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SCR Operating Experience at Duck Creek Energy Center

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Duck Creek

An aerial photograph of the Duck Creek power plant. The plant is a large industrial complex with several tall smokestacks, one of which is red and white striped. The facility is situated in a rural area with fields and some trees. A road or canal is visible in the foreground.

- Canton IL, 30 miles SW of Peoria, IL
- Commercial 1976
- 416MW gross
- 3,000,000 lb/hr
- 2400 psig
- Riley Drum Boiler
- Front wall fired
- Ball Tube Mills
- GE Turbine
- Wet Limestone Scrubber

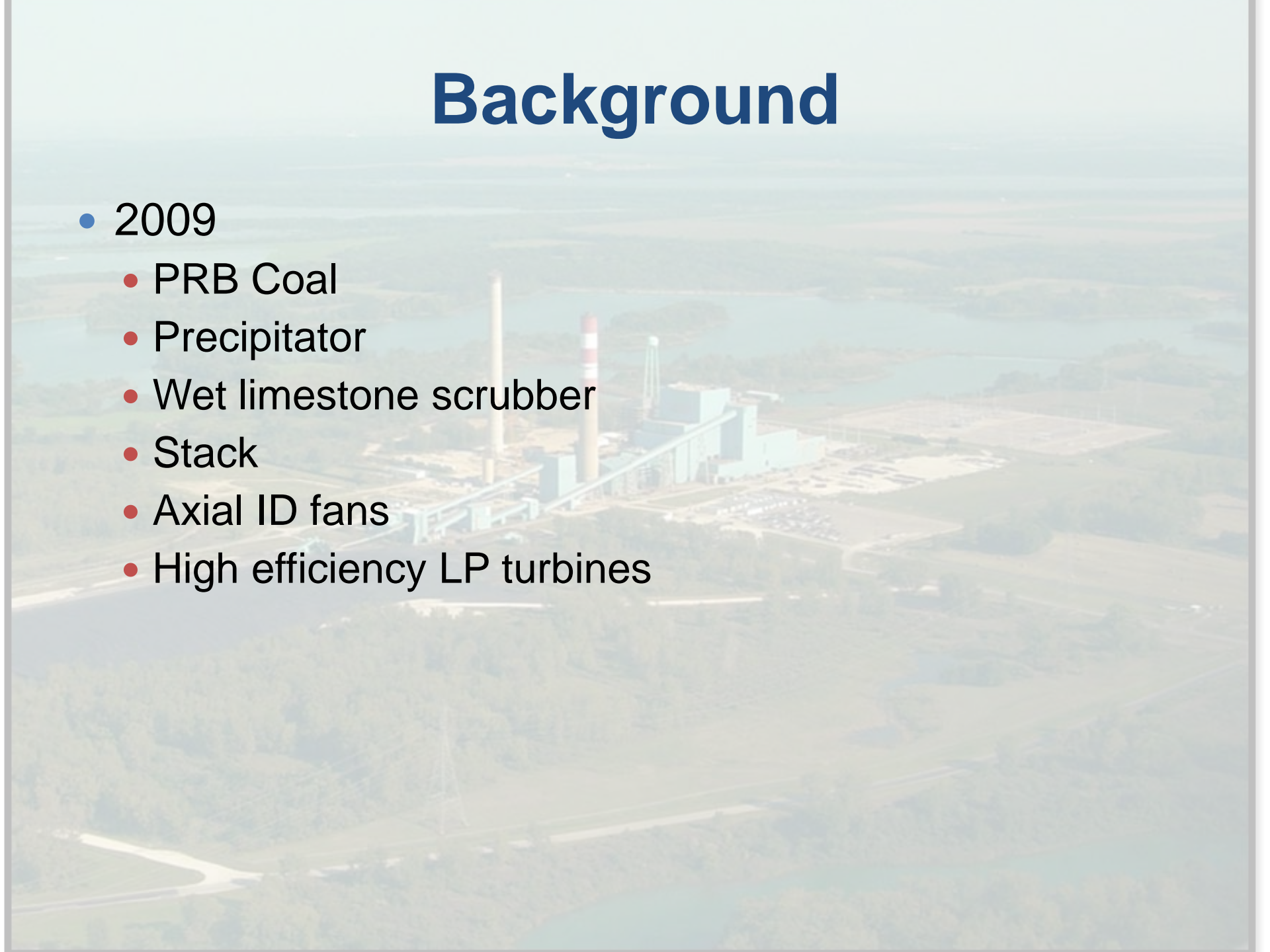
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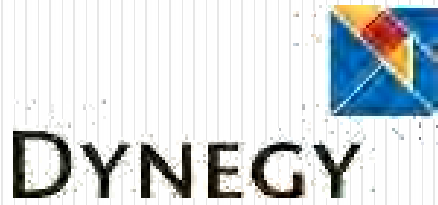
An aerial photograph of a power plant facility. A prominent feature is a tall, cylindrical smokestack with red and white horizontal stripes. To its right is a tall, white cooling tower. The plant buildings are large, rectangular structures with light-colored roofs. The surrounding area includes green fields, a body of water, and a road with some parked cars in the foreground.

