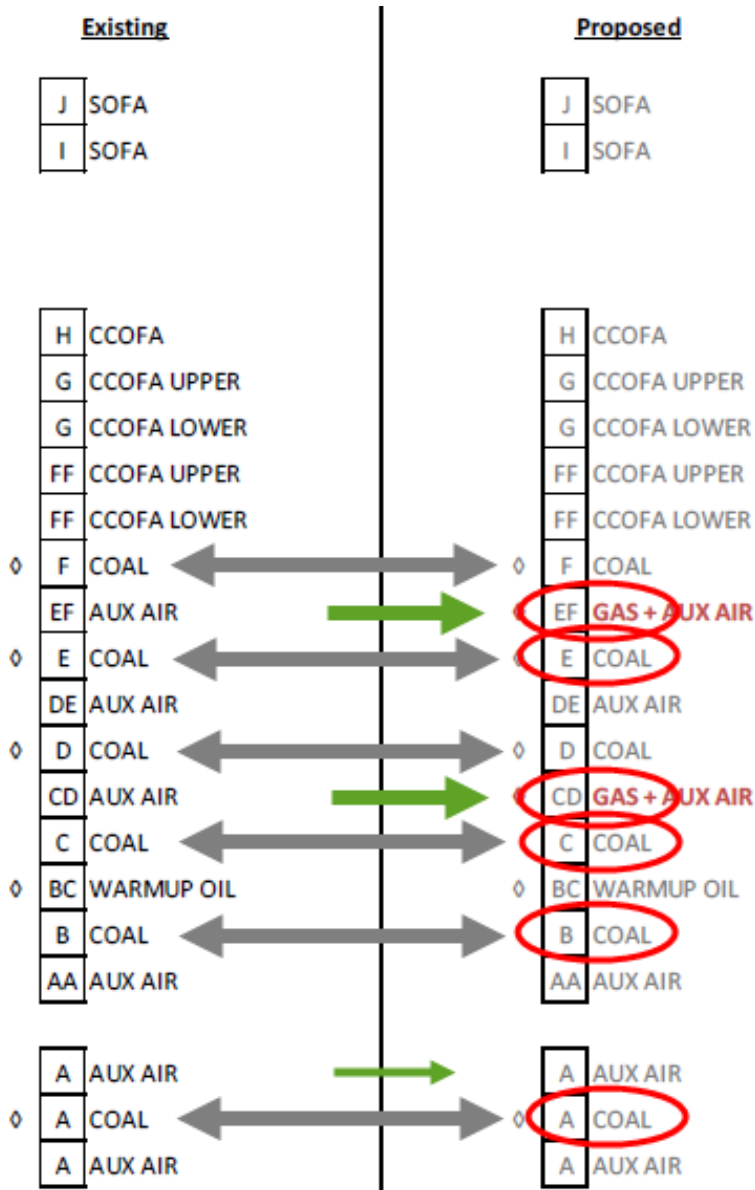
Very similar to other  
skids



## Cliffside Unit 5 Burner Shut-off Skid

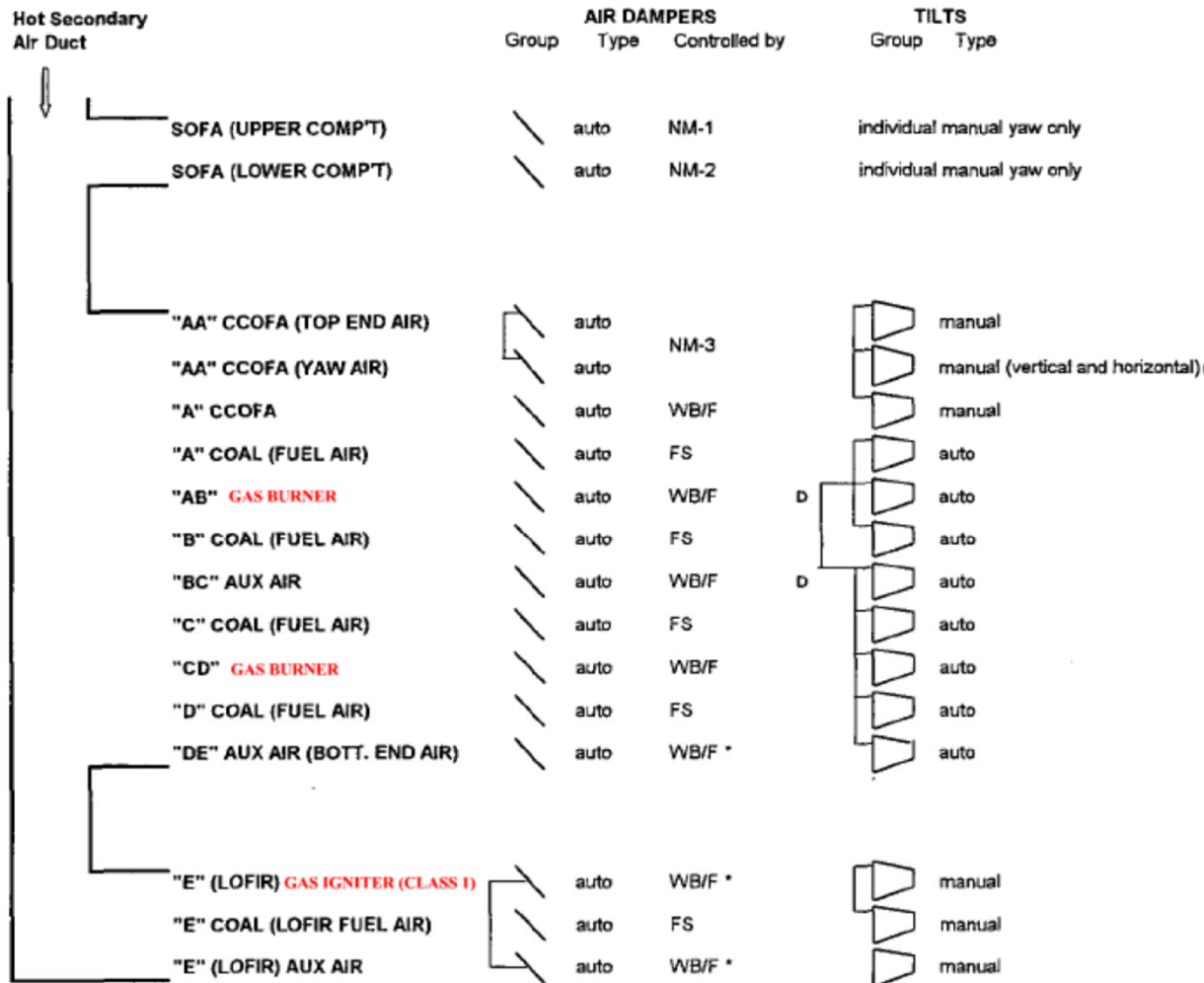
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# Cliffside 5 Burner Elevations



