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# Duke Energy Dual Fuel

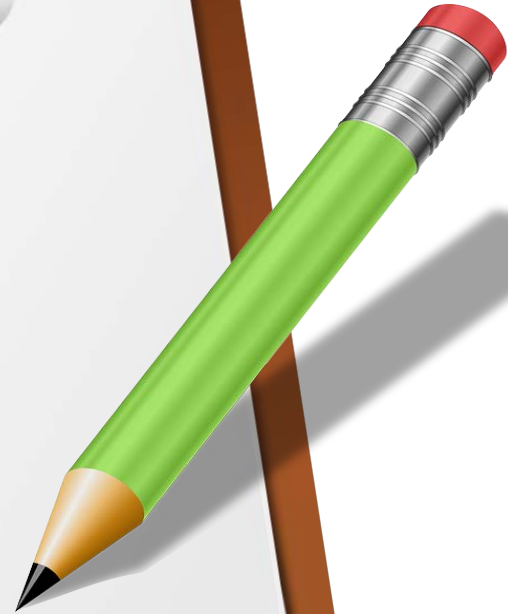
## *Cliffside Natural Gas Firing Update*



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# AGENDA

- Goals of the Program
- Projects Status
- Program Overview – Unit Designs
- Cliffside Installation
- Cliffside Commissioning
- Cliffside Lessons Learned
- Cliffside Testing



# Program Goals



## Reduce environmental footprint

- Reduced CO2
- Reduction in Fuel Oil usage and handling



## 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

## Cliffside

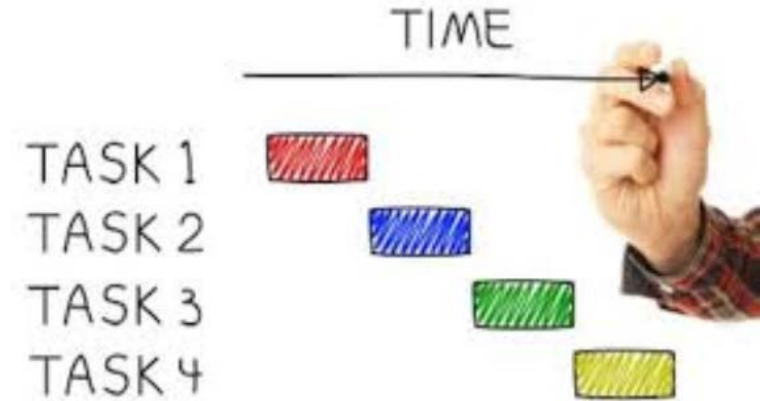
- Approved July 2016
- Feb 2018 - Engineering Complete
- Mar 2018 - Construction Start
- Unit 5 - Nov 2018 In Service Date
- Unit 6 - Dec 2018 In Service Date
- Unit 5 – Mar 2019 Performance Testing Complete
- Unit 6 – May 2019 Performance Testing Complete
- **Firing Natural Gas or Coal based on Economics**

## Belews Creek

- Approved Aug 2017
- Oct 2017 – Engineering kick-off
- Nov 2018 – Engineering Complete
- **June 2019 – Construction ~ 30%**
- Unit 1 – Jan 2020 In Service Date
- Unit 2 - Jan 2021 In Service Date

## Marshall

- Approved Dec 2017
- Feb 2017 – Engineering kick-off
- **June 2019 – Engineering ~ 90% complete**
- Units 3 & 4 – Fall 2020 In Service Date
- Units 1 & 2 – Year End 2021 In Service Date



## 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 r
  
- SOFA
- CCOFA
- LOFIR

Environmental Controls include

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



## Gas System Design

- 40% Gas 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

## 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)

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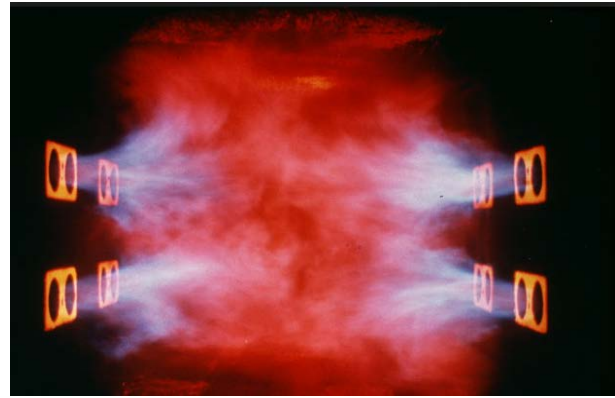
U6 Steam Flow - 5,952,000 lb/hr; EA - 17%, NOX - 0.25 lb/mmbtu; CO - 0.037 lb/mmbtu; VOC - 0.0023 lb/mmbtu

## 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
  - 3700 psig (Super-Critical)
  - 1055 F SH / 1075 F RH
  - Each Burner Heat Release = 320 mmBTU/hr
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- 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

- 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)
- 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

## Unit Design

- 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

- 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

NOx Target < Baseline

CO Target < 0.015 lb/mmBTU

## Unit Design

- 370 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

- 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

NOx Target < Baseline

CO Target < 0.015 lb/mmBTU

## Unit Design

- 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

- 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

NOx Target < Baseline

CO Target < 0.015 lb/mmBTU

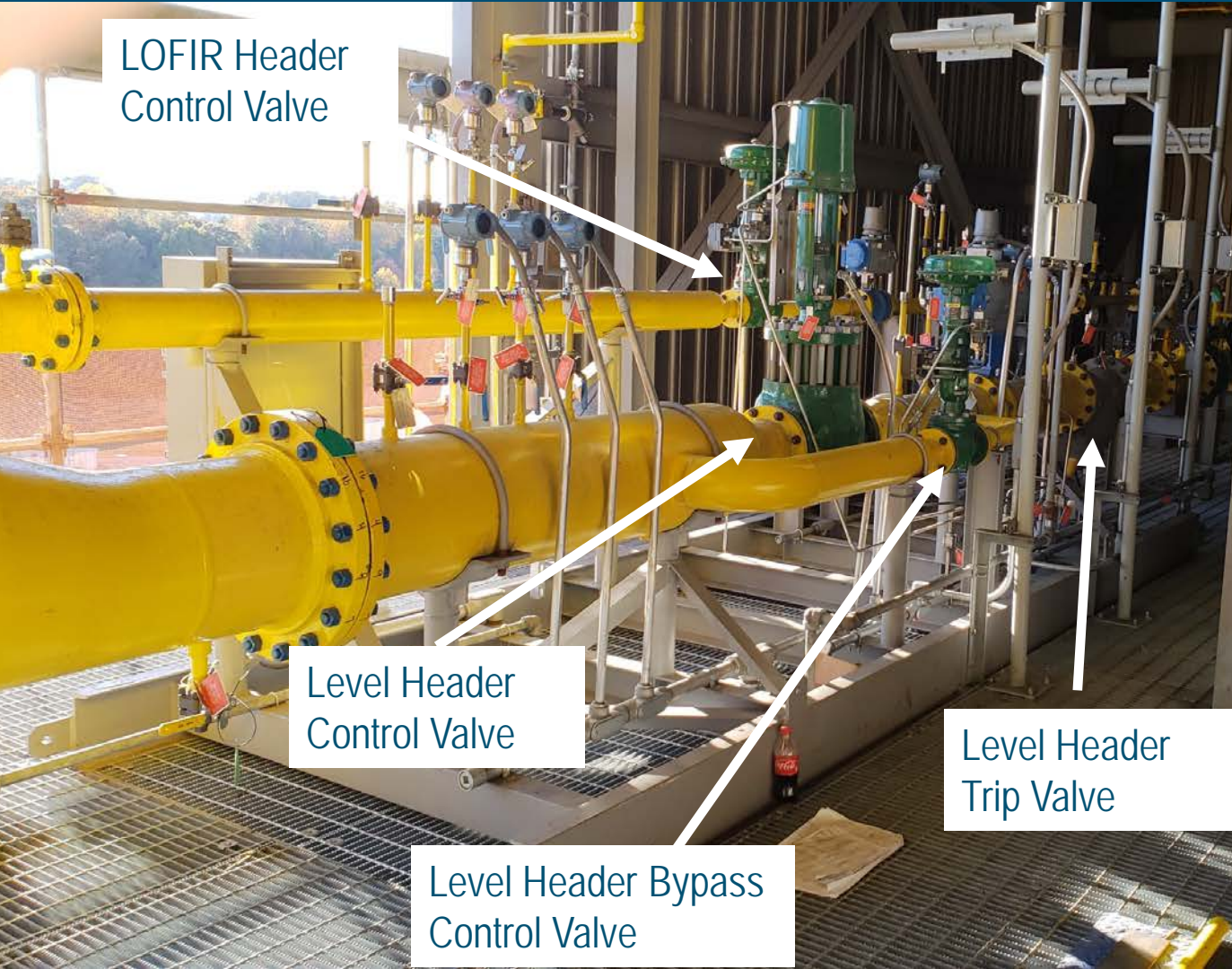
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Control Valve