- 2003
 - SCR added to plant for NO_x control
 - Single air heater
- 2007
 - Boiler
 - Dynamic classifiers
 - Burners
 - Boiler surfaces
 - External economizer
 - Turbine HP/IP dense pack

Background

- 2009
 - PRB Coal
 - Precipitator
 - Wet limestone scrubber
 - Stack
 - Axial ID fans
 - High efficiency LP turbines



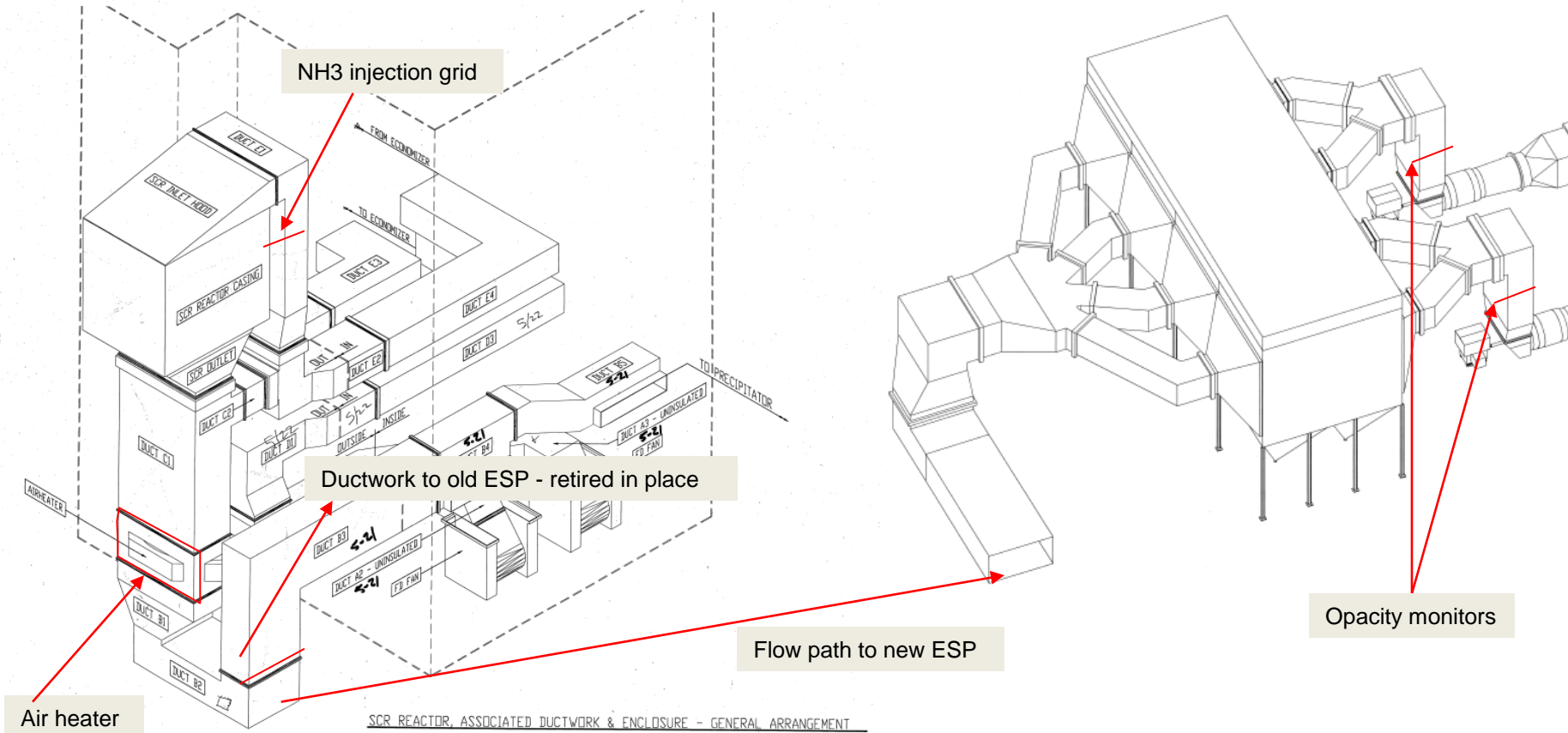


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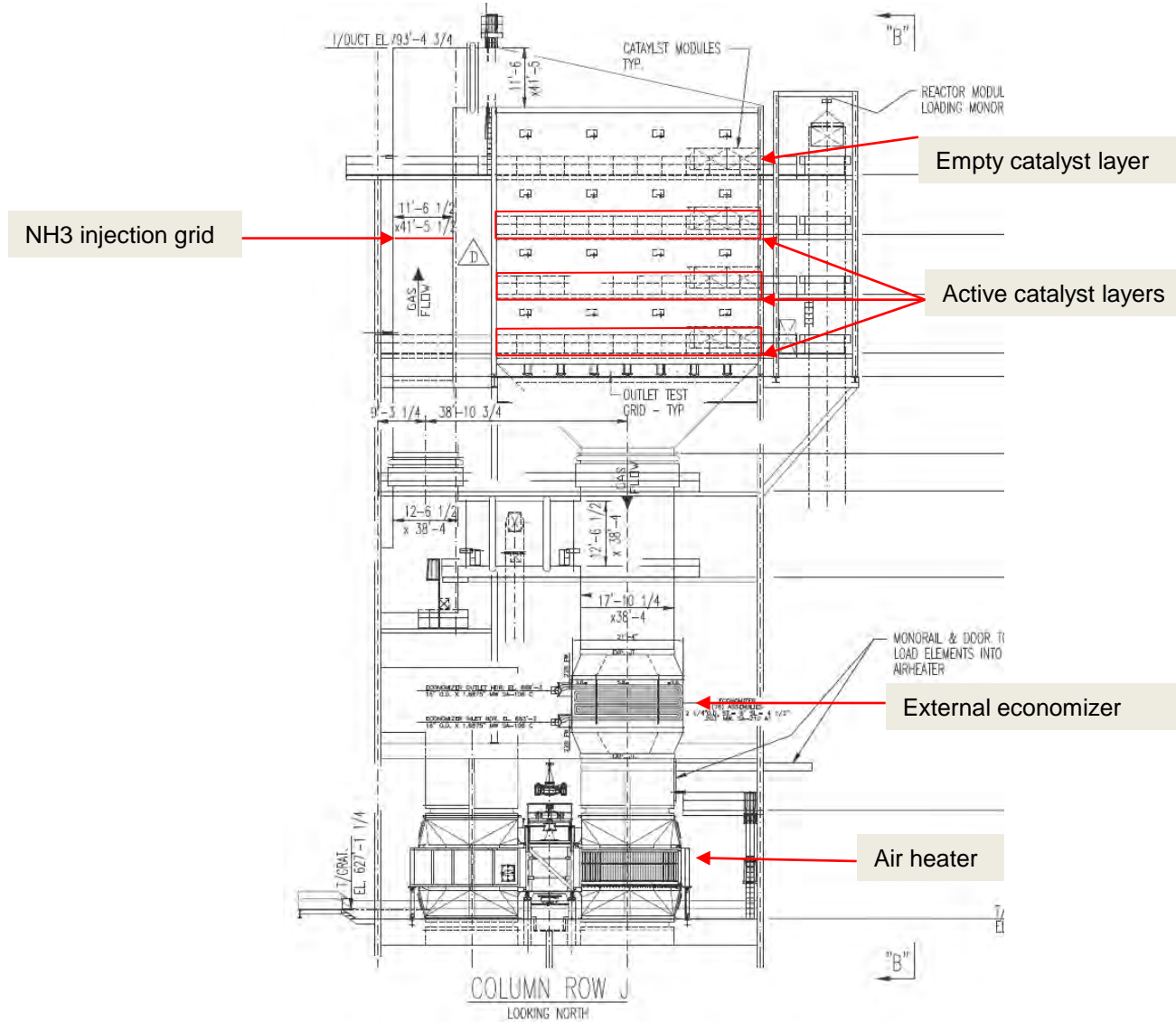