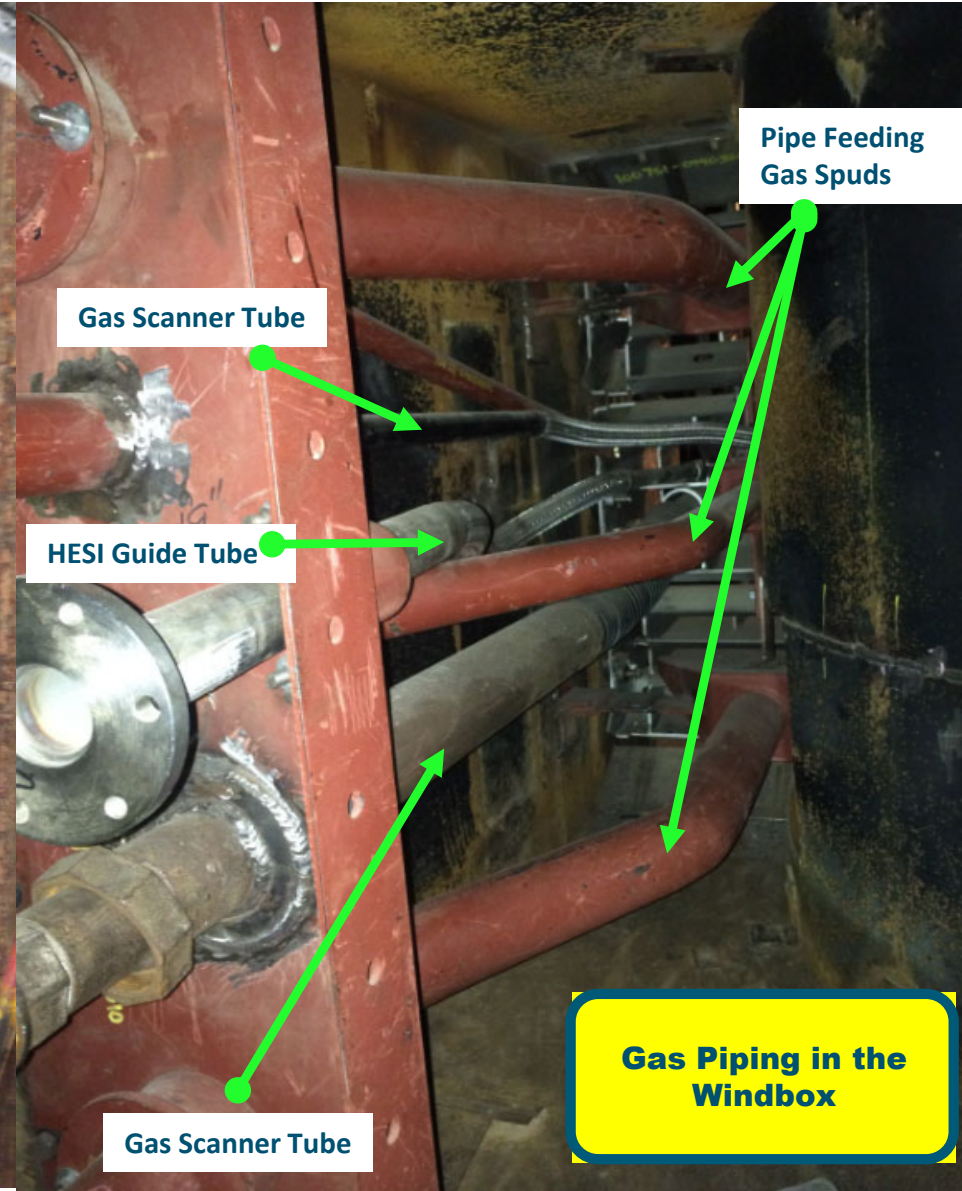
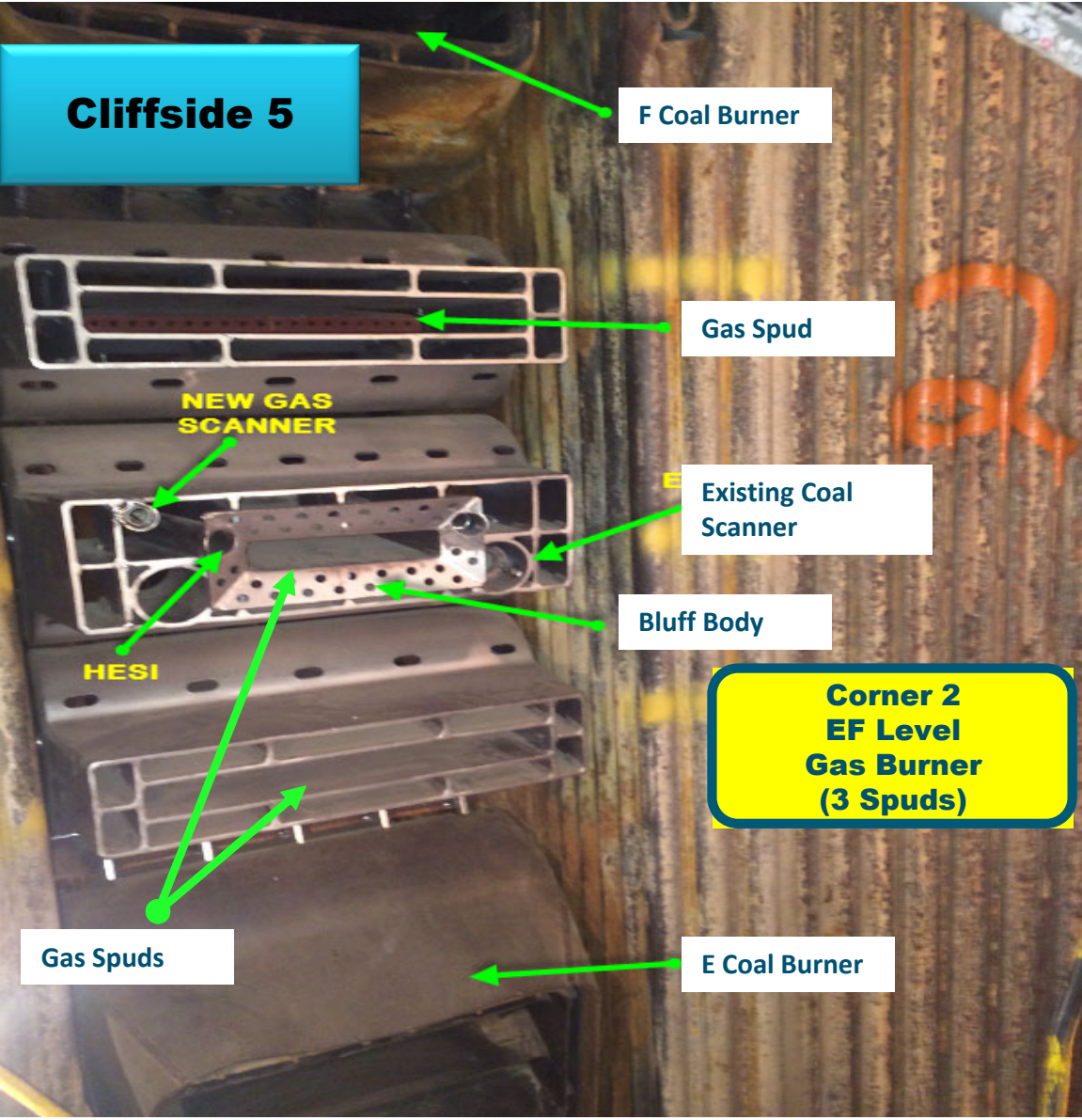
- Gas Levels interspersed between Coal Levels
  - Based on modeling results to control temperatures and heat flux
  - Provides Gas ignition source for coal burners
  - Wafer Style gas ignitor for A Coal Burner
- Optimum Firing Arrangement
  - 2 Gas Levels In Service - CD and EF
  - 4 Coal Pulverizers In Service
    - A and B
    - Select 1 C or D
    - Select 1 E or F based on Temperature Control