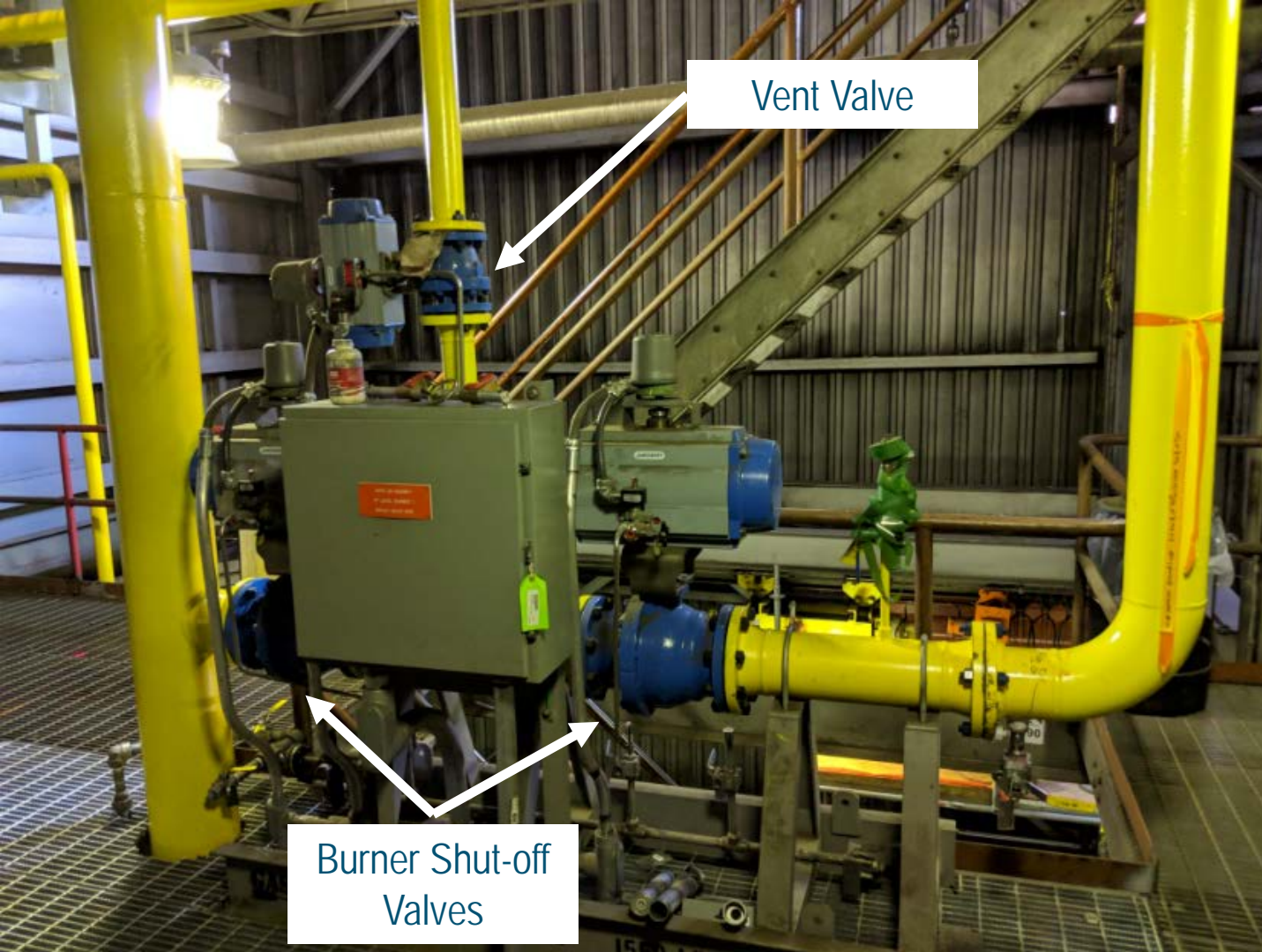
Cliffside Unit 5  
Fuel Control Skid

Level Header  
Control Valve

Level Header  
Trip Valve

Level Header Bypass  
Control Valve



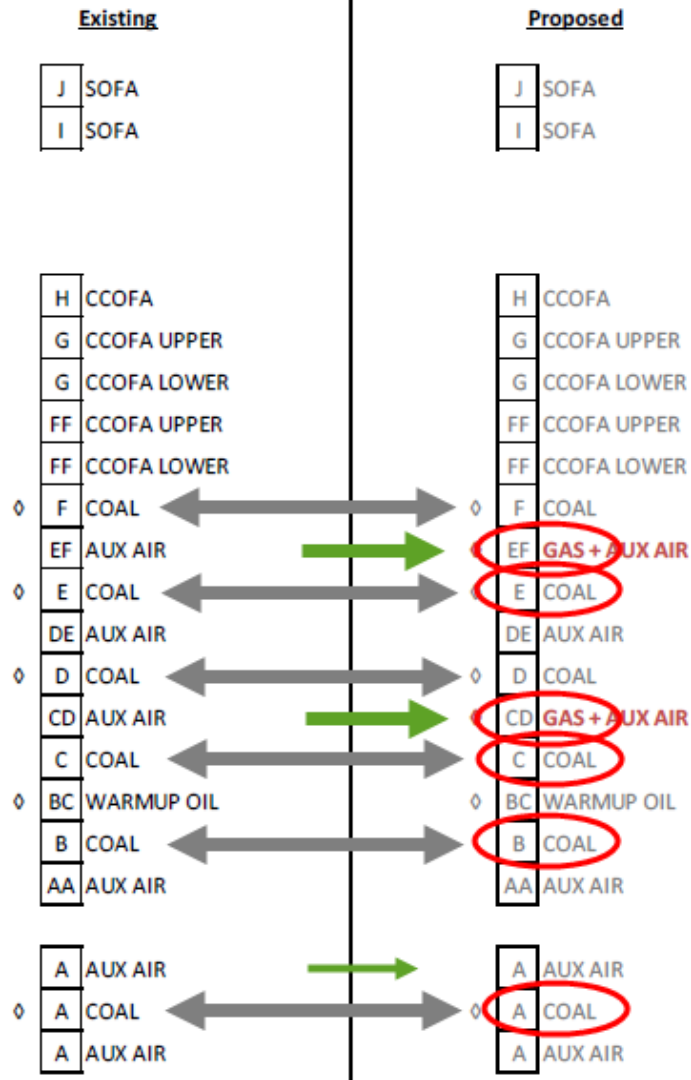


Vent Valve

Burner Shut-off  
Valves

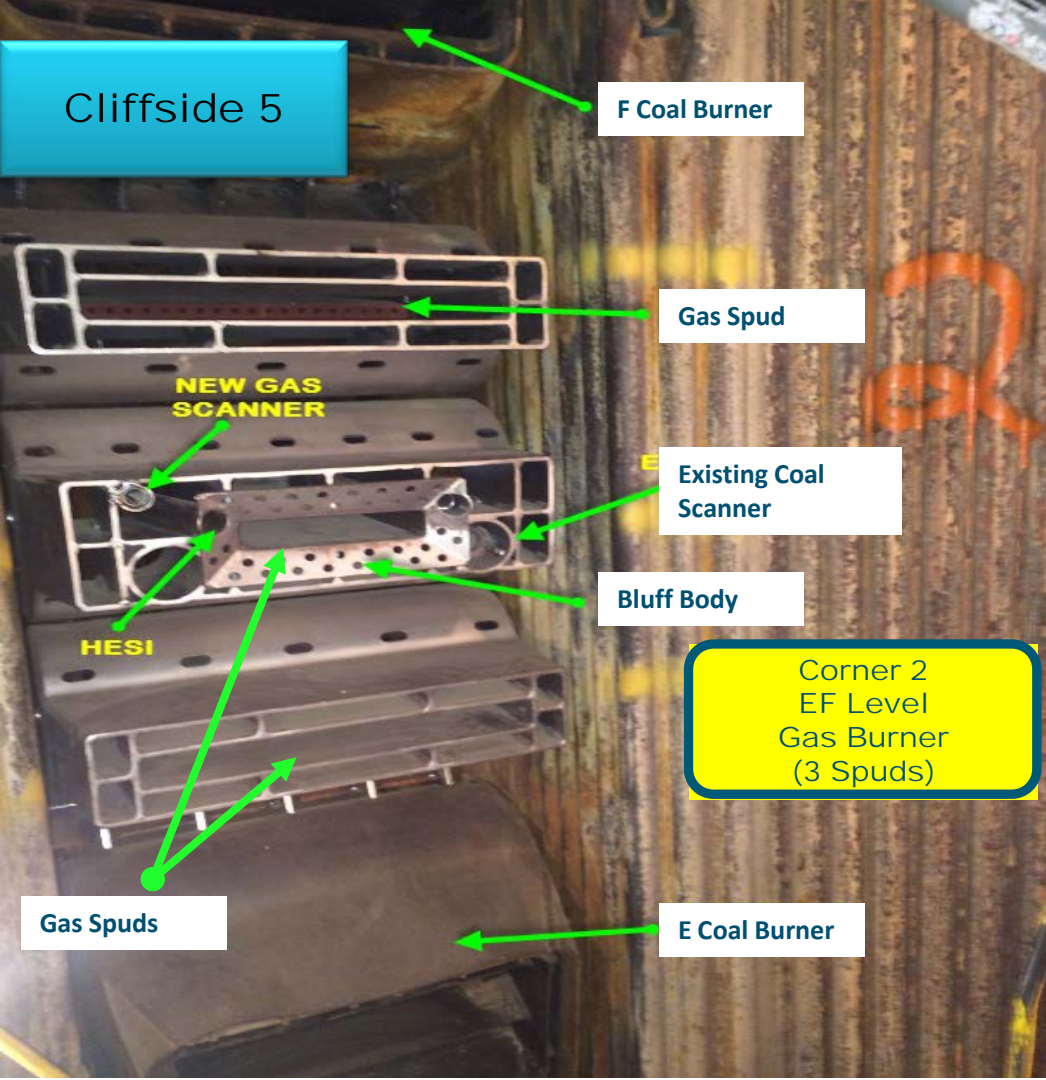