Duck Creek SCR

Equipment Arrangement

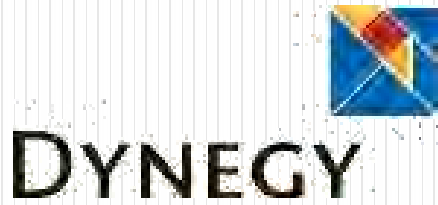


SCR Side View



Duck Creek – SCR Design

- Design Considerations
 - Based on Illinois basin coal
 - Size of reactor based on Edwards 3 @ 360GMW
 - Unit rating
 - PRB Fuel change
 - Gas Flow
- Significant Challenges
 - SCR has remained relatively unchanged
 - Face velocity at original design gas flow 17.9 ft/s
 - EPRI recommended is 17.0 ft/s max
 - PRB fuel face velocity is 22.2 ft/s
 - Increased ash volume



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LPA Screen Evolution

What is LPA?



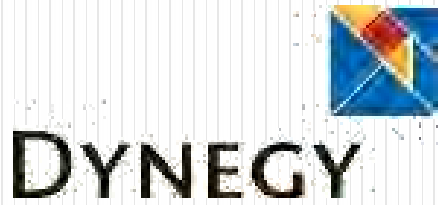
Duck Creek LPA Screen 2007



Pleated Screen & Hopper Baffles



1.3% of Particles Escape Hopper



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Module Pluggage & Damage

Stalactites and Pluggage

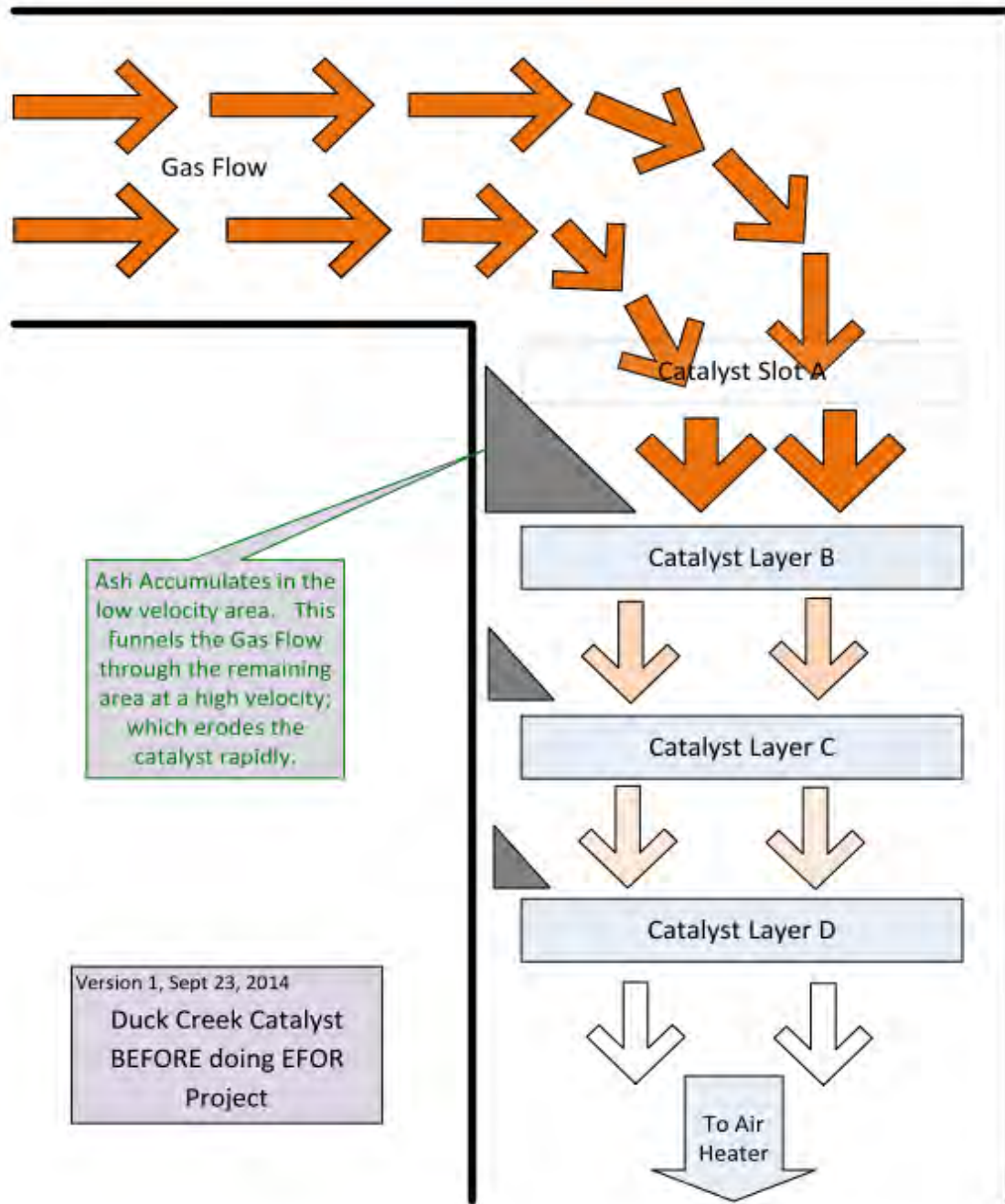


3 Rows of Modules Plugged



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Catalyst Erosion



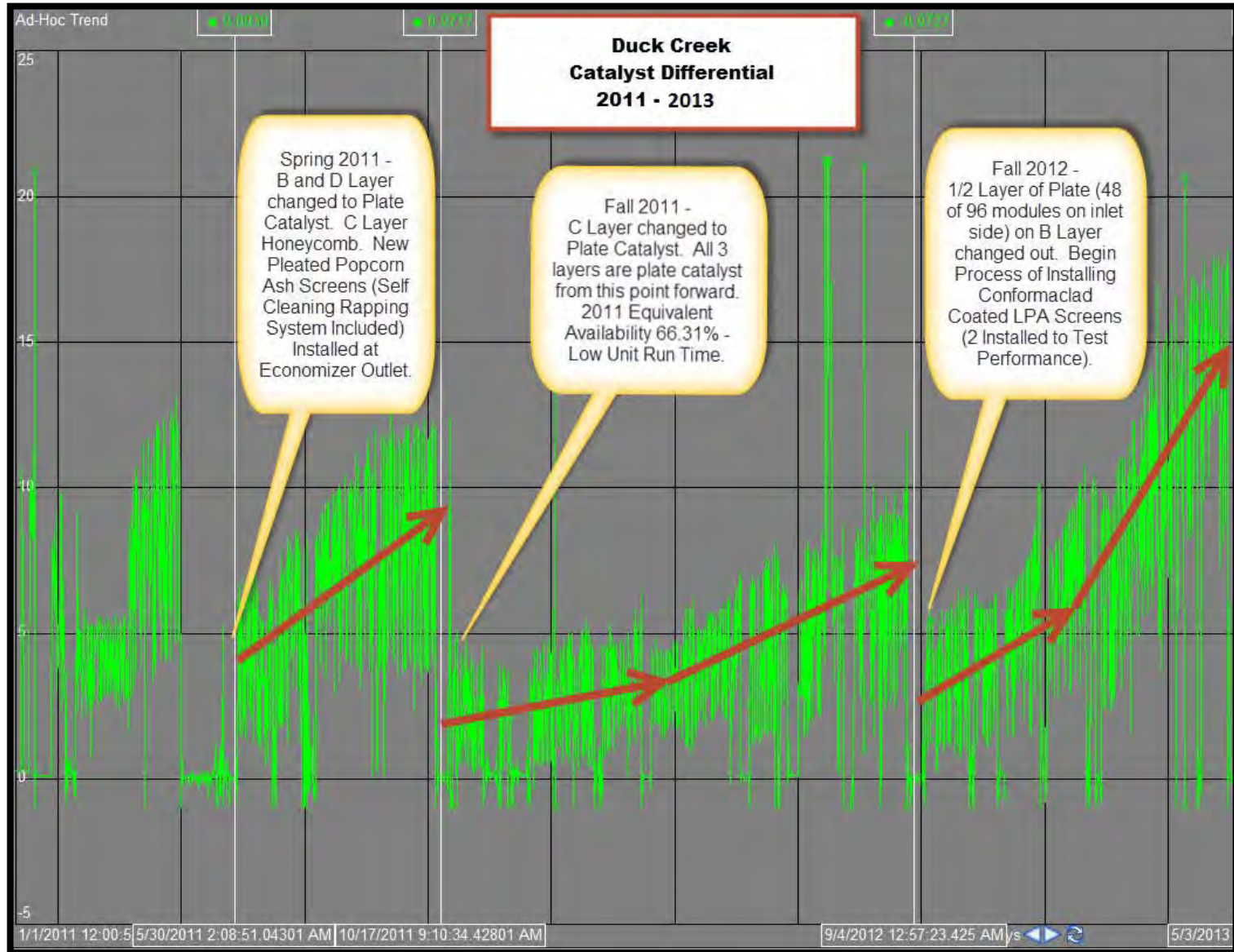
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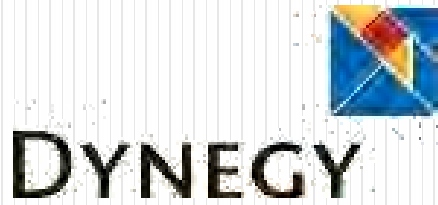


