# **CEMS Operation, Maintenance, and Best Practices**







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#### **Ameren Overview**

Fully rate-regulated electric and gas utility



#### **Ameren Corporation**

#### **Ameren Missouri**

- Electric generation, transmission and delivery and gas delivery business
- Serves 1.2 million electric and 0.1 million gas customers
- 10,200 MW of total generation capability
  Electric transmission business
- · Regulated by MoPSC

#### **Ameren Illinois**

- Electric and gas delivery business regulated by ICC
- Serves 1.2 million electric and 0.8 million gas customers
- Electric transmission business regulated by FERC

#### **Electric Transmission**

- ATXI invests in regional multi-value projects
- Ameren Illinois invests in local reliability projects
- Regulated by FERC

# **Puerto Rico**









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## **First Priority - Safety**

- Make safety a priority
- Communicate and follow plant safety policies and procedures
- Don't be complacent
  - Safety training is a continuous process
- Everyone wants every one to complete the job safely and return home safely



#### **CEMS DAS Software**

- Communication with software vendor
- Service agreements
- Custom Reports
- Does the CEMS DAS Software meet your needs
  - Find a vendor that will meet your needs



# **Analyzer Vendors**

- Know your analyzer vendor contacts
- Ask questions
- Use technical support when needed
  - Don't hesitate to call when you have an issue that you are unable to resolve
  - Learning opportunity for the technicians
  - Remember to keep good notes in case the issue happens again



#### **CEMS Calibration Gas**

- Vendor selection
- Communication
- Does the vendor meet your needs?
- Are there points of difficultly?





## **Communication with Plant Directors and Managers**

- Keep up to date on Environmental regulations, requirements and status
- Compliance status updates
- Operational support
- Provide guidance
- Attend daily plant operations meetings
- Be Proactive
- Great communication is KEY!



## **CEMS Training**

- Training Focus Areas
  - CEMS DAS Software Training
  - CEMS Analyzer Training
  - Part 60, Part 75, and MATS Regulations
- Recommended people that need training
  - Environmental Personnel
  - Instrument Technicians
  - Instrument & Electrical Supervisors
  - Shift Supervisors
  - Control Operators
  - Anyone involved with CEMS



#### **CEMS Technicians**

- Cornerstone to a successful emissions monitoring and testing program.
- Training, Training and more Training
- Use internal and external training resources
- Many options are available to fit your needs
  - Use what is best fit for your group.
    - Onsite Training
    - Offsite Training



# **Research & Development**

- Be involved in Research & Development
- Continuously look for opportunities to improve the process
  - Monitoring
  - Sample collection
  - Reporting
  - Stack testing





## **Emissions Stack Testing Schedule & Notifications**

- Plan ahead and work with stack testers to schedule well in advance.
- Know your outage schedules
- Communicate often with Plant Directors and Managers
  - Schedule
  - Operation Requirements
  - Fuel samples
- Have a system for scheduling, tracking and providing notifications to the agencies.



# **Emissions Stack Testing Companies**

- Reliable
- Flexible
- Trained properly
  - QSTI
- Great Communication
- Reports
  - Accurate
  - Neat
  - Complete



## Quarterly, Semiannual, & Annual Emissions Reporting

- Start early
  - Being proactive is an important step in completing reports thoroughly, accurately, and on time.
- Have a checklist or commitment tracking program
  - It is easy to lose track of tasks, especially when there are numerous reports due at various times.
  - Verify completion.
- Always review reports before submitting
  - Whether it is first hand or second hand review. Make time to circle back or ask for feedback before submitting reports.



#### **Useful Websites, References and Guides**

- EPA & State Agency Websites
- EPRI CEMS Guidelines
  - Review and become familiar with the EPRI CEMS Guidelines.
  - Excellent Reference
- Part 75 Plain English Guide
- Part 75 Policy Manual
- CEMS QA Manual
- CAMD Website
- ECMPS Website
- Federal Register



# **Questions?**