## Cliffside Unit 5 Burner Shut-off Skid

# CS 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

Cliffside 5



F Coal Burner

Gas Spud

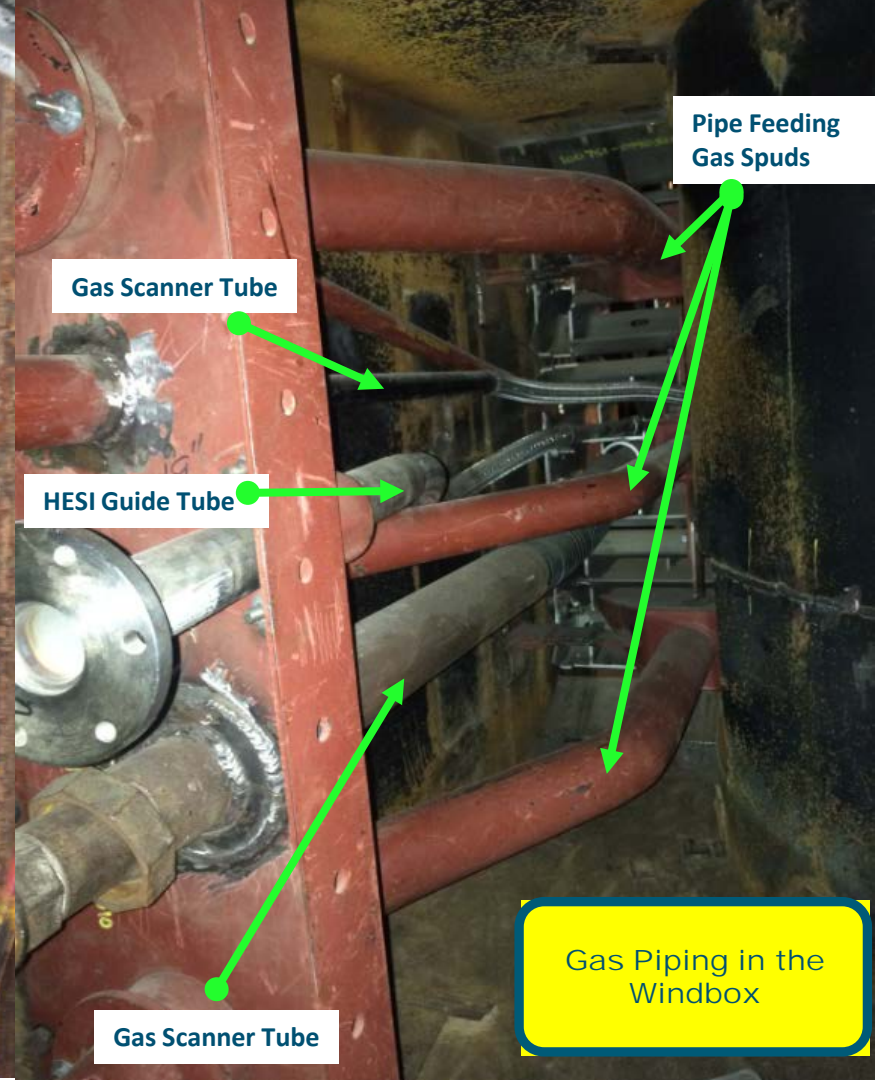
Existing Coal Scanner

Bluff Body

Corner 2  
EF Level  
Gas Burner  
(3 Spuds)