Catalyst Erosion



Catalyst Replacement Cycle





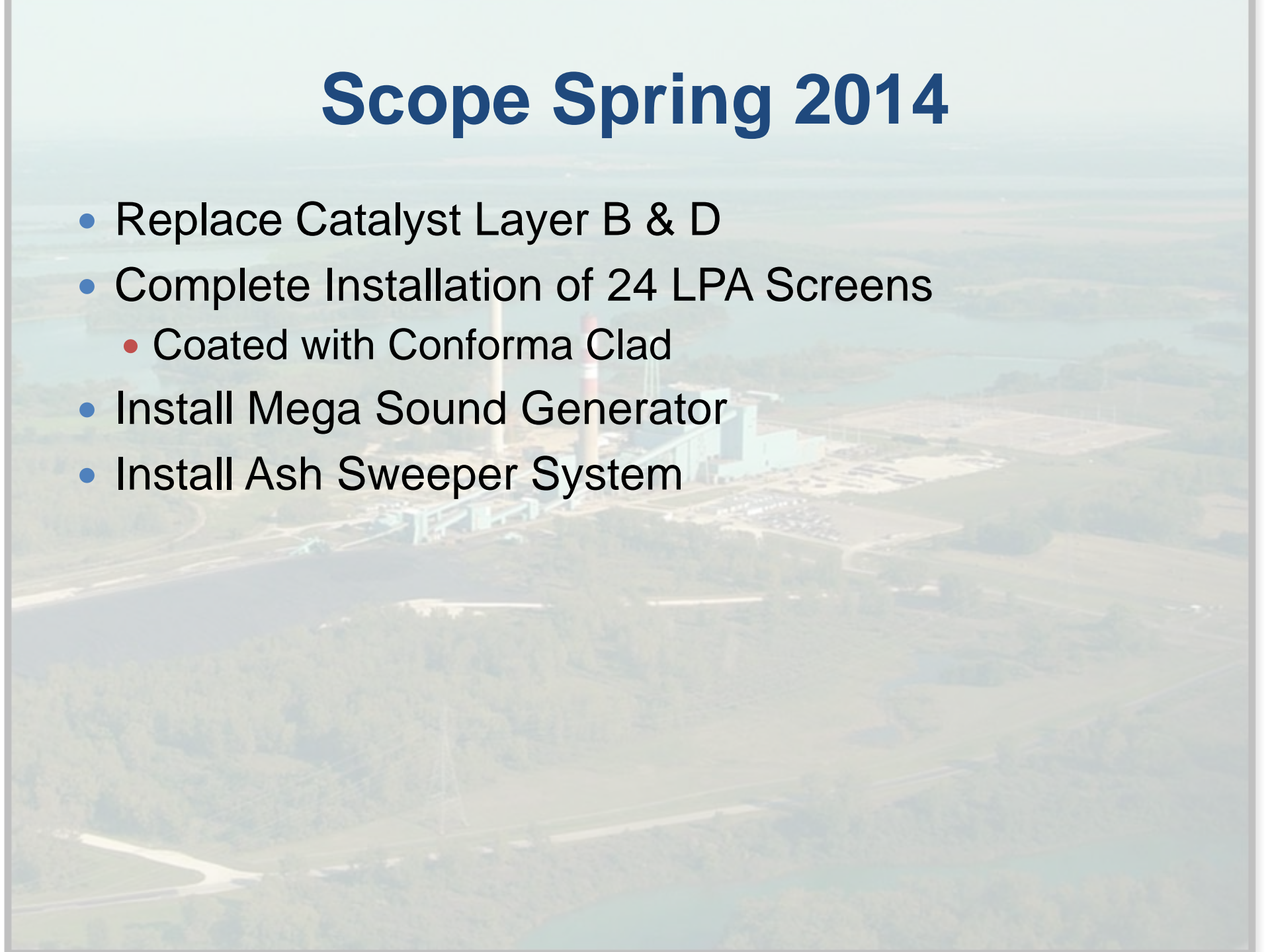
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SCR Improvement Project

Scope Spring 2014

- Replace Catalyst Layer B & D
- Complete Installation of 24 LPA Screens
 - Coated with Conforma Clad
- Install Mega Sound Generator
- Install Ash Sweeper System



What is an Ash Sweeper?

Uses eruption of compressed air to move material

- Reservoir of compressed air discharges as an eruption into a storage or process vessel to promote flow and prevent material buildup
- Introduced ~1975, accepted across industry, around the world
- Common in power plants on coal bunkers and chutes
- Available as individual units (*one outlet per tank*)
- Or as multi-port system (*one tank serves several outlets*)



Individual Unit



Multi-Port Unit

Air Requirements

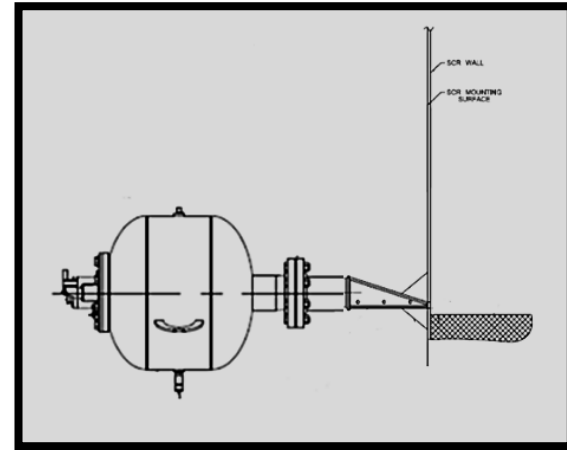
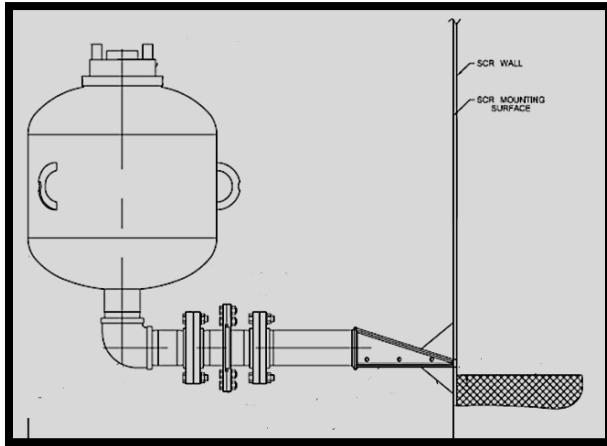