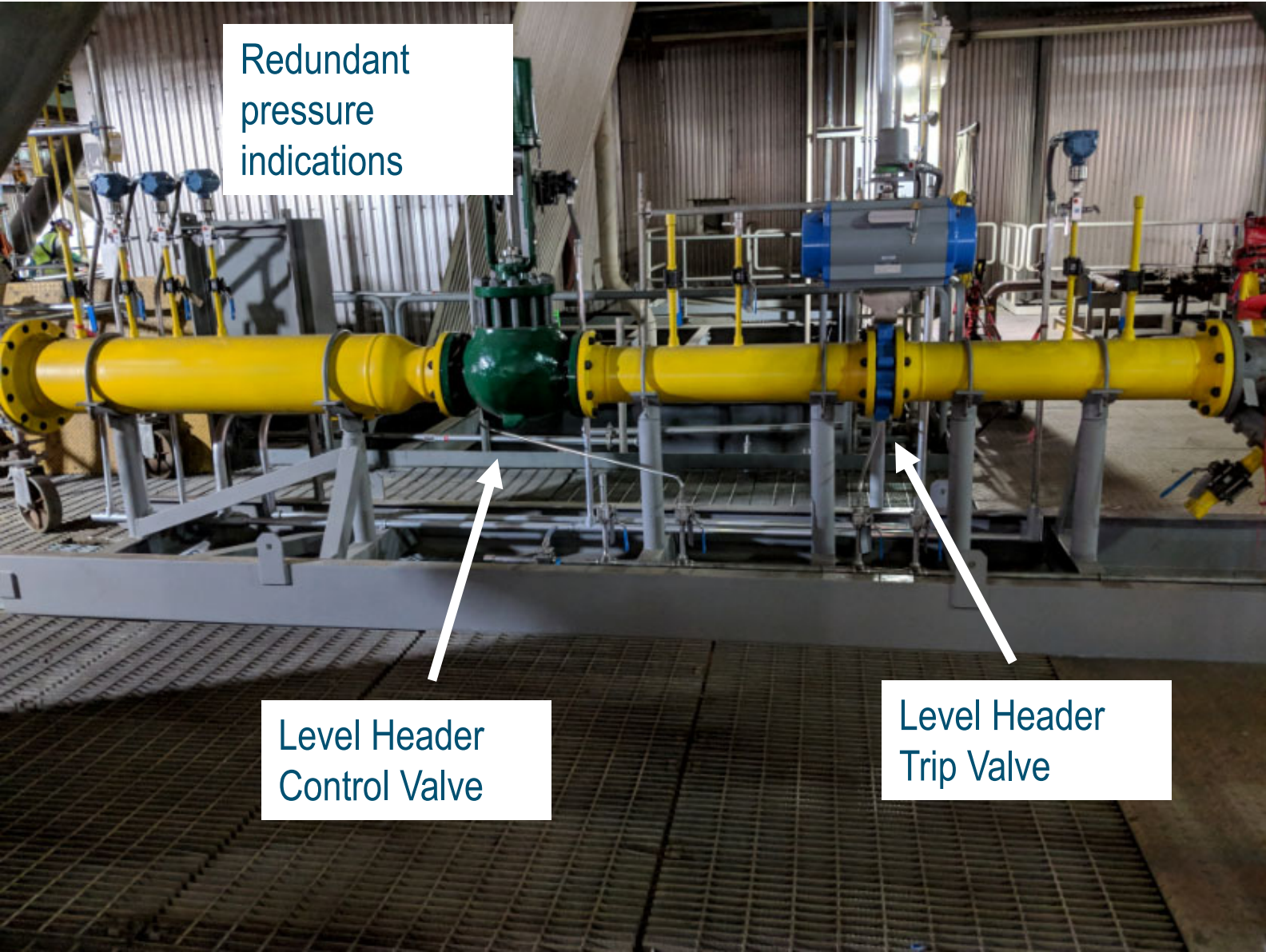
# Marshall 1, 2 burner elevations



- Gas Levels interspersed between Coal Levels
  - Based on modeling results to control temperatures and heat flux
  - Provides Gas ignition source for coal burners
  - Wafer Style gas ignitor for A Coal Burner