Gas Spuds

E Coal Burner



Pipe Feeding  
Gas Spuds

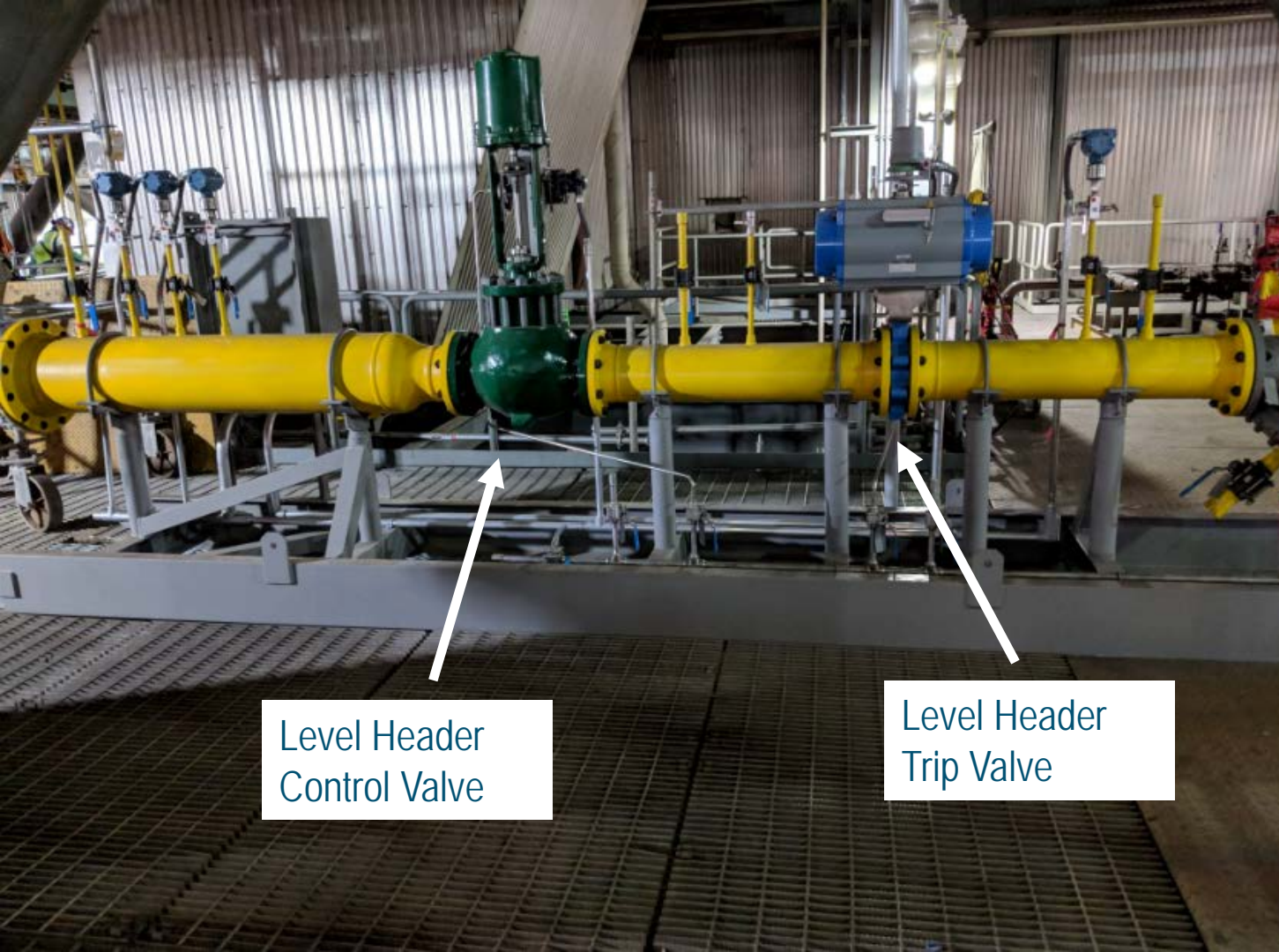
Gas Scanner Tube

HESI Guide Tube

Gas Piping in the  
Windbox

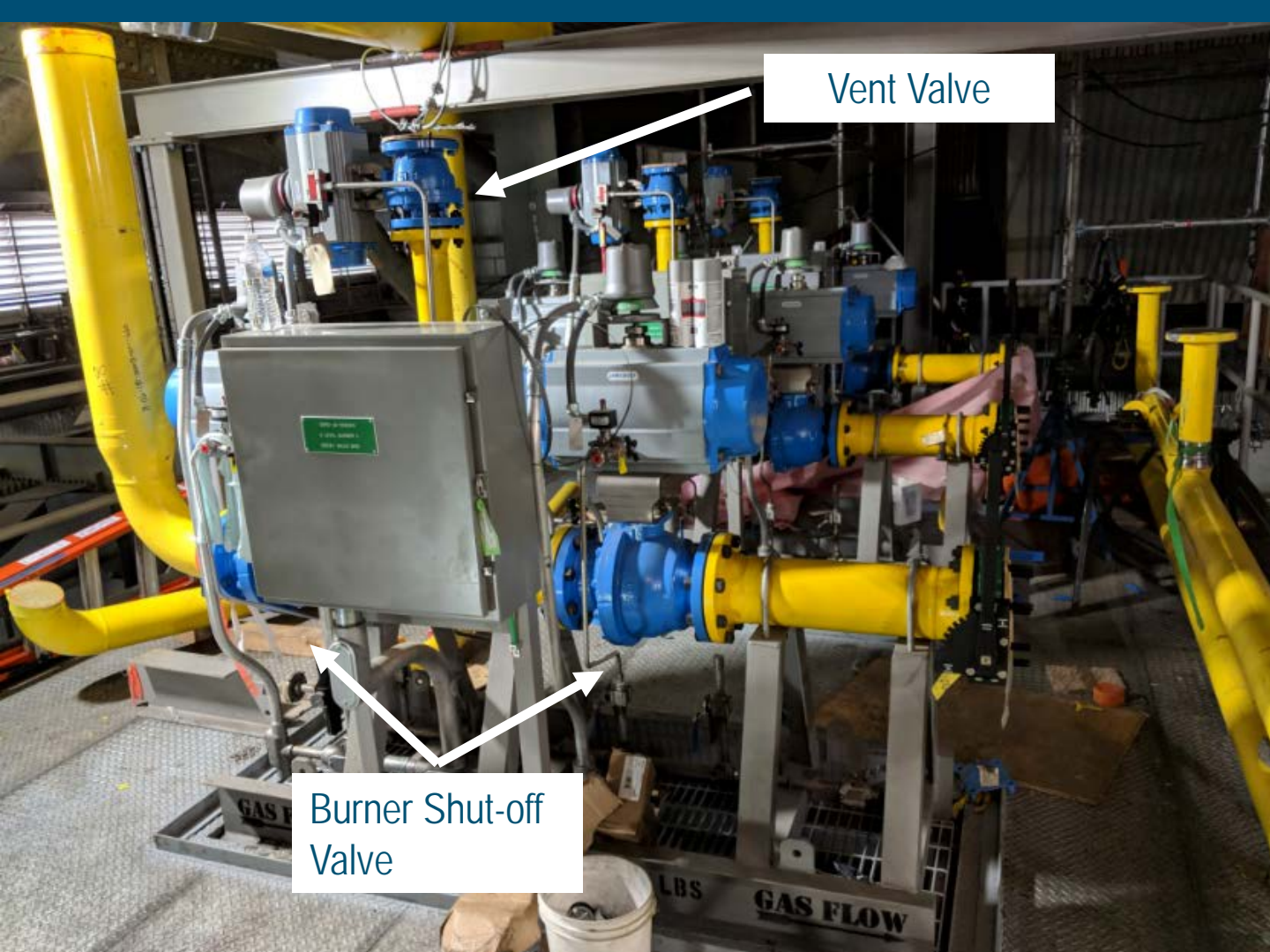
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## Cliffside Unit 6 Fuel Control Skid