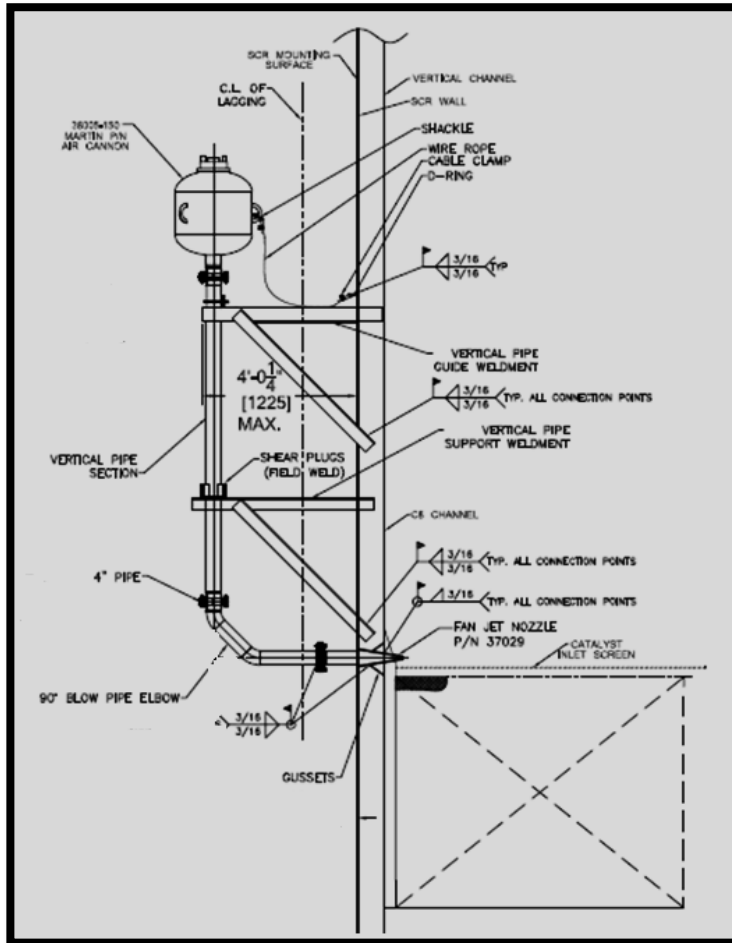
**150 Liter Hurricane
Air Cannon**

Air Pressure: 80 – 110 PSI

The typical operating cycle for Ash Sweeper Catalyst Cleaning System is to discharge each air cannon once every 30 minutes. The 150 liter tank is then slowly re-filled during the 30 minutes between discharges. Each air cannon will average consuming 1.2 SCF per minute. A system consisting of ten (10) 150 Liter Hurricane Air Cannons will consume less than 12 SCF per minute.

Ash Sweeper Installation Illustrations













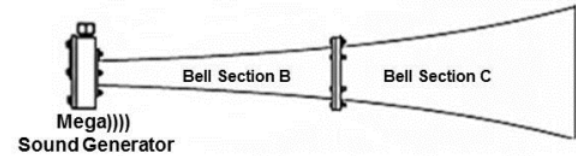
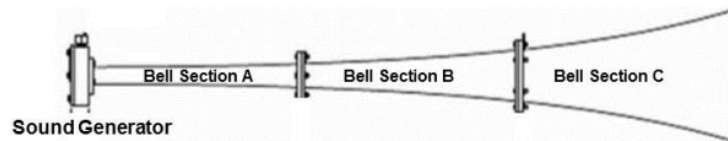
In this picture, you can see the transition from the flat seal plates to the inverted V seal plates.