Figure 1: Marshall Unit 1 Air Dampers and Control Mode





Redundant pressure indications

Level Header Control Valve

Level Header Trip Valve



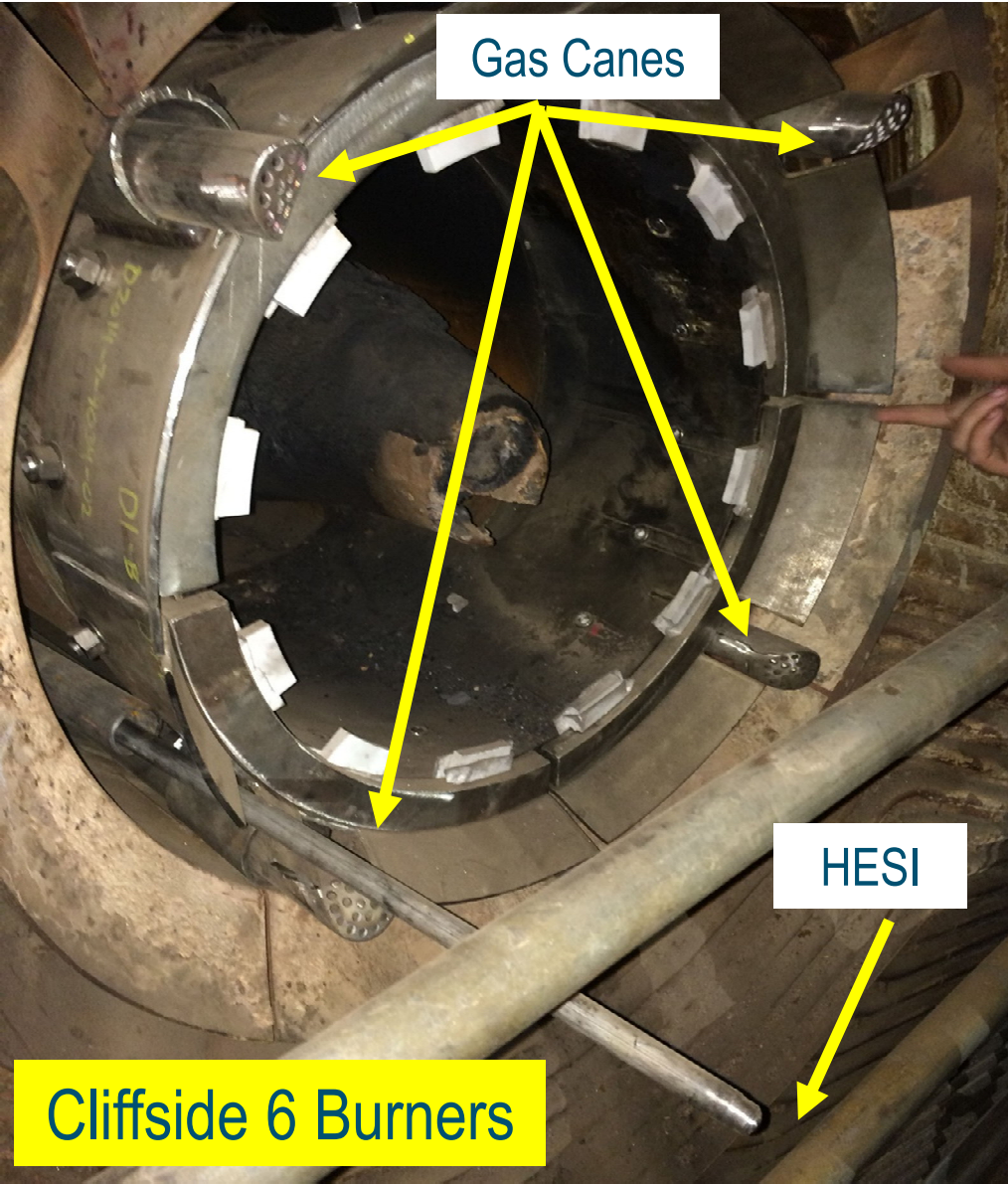
# Cliffside Unit 6 Fuel Control Skid



Vent Valve

Burner Shut-off Valve

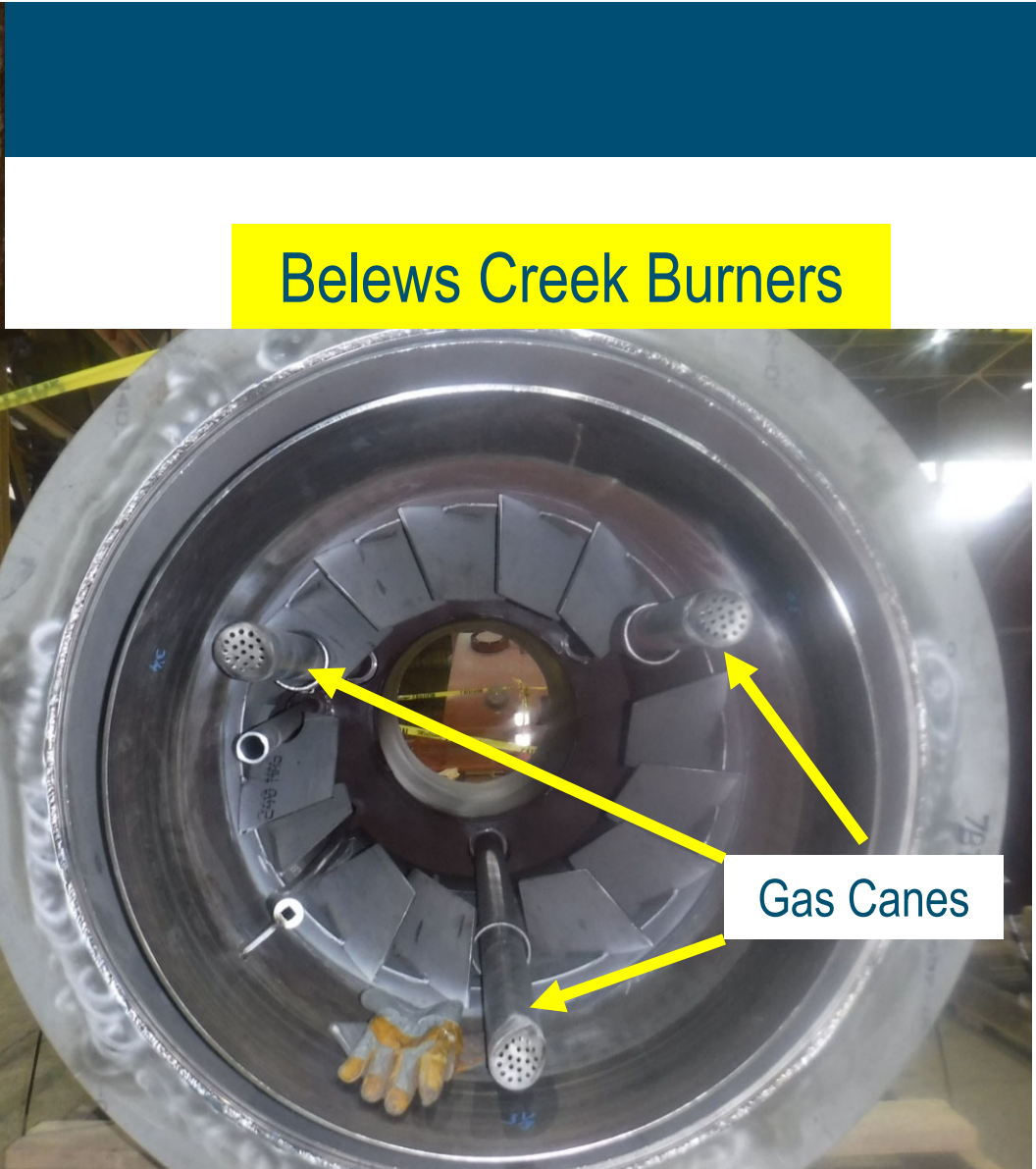
## Cliffside Unit 6 Burner Shut-off Skid