Level Header  
Control Valve

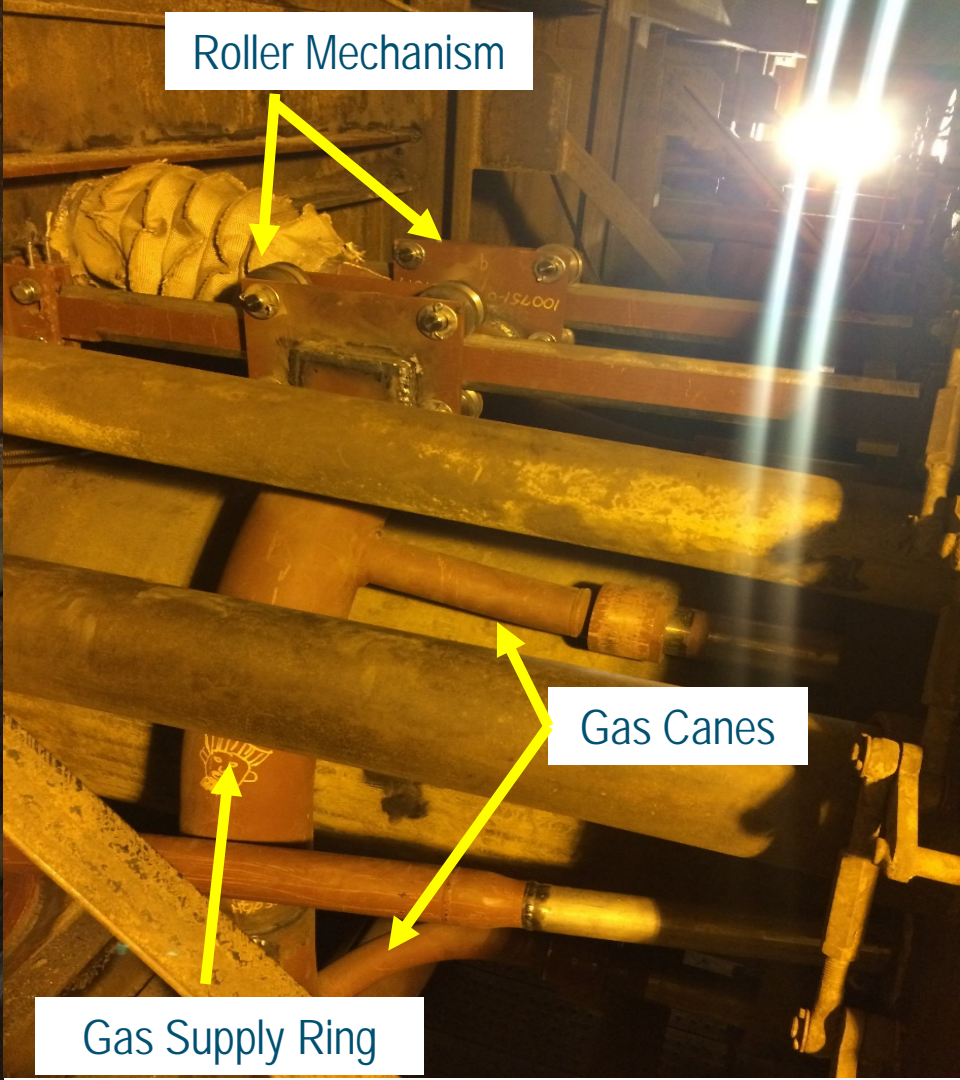
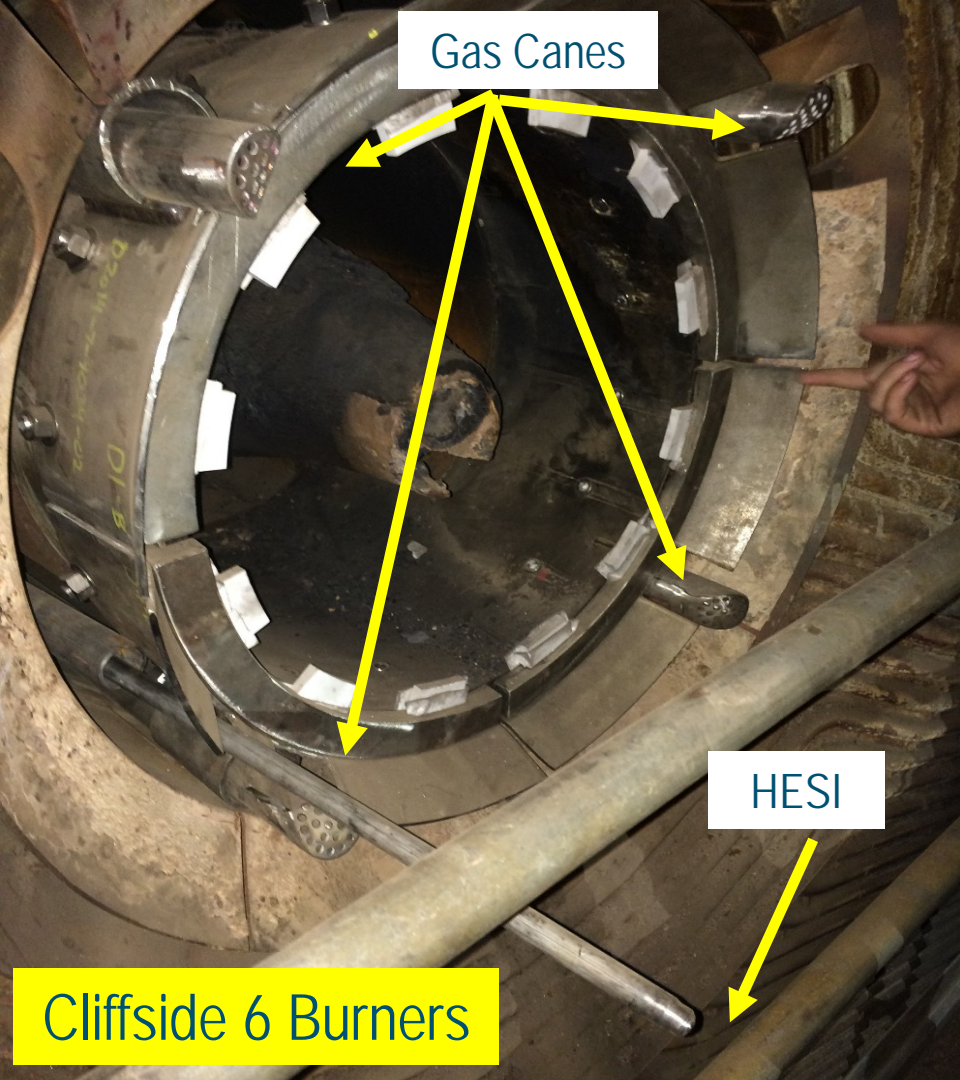
Level Header  
Trip Valve