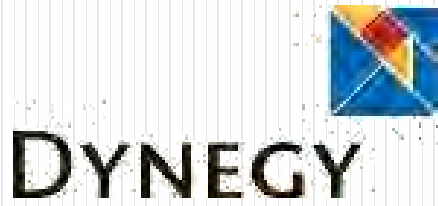


D-75 Acoustic Cleaner



Mega 75 Acoustic Cleaners





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Results



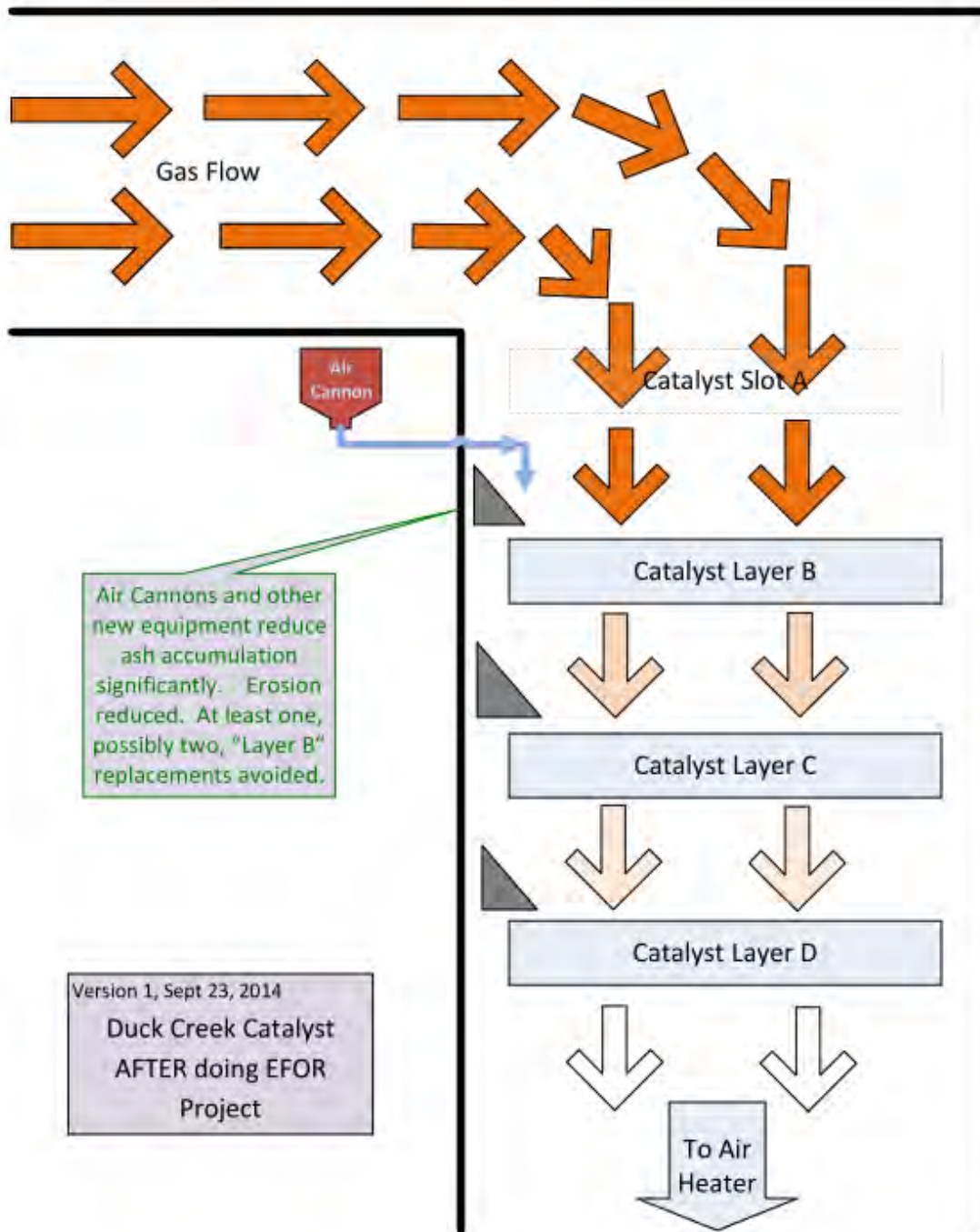


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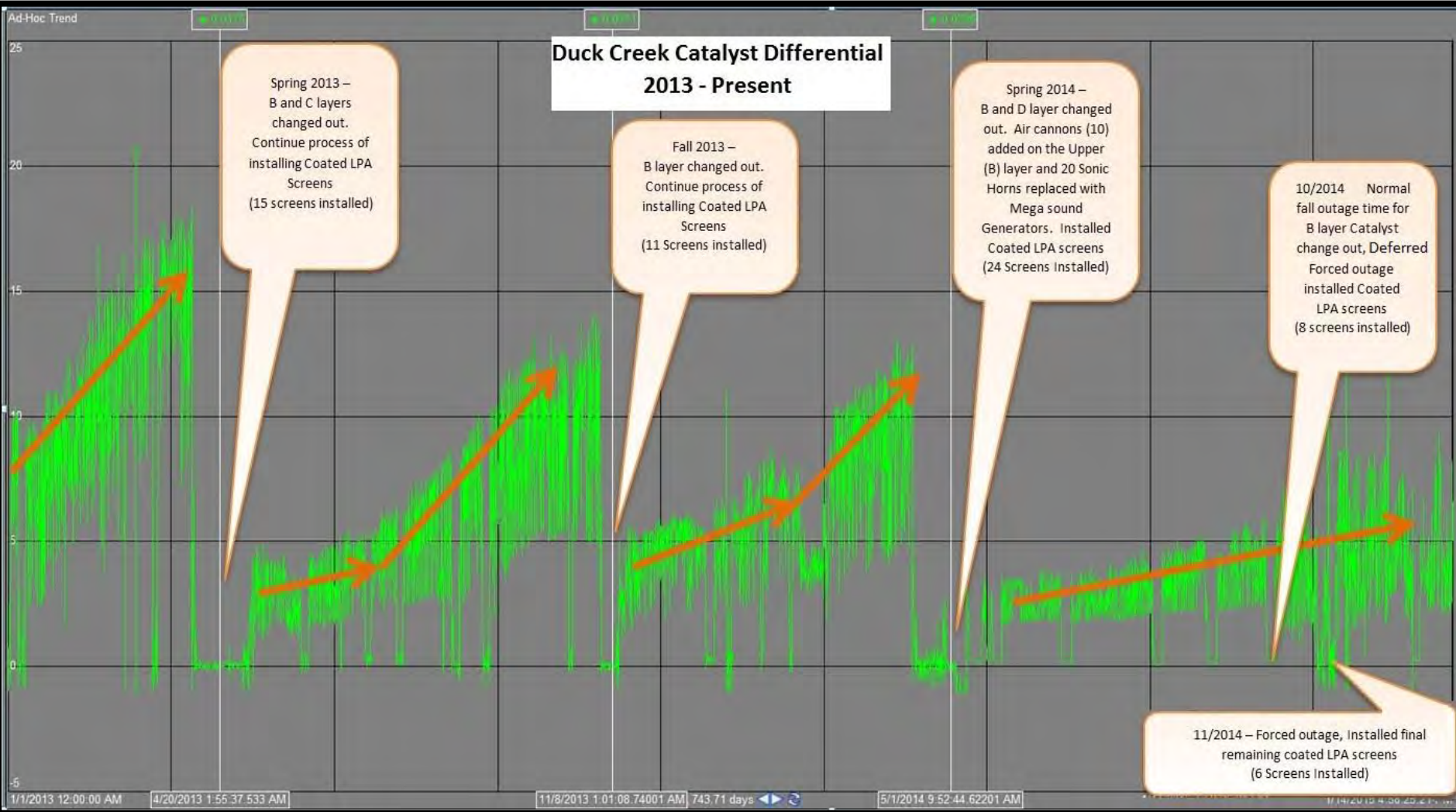
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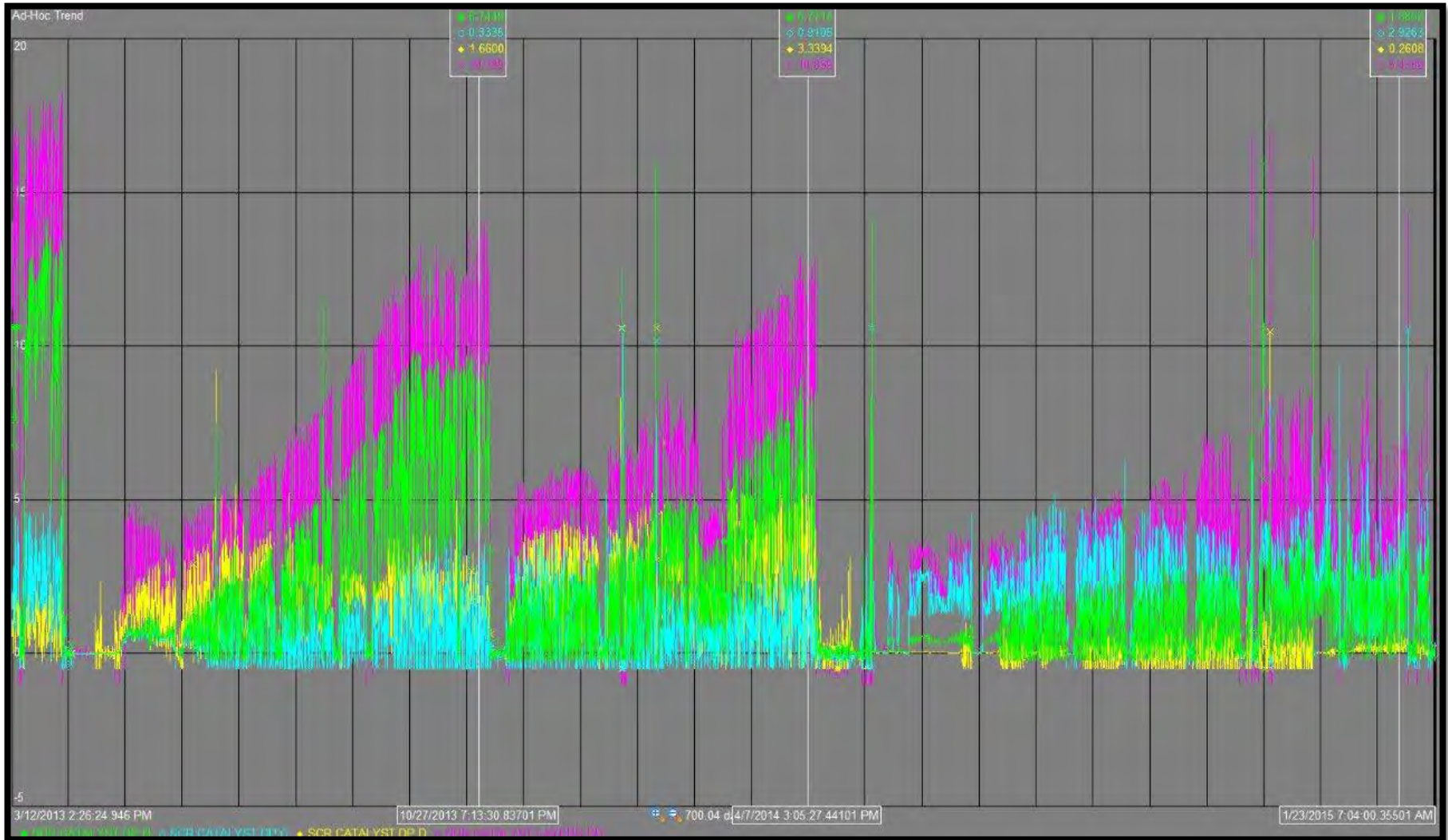
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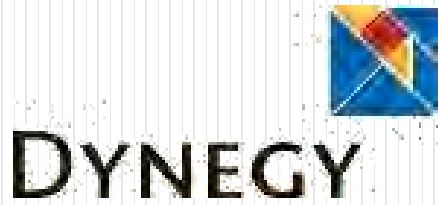


Catalyst Replacement Cycle



Project Impacts

- Improved Gas Flow Through SCR
- Catalyst Life Extended
- One Layer of Catalyst Purchasing & Installation per Year
- Improves ID Fan Efficiency
- Reduces Ammonia Usage



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Questions?