Gas Canes

HESI

Cliffside 6 Burners



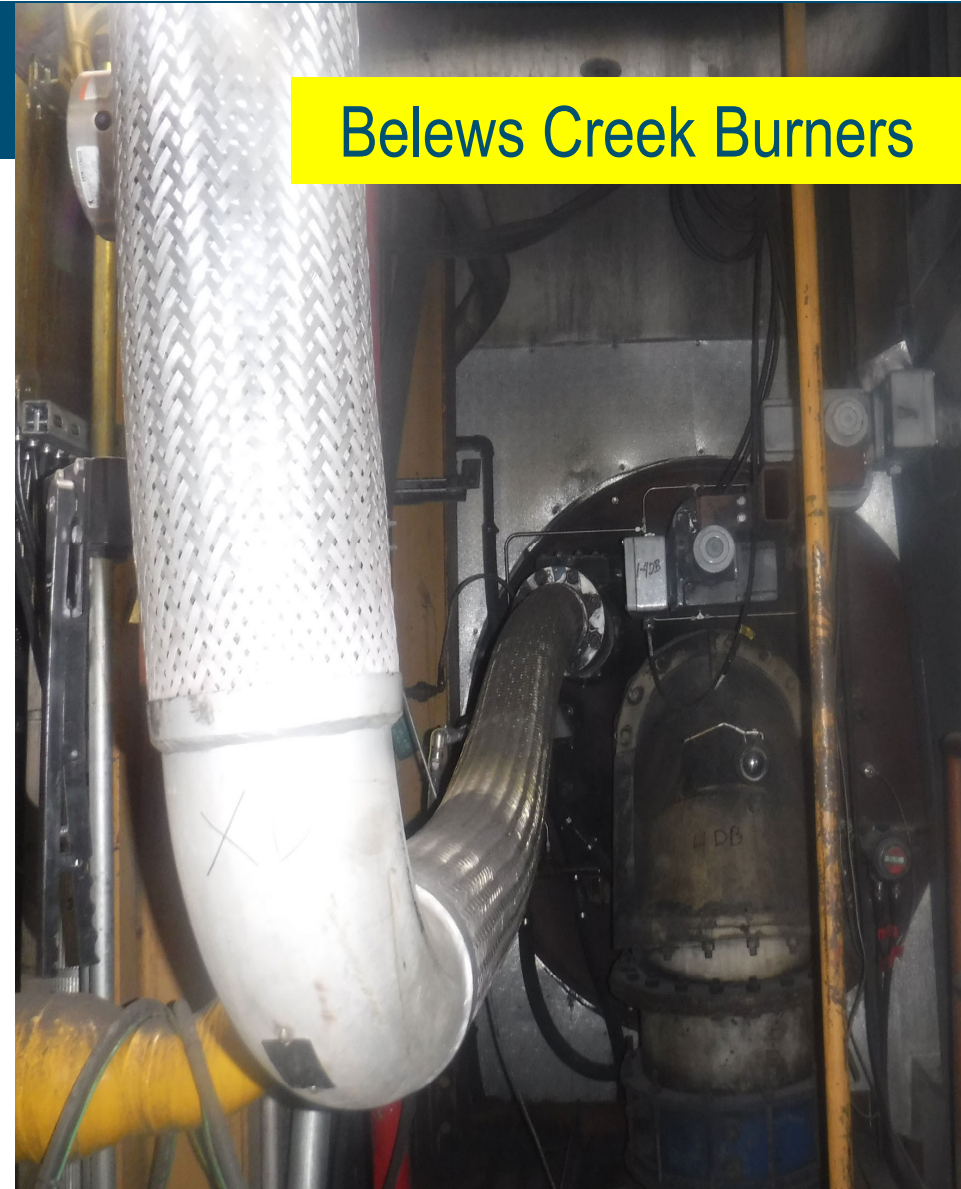
Belews Creek Burners

Gas Canes

Cliffside 6 Burners

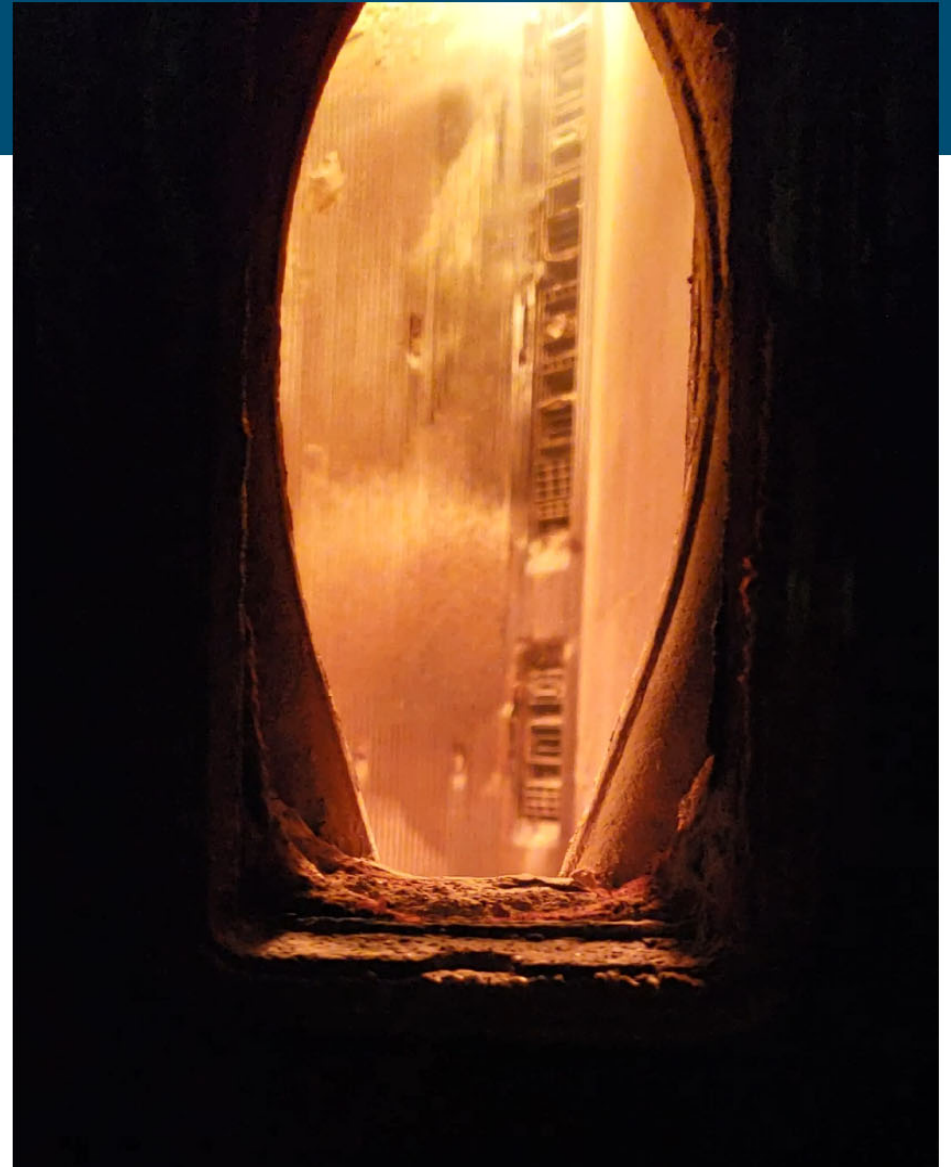


Belews Creek Burners



Cliffside 5  
Early Ignition Testing with HESI  
LOFIR Gas Ignitor

Required low burner air flow.