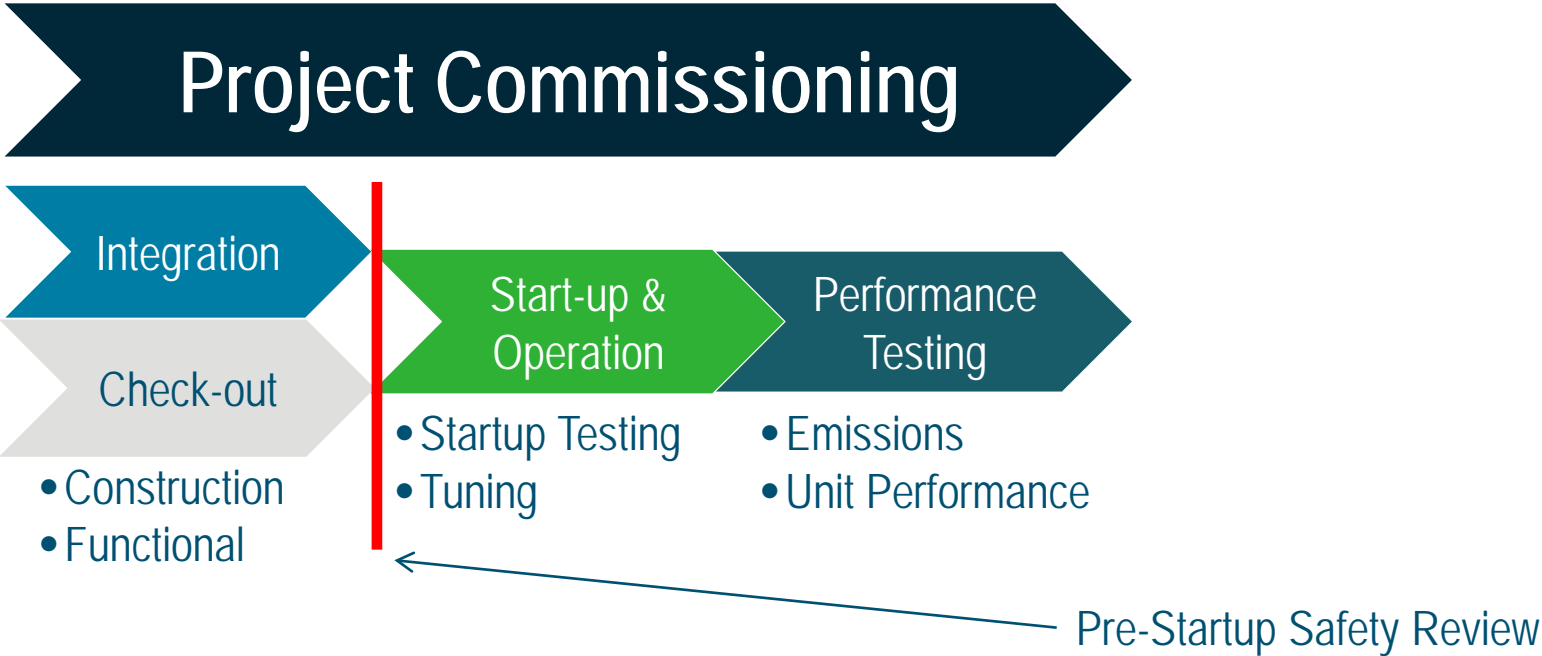
Vent Valve

Burner Shut-off Valve

# Cliffside Unit 6 Burner Shut-off Skid







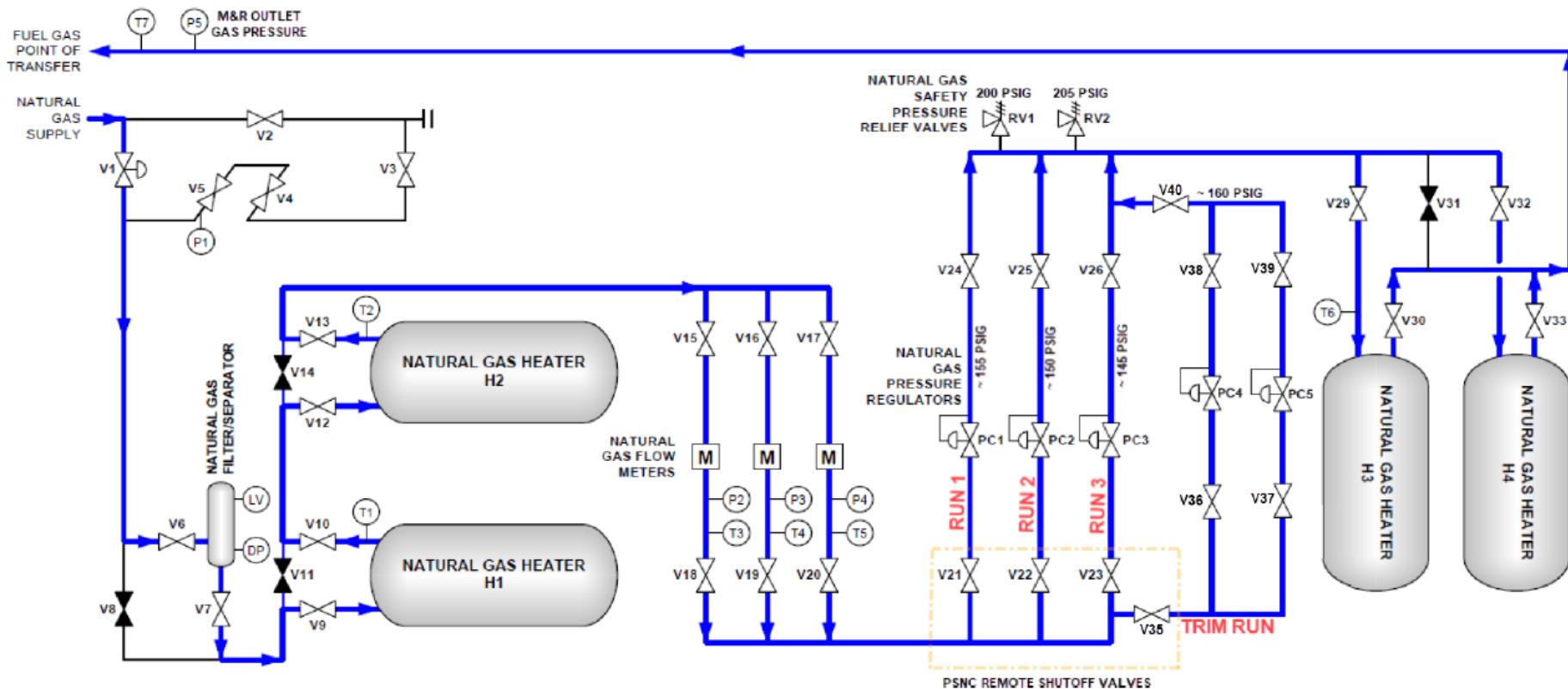
*Integration:* Getting the **People** and **Processes** ready to operate the equipment

*Check-out:* Getting the **Equipment** ready to be operated

# Cliffside Commissioning Plan

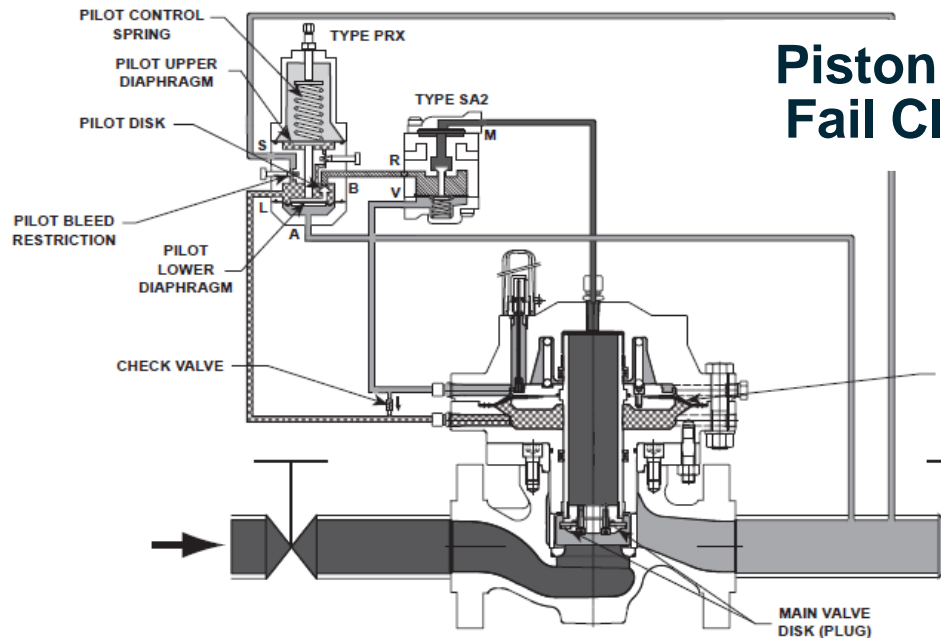
1. Gas Light Off Testing
  - Testing ignition of a single gas burner, flame scanner tuning. Group Start Testing
2. Initial Loading Plan
  - Build boiler pressure, gas valve tuning, Sync to grid on gas, load to max gas capacity with tuning
3. Gas Run Back Testing
4. Coal Start-up with Gas Ignition Testing
  - Typical unit start with coal but using gas for ignition not fuel oil
5. Co-firing Run Back Testing
6. Gas Minimum Load Testing
  - Testing of new unit minimum with tuning
7. Co-firing Ratio Testing
  - Testing with different coal to gas ratios, ramping and tuning.
8. Fuel Swap Testing
9. Natural Gas Firing at Maximum Natural Gas (40% for 5, 100% for Natural Gas)
10. Ramp Rate Testing