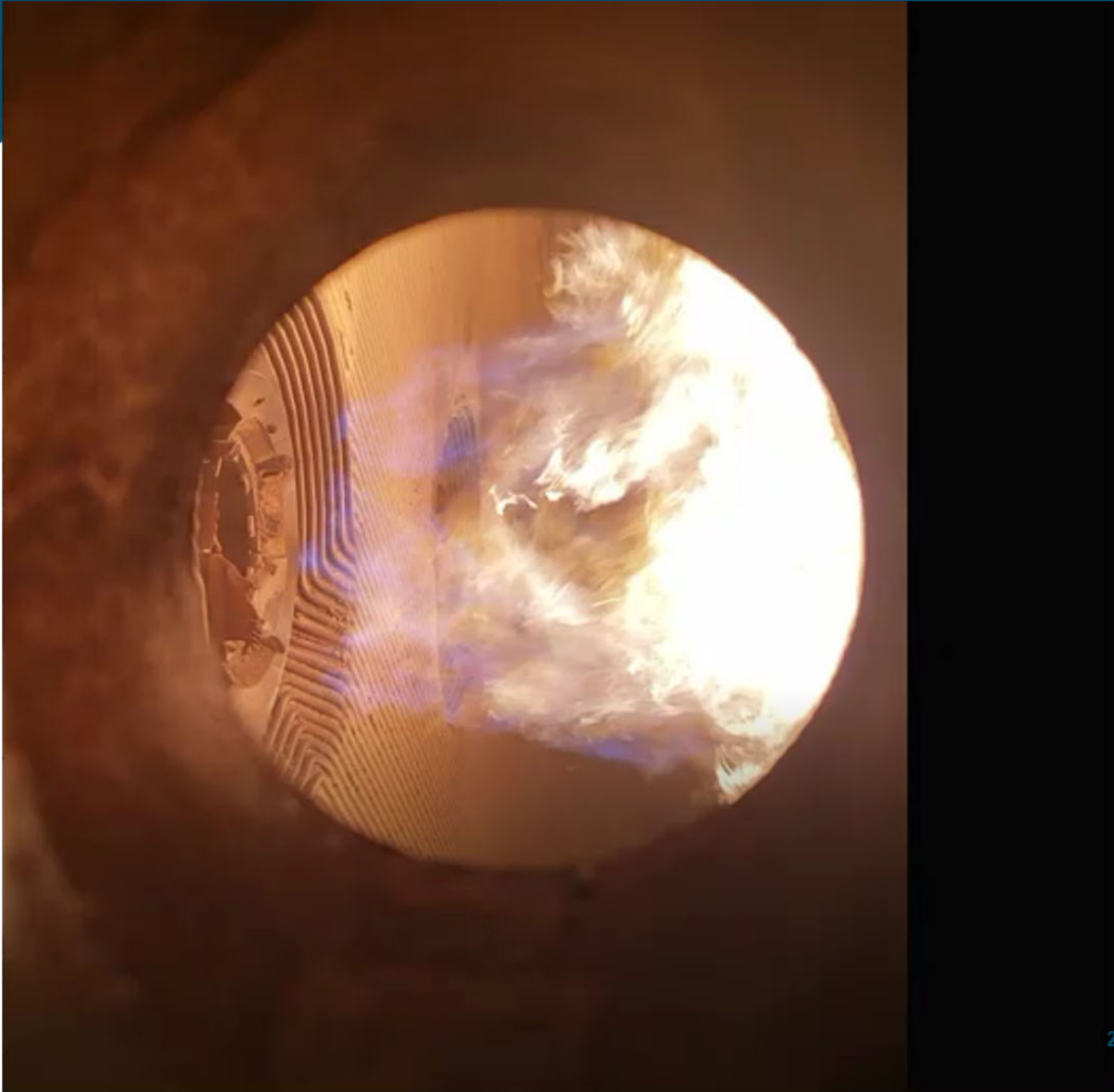
# Cliffside 5



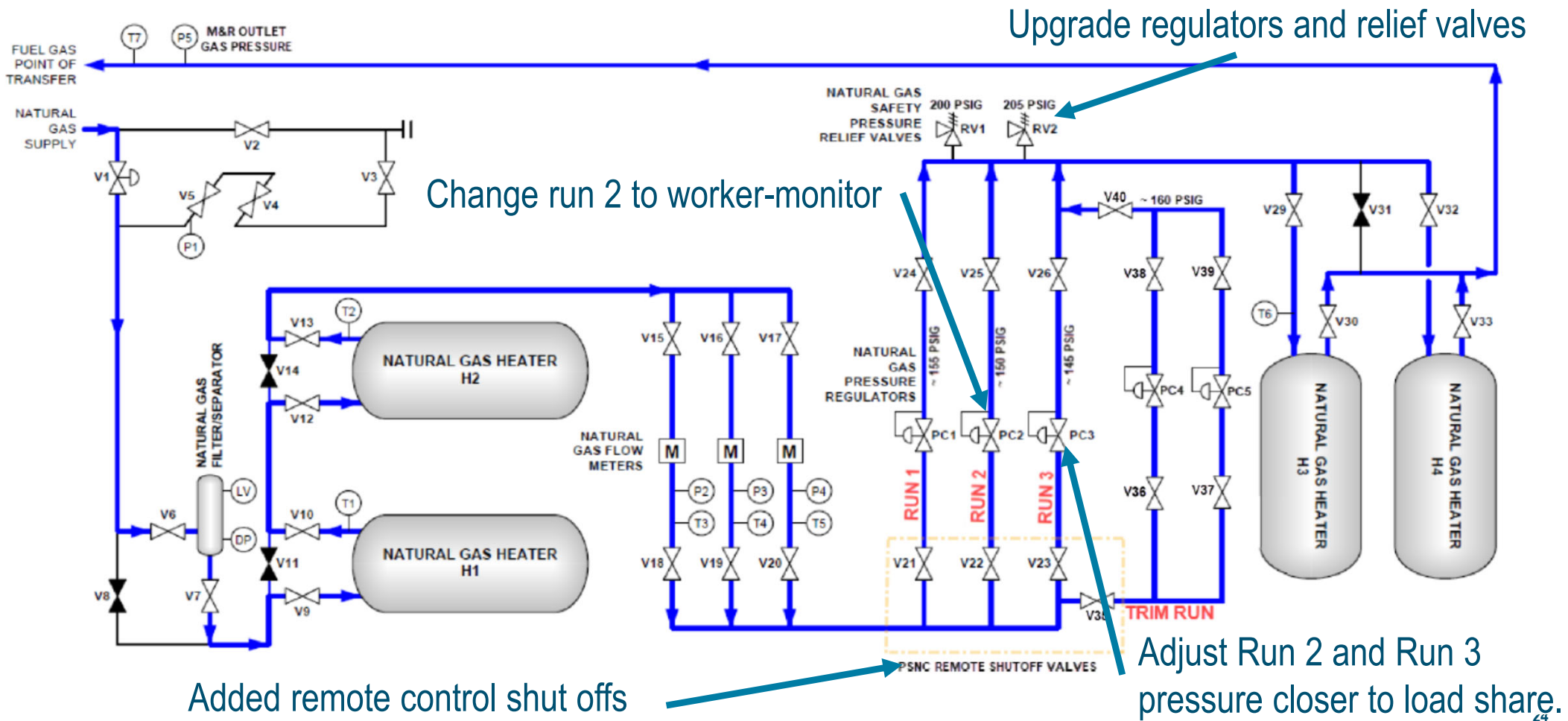
Main Gas Burner

LOFIR Gas Ignitor

Cliffside 6  
Main Gas Burner  
Low Output



# Cliffside Lessons Learned – M&R station Design Vibration



## Cliffside Lessons Learned – Hot Burners leads to missing parts



**Burner thermocouples in alarm management,  
Poor welds on gas coupling.  
BC had poor welds on ignitor nozzle tip**

## Cliffside Lessons Learned – Flame scanner line-of-vision

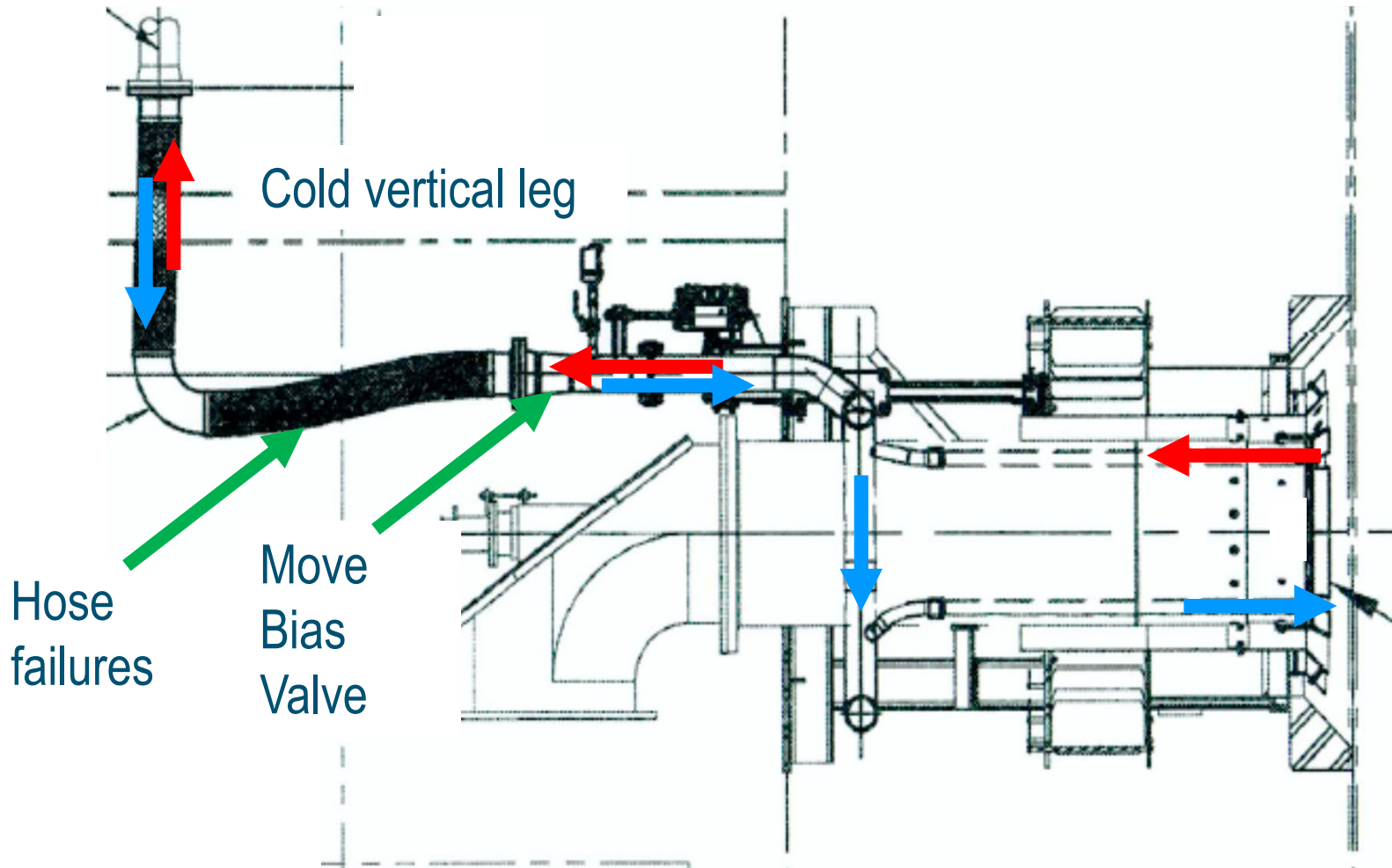


- Cliffside - Moved closer, reduce piping  
Articulating head, file management**
- Still not able to light coal from gas on Unit 6  
due to line of sight.**

- Belews Creek – Upper 32 have 4 files to  
distinguish different flame types**
- Lower 48 continues to have issues with gas  
ignitor scanner**

- Marshall – Overheated scanners due to  
insufficient cooling air flow.**
- Changed cover on scanner lens to provide  
angled line of sight**

# Cliffside Lessons Learned – Natural circulation leads to hose failures



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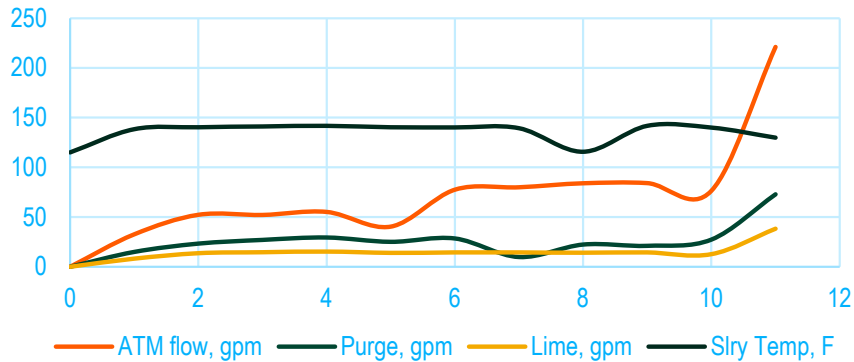
Upgrade  
hose  
material to  
310 SS on  
all units