# Cliffside Lessons Learned – M&R station Design

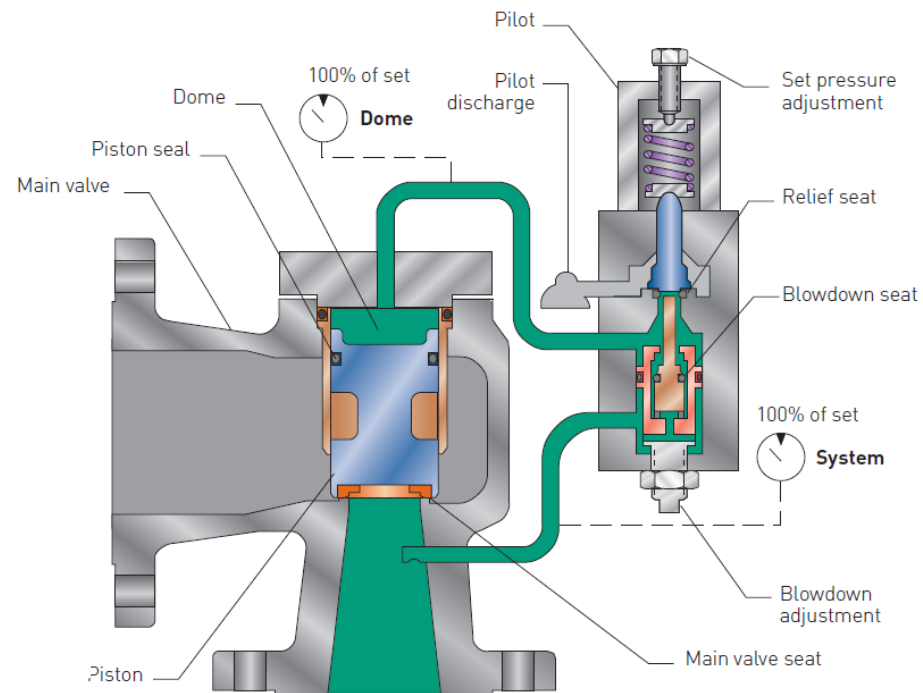


# Cliffside Lessons Learned – M&R station Design

## Piston Style Fail Closed



## Stainless Steel Metal Seat



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

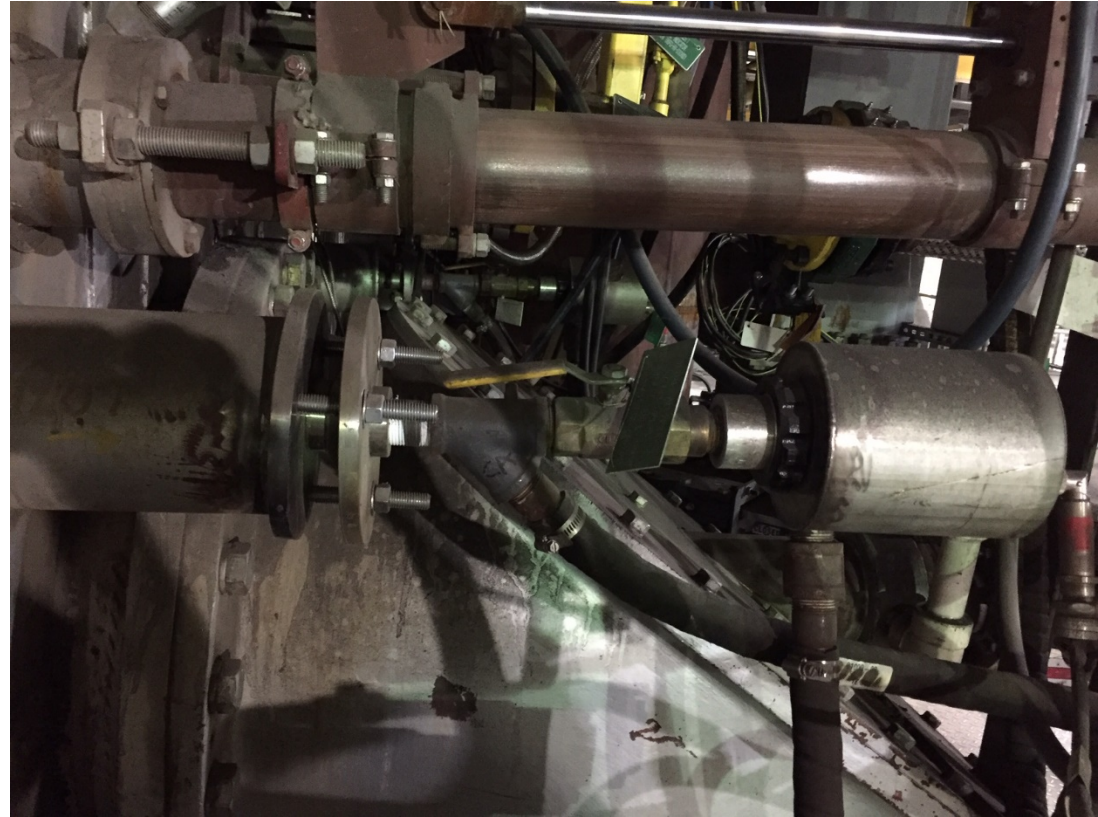


**Burner thermocouples in alarm management  
Higher gas pressures  
Close tertiary air, more secondary air**

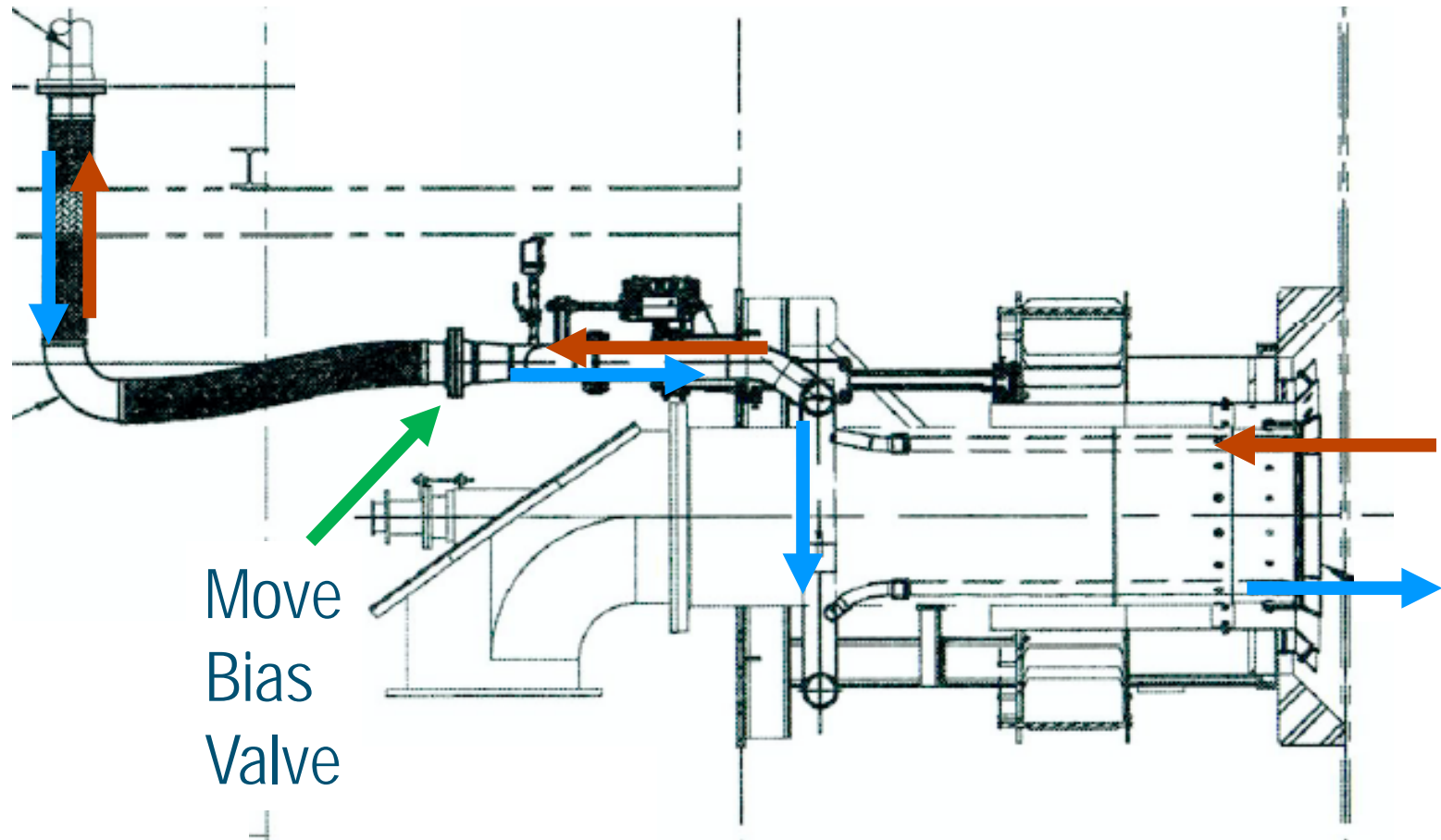
## Cliffside Lessons Learned – Flame scanner line-of-vision



**Moved closer, reduce piping  
Articulating head**



# Cliffside Lessons Learned – Natural circulation leads to hose failures



Move  
Bias  
Valve

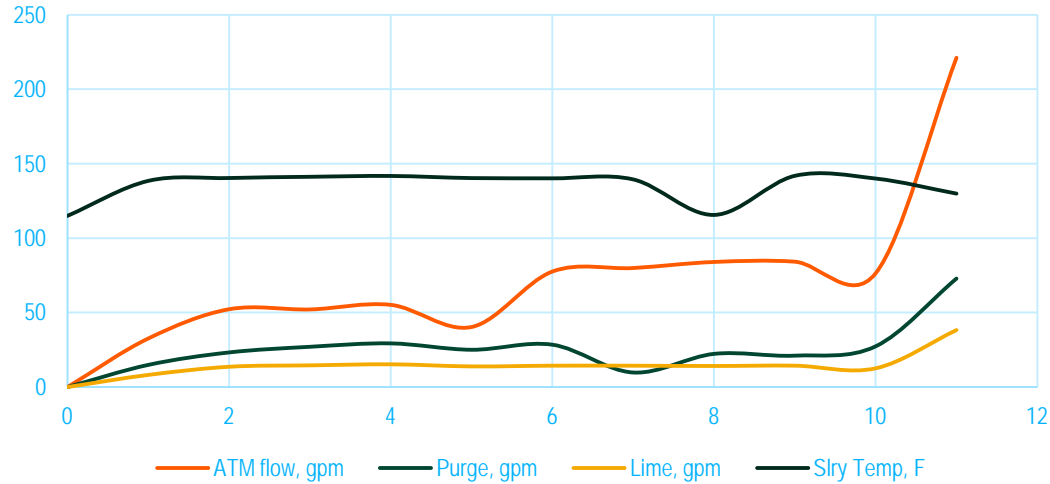
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Moved  
Bias Valve