Moved  
Bias Valve

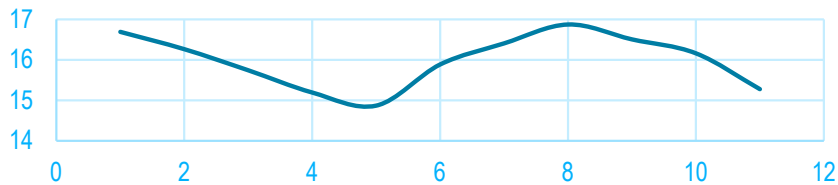


# Cliffside Lessons Learned – FGD Temp, purge and Ph

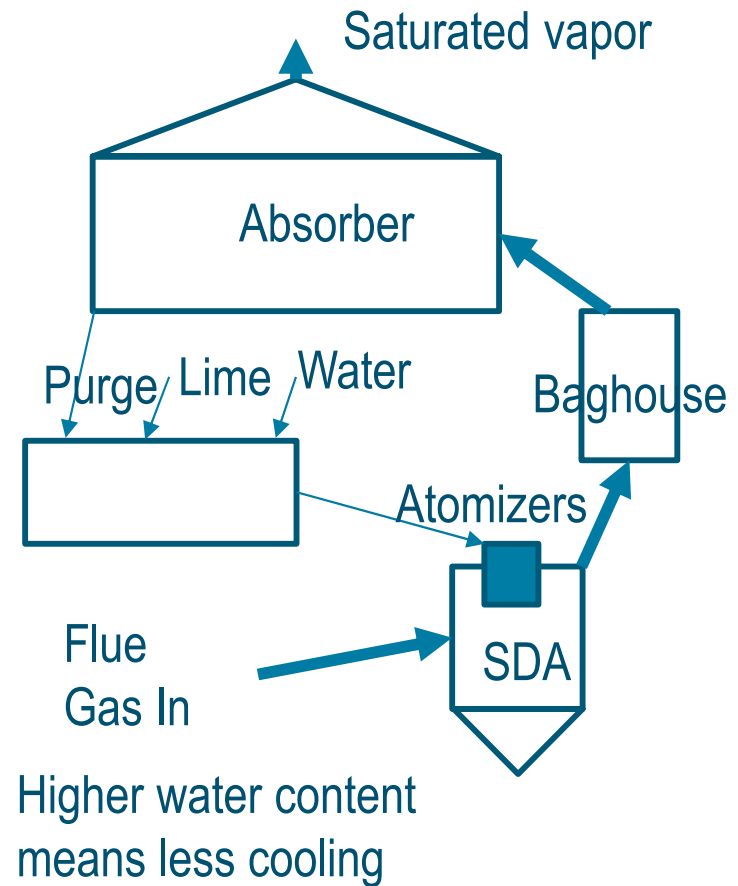
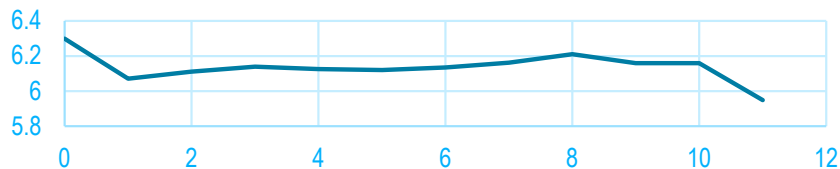
Natural Gas and Coal SDA operation