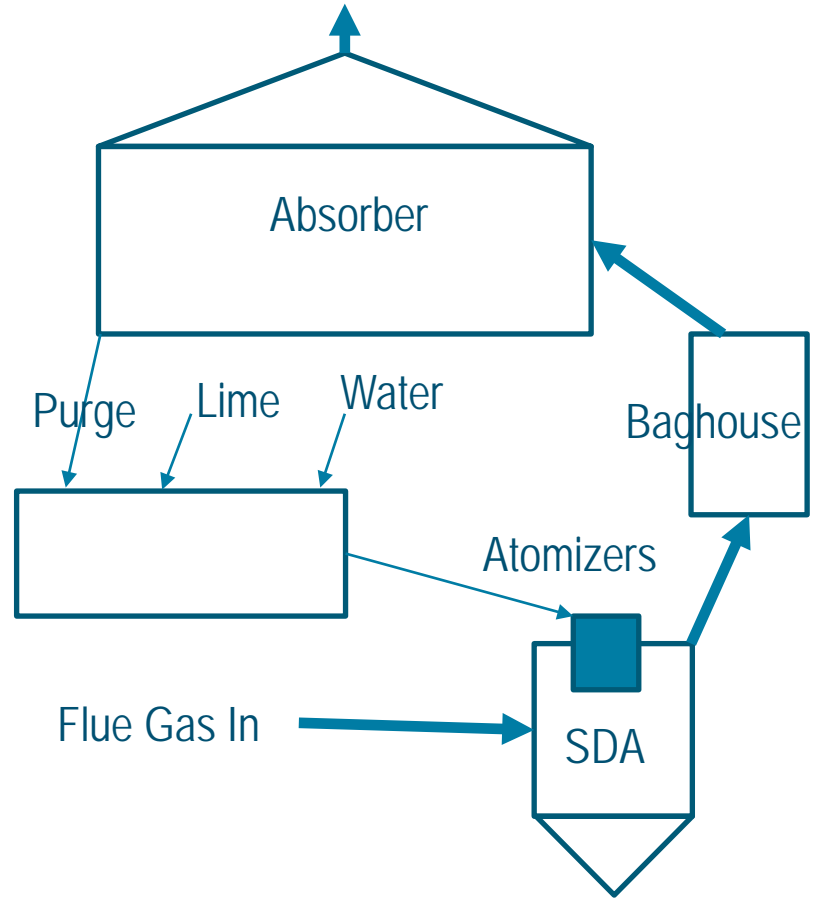
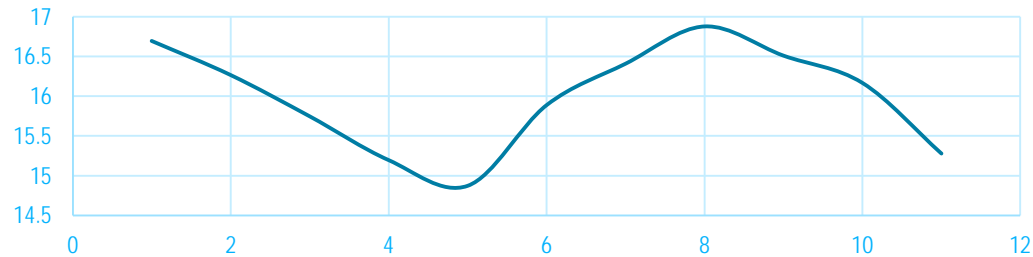


# Cliffside Lessons Learned – FGD Temp and Solids

## Natural Gas and Coal SDA operation

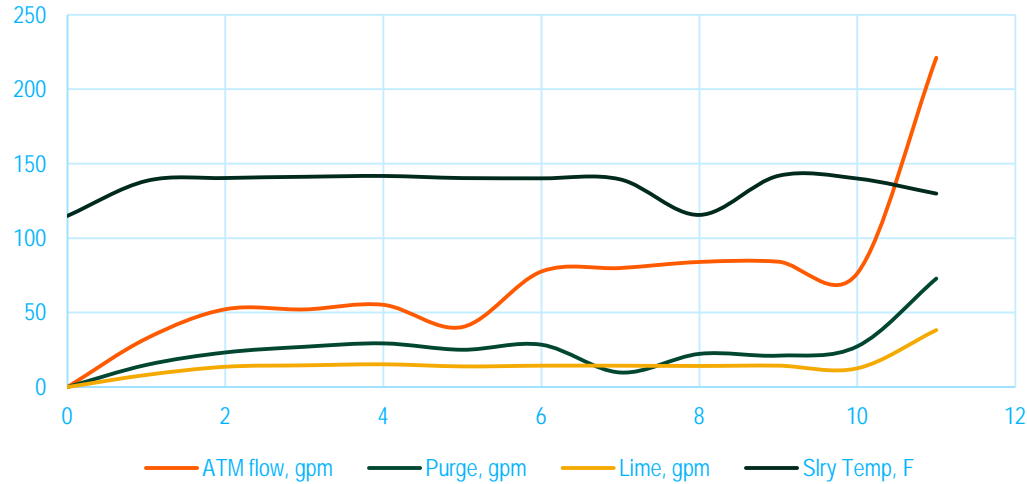


## Absorber Density

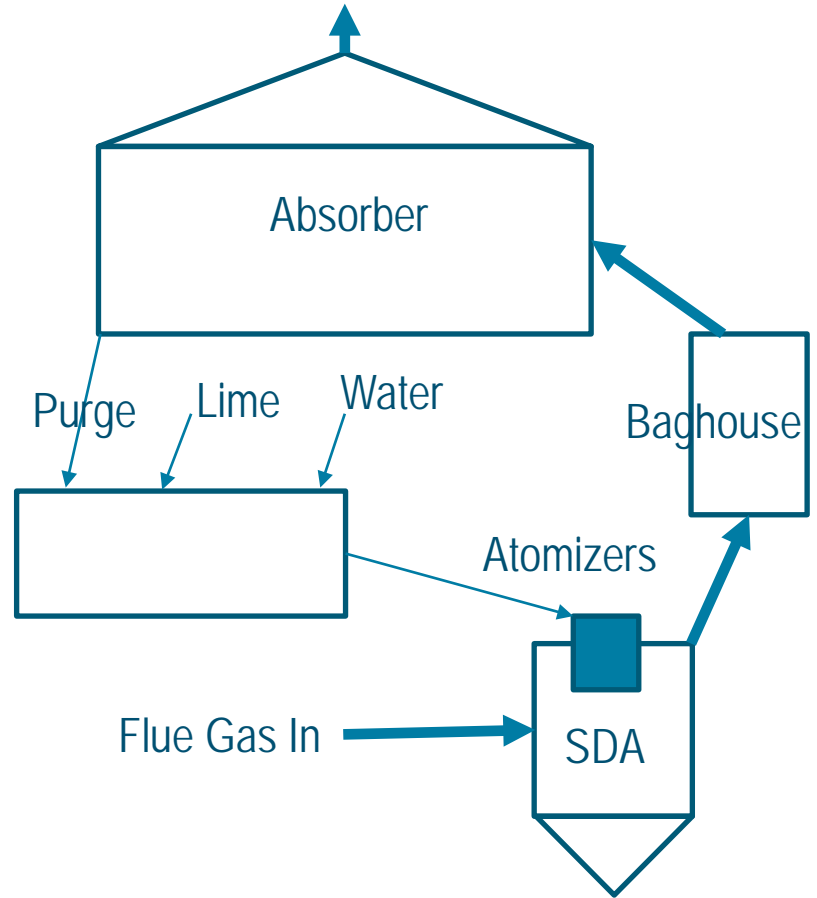
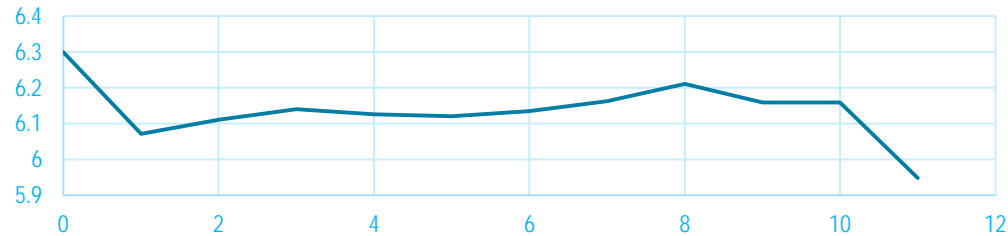


# Cliffside Lessons Learned – FGD pH

## Natural Gas and Coal SDA operation



## Absorber pH



# 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

## 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 L0

# 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.

Questions ??