Absorber Density



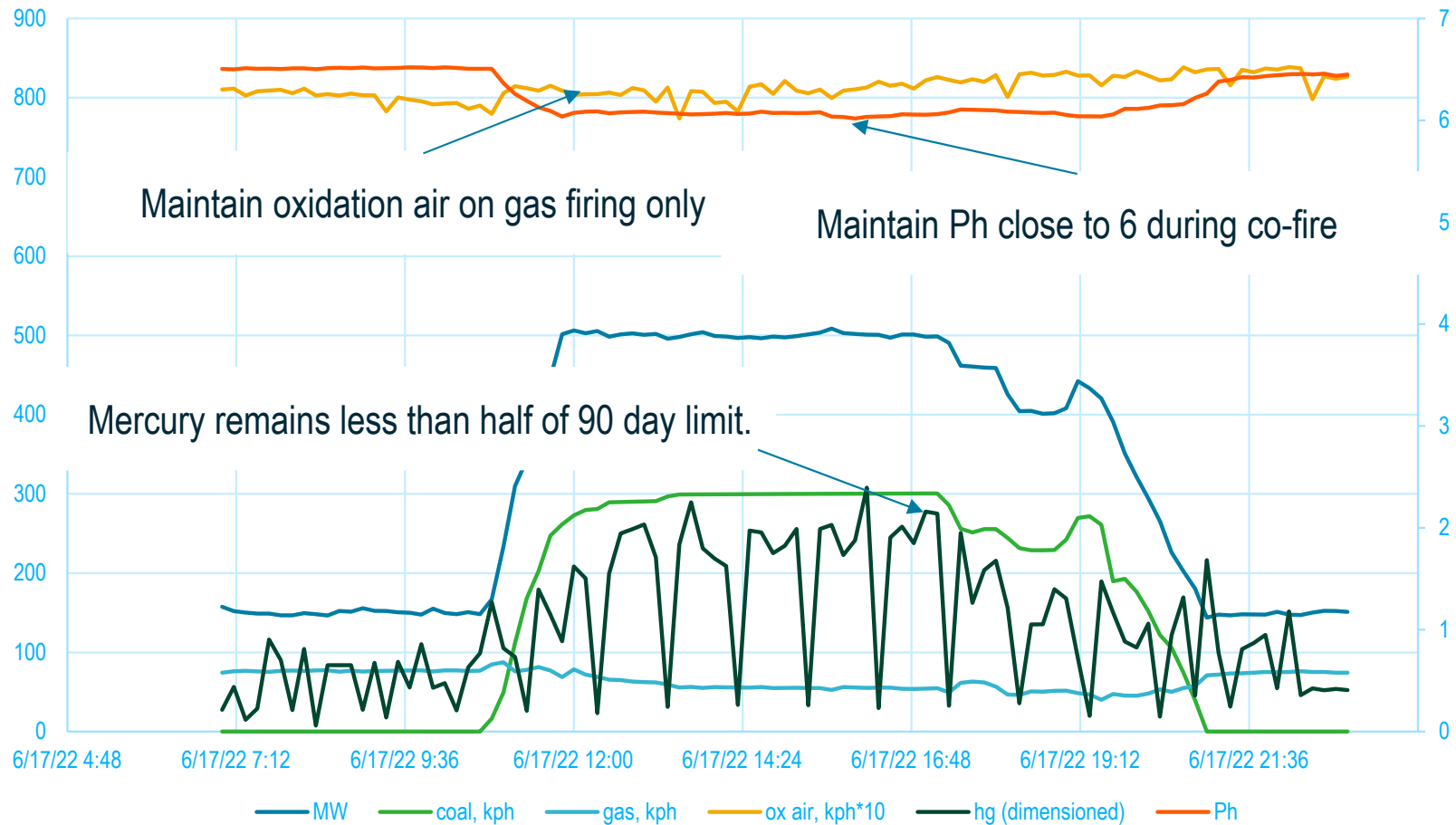
Absorber pH



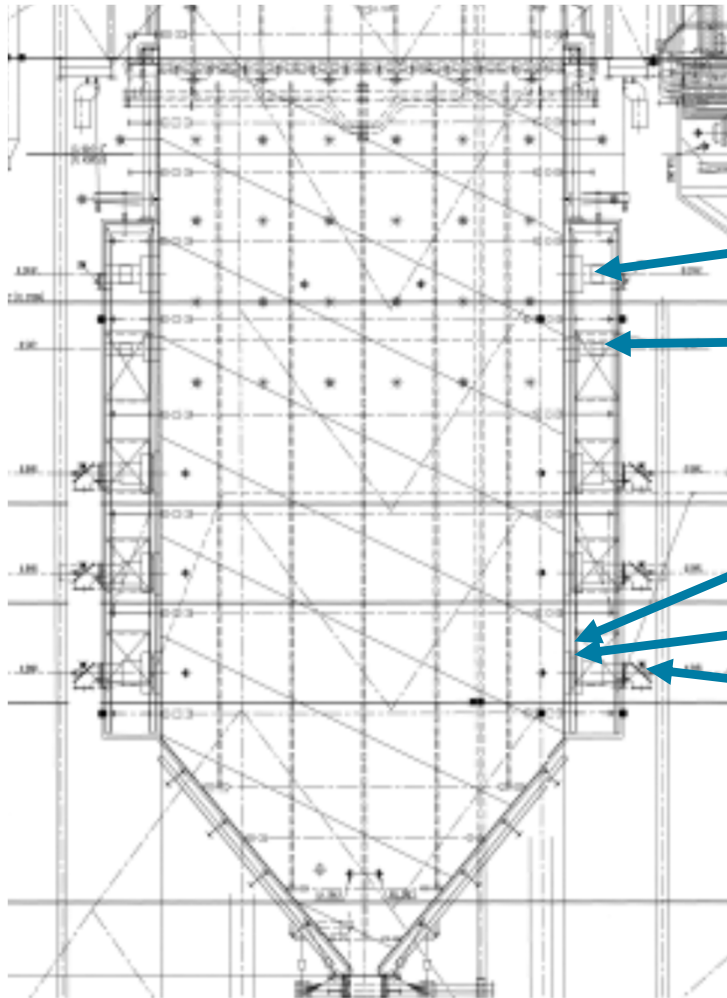


# Cliffside Lessons Learned – FGD Hg

CS05 transition from gas to co-fire and back to gas



# Cliffside 6 (wall-fired) Lessons Learned – CO tuning



Total stoichiometry 1.2 to 1.24

- Overfire Air (30 registers)

- Side Air (8 registers)

Air control per burner (30)

- Tertiary Air (burner register)

- Secondary (uncontrolled)

- Primary Air (0.3 stoich.)

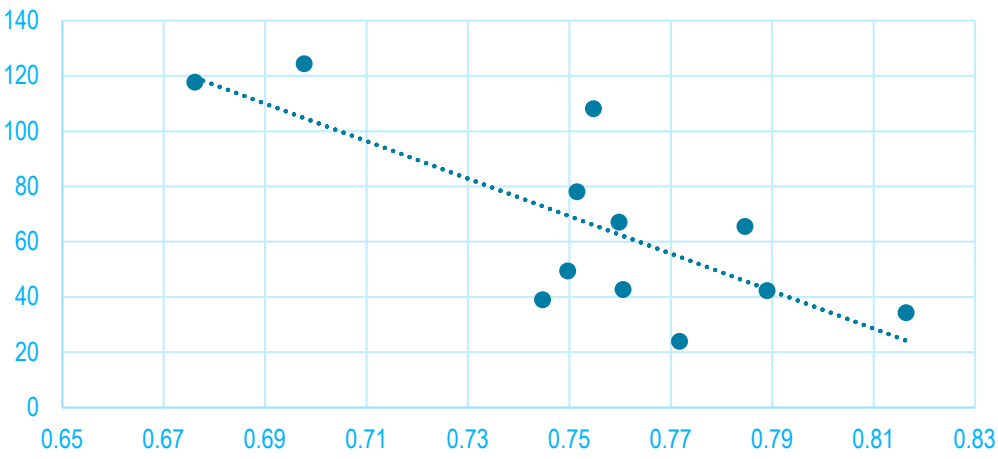
Upper Zone  
0.49 to 0.4 stoich.

Lower Zone  
0.75 to 0.8 stoich.

# Cliffside 6 (wall-fired) Lessons Learned – CO tuning

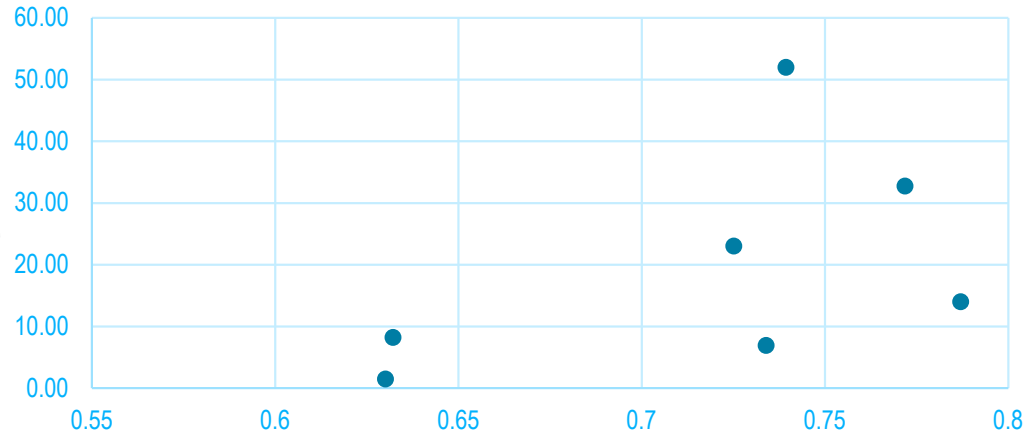
CO versus lower furnace stoichiometry  
Coal only

- Coal is much more predictable on lower furnace stoich.



- Need to push air down to replace pulverizer primary air
- Create swirl with OFA (arrangement/mixing dependent)

CO versus lower furnace stoichiometry  
Natural gas



# Cliffside Lessons Learned

## Purge Design and Validation NFPA 56

Procedure developed so that natural gas and air are not mixed in piping system.

- Natural Gas must be purged with Inert Gas (nitrogen) from piping systems for maintenance, then compressed air.
- Nitrogen and compressed air delivery piping must be designed
- Procedure must be validated

## HESI Failures

- Upgrade HESI material

## Transient Study

## Cliffside 5 – Results

Burner design output achieved

Steam temperatures maintained

FGD operations impacted as expected

- Slurry temp increased with higher gas ratio

Improved unit startup for operations

- Emissions met targets (60% coal, 40% natural gas)
  - CO – 0.015 lb/mmBtu (target 0.08)
  - SCR Inlet NOx – 0.164 lb/mmBtu (target 0.25)

Min Load – 50 MWg reduction from Coal to Gas operation, Based on steam side issues – Turbine LO

## Cliffside 6 – Results

Burner design output achieved

Met steaming requirements (Full Load)

Maintained design steam temperatures

Improved unit startup for operations

Less impact to some AQCS systems than expected

- SDA
- SCR

Maintain Heat-rate; lower boiler efficiency is offset with lower parasitic load. (PA fan, Pulverizers, 3 ARP)

Increase net generation as reduction in parasitic load

Emissions met targets @17% Excess Air

- CO – 0.03 lb/mmbtu (target 0.037)
- SCR inlet NOx – 0.109 lb/mmbtu (target 0.25)
- VOC @ air heater exit – 0.0019 lb/mmbtu (target 0.0023)
- Needed to achieve 78% lower furnace stoichiometry with no primary air.

Min Load – (350 to 250) 100 MWg  
reduction from Coal to Gas operation

- Unit Dry to Wet (steam side) transfer is the limiting factor

Ramp Rate

- Increase only limited by steam side, No hold points from min to max load for pulverizer light off.

## Belews Creek – Results

Burners design output achieved

Steam temperatures targets met.

FGD operations impacted as expected

- Slurry temp increased with higher gas ratio

### ▪ BC1 Emissions

- MCR 50/50 Co-fire CO 0.002; met project targets
- 50% MCR (Max) Gas CO 0.001; met project targets
- Met VOC, NOx targets

### ▪ BC2 Emissions

- MCR Co-fire CO 0.0069; met project targets
- 50% Gas (Max) CO 0.002; met project targets
- Met VOC, NOx targets

## Marshall – Results

Burners design output achieved

Steam temperatures targets met.

FGD operations impacted as expected

- Slurry temp increased with higher gas ratio

### ▪ MSS1, MSS 2 Emissions

- MCR Coal CO 0.035, 0.057 lb/mmbtu; met project targets
- MCR Co-fire CO 0.0037, 0.044 lb/mmbtu; met project targets
- Max Gas CO 0.0027, 0.002 lb/mmbtu; met project targets
- Met VOC, NOx targets

### ▪ MSS3, MSS 4 Emissions

- MCR Coal CO 0.0316, 0.053 lb/mmbtu; met project targets
- MCR Co-fire CO 0.0096, 0.087 lb/mmbtu; met project targets
- Max Gas CO 0.0073, 0.0042 lb/mmbtu; met project targets
- Met VOC, NOx targets

# Questions ??